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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

OR

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

Commission file number 1-4987

SL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

NEW JERSEY  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

21-0682685  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

520 FELLOWSHIP ROAD, SUITE A114, MT. LAUREL, NJ  
(Address of principal executive offices)

08054  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 856-727-1500

N/A  
(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed  
Since Last Report)

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

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

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

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of November 3,

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2005 were 5,589,611.

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Item 1. Financial Statements

SL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

|                                 | September 30,<br>2005<br>-----<br>(Unaudited) | December 31,<br>2004<br>----- |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS                          |   |                               |
| Current assets:                 |   |                               |
| Cash and cash equivalents ..... | \$ 6,696,000                                  | \$ 2,659,000                  |
| Marketable securities .....     | 485,000                                       | --                            |

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|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Receivables, net .....   | 16,199,000    | 15,734,000    |
| Inventories, net .....   | 13,823,000    | 15,839,000    |
| Prepaid expenses .....   | 1,051,000     | 714,000       |
| Deferred income taxes, net .....   | 2,629,000     | 3,044,000     |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Total current assets .....   | 40,883,000    | 37,990,000    |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Property, plant and equipment, net .....   | 8,494,000     | 8,509,000     |
| Deferred income taxes, net .....   | 3,568,000     | 3,280,000     |
| Goodwill, net .....  | 10,303,000    | 10,303,000    |
| Other intangible assets, net .....   | 1,112,000     | 1,209,000     |
| Other assets and deferred charges .....  | 1,748,000     | 1,793,000     |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Total assets .....   | \$ 66,108,000 | \$ 63,084,000 |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| LIABILITIES  |               |               |
| Current liabilities:   |               |               |
| Debt, current portion .....  | \$ --         | \$ 559,000    |
| Accounts payable .....   | 5,465,000     | 5,626,000     |
| Accrued income taxes .....   | 693,000       | 962,000       |
| Accrued liabilities  |               |               |
| Payroll and related costs .....  | 5,918,000     | 6,059,000     |
| Other .....  | 4,171,000     | 5,288,000     |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Total current liabilities .....  | 16,247,000    | 18,494,000    |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Debt, less current portion .....   | --            | 1,456,000     |
| Deferred compensation and supplemental<br>retirement benefits .....                                | 3,719,000     | 3,858,000     |
| Other liabilities .....  | 1,505,000     | 1,589,000     |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Total liabilities .....  | 21,471,000    | 25,397,000    |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)  |               |               |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY   |               |               |
| Preferred stock, no par value; authorized,<br>6,000,000 shares; none issued .....                  | \$ --         | \$ --         |
| Common stock, \$.20 par value; authorized,<br>25,000,000 shares; issued, 8,298,000<br>shares ..... | 1,660,000     | 1,660,000     |
| Capital in excess of par value .....   | 40,007,000    | 39,210,000    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income .....   | (54,000)      | --            |
| Retained earnings .....  | 23,169,000    | 17,690,000    |
| Treasury stock at cost, 2,718,000 and<br>2,844,000 shares, respectively .....                      | (20,145,000)  | (20,873,000)  |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Total shareholders' equity .....   | 44,637,000    | 37,687,000    |
|  | -----         | -----         |
| Total liabilities and shareholders'<br>equity .....  | \$ 66,108,000 | \$ 63,084,000 |
|  | =====         | =====         |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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SL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |              |       |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
|  | 2005                                | 2004         |       |
| Net sales .....  | \$32,098,000                        | \$30,910,000 | \$95, |
| Cost and expenses:   |                                     |              |       |
| Cost of products sold .....  | 20,931,000                          | 19,630,000   | 61,   |
| Engineering and product development .....                                    | 2,294,000                           | 2,284,000    | 7,    |
| Selling, general and administrative .....                                    | 5,050,000                           | 5,827,000    | 17,   |
| Depreciation and amortization .....  | 481,000                             | 498,000      | 1,    |
| Total cost and expenses .....  | 28,756,000                          | 28,239,000   | 87,   |
| Income from operations .....   | 3,342,000                           | 2,671,000    | 8,    |
| Other income (expense):  |                                     |              |       |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs .....                               | (236,000)                           | (112,000)    | (     |
| Interest income .....  | 61,000                              | 22,000       |       |
| Interest expense .....   | (236,000)                           | (59,000)     | (     |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes .....                  | 2,931,000                           | 2,522,000    | 7,    |
| Income tax provision (benefit) .....   | 379,000                             | (32,000)     | 1,    |
| Income from continuing operations .....                                      | 2,552,000                           | 2,554,000    | 5,    |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of tax) .....                | (98,000)                            | (3,000)      | (     |
| Net income .....   | \$ 2,454,000                        | \$ 2,551,000 | \$ 5, |
| BASIC NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE                                     |                                     |              |       |
| Income from continuing operations .....                                      | \$ 0.46                             | \$ 0.44      | \$    |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of tax) ...                  | (0.02)                              | 0.00         |       |
| Net income .....   | \$ 0.44                             | \$ 0.44      | \$    |
| DILUTED NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE .....                             |                                     |              |       |
| Income from continuing operations .....                                      | \$ 0.44                             | \$ 0.43      | \$    |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of tax) ...                  | (0.02)                              | 0.00         |       |
| Net income .....   | \$ 0.42                             | \$ 0.43      | \$    |
| Shares used in computing basic net income (loss)<br>per common share .....   | 5,580,000                           | 5,801,000    | 5,    |
| Shares used in computing diluted net income (loss)<br>per common share ..... | 5,781,000                           | 5,909,000    | 5,    |

SL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(Unaudited)

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|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |             |      |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|------|
|  | 2005                                | 2004        |      |
| Net income .....                       | \$2,454,000                         | \$2,551,000 | \$5, |
| Other comprehensive loss (net of tax): |                                     |             |      |
| Unrealized loss on securities .....    | (101,000)                           | --          |      |
| Comprehensive income .....             | \$2,353,000                         | \$2,551,000 | \$5, |

\* Earnings per share does not add due to rounding.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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SL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2004  
(Unaudited)

|   | 2005             |
|---|------------------|
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                  |
| Income from continuing operations .....   | \$ 5,879,000     |
| Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations<br>to net cash provided by operating activities: |                  |
| Depreciation .....  | 1,167,000        |
| Amortization .....  | 285,000          |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs .....  | 460,000          |
| Non-cash compensation expense .....   | 40,000           |
| Provisions for losses on accounts receivable .....  | 27,000           |
| Deferred compensation and supplemental retirement benefits .....  | 272,000          |
| Deferred compensation and supplemental retirement benefit payments .....                                    | (404,000)        |
| Increase in deferred income taxes .....   | (38,000)         |
| Gain on sale of equipment .....   | --               |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding effects of business<br>dispositions:                 |                  |
| Accounts receivable .....   | (579,000)        |
| Inventories .....   | 2,016,000        |
| Prepaid expenses .....  | (41,000)         |
| Other assets .....  | (411,000)        |
| Accounts payable .....  | (160,000)        |
| Accrued liabilities .....   | (1,522,000)      |
| Accrued income taxes .....  | (90,000)         |
| <b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES .....</b>  | <b>6,901,000</b> |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>  |                  |
| Proceeds from sale of subsidiary (cash and notes receivable) .....  | --               |
| Proceeds from sale of equipment .....   | --               |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment .....  | (1,186,000)      |

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|--|--------------|
| Purchases of securities available for sale .....             | (567,000)    |
| Purchases of other assets .....                              | (310,000)    |
|  | -----        |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES .....                  | (2,063,000)  |
|  | -----        |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES:  |              |
| Payments of deferred financing costs .....                   | (207,000)    |
| Payments of term loans .....                                 | (2,015,000)  |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised .....                  | 1,511,000    |
| Treasury stock sales (purchases) .....                       | 13,000       |
|  | -----        |
| NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES .....                  | (698,000)    |
|  | -----        |
| NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS ..... | (103,000)    |
|  | -----        |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS .....                | 4,037,000    |
|  | -----        |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD .....       | 2,659,000    |
|  | -----        |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD .....             | \$ 6,696,000 |
|  | =====        |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:           |              |
| Cash paid during the period for:                             |              |
| Interest .....   | \$ 444,000   |
| Income taxes .....   | \$ 1,321,000 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation. Operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2005. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements and notes thereon included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.

### 2. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The Company has classified its investments in marketable securities as "available-for-sale" in accordance with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities" ("SFAS 115"). The investments, which have a cost basis of \$567,000, are carried at fair value determined by currently available market prices. The

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unrealized loss, net of tax, in the amount of \$54,000, is reported in accumulated other comprehensive income as a component of shareholders' equity until realized.

### 3. RECEIVABLES

Receivables at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

|                                       | September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                       | -----                 | -----                |
|                                       | (in thousands)        |                      |
| Trade receivables                     | \$16,408              | \$15,771             |
| Less allowances for doubtful accounts | (517)                 | (472)                |
|                                       | -----                 | -----                |
|                                       | 15,891                | 15,299               |
| Recoverable income taxes              | 64                    | 82                   |
| Other                                 | 244                   | 353                  |
|                                       | -----                 | -----                |
|                                       | \$16,199              | \$15,734             |
|                                       | =====                 | =====                |

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### 4. INVENTORIES

Inventories at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

|                 | September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                 | -----                 | -----                |
|                 | (in thousands)        |                      |
| Raw materials   | \$ 8,916              | \$ 9,669             |
| Work in process | 5,592                 | 5,000                |
| Finished goods  | 1,956                 | 3,633                |
|                 | -----                 | -----                |
|                 | 16,464                | 18,302               |
| Less allowances | (2,641)               | (2,463)              |
|                 | -----                 | -----                |
|                 | \$13,823              | \$15,839             |
|                 | =====                 | =====                |

### 5. INCOME PER SHARE

The Company has presented net income per common share pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 128, "Earnings per Share" ("SFAS 128"). Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing reported net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period. Diluted net income per

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common share is computed by dividing reported net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding for the period, adjusted for the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents, which consist of stock options, using the treasury stock method.

The table below sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per share:

|                                     | Three Months Ended September 30,         |        |                     |               |        |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|
|                                     | 2005                                     |        |                     | 2004          |        |                     |
|                                     | Net<br>Income                            | Shares | Per Share<br>Amount | Net<br>Income | Shares | Per Share<br>Amount |
|                                     | (in thousands, except per share amounts) |        |                     |               |        |                     |
| Basic net income per common share   | \$2,454                                  | 5,580  | \$0.44              | \$2,551       | 5,801  | \$0.44              |
| Effect of dilutive securities       | --                                       | 201    | (0.02)              | --            | 108    | (0.01)              |
| Diluted net income per common share | \$2,454                                  | 5,781  | \$0.42              | \$2,551       | 5,909  | \$0.43              |
|                                     | =====                                    | =====  | =====               | =====         | =====  | =====               |

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|                                     | Nine Months Ended September 30,          |        |                     |               |        |                     |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|
|                                     | 2005                                     |        |                     | 2004          |        |                     |
|                                     | Net<br>Income                            | Shares | Per Share<br>Amount | Net<br>Income | Shares | Per Share<br>Amount |
|                                     | (in thousands, except per share amounts) |        |                     |               |        |                     |
| Basic net income per common share   | \$5,481                                  | 5,528  | \$ 0.99             | \$7,272       | 5,873  | \$ 1.24             |
| Effect of dilutive securities       | --                                       | 200    | (0.03)              | --            | 105    | (0.02)              |
| Diluted net income per common share | \$5,481                                  | 5,728  | \$ 0.96             | \$7,272       | 5,978  | \$ 1.22             |
|                                     | =====                                    | =====  | =====               | =====         | =====  | =====               |

For the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, common stock options of 6,250 and 480,857, respectively, were excluded from the dilution computations because the exercise prices of such options were greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock during these periods.

STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION



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In December 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure" ("SFAS 148"), an amendment of SFAS No. 123 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123"). SFAS 148 provides alternative methods for a voluntary change to the fair value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS 123. The Company has elected to continue to account for its stock-based employee compensation plans under Accounting Principles Board Opinion 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") and related interpretations. The following disclosures are provided in accordance with SFAS 148.

Under APB 25, compensation expense is measured as the excess, if any, of the fair value of the Company's common stock at the date of the grant over the amount a grantee must pay to acquire the stock. The Company's stock option plans enable the Company to grant options with an exercise price not less than the fair value of the Company's common stock at the date of the grant. However, the Company has recognized a benefit of approximately \$450,000 and an expense of \$24,000 in the three-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively, and expenses of approximately \$40,000 and \$451,000 in the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively, in compensation expense related to certain stock-based compensation arrangements.

The exercise price of stock options generally equals the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Compensation cost has been recognized for the Company's stock option plans as noted in the table below. Had compensation cost for the Company's stock option plans been determined based upon the fair value at the grant date for awards under these plans, consistent with the methodology prescribed under SFAS 123, the Company's net income and net income per common share would have been as follows:

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|   | Three Months Ended<br>September 30,      |         | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|---|--|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
|   | 2005                                     | 2004    | 2005                               | 2004    |
|   | (in thousands, except per share amounts) |         |                                    |         |
| Net income, as reported   | \$2,454                                  | \$2,551 | \$5,481                            | \$7,272 |
| Add/(Deduct): Stock-based employee compensation expense (benefit) included in reported net income, net of related tax effects   | (286)                                    | 15      | 26                                 | 316     |
|   | 2,168                                    | 2,566   | 5,507                              | 7,588   |
| Add/(Deduct): Total stock-based employee compensation expense (benefit) determined under fair value based method for awards granted, modified, or settled, net of related tax effects | 286                                      | (17)    | (109)                              | (462)   |
| Pro forma net income  | \$2,454                                  | \$2,549 | \$5,398                            | \$7,126 |
| Earnings per common share:  |  |         |                                    |         |
| Basic - as reported   | \$ 0.44                                  | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.99                            | \$ 1.24 |
| Basic - pro forma   | \$ 0.44                                  | \$ 0.44 | \$ 0.98                            | \$ 1.21 |

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|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Diluted - as reported | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.43 | \$ 0.96 | \$ 1.22 |
| Diluted - pro forma   | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.43 | \$ 0.94 | \$ 1.19 |

In December 2004, the FASB revised SFAS 123 by issuing SFAS 123(R), "Share-Based Payment" (Note 7).

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model, with the following weighted average assumptions:

|                                 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2005 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2004 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
|                                 | -----   | -----   |
| Expected dividend yield         | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Expected stock price volatility | 44.31%  | 58.97%  |
| Risk-free interest rate         | 4.18%   | 2.81%   |
| Expected life of stock option   | 5 years                                       | 5 years                                       |

The fair value of the above stock-based compensation costs was determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions, are fully transferable and do not include a discount for large block trades. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility, expected life of the option and other estimates.

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### 6. INCOME TAX

The following is a reconciliation of income tax expense at the applicable federal statutory rate and the effective rates:

|  | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |      |
|--|------------------------------------|------|
|  | 2005                               | 2004 |
|  | ----                               | ---- |
| Statutory rate   | 34%                                | 34%  |
| Tax rate differential on extraterritorial<br>income exclusion benefit earnings | (1)                                | (2)  |
| Tax rate differential on domestic<br>manufacturing deduction                   | (1)                                | --   |
| International rate differences   | 1                                  | 1    |
| State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit                          | 4                                  | 5    |
| Research and development tax credits   | (6)                                | (22) |
| Foreign tax credit   | (9)                                | --   |
| Other  | (1)                                | --   |

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|     |     |
|-----|-----|
| --- | --- |
| 21% | 16% |
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During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded additional benefits from research and development tax credits of \$426,000, of which approximately \$145,000 relates to prior years and \$281,000 relates to the current year. As of September 30, 2005, the Company's gross research and development tax credit carryforwards totaled approximately \$3,027,000. Of these credits, approximately \$2,513,000 can be carried forward for fifteen years and expire between 2013 and 2020, while \$514,000 will carry forward indefinitely.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded the benefits from foreign tax credits of \$681,000. As of September 30, 2005, the Company's gross foreign tax credits totaled approximately \$1,205,000. These credits can be carried forward for ten years and expire between 2009 and 2015.

### 7. RECENT AND PROPOSED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In November 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 151, "Inventory Costs - an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4" ("SFAS 151"). SFAS 151 amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, "Inventory Pricing," to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage) and requires these costs be treated as current period charges. In addition, SFAS 151 requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. These provisions of SFAS 151 are effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS 151 on its financial position and results of operations.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets - an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29" ("SFAS 153"). SFAS 153 amends the guidance in APB Opinion No. 29, "Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions," which is based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged, with certain exceptions. SFAS 153 amends APB Opinion No. 29 to eliminate the exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. A nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if

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the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. The provisions of SFAS 153 are effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS 153 on its financial position and results of operations.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123R"). SFAS 123R is a revision of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and its related implementation guidance. SFAS 123R establishes standards for the accounting of transactions in which an entity exchanges its equity instruments for goods or services. It also addresses transactions in which an entity incurs liabilities in exchange for goods or

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services that are based on the fair value of the entity's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of those equity instruments. SFAS 123R focuses primarily on accounting for transactions in which an entity obtains employee services in share-based payment transactions. SFAS 123R requires a public entity to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions). That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award. The provisions of SFAS 123R were to be effective for public entities that do not file as small business issuers as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. On April 14, 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a new rule that amends the compliance dates for SFAS 123R. The new rule allows companies to implement SFAS 123R at the beginning of their next fiscal year, which for the Company would be for the period ended March 31, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS 123R on its financial position and results of operations. The Company may experience a negative impact on its financial position and results of operations by the first quarter of 2006 as a consequence of adopting the grant date fair value provisions of the statement.

In May 2005, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections" ("SFAS 154"), which replaces APB Opinion No. 20, "Accounting Changes," and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 3 "Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements" ("SFAS 3"). This Statement changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principles, and applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principles, as well as changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance it does not include specific transition provisions. Specifically, this Statement requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements, unless it is impracticable to determine the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. When it is impracticable to determine the effects of the change, the new accounting principle must be applied to the balances of assets and liabilities as of the beginning of the earliest period for which retrospective application is practicable and a corresponding adjustment must be made to the opening balance of retained earnings for that period rather than being reported in an income statement. When it is impracticable to determine the cumulative effect of the change, the new principle must be applied as if it were adopted prospectively from the earliest practicable date. This Statement also requires that a change in depreciation, amortization, or depletion method for long-lived, non-financial assets be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate effected by a change in accounting principle. This Statement is effective for the Company for all accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. This Statement does not change the transition

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provisions of any existing pronouncements. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SFAS 154 will have a significant impact on its financial position and results of operations.

### 8. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill and intangible assets consist of the following:

September 30, 2005

December 31,

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|                               | Gross Value | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net Value      | Gross Value | Accumulated<br>Amortization |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
|                               | -----       | -----                       | -----          | -----       | -----                       |
|                               |             |                             | (in thousands) |             |                             |
| Goodwill                      | \$12,167    | \$1,864                     | \$10,303       | \$12,167    | \$1,864                     |
|                               | -----       | -----                       | -----          | -----       | -----                       |
| Other Intangible Assets:      |             |                             |                |             |                             |
| Patents                       | 919         | 705                         | 214            | 946         | 666                         |
| Covenant Not to Compete       | --          | --                          | --             | 110         | 110                         |
| Trademarks                    | 922         | 350                         | 572            | 922         | 350                         |
| Licensing Fees                | 355         | 45                          | 310            | 355         | 18                          |
| Other                         | 51          | 35                          | 16             | 437         | 417                         |
|                               | -----       | -----                       | -----          | -----       | -----                       |
| Total Other Intangible Assets | 2,247       | 1,135                       | 1,112          | 2,770       | 1,561                       |
|                               | -----       | -----                       | -----          | -----       | -----                       |
|                               | \$14,414    | \$2,999                     | \$11,415       | \$14,937    | \$3,425                     |
|                               | =====       | =====                       | =====          | =====       | =====                       |

The other intangible assets that have definite lives are all amortizable and have original estimated useful lives as follows: patents are amortized over approximately 13 years, licensing fees over approximately 10 years, and trademarks are not amortized. Amortization expense for intangible assets for each of the three-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 was \$28,000 and \$37,000, respectively. Amortization expense for intangible assets for each of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 was \$84,000 and \$95,000, respectively. Amortization expense for intangible assets subject to amortization in each of the next five fiscal years is estimated to be: \$113,000 for the next three years, \$68,000 in the fourth year and \$41,000 in the fifth year. Intangible assets subject to amortization have a weighted average life of approximately twelve years.

9. DEBT

Debt consists of the following:

|                      | September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                      | -----                 | -----                |
|                      |                       | (in thousands)       |
| Term loan A          | \$--                  | \$1,600              |
| Term loan B          | --                    | 415                  |
|                      | ---                   | -----                |
|                      | --                    | 2,015                |
| Less current portion | --                    | (559)                |
|                      | ---                   | -----                |
| Total long-term debt | \$--                  | \$1,456              |
|                      | ===                   | =====                |

During 2005 until August 2, 2005, the Company was a party to a three-year senior secured credit facility (the "Senior Credit Facility") with LaSalle Business Credit LLC. The Senior Credit Facility provided for a revolving loan and two term loans up to a maximum indebtedness of \$20,000,000. The revolving loan of up to \$16,810,000 was based upon eligible receivables and

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inventory, as well as an overadvance amount of \$1,500,000. The overadvance amount was fully paid down on April 7, 2004. The two term loans of \$2,350,000 and \$840,000 were to be paid down over a three-year term. The Senior Credit Facility restricted investments, acquisitions, capital expenditures and dividends. The Senior Credit Facility also contained financial covenants relating to minimum levels of net worth, fixed charge coverages, levels of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and maximum levels of capital expenditures, as defined.

The Company's Senior Credit Facility bore interest ranging from the prime rate plus fifty basis points to the prime rate plus 2%. The Senior Credit Facility was secured by all of the Company's assets. The Senior Credit Facility also provided for certain reserves for outstanding letters of credit and other contingencies. These reserves reduced the Company's availability under the revolving loan portion of the Senior Credit Facility. In July 2005, the Company received a waiver related to the reserves for other contingencies. This waiver reduced the Company's reserve requirement by \$3,000,000. The entire amount of the loan balances had been classified as current debt for 2005, as the Senior Credit Facility was set to expire on January 6, 2006. The outstanding term loan balances bore interest at an annual rate of 6.75%.

On August 2, 2005, the Company paid the outstanding term loan balances under its existing Senior Credit Facility in the amount of \$1,641,000. The Company also paid legal and early termination fees of \$212,000. These payments were made from the Company's available funds. Also the Company wrote off approximately \$112,000 of the remaining deferred financing costs related to the Senior Credit Facility.

On August 3, 2005, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") with Bank of America, N.A. ("Bank of America") to replace its Senior Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility (with a standby and commercial letter of credit sub-limit of \$5,000,000) provides for borrowings up to \$25,000,000 and under certain circumstances maximum borrowings of \$30,000,000. The Revolving Credit Facility expires on June 30, 2008. Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at the London interbank offering rate ("LIBOR") plus a margin rate ranging from 0.9% to 1.9%, or the higher of a Base Rate plus a margin rate ranging from 0% to 0.5%. The Base Rate is equal to the higher of (i) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, or (ii) Bank of America's publicly announced prime rate. The margin rates are based on certain leverage ratios, as defined. The Company is subject to compliance with certain financial covenants set forth in the Revolving Credit Facility, including but not limited to, capital expenditures, consolidated net worth, and certain interest and leverage ratios, as defined. As of September 30, 2005, the Company did not have any outstanding balances under its Revolving Credit Facility.

### 10. ACCRUED LIABILITIES - OTHER

Accrued liabilities - other consist of the following:

| September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| -----                 | -----                |

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(in thousands)

|   |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|
| Taxes (other than income) and insurance     | \$ 477  | \$ 805  |
| Commissions                                 | 450     | 482     |
| Accrued litigation and legal fees           | 607     | 1,190   |
| Other professional fees                     | 493     | 689     |
| Environmental                               | 1,214   | 1,275   |
| Warranty                                    | 863     | 921     |
| Other                                       | 1,056   | 915     |
| Reclassified to other long-term liabilities | (989)   | (989)   |
|   | -----   | -----   |
|   | \$4,171 | \$5,288 |
|   | =====   | =====   |

The Company's warranty reserve, which is included in "Accrued Liabilities - Other" above, for the period ended September 30, 2005, is as follows:

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
|   | September 30,<br>2005 |
|   | -----                 |
|   | (in thousands)        |
| Liability, beginning of year                        | \$ 921                |
| Expense for new warranties issued                   | 722                   |
| Expense related to accrual revisions for prior year | 32                    |
| Warranty claims paid                                | (812)                 |
|   | -----                 |
| Liability, end of period                            | \$ 863                |
|   | =====                 |

11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

LITIGATION

In the ordinary course of its business, the Company is subject to loss contingencies pursuant to foreign and domestic federal, state and local governmental laws and regulations and is also party to certain legal actions, which may occur in the normal operations of the Company's business. It is management's opinion that the impact of these legal actions will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

On February 3, 2004, the Company and American Power Conversion Corporation ("APC") executed a settlement agreement in connection with a lawsuit brought by the Company against APC. Among other things the settlement agreement provided for the payment to the Company of \$4,000,000, which was paid on March 5, 2004.

The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary SLW Holdings, Inc., has been a party to an arbitration proceeding brought by Niles Audio, Inc. SLW Holdings, Inc. was formerly known as SL Waber, Inc., all the assets of which were sold in August 2001. Niles Audio, Inc. is a former customer of SL Waber, Inc. The parties are currently in discussions to settle this dispute. The Company believes that neither the results of arbitration nor the terms of a potential settlement, as the case may be, will have a material adverse impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

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On June 12, 2002, the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, SL Surface Technologies, Inc. ("SurfTech"), were served with notice of a class action complaint filed in Superior Court of New Jersey for Camden County. (Substantially all of the operating assets of SurfTech were sold in November 2003). The Company and SurfTech are currently two of approximately 39 defendants in this action. The complaint alleges, among other things, that the plaintiffs suffered personal injuries as a result of consuming water distributed from the Puchack Wellfield in Pennsauken, New Jersey (which supplied Camden, New Jersey).

This case arises from the same factual circumstances as current administrative actions involving the Puchack Wellfield, to which the Company is a party. The administrative actions are discussed below. The administrative actions and the class action lawsuit both allege that SurfTech and other defendants contaminated ground water through the disposal of hazardous substances at industrial facilities in the area. SurfTech once operated a chrome-plating facility in Pennsauken, New Jersey (the "SurfTech Site").

As with the administrative actions, the Company believes it has significant defenses against the class action plaintiffs' claims and intends to pursue them vigorously. Technical data generated as part of remedial activities at the SurfTech Site have not established offsite migration of contaminants and there are several other technical factors and defenses available to the Company. Based on the foregoing, the Company has been advised by its outside counsel that it has a strong defense against the claims alleged in the class action plaintiffs' complaint, as well as the environmental administrative actions.

It is management's opinion that the impact of legal actions brought against the Company and its operations will not have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations. However, the ultimate outcome of these matters, as with litigation generally, is inherently uncertain, and it is possible that some of these matters may be resolved adversely to the Company. The adverse resolution of any one or more of these matters could have a material adverse effect on the business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows of the Company.

### ENVIRONMENTAL

Loss contingencies include potential obligations to investigate and eliminate or mitigate the effects on the environment of the disposal or release of certain chemical substances at various sites, such as Superfund sites and other facilities, whether or not they are currently in operation. The Company is currently participating in environmental assessments and cleanups at a number of sites under these laws and may in the future be involved in additional environmental assessments and cleanups. Based upon investigations completed by the Company and its independent engineering-consulting firms to date, management has provided an estimated accrual for all known costs believed to be probable in the amount of \$1,214,000. However, it is in the nature of environmental contingencies that other circumstances might arise, the costs of which are indeterminable at this time due to such factors as changing government regulations and stricter standards, the unknown magnitude of defense and cleanup costs, the unknown timing and extent of the remedial actions that may be required, the determination of the Company's liability in proportion to other responsible parties, and the extent, if any, to which such costs are recoverable from other parties or from insurance. Although these contingencies could result in additional expenses or judgments, or off-sets thereto, at present such expenses or judgments are not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or



results of operations. Substantially all of the Company's environmental costs relate to discontinued operations and such costs have been recorded in discontinued operations.

The Company is the subject of various other lawsuits and actions relating to environmental issues, including an administrative action in connection with the SurfTech Site, which could subject the Company to, among other things, \$9,266,000 in collective reimbursements (with other parties) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the "NJDEP"). Technical data generated as part of remedial activities at the SurfTech Site have not established offsite migration of contaminants. Other technical factors and defenses are also available to the Company. Based on the foregoing, the Company has been advised by its outside counsel that it has significant defenses against all or any part of the claim and that any material impact is unlikely.

The Company has reported a ground water contamination plume on its property in Camden, New Jersey. In January 2003, the Company submitted to the NJDEP a plan to remediate the site, which is currently under review. Based on the information so far, the Company believes that the cost to remediate the property should not exceed approximately \$560,000, which has been fully reserved. These costs have been recorded as a component of discontinued operations.

The Company is investigating soil and ground water contamination on SL-MTI's property in Montevideo, Minnesota. The Company has submitted to the Minnesota Department of Environmental Protection a plan to remediate the site, which is currently under review. The Company currently has an accrual of \$214,000 for all known costs believed to be probable related to this site. These costs are recorded as a component of continuing operations.

The Company filed claims with several of its insurers seeking reimbursement for past and future environmental costs. In settlement of its claims, the Company received aggregate cash payments of \$2,800,000 prior to fiscal 2001 and contingent commitments from three insurers to pay for a portion of environmental costs associated with the SurfTech Site equal to: 15% of costs up to \$300,000, 15% of costs up to \$150,000 and 20% of costs up to \$400,000, respectively. The Company has received from these three insurers a total of \$654,000, as payment of their contingent commitments through 2004, which have been recorded as income, net of tax, in discontinued operations.

As of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company has accrued \$1,214,000 and \$1,275,000, respectively, for known costs believed to be probable related to environmental matters, which have been included in "Accrued Liabilities - Other" (Note 10).

## 12. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company currently operates under four business segments: Condor D.C. Power Supplies, Inc. ("Condor"), Teal Electronics Corp. ("Teal"), SL Montevideo Technology, Inc. ("SL-MTI") and RFL Electronics Inc. ("RFL"). Since the second quarter of 2003, management has combined Condor and Teal into one business unit classified as the Power Electronics Group.

Condor produces a wide range of standard and custom power supply products that convert AC or DC power to direct electrical current to be used in customers' end products. Power supplies closely regulate and monitor power outputs, using patented filter and other technologies, resulting in little or no electrical interference. Teal is a leader in the design and manufacture of customized power conditioning and power distribution units. Teal products are developed and

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manufactured for custom electrical subsystems for original equipment manufacturers of semiconductor, medical imaging, graphics, and telecommunications systems. SL-MTI is a technological leader in the design and manufacture of intelligent, high power density precision motors. These motor and motion controls are used in numerous applications, including aerospace, medical, and industrial products. RFL designs and manufactures teleprotection products/systems that are used to protect utility transmission lines and apparatus by isolating faulty transmission lines from a transmission grid. RFL also provides customer service and maintenance for all electric utility equipment protection systems. The Other segment includes corporate related items, financing activities and other costs not allocated to reportable segments, which include but are not limited to certain legal, litigation and public reporting charges and the results of insignificant operations.

The unaudited comparative results for the three-month periods and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 are as follows:

|                          | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |          | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |          |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                          | 2005                                | 2004     | 2005                               | 2004     |
|                          | (in thousands)                      |          |                                    |          |
| NET SALES                |                                     |          |                                    |          |
| Power Electronics Group: |                                     |          |                                    |          |
| Condor                   | \$10,617                            | \$11,442 | \$33,001                           | \$30,966 |
| Teal                     | 8,840                               | 8,394    | 24,077                             | 23,194   |
| Total                    | 19,457                              | 19,836   | 57,078                             | 54,160   |
| SL-MTI                   | 7,440                               | 5,599    | 21,120                             | 17,381   |
| RFL                      | 5,201                               | 5,475    | 17,615                             | 16,518   |
| Consolidated             | \$32,098                            | \$30,910 | \$95,813                           | \$88,059 |

|                          | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |          | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |          |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                          | 2005                                | 2004     | 2005                               | 2004     |
|                          | (in thousands)                      |          |                                    |          |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS   |                                     |          |                                    |          |
| Power Electronics Group: |                                     |          |                                    |          |
| Condor                   | \$ 832                              | \$ 1,357 | \$ 3,260                           | \$ 2,758 |
| Teal                     | 1,590                               | 1,291    | 3,725                              | 3,719    |
| Total                    | 2,422                               | 2,648    | 6,985                              | 6,477    |

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|              |         |          |          |          |
|--------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| SL-MTI       | 1,117   | 588      | 2,941    | 1,846    |
| RFL          | 546     | 496      | 1,862    | 1,332    |
| Other        | (743)   | (1,061)  | (3,619)  | (3,502)  |
|              | -----   | -----    | -----    | -----    |
| Consolidated | \$3,342 | \$ 2,671 | \$ 8,169 | \$ 6,153 |
|              | =====   | =====    | =====    | =====    |

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|                          | September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                          | -----                 | -----                |
|                          | (in thousands)        |                      |
| TOTAL ASSETS             |                       |                      |
| Power Electronics Group: |                       |                      |
| Condor                   | \$12,953              | \$14,105             |
| Teal                     | 12,243                | 12,742               |
|                          | -----                 | -----                |
| Total                    | 25,196                | 26,847               |
|                          | -----                 | -----                |
| SL-MTI                   | 11,589                | 10,849               |
| RFL                      | 15,897                | 16,767               |
| Other                    | 13,426                | 8,621                |
|                          | -----                 | -----                |
| Consolidated             | \$66,108              | \$63,084             |
|                          | =====                 | =====                |

|                        | September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                        | -----                 | -----                |
|                        | (in thousands)        |                      |
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET |                       |                      |
| Teal                   | \$ 5,839              | \$ 5,906             |
| SL-MTI                 | 16                    | 20                   |
| RFL                    | 5,560                 | 5,586                |
|                        | -----                 | -----                |
| Consolidated           | \$11,415              | \$11,512             |
|                        | =====                 | =====                |

13. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

SL WABER, INC.

In August 2001, SL Waber, Inc. ("SL Waber") sold substantially all of its assets including the stock of Waber de Mexico S.A. de C.V. As part of this transaction, the purchaser acquired the rights to the SL Waber name and assumed certain liabilities and obligations of SL Waber. Subsequent to the sale, SL Waber changed its name to SLW Holdings, Inc. ("SLW Holdings"). There was no activity from operations of SLW Holdings during the fourth quarter of 2001 and thereafter. Net income or losses of SLW Holdings are included in the

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consolidated statements of income under discontinued operations for all periods presented. In 1997, SL Waber commenced patent infringement litigation against APC, the rights to which were retained by SL Waber after the sale. In February 2004, the Company and APC executed a settlement agreement that provided, among other things, for a release of all claims against APC and granted to APC a paid-up license, in return for the payment to the Company of \$4,000,000. The settlement agreement was conditioned on the dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit. On March 5, 2004, the settlement fee was paid to the Company. The settlement fee, net of tax, in the amount of \$2,516,000 is recorded as part of discontinued operations in the Company's consolidated statements of income and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. A third party had threatened certain claims against the Company relating to this matter for a portion of the payment. On March 22, 2005, the Company paid a settlement fee to that third party related to this matter, which had been fully reserved at December 31, 2004. The cash effect of the payment is recorded in the cash flow statement as part of discontinued operations for 2005. SLW Holdings is also a party to arbitration proceedings brought by a former customer. The parties are currently in discussions to settle this dispute. The Company believes that neither the results of arbitration nor

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the terms of a potential settlement, as the case may be, will have a material adverse impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations. The result of any arbitration award or settlement fee, as the case may be, as well as any costs to litigate the matter are recorded as part of discontinued operations.

### ELEKTRO-METALL EXPORT GMBH

On January 6, 2003, the Company sold its wholly-owned, indirect German subsidiary, Elektro-Metall Export GmbH ("EME"). Part of the proceeds of the sale included a \$1,000,000 unsecured note which was paid in full in April 2004. All cash proceeds relating to the purchase price for the sale of EME have been received by the Company.

### SL SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

In November 2003, the Company sold the operating assets, including current assets and equipment, of SurfTech. The purchaser paid \$600,000 in cash, plus the assumption of certain liabilities. The Company continues to own the land and building on which SurfTech's operations were conducted, and has entered into a ten-year lease with the buyer. The Company continues to make payments related to its withdrawal liability from the pension plan in which SurfTech was a participant. There has not been any operational activity related to SurfTech since the sale in November 2003.

## 14. RETIREMENT PLANS AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Company maintains three noncontributory, defined contribution pension plans covering all of its full-time, US employees. The Company's contributions to these plans are based on a percentage of employee contributions and/or plan year gross wages, as defined. Condor, Teal, SL-MTI and the Corporate office provide contributions to their plans based on a percentage of employee contributions. Condor, SL-MTI, RFL and the Corporate office also provide profit sharing contributions annually, based on plan year gross wages. Costs incurred under these plans amounted to \$763,000 and \$750,000 during the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively.

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The Company has agreements with certain active and retired directors, officers and key employees providing for supplemental retirement benefits. The liability for supplemental retirement benefits is based on the most recent mortality tables available at discount rates ranging from 6% to 12%. The amount charged to income in connection with these agreements amounted to \$263,000 and \$314,000 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004, respectively.

### 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The compensation committee has approved the payment of certain fees from the Company to Steel Partners, Ltd. ("SPL"), a company controlled by the Chairman of the Board of the Company, Warren Lichtenstein. These fees are in consideration for the services of Mr. Lichtenstein and the Company's Vice Chairman, Glen Kassan, as well as other assistance provided by SPL from time to time. Until August 15, 2005, Mr. Lichtenstein had been serving as both Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Kassan had been serving as President of the Company. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005, the Company expensed \$356,000 for SPL services. Of this amount, \$40,000 remained payable at September 30, 2005. The Company expensed \$356,000 for services performed for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004.

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RFL has an investment of \$15,000 in RFL Communications PLC ("RFL Communications"), representing 4.5% of the outstanding equity thereof. RFL Communications is a distributor of teleprotection and communication equipment located in the United Kingdom. It is authorized to sell RFL products in accordance with an international sales agreement. Sales to RFL Communications for each of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 were \$771,000 and \$1,005,000, respectively. Accounts receivable due from RFL Communications at September 30, 2005 were \$201,000.

### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Company, through its subsidiaries, designs, manufactures and markets power electronics, motion control, power protection, teleprotection and specialized communication equipment that is used in a variety of aerospace, computer, datacom, industrial, medical, telecom, transportation and utility equipment applications. The Company is comprised of four domestic business segments, two of which have significant manufacturing operations in Mexico. Most of the Company's sales are made to customers who are based in the United States. However, over the years the Company has increased its presence in international markets. The Company places an emphasis on high quality, well-built, dependable products and continues its dedication to product enhancement and innovations.

The Company's business strategy has been to enhance the growth and profitability of each of its businesses by way of accelerated growth through the penetration of attractive new market niches, additional growth in existing markets, further improvement of operations and expansion of global capabilities. The Company expects to achieve these goals through organic growth and strategic acquisitions. The Company also continues to pursue strategic alternatives to maximize the value of its businesses. Some of these alternatives have included, and will continue to include, selective acquisitions, divestitures and sales of certain assets. The Company has provided, and may from time to time in the future provide, information to interested parties regarding portions of its businesses for such purposes.

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### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of reported and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Consolidated Financial Statements and the amounts of reported net sales and expenses during the reporting period.

The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Not all of these significant accounting policies require management to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments or estimates. However, the following policies are deemed to be critical, as that term is defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue from product sales is recognized at the time the product is shipped, with provisions established for estimated product returns and returns related to one business segment's stock scrap program with distributors. Upon shipment, the Company provides for the estimated cost that may be incurred for product warranties. Rebates and other sales incentives offered by the

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Company are recorded as a reduction of sales at the time of shipment. Revenue recognition is significant because net sales is a key component of results of operations. In addition, revenue recognition determines the timing of certain expenses, such as commissions and royalties. The Company follows generally accepted accounting principles in measuring revenue. Revenue is recorded in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 104. However, certain judgments affect the application of its revenue policy. Revenue results are difficult to predict, and any shortfall in revenue or delay in recognizing revenue could cause operating results to vary significantly from quarter to quarter and could result in future operating losses.

### ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

The Company's estimate for the allowance for doubtful accounts related to trade receivables is based on two methods. The amounts calculated from each of these methods are combined to determine the total amount reserved. First, the Company evaluates specific accounts where it has information that the customer may have an inability to meet its financial obligations (bankruptcy, etc.). In these cases, the Company uses its judgment, based on the best available facts and circumstances, and records a specific reserve for that customer against amounts due to reduce the receivable to the amount that is expected to be collected. These specific reserves are re-evaluated and adjusted as additional information is received that impacts the amount reserved. Second, a general reserve is established for all customers based on several factors, including historical write-offs as a percentage of sales. If circumstances change (e.g., higher than expected defaults or an unexpected material adverse change in a major customer's ability to meet its financial obligation), the Company's estimates of the recoverability of amounts due could be reduced by a material amount.

### INVENTORIES

The Company values inventory at the lower of cost or market and continually reviews the book value of discontinued product lines to determine if these items

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are properly valued. The Company identifies these items and assesses the ability to dispose of them at a price greater than cost. If it is determined that cost is less than market value, then cost is used for inventory valuation. If market value is less than cost, then related inventory is adjusted to that value.

If a write down to the current market value is necessary, the market value cannot be greater than the net realizable value, which is defined as selling price less costs to complete and dispose, and cannot be lower than the net realizable value less a normal profit margin. The Company also continually evaluates the composition of its inventory and identifies slow-moving and excess inventories. Inventory items identified as slow-moving or excess are evaluated to determine if reserves are required. If the Company is not able to achieve its expectations of the net realizable value of the inventory at current market value, it adjusts its reserves accordingly.

### ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES

The Company's income tax policy records the estimated future tax effects of temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, as well as operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The Company follows the guidelines under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 109 ("SFAS 109") in determining the recoverability of any tax assets recorded on the balance sheet and provides any necessary allowances as required. As part of the process of preparing its consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which it operates. This process involves estimating the actual current tax exposure, together with assessing temporary differences resulting from the differing

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treatment of certain items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the consolidated balance sheet. Management must then assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income, to the extent it believes that recovery is not likely, the Company must establish a valuation allowance. To the extent it establishes a valuation allowance or increases or decreases this allowance in a period, it must include expense or income, as the case may be, within the tax provision in the consolidated statement of income.

Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, the deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets. As of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company had recorded total valuation allowances of \$3,682,000 and \$3,267,000, respectively, due to uncertainties related to the utilization of some deferred tax assets, primarily consisting of certain research and development tax credits, loss carryforwards and foreign tax credits, before they expire. The valuation allowance is based on estimates of taxable income, expenses and credits by the jurisdictions in which the Company operates and the period over which deferred tax assets will be recoverable. In the event that actual results differ from these estimates or these estimates are adjusted in future periods, the Company may need to establish an additional valuation allowance that could materially impact its consolidated financial position and results of operations.

The net deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 were \$6,197,000 and \$6,324,000, respectively, net of valuation allowances of \$3,682,000 and \$3,267,000, respectively. The carrying value of the Company's net deferred tax assets assumes that the Company will be able to generate sufficient

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future taxable income in certain tax jurisdictions, based on estimates and assumptions. If these estimates and related assumptions change in the future, the Company may be required to record additional valuation allowances against its deferred tax assets resulting in additional income tax expense in the consolidated statement of income. Management evaluates the ability to realize the deferred tax assets and assesses the need for additional valuation allowances quarterly.

The Company's results do not reflect the impact of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the "Jobs Act"). The Company has completed the process of re-evaluating its position with respect to the indefinite reinvestment of foreign earnings to take into account the possible election of the repatriation provisions contained in the Jobs Act and has determined that it will have no impact on the Company.

### LEGAL CONTINGENCIES

The Company is currently involved in certain legal proceedings. As discussed in Note 11 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company has accrued an estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims. This estimate has been developed after investigation and is based upon an analysis of potential results, assuming a combination of litigation and settlement strategies. Management does not believe these proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position. It is possible, however, that future results of operations for any particular quarterly or annual period could be materially affected by changes in these assumptions, or the effectiveness of these strategies, related to these proceedings.

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### IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Company's long-lived and intangible assets primarily consist of fixed assets, goodwill and other intangible assets. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" ("SFAS 142") requires that goodwill be tested for impairment at the reporting unit level (operating segment or one level below an operating segment) on an annual basis and between annual tests in certain circumstances. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of reporting units, assigning assets and liabilities to reporting units, assigning goodwill to reporting units, and determining the fair value of each reporting unit. Significant judgments are required to estimate the fair value of reporting units, including an estimate of future cash flows, a determination of appropriate discount rates and other assumptions. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect the determination of fair value for each reporting unit.

The Company periodically reviews the carrying value of its long-lived assets held and used, other than goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, and assets to be disposed, whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company assesses the recoverability of the asset by estimated cash flows and at times by independent appraisals. It compares estimated cash flows expected to be generated from the related assets, or the appraised value of the asset, to the carrying amounts to determine whether impairment has occurred. If the estimate of cash flows expected to be generated changes in the future, the Company may be required to record impairment charges that were not previously recorded for these assets. If the carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired, an impairment



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charge is recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value.

### ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENDITURES

The Company is subject to United States and Mexican environmental laws and regulations concerning emissions to the air, discharges to surface and subsurface waters, and generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials. The Company is also subject to other federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including those that require it to remediate or mitigate the effects of the disposal or release of certain chemical substances at various sites, including some where the Company has ceased operations. It is impossible to predict precisely what effect these laws and regulations will have in the future.

Expenditures that relate to current operations are charged to expense or capitalized, as appropriate. Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by past operations are expensed and recorded as part of discontinued operations. Expenditures include costs of remediation and legal fees to defend against claims for environmental liability. Liabilities are recorded when remedial efforts are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. The liability for remediation expenditures includes, as appropriate, elements of costs such as site investigations, consultants' fees, feasibility studies, outside contractor expenses and monitoring expenses. Estimates are not discounted, and they are not reduced by potential claims for recovery from insurance carriers. The liability is periodically reviewed and adjusted to reflect current remediation progress, prospective estimates of required activity and other relevant factors, including changes in technology or regulations.

The above listing is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of the Company's accounting policies. In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically

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dictated by generally accepted accounting principles with no need for management's judgment in their application. There are also areas in which management's judgment in selecting any available alternatives would not produce a materially different result. See the Company's audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in Part IV of its Annual Report on Form 10-K, which contain accounting policies and other disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

|                           | September 30,<br>2005 | December 31,<br>2004 | \$ Variance | % Variance |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|
|                           | -----                 | -----                | -----       | -----      |
|                           | (in thousands)        |                      |             |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 6,696              | \$ 2,659             | \$ 4,037    | 152%       |
| Bank debt                 | \$ --                 | \$ 2,015             | \$(2,015)   | (100%)     |
| Working capital           | \$24,636              | \$19,496             | \$ 5,140    | 26%        |
| Shareholders' equity      | \$44,637              | \$37,687             | \$ 6,950    | 18%        |

At September 30, 2005, the Company maintained a cash balance of \$6,696,000.

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During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005, the net cash provided by operating activities was \$6,901,000, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$2,905,000 during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004. The primary sources of cash from operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005 were income from continuing operations of \$5,879,000 and a decrease in inventories of \$2,016,000. These sources of cash were partially offset by a decrease in accrued liabilities of \$1,522,000. The decrease in inventory is primarily attributable to activities at RFL and Condor, which had decreases in inventory of \$1,389,000 and \$1,117,000, respectively, offset by an increase in inventory at MTI of \$670,000. Decreases in inventory at RFL and Condor were due to the timing of sales in the third quarter of 2005, compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2004. The decrease in accrued liabilities is primarily related to payments made by the Company to settle certain litigation, fees and claims, which the Company had accrued at December 31, 2004. In the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004, net cash provided by operating activities was \$2,905,000. The primary sources of cash were income from continuing operations, an increase in accounts payable of \$3,117,000 and, to a lesser extent, an increase in accrued income taxes of \$2,014,000. The primary uses of cash from operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 were increases in accounts receivable and in inventory in the amount of \$8,374,000.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005, net cash used in investing activities was \$2,063,000. The primary uses of cash in investing activities were related to purchases of securities available for sale in the amount of \$567,000 and the purchase of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$1,186,000. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004, net cash used in investing activities was \$158,000. The uses of cash in investing activities were primarily related to the purchases of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$1,167,000. These uses of cash were principally offset by the proceeds of \$1,000,000 received by the Company on April 2, 2004 as a final cash payment from the sale of EME.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2005, net cash used in financing activities was \$698,000. This use of cash was principally related to payments against the Senior Credit Facility in the amount of \$2,015,000, partially offset by the proceeds from the exercise of stock

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options of \$1,511,000. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004, net cash used in financing activities was \$6,693,000, primarily due to the purchase of treasury stock. During 2004, the Company purchased treasury stock in the amount of approximately \$6,076,000, for 545,900 shares at an average price of \$11.13 per share, under the Company's repurchase program approved by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2003. Also during this period, the Company made payments of \$747,000 against the Senior Credit Facility. These uses of cash were partially offset by proceeds from stock options exercised during the year in the amount of \$272,000.

During 2005 until August 2, 2005, the Company was a party to a three-year Senior Secured Credit Facility with LaSalle Business Credit LLC. The Senior Credit Facility, which provided for a revolving loan facility and two term loans, up to a maximum indebtedness of \$20,000,000. The revolving loan of up to \$16,810,000 was based upon eligible receivables and inventory, as well as an overadvance amount of \$1,500,000, which was repaid in full on April 7, 2004. The two term loans of \$2,350,000 and \$840,000 were to be amortized over a three-year term. The Senior Credit Facility restricted investments, acquisitions, capital expenditures and dividends. It contained financial covenants relating to minimum

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levels of net worth, fixed charge coverage and EBITDA levels, as defined. The Senior Credit Facility bore interest ranging from the prime rate plus fifty basis points to prime rate plus 2%. The Senior Credit Facility was secured by all of the Company's assets.

On August 2, 2005, the Company paid the outstanding term loan balances under the above Senior Credit Facility in the amount of \$1,641,000. The Company also paid \$212,000 in early termination and legal fees. On August 3, 2005, the Company entered into a Revolving Credit Facility with Bank of America, N.A. (see Note 9 in Part I Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under this Form 10-Q).

The Company's current ratio was 2.52 to 1 at September 30, 2005 and 2.05 to 1 at December 31, 2004. The current ratio changed primarily due to an increase in cash of \$4,037,000 primarily due to net cash provided by operating activities and cash from stock option exercises of \$1,511,000, a decrease in accrued liabilities of \$1,258,000 and a decrease in current debt of \$559,000.

As a percentage of total capitalization, consisting of debt and shareholders' equity, total borrowings by the Company were 0% at September 30, 2005 and 5% at December 31, 2004. During the first nine months of 2005, total debt decreased by \$2,015,000.

Capital expenditures of \$1,186,000 were made during the first nine months of 2005. These expenditures primarily related to computer equipment and factory machinery and equipment. Capital expenditures for the period represent a \$19,000 increase from the comparable period in 2004.

During the first nine months of 2005, the Company was able to generate adequate amounts of cash to meet its operating needs, reduce total borrowings by \$2,015,000, purchase machinery and equipment in the amount of \$1,186,000 and purchase securities available for sale in the amount of \$567,000. All of the Company's operating segments had income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

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Management believes that cash from operations and funds expected to be available under the Revolving Credit Facility will be sufficient to fund the Company's operations and working capital requirements.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the Company's contractual obligations that existed as of September 30, 2005:

|                   | Less Than<br>1 Year<br>----- | 1 to 3<br>Years<br>----- | 4 to 5<br>Years<br>----- | After<br>5 Years<br>----- | Total<br>----- |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                   | (in thousands)               |                          |                          |                           |                |
| Operating Leases  | \$431                        | \$1,605                  | \$ 8                     | \$ --                     | \$2,044        |
| Debt              | --                           | --                       | --                       | --                        | --             |
| Capital Leases    | 54                           | 27                       | --                       | --                        | 81             |
| Other Obligations | 51                           | 172                      | 134                      | 182                       | 539            |
|                   | -----                        | -----                    | -----                    | -----                     | -----          |
|                   | \$536                        | \$1,804                  | \$142                    | \$182                     | \$2,664        |
|                   | =====                        | =====                    | =====                    | =====                     | =====          |

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### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

It is not the Company's usual business practice to enter into off-balance sheet arrangements, such as guarantees on loans and financial commitments, indemnification arrangements, and retained interests in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity for securitization purposes. Consequently, the Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements, except for operating lease commitments disclosed in the table above, that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on its financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

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### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, COMPARED WITH THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

The table below shows the comparison of net sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 and the quarter ended September 30, 2004:

|                          | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2005 | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2004 | \$ Variance<br>Over<br>Same Quarter<br>Last Year | % Variance<br>Over<br>Same Quarter<br>Last Year |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                          | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----   |
|                          | (in thousands)                                 |  |  |   |
| Power Electronics Group: |  |  |  |   |
| Condor                   | \$10,617                                       | \$11,442                                       | \$ (825)   | (7%)  |
| Teal                     | 8,840  | 8,394  | 446  | 5%  |
|                          | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----   |
| Total                    | 19,457   | 19,836   | (379)  | (2%)  |
|                          | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----   |
| SL-MTI                   | 7,440  | 5,599  | 1,841  | 33%   |
| RFL                      | 5,201  | 5,475  | (274)  | (5%)  |
|                          | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----   |
| Total                    | \$32,098                                       | \$30,910                                       | \$1,188  | 4%  |
|                          | =====  | =====  | =====  | =====   |

The table below shows the comparison of income from operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 and the quarter ended September 30, 2004:

|                          | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2005 | Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2004 | \$ Variance<br>Over<br>Same Quarter<br>Last Year | % Variance<br>Over<br>Same Quarter<br>Last Year |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                          | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----   |
|                          | (in thousands)                                 |  |  |   |
| Power Electronics Group: |  |  |  |   |

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|        |         |          |          |       |
|--------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Condor | \$ 832  | \$ 1,357 | \$ (525) | (39%) |
| Teal   | 1,590   | 1,291    | 299      | 23%   |
|        | -----   | -----    | -----    | ---   |
| Total  | 2,422   | 2,648    | (226)    | (9%)  |
|        | -----   | -----    | -----    | ---   |
| SL-MTI | 1,117   | 588      | 529      | 90%   |
| RFL    | 546     | 496      | 50       | 10%   |
| Other  | (743)   | (1,061)  | 318      | 30%   |
|        | -----   | -----    | -----    | ---   |
| Total  | \$3,342 | \$ 2,671 | \$ 671   | 25%   |
|        | =====   | =====    | =====    | ===   |

Consolidated net sales for the three-month period ended September 30, 2005 increased by \$1,188,000, or 4%, compared to the same period in 2004. Contributing to the increased revenues were SL-MTI, which recorded a sales increase of \$1,841,000, or 33%, and Teal, which experienced a sales increase of \$446,000, or 5%. Condor recorded decreased sales from 2004 of \$825,000, or 7%, and RFL recorded a sales decrease of \$274,000, or 5%.

The Company had income from operations of \$3,342,000 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2005, as compared to income from operations of \$2,671,000 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of \$671,000, or 25%.

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Income from continuing operations was \$2,552,000, or \$0.44 per diluted share, compared to \$2,554,000, or \$0.43 per diluted share in 2004. Income from continuing operations decreased by a minor amount in 2005 compared to 2004. The Company's business segments and the components of operating expenses are discussed more fully in the following sections.

The Power Electronics Group, which is comprised of Condor and Teal, recorded a sales decrease of \$379,000, or 2%, and a decrease in income from operations of \$226,000, or 9%. Condor experienced a decrease in sales of \$825,000, or 7%, and a decrease in income from operations of \$525,000, or 39%. Condor's decrease in income from operations is primarily due to its decrease in sales. Condor experienced a decrease in sales to manufacturers of industrial equipment of \$1,371,000, or 29%, while sales of its medical product line increased approximately \$766,000, or 13%. Sales to electrical and electronic distributors also decreased from 2004. Condor's international sales increased approximately 68%, aided by sales to two international customers of new products. Domestic sales decreased by approximately 15%, primarily due to the decrease in sales to the industrial market. Teal experienced a sales increase of \$446,000, or 5%, and an increase in income from operations of \$299,000, or 23%. Teal's sales increase was attributable to its medical imaging product line. Teal's increase in income from operations is primarily due to increased sales, as well as a reduction in operating costs.

SL-MTI's sales increased \$1,841,000, or 33%, while income from operations increased \$529,000, or 90%. The increase in sales was driven by increases in sales to the defense industry and the commercial aerospace markets. Sales of SL-MTI's DC Brush and Brushless Motors increased by \$1,392,000, or 34%, in the third quarter of 2005, compared to third quarter of 2004. Also sales of its windings product line increased by \$383,000 or 37%. The increase in income from operations is primarily due to the increase in sales.

RFL's sales decreased by \$274,000, or 5%, during the third quarter of 2005, compared to the third quarter of 2004, while income from operations increased by

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\$50,000, or 10%, for the comparable periods. Sales of RFL's carrier communications product line decreased by \$966,000, or 36%, in the third quarter of 2005, compared to 2004, partially due to a labor strike encountered at one of its largest customers. Sales of RFL's teleprotection products increased by \$556,000, or 31%, partially due to sales of new product offerings. The increase in income from operations is attributable to a combination of improved gross profit margins and a reduction in operating costs.

### COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD

As a percentage of net sales, cost of products sold for each of the three-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 was approximately 65% and 64%, respectively. Although the cost of products sold, as a percentage of net sales, remained relatively constant for the comparative quarters, the mix within the Company's business segments changed. The cost of products sold percentage for the Power Electronics Group increased by approximately 2%. Both Condor and Teal experienced increases in their cost of products sold, as a percentage of net sales. Condor's cost of products sold, as a percentage of net sales, increased primarily due to lower volume. Teal's cost of products, sold as a percentage of net sales, increased primarily due to increases in the costs of raw materials. SL-MTI recorded an increase in its cost of products sold, as a percentage of net sales, in the third quarter of 2005, as compared to the same period last year, due to product mix, additional training costs and operational inefficiencies, primarily

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related to the transfer of new programs to its Cedro manufacturing facility in Matamoros, Mexico. RFL's cost of products sold, as a percentage of sales, improved slightly in 2005, compared to 2004, due to product mix.

### ENGINEERING AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Engineering and product development expenses for each of the three-month periods ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 were approximately 7% of net sales. All of the Company's business segments engineering and product development expenditures remained relatively constant in 2005, compared to 2004.

### SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative expenses, as a percentage of net sales, for the third quarter of each of 2005 and 2004 were 16% and 19%, respectively. These expenses decreased by \$777,000, or 13%, while consolidated sales increased by 4%. All of the Company's business segments reduced or had relatively minor increases in selling, general and administrative expenses in the comparative quarters. During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded a net benefit of \$450,000 in compensation expense related to certain stock based compensation arrangements with key executives. This is a favorable decrease in expense of \$474,000 from the comparable period in 2004.

### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Depreciation and amortization expenses remained relatively constant at approximately 2% of net sales for each of the third quarters of 2005 and 2004.

### AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED FINANCING COSTS

In connection with entering into the Senior Credit Facility on January 6, 2003, the Company incurred costs of approximately \$1,342,000. These costs had been

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deferred and were being amortized over the three-year term of the Senior Credit Facility. On August 2, 2005 the Company terminated its Senior Credit Facility and accordingly wrote off the remaining deferred financing costs related to this facility. In connection with entering into the Revolving Credit Facility with Bank of America, N.A. on August 3, 2005, the Company has incurred costs of approximately \$207,000. These costs have been deferred and are being amortized over the three-year term of the Revolving Credit Facility. For the quarter ended September 30, 2005, amortization of deferred financing costs was \$236,000 which included the write-off of the deferred financing costs related to the Senior Credit Facility and the amortization of the deferred financing costs related to the current Revolving Credit Facility with Bank of America, N. A. For the quarter ended September 30, 2004, amortization of deferred financing assets was \$112,000.

### INTEREST INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest expense for the three-month period ended September 30, 2005 was \$236,000, as compared to \$59,000 in the same period last year. Included in interest expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 is \$185,000 in early termination fees related to the Senior Credit Facility. Interest income was \$61,000, for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$22,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

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The effective tax rate for the three-month period ended September 30, 2005 was approximately 13%. The effective tax rate reflects the statutory rate after adjustments for state and international tax provisions, offset by the recording of benefits primarily related to foreign tax credits and, to a

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lesser extent, research and development tax credits. The effective tax rate for the comparable period in 2004 was a benefit of approximately 1%. This tax benefit reflects the statutory rate after adjustments for state and international tax provisions, offset by the recording of benefits from research and development tax credits primarily related to prior years, which were recorded during the period.

### DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

For the three months ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$98,000. This amount includes current legal and litigation charges related to discontinued operations. For the three months ended September 30, 2004, the Company recorded a net loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$3,000. This amount includes net billings to insurance companies related to the recovery of certain legal fees for environmental matters in the amount of \$190,000, net of tax. These income amounts were offset by environmental, legal and litigation charges related to discontinued operations.

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, COMPARED WITH NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

The table below shows the comparison of net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004:

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|                          | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2005 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2004 | \$ Variance<br>Over<br>Same Period<br>Last Year | % Variance<br>Over<br>Same Period<br>Last Year |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | -----++  |
|                          | (in thousands)                                |   |   |  |
| Power Electronics Group: |   |   |   |  |
| Condor                   | \$33,001                                      | \$30,966                                      | \$2,035   | 7%   |
| Teal                     | 24,077  | 23,194  | 883   | 4%   |
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | ---  |
| Total                    | 57,078  | 54,160  | 2,918   | 5%   |
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | ---  |
| SL-MTI                   | 21,120  | 17,381  | 3,739   | 22%  |
| RFL                      | 17,615  | 16,518  | 1,097   | 7%   |
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | ---  |
| Total                    | \$95,813                                      | \$88,059                                      | \$7,754   | 9%   |
|                          | =====   | =====   | =====   | ===  |

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The table below shows the comparison of income from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004:

|                          | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2005 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2004 | \$ Variance<br>Over<br>Same Period<br>Last Year | % Variance<br>Over<br>Same Period<br>Last Year |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | -----  |
|                          | (in thousands)                                |   |   |  |
| Power Electronics Group: |   |   |   |  |
| Condor                   | \$ 3,260                                      | \$ 2,758                                      | \$ 502  | 18%  |
| Teal                     | 3,725   | 3,719   | 6   | N/M  |
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | ---  |
| Total                    | 6,985   | 6,477   | 508   | 8%   |
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | ---  |
| SL-MTI                   | 2,941   | 1,846   | 1,095   | 59%  |
| RFL                      | 1,862   | 1,332   | 530   | 40%  |
| Other                    | (3,619)                                       | (3,502)                                       | (117)   | (3%)   |
|                          | -----   | -----   | -----   | ---  |
| Total                    | \$ 8,169                                      | \$ 6,153                                      | \$2,016   | 33%  |
|                          | =====   | =====   | =====   | ===  |

Consolidated net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 increased \$7,754,000, or 9%, compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. All of the Company's operating entities had increases in sales ranging from 22% to 4% for the comparable nine month periods. SL-MTI reported a sales increase of \$3,739,000, or 22%. Condor sales increased \$2,035,000, or 7%. RFL experienced a sales increase of \$1,097,000, or 7%. Teal experienced a sales increase of \$883,000, or 4%.

The Company recorded income from operations of \$8,169,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to income from operations of \$6,153,000 for the corresponding period last year. This change represents an increase of



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\$2,016,000, or 33%.

Income from continuing operations was \$5,879,000, or \$1.03 per diluted share, in 2005, compared to \$4,799,000, or \$0.80 per diluted share, in 2004. Income from continuing operations benefited by approximately \$671,000, or \$0.12 per diluted share, in 2005 due to foreign tax credits recorded during the year and by approximately \$447,000, or \$0.08 per diluted share, related to research and development tax credits recorded principally in the first quarter of 2005. Income from continuing operations benefited by approximately \$1,252,000, or \$0.21 per diluted share, due to research and development tax credits recorded during 2004. Income from continuing operations increased by \$1,080,000, or 23%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to the same period in 2004. The Company's business segments and the components of operating expenses are discussed more fully in the following sections.

The Power Electronics Group recorded a sales increase of \$2,918,000, or 5%, and an increase in income from operations of \$508,000, or 8%. Within the Power Electronics Group, Condor recorded a sales increase of \$2,035,000, or 7%, and Teal reported a sales increase of \$883,000, or 4%. Condor's income from operations increased by \$502,000, or 18%, while Teal's income from operations increased slightly compared to 2004. Condor's sales increase is primarily related to its medical product line, which increased approximately by \$3,996,000, or 25%. Most of the increase in this product line was achieved in the first quarter of 2005. Condor's industrial product line sales decreased approximately \$1,833,000, or 15%. The increase in income from operations

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is primarily due to the increase in sales. Teal's sales increase was primarily attributable to increases in its medical product line of approximately \$4,401,000, partially offset by decreases in its semiconductor business of approximately \$3,474,000.

SL-MTI's sales increased by \$3,739,000, or 22%. Income from operations increased by \$1,095,000, or 59%. The increase in sales was primarily due to increased sales in both the defense and medical markets of 31% and 36%, respectively. Sales of its DC brush and brushless motors increased \$2,842,000, or 24%, while the windings product line increased by \$886,000, or 25%. The increase in income from operations was the result of increased sales volume and slightly improved gross profit margins, partially offset by an increase in engineering and product development expenses of \$96,000, or 6%, over the same period in 2004.

RFL's sales increased by \$1,097,000, or 7%, in 2005, compared to the same period in 2004. Income from operations increased by \$530,000, or 40%, for the comparable periods. All of RFL's product lines experienced increases in sales, except teleprotection equipment, which decreased by approximately \$302,000, or 4%. The largest increase in sales was attributable to its carrier communication product line, which increased by \$555,000, or 8%. This sales increase was primarily due to the introduction of new products. Income from operations increased by \$530,000, or 40%, primarily due to higher sales volume and lower engineering and product development costs, partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative costs.

### COST OF PRODUCTS SOLD

Cost of products sold, as a percentage of sales, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 was approximately 64% and 63%, respectively. Cost of products sold percentage improved at RFL due to increased volume and product mix. Teal experienced a higher cost of products sold, as a

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percentage of net sales, in 2005, compared to 2004, due primarily to higher raw material costs. The cost of products sold, as a percentage of net sales, remained relatively constant at Condor and SL-MTI for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, compared to the same period in 2004.

### ENGINEERING AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Engineering and product development expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 2004 was approximately 7% and 8% of net sales, respectively. Engineering and product development expenses increased \$204,000, or 3%, in the nine-month period of 2005, as compared to 2004. Other than RFL, all of the Company's business segments increased their engineering and product development expenditures in 2005, compared to 2004. RFL incurred significant expenditures in 2004 related to the development of several new product designs and applications.

### SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 were approximately 19% of net sales, compared to 20% of net sales in 2004. These expenses decreased by \$38,000, while sales increased by 9% over the comparative periods. Compensation expenses related to certain stock based compensation arrangements with key executives were \$40,000 for the first nine months of 2005, compared to \$451,000 for the same period in 2004, or a decrease of \$411,000 from the prior year. Without these non-cash charges, selling general and administrative expenses would have increased by \$373,000 over the comparable period.

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### DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

Depreciation and amortization expenses for the first nine months of 2005 and 2004 were approximately 2% of sales, and remained relatively constant for each period.

### AMORTIZATION OF DEFERRED FINANCING COSTS

Amortization of deferred financing costs was \$460,000 and \$336,000 for the first nine months of 2005 and 2004, respectively. These costs were less than 1% of net sales for each period. The increase in amortization of deferred financing cost in 2005 is primarily related to the write-off of the deferred financing costs related to the Senior Credit Facility, which was terminated on August 2, 2005.

### INTEREST INCOME (EXPENSE)

Interest income for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 increased by \$45,000, as compared to the same period last year. Interest expense increased by \$178,000, due to the payment of early termination fees of \$185,000 related to the Company's Senior Credit Facility. Without these fees, interest expenses would have decreased for the first nine months of 2005 due to reduced debt levels.

### TAXES

The effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 was approximately 21%, compared to 16% for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The effective tax rate for both periods reflects the statutory rate after adjustments for state and international tax provisions, offset by the recording

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of benefits from research and development tax credits and certain income exclusion benefits. Also in 2005, the Company recorded foreign tax credits, which lowered the tax rate by approximately 9%.

### DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$398,000. This amount consisted primarily of the cost of environmental and legal charges, net of tax, related to discontinued operations. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, the Company recorded income from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$2,473,000. This amount is primarily related to a settlement fee received by SLW Holdings, net of tax, in the amount of \$2,516,000 (see Note 13) and the reversal of tax reserves related to discontinued operations. These income amounts, net of tax, were partially offset by environmental, legal and litigation charges related to discontinued operations.

### FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

From time to time, information provided by the Company, including written or oral statements made by representatives, may contain forward-looking information as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, contain forward-looking information, particularly statements that address activities, events or developments that the Company expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, such as expansion and growth of the Company's business, future capital expenditures and the Company's prospects and strategy. In reviewing such information, it should be kept in mind that actual results may differ materially from those projected or suggested in such forward-looking information. This forward-looking information is based on various factors and was derived utilizing numerous assumptions. Many of these factors previously have been identified in filings or statements made by or on behalf of the Company.

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Important assumptions and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking information include changes in the general economy, changes in capital investment and/or consumer spending, competitive factors and other factors affecting the Company's business in or beyond the Company's control. These factors include a change in the rate of inflation, a change in state or federal legislation or regulations, an adverse determination with respect to a claim in litigation or other claims (including environmental matters), the ability to recruit and develop employees, the ability to successfully implement new technology and the stability of product costs. These factors also include the timing and degree of any business recovery in certain of the Company's markets that are currently experiencing a cyclical economic downturn.

Other factors and assumptions not identified above could also cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking information. The Company does not undertake to update forward-looking information contained herein or elsewhere to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting such forward-looking information.

Future factors include the effectiveness of cost reduction actions undertaken by the Company; increasing price, products and services competition by U.S. and non-U.S. competitors, including new entrants; rapid technological developments and changes and the Company's ability to continue to introduce and develop

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competitive new products and services on a timely, cost-effective basis; availability of manufacturing capacity, components and materials; credit concerns and the potential for deterioration of the credit quality of customers; customer demand for the Company's products and services; ability of the Company to continue to finance its operations on satisfactory terms; U.S. and non-U.S. governmental and public policy changes that may affect the level of new investments and purchases made by customers; changes in environmental and other U.S. and non-U.S. governmental regulations; protection and validity of patent and other intellectual property rights; compliance with the covenants and restrictions of bank credit facilities; and outcome of pending and future litigation and governmental proceedings. These are representative of the future factors that could affect the outcome of the forward-looking statements. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, general U.S. and non-U.S. economic conditions, including increased economic uncertainty and instability, and interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations and other future factors.

For a further description of future factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements, see the discussion in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, Part I, Item 1 - Risk Factors.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes in quantitative and qualitative market risk from the disclosure contained in Item 7A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, which is incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's "disclosure controls and

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procedures," as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act") as of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this "Report"). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Report to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. There have been no changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected.

## PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

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### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Please see Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004.

### ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

On December 12, 2003, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized the repurchase of up to 10% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company. Any repurchases are to be made on the open market or in negotiated transactions. For the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company did not purchase any shares pursuant to the repurchase program; however, it did purchase 21,700 shares through its deferred compensation plans during this period.

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### ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| Period                 | Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased | Average<br>Price Paid<br>per Share | Total Number<br>of Shares<br>Purchased as Part<br>of Publicly<br>Announced Plans<br>or Programs | Maximum Number<br>of Shares That May<br>Yet Be Purchased<br>under Publicly<br>Announced Plans or<br>Programs |
|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| -----                  | -----                                     | -----                              | -----   | -----  |
| January 1 - 31, 2005   | --  | --                                 | --  | 48,024   |
| February 1 - 28, 2005  | --  | --                                 | --  | 48,024   |
| March 1 - 31, 2005     | 1,700 (1)                                 | \$13.50                            | --  | 48,024   |
| April 1 - 30, 2005     | --  | --                                 | --  | 48,024   |
| May 1 - 31, 2005       | 3,800 (1)                                 | \$16.71                            | --  | 48,024   |
| June 1 - 30, 2005      | 5,400 (1)                                 | \$17.93                            | --  | 48,024   |
| July 1 - 31, 2005      | 6,900 (1)                                 | \$17.94                            | --  | 48,024   |
| August 1 - 31, 2005    | --  | --                                 | --  | 48,024   |
| September 1 - 30, 2005 | 3,900 (1)                                 | \$14.57                            | --  | 48,024   |
|                        | -----                                     | -----                              | ---   |  |
| Total                  | 21,700                                    | \$16.77                            | --  |  |
|                        | =====                                     | =====                              | ===   |  |

(1.) The Company purchased these shares other than through a publicly announced plan or program in open market transactions or in negotiated transactions.

### ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Pursuant to Section 10A(i)(2) of the Exchange Act, the Company is responsible for listing the non-audit services approved in the third quarter of 2005 by its Audit Committee to be performed by Grant Thornton, the Company's external auditor. Each of the permitted non-audit services has been pre-approved by the Audit Committee or the Audit Committee's Chairman pursuant to delegated authority by the Audit Committee. During the third quarter of 2005, the Audit Committee pre-approved the following non-audit services anticipated to be performed by Grant Thornton: 1) Review of Forms 1118 and 5471 to be included in the Company's 2004 U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return; and 2) Analysis and consultation in connection with allowable foreign tax credits.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

31.1 Certification by Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) or 15(d)-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (transmitted herewith).

31.2 Certification by Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) or 15(d)-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (transmitted herewith).

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32.1 Certification by Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (transmitted herewith).

32.2 Certification by Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (transmitted herewith).

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 7, 2005

SL INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ James C. Taylor

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James C. Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ David R. Nuzzo

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David R. Nuzzo  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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