

ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES INC

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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 March 31, 2008.

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number: 000-26966

ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

84-0846841

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1625 Sharp Point Drive, Fort Collins, CO

80525

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(970) 221-4670**

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 a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

As of May 5, 2008, there were 41,741,507 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, outstanding.

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| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 99,064 | \$ 94,588 |
| Marketable securities | 37,816 | 110,676 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net | 68,429 | 61,545 |
| Inventories | 51,603 | 50,532 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 14,156 | 23,696 |
| Other current assets | 6,305 | 6,932 |
| Total current assets | 277,373 | 347,969 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net | 31,870 | 30,912 |
| OTHER ASSETS: | | |
| Deposits and other | 5,067 | 5,562 |
| Long-term investments | 40,589 | 1,483 |
| Goodwill | 65,604 | 61,406 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 6,924 | 6,362 |
| Customer service equipment, net | 1,060 | 1,236 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 15,064 | 4,098 |
| Total assets | \$ 443,551 | \$ 459,028 |

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Trade accounts payable | \$ 16,786 | \$ 12,424 |
| Taxes payable | 3,981 | 5,692 |
| Accrued payroll and employee benefits | 9,997 | 11,945 |
| Accrued warranty expense | 8,455 | 8,812 |
| Other accrued expenses | 1,497 | 2,215 |
| Customer deposits and deferred revenue | 1,210 | 759 |
| Accrued restructuring | 378 | 36 |
| Capital lease obligations, current portion | 151 | 131 |
| Total current liabilities | 42,455 | 42,014 |

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:

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| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Capital leases, net of current portion | 98 | 112 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 2,129 | 1,891 |
| Uncertain tax positions | 5,850 | 5,800 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 1,902 | 2,150 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 9,979 | 9,953 |
| Total liabilities | 52,434 | 51,967 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | 391,117 | 407,061 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ 443,551 | \$ 459,028 |

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

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ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| SALES | \$ 88,887 | \$ 107,323 |
| COST OF SALES | 53,039 | 59,014 |
| Gross profit | 35,848 | 48,309 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | |
| Research and development | 13,085 | 12,035 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 14,468 | 15,218 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 240 | 324 |
| Restructuring charges | 674 | 2,792 |
| Total operating expenses | 28,467 | 30,369 |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS | 7,381 | 17,940 |
| OTHER INCOME, NET | 905 | 1,554 |
| Income before income taxes | 8,286 | 19,494 |
| PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES | (2,320) | (6,823) |
| NET INCOME | \$ 5,966 | \$ 12,671 |
| BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.28 |
| BASIC WEIGHTED-AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING | 44,662 | 44,941 |
| DILUTED WEIGHTED-AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING | 45,065 | 45,636 |

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ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
(In thousands)

| | Three Months Ended March | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | 31, | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$ 5,966 | \$ 12,671 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,510 | 3,130 |
| Stock-based compensation | 569 | 821 |
| Provision for deferred income taxes | (772) | 4,343 |
| Gain on sale of marketable securities | | (31) |
| Asset impairment related to restructuring | | 854 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (4,168) | (1,137) |
| Inventories | (497) | (4,863) |
| Other current assets | 553 | 812 |
| Trade accounts payable | 4,166 | 1,105 |
| Other current liabilities and accrued expenses | (4,844) | (5,280) |
| Income taxes payable/receivable, net | (2,014) | (1,024) |
| Non-current assets | (1,034) | 23 |
| Non-current liabilities | (308) | 646 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 1,127 | 12,070 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchase of marketable securities | (9,505) | (19,651) |
| Proceeds from sale of marketable securities | 43,685 | 301 |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (1,583) | (1,452) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | 32,597 | (20,802) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Payments on senior borrowings and capital lease obligations | (6) | (30) |
| Proceeds from common stock transactions | 20 | 1,651 |
| Tax payments related to common stock transactions | (338) | |
| Purchase and retirement of treasury stock | (35,599) | (261) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (35,923) | 1,360 |
| EFFECT OF CURRENCY TRANSLATION ON CASH | 6,675 | 205 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 4,476 | (7,167) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period | 94,588 | 58,240 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period | \$ 99,064 | \$ 51,073 |

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 2 | \$ 19 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$ 4,951 | \$ 3,460 |

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ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In thousands)

| | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit) | Deferred Compensation | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Shares | Amount | Capital | Deficit) | Compensation | Income | Equity |
| BALANCES, December 31, 2007 | 45,288 | \$ 45 | \$ 267,205 | \$ 121,745 | \$ | \$ 18,066 | \$ 407,061 |
| Exercise of stock options for cash | 3 | | 20 | | | | 20 |
| Issuance of restricted stock and stock- based compensation and amortization, net | 66 | | 283 | | | | 283 |
| Purchase and retirement of treasury stock | (2,744) | (2) | (35,597) | | | | (35,599) |
| Comprehensive Income: Equity adjustment from foreign currency translation | | | | | | 14,593 | 14,593 |
| Unrealized holding losses on available for sale securities, net of tax | | | | | | (1,207) | (1,207) |
| Net income | | | | 5,966 | | | 5,966 |
| Total Comprehensive Income | | | | | | | 19,352 |
| BALANCES, March 31, 2008 | 42,613 | \$ 43 | \$ 231,911 | \$ 127,711 | \$ | \$ 31,452 | \$ 391,117 |

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ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

(1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets, statements of income and cash flows contain all adjustments, consisting of normal, recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly the financial position of Advanced Energy Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its wholly owned subsidiaries (the Company) at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, and the results of their operations and cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements presented herein have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all the information and note disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the Company's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates are used when establishing allowances for doubtful accounts, determining useful lives for depreciation and amortization, assessing the need for impairment charges, establishing warranty reserves, establishing the fair value and forfeiture rate of stock-based compensation, estimating the fair value of financial instruments, accounting for income taxes, and assessing excess and obsolete inventory and various other items. The Company evaluates these estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis and bases its estimates on historical experience, current conditions and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The results of these estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities as well as identifying and assessing the accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS We adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (FAS 157) on January 1, 2008. FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a market-based framework or hierarchy for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. FAS 157 is applicable whenever another accounting pronouncement requires or permits assets and liabilities to be measured at fair value. FAS 157 does not expand or require any new fair value measures, however the application of this statement may change current practice. In February 2008, the FASB decided that an entity need not apply this standard to nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis until 2009. Accordingly, our adoption of this standard in 2008 was limited to financial assets and liabilities, which primarily affects the valuation of our derivative contracts and marketable securities.

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We adopted SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (FAS 159)* on January 1, 2008. FAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Entities that elect the fair value option will report unrealized gains and losses in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option may be elected on an instrument-by-instrument basis, with few exceptions. FAS 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar assets and liabilities. The adoption of FAS 159 did not have an effect on our financial condition or results of operations as we did not elect this fair value option for any of our financial assets or liabilities, nor is it expected to have a material impact on future periods as the election of this option for our financial instruments is expected to be limited.

REVENUE RECOGNITION The Company's product revenue is recognized when title passes to the customer, at either shipment, delivery or customer acceptance based on the terms of the sale. The Company's post sale obligations are limited to product warranty obligations. In limited instances, the Company provides installation of its products. In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue 00-21 *Accounting for Revenue Arrangements With Multiple Deliverables*, the Company allocates revenue based on the fair value of the delivered item, generally the product, and the undelivered item, installation, based on their respective fair values. Revenue related to the undelivered item is deferred until the services have been completed.

In certain instances, based on the credit terms with the customer, the Company requires its customers to pay for a portion or all of their purchases prior to the Company building or shipping these products. Cash payments received prior to shipment are recorded as customer deposits and deferred revenue in the condensed consolidated balance sheets, and then recognized as revenue as appropriate based upon the transfer of title of the products. The Company does not offer price protection to customers or allow returns, unless covered by our normal policy for repair of defective products.

WARRANTY RESERVE POLICY The Company offers product warranty coverage for periods typically ranging from 12 to 24 months after shipment. The Company estimates the anticipated costs of repairing products under warranty based on the historical cost of the repairs. The assumptions used to estimate the warranty reserve are reviewed periodically based on actual experience and, when appropriate, the warranty reserve is adjusted. Estimated warranty costs are recorded at the time of sale to cost of sales in the consolidated statements of income.

The Company recorded warranty charges of \$2.0 million in the three months ended March 31, 2008 and \$2.3 million in three months ended March 31, 2007.

The following table summarizes the activity in the Company's warranty reserve during the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 8,812 | \$ 7,845 |
| Provisions | 2,023 | 2,289 |
| Usages | (2,380) | (2,269) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 8,455 | \$ 7,865 |

EXCESS AND OBSOLETE INVENTORY Inventory is written down or written off when it becomes obsolete, generally due to engineering changes to a product or discontinuance of a

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product line, or when it is deemed excess. Judgment by management is necessary in estimating the net realizable value of inventory based primarily upon forecasts of product demand. Charges for excess and obsolete inventory are recorded, as necessary, within cost of sales in the consolidated statements of income.

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES From time to time, the Company is involved in disputes and legal actions arising in the normal course of its business. The Company accrues loss contingencies in connection with its commitments and contingencies, including litigation, when it is probable that a loss has occurred or may occur and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS Goodwill represents the excess of the cost over the fair market value of net tangible and identifiable intangible assets of acquired businesses.

Goodwill is not amortized. Instead, goodwill is subject to periodic (at least annual) tests for impairment. For the periods presented, the Company did not have any indefinite-lived intangible assets, other than goodwill. Impairment testing is performed in two steps: (i) goodwill is assessed for potential impairment by comparing the fair value of the Company's reporting unit with the carrying value, and (ii) if potential impairment is indicated because the reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount, the amount of impairment loss is measured by comparing the implied fair value of goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill.

Finite-lived intangible assets continue to be amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable.

(2) STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company recognizes stock-based compensation expense in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R (SFAS 123R) Share-Based Payment . Stock-based compensation was \$569,000 and \$821,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Stock Options

A summary of our stock option activity for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 is as follows:

| (In thousands, except fair values) | Shares | Weighted-Average Grant-date Fair Value |
|--|--------|--|
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2007 | 3,131 | \$ 19.48 |
| Options granted | 472 | 12.19 |
| Options exercised | (3) | 7.83 |
| Options cancelled | (45) | 18.20 |
| Options outstanding at March 31, 2008 | 3,555 | \$ 18.58 |
| Exercisable at March 31, 2008 | 2,196 | \$ 20.13 |

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The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$30,000 and \$1.2 million, respectively, determined as of the exercise date. As of March 31, 2008, there was \$12.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options granted and outstanding, which is expected to be recognized through fiscal year 2011, with a weighted average remaining vesting period of 2.92 years. Cash received from stock option exercises was \$20,000 during the quarter ended March 31, 2008. The fair value of each option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Risk-free interest rates | 2.8% | 4.7% |
| Expected dividend yield rates | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Expected lives | 5.7 years | 5.5 years |
| Expected volatility | 62.4% | 60.5% |
| Expected forfeiture rate | 30% | 22% |

Restricted Stock

A summary of the Company's non-vested Restricted Stock (RSU) activity for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 is as follows:

| (In thousands, except fair values) | Shares | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|--------|--|
| Balance outstanding at December 31, 2007 | 468 | \$ 16.04 |
| RSUs granted | 92 | 12.19 |
| RSUs vested | (84) | 12.08 |
| RSUs forfeited | (10) | 15.27 |
| Balance outstanding at March 31, 2008 | 466 | \$ 16.00 |

The fair value of the Company's RSUs is determined based upon the closing fair market value of the Company's common stock on the grant date. As of March 31, 2008, there was \$5.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested RSUs outstanding, which cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.6 years. During the quarter ended March 31, 2008, the total fair value of RSUs which vested was \$1 million, based upon the closing fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date the underlying common stock was released to the recipient.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP)

During the three months ended March 31, 2008, no purchase rights were granted under the ESPP. As of March 31, 2008, there was \$14,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to the ESPP that is expected to be recognized over a remaining period of one month.

(3) INCOME TAXES

We adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No.

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48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No 109 (FIN 48) as of January 1, 2007. Upon adoption, the Company increased the long-term liability associated with uncertain tax positions by \$6 million and also increased the long-term receivable of \$5 million consisting of offsetting tax benefits. The balance of \$1 million was an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings on January 1, 2007. As of December 31, 2007, the balance of our tax contingencies was \$5.8 million. If the \$5.8 million of tax contingencies reverse, \$1.1 million would affect our effective tax rate. There have been no significant changes to these amounts during the quarter ended March 31, 2008.

The tax years 2003 through 2007 remain open to examination by the US taxing jurisdictions to which we are subject. The foreign taxing jurisdictions have open tax years from 2001 through 2007. In accordance with our accounting policy, we recognize accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of tax expense. This policy did not change as a result of the adoption of FIN 48. We did not have any accrued interest or penalties at December 31, 2007 or March 31, 2008. We do not anticipate a material change to the amount of unrecognized tax positions within the next 12 months.

The Company's expected tax rate is projected to be 28% for the year ended December 31, 2008, 4.3% lower than the Company's 2007 tax rate as the Company expects a favorable profit mix for tax purposes for its subsidiaries and the tax rate for its German subsidiary was lowered from 39% to 30%.

While we believe we have adequately provided for all tax positions, amounts asserted by taxing authorities could materially differ from our accrued positions as a result of uncertain and complex application of tax regulations. Additionally, the recognition and measurement of certain tax benefits includes estimates and judgment by management and inherently includes subjectivity. Accordingly, additional provisions on federal and foreign tax-related matters could be recorded in the future as revised estimates are made or the underlying matters are settled or otherwise resolved.

(4) RESTRUCTURING

On March 5, 2008, the Company restructured a portion of its administrative operations. Related to this, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$674,000 in the first quarter of 2008 for severance costs. The Company expects to incur an additional \$450,000 related to this restructuring for severance and benefit costs.

In March 2007, the Company announced the closure of its operation located in Stolberg, Germany. Related to this closure, the Company recorded restructuring charges in the first quarter of 2007 of \$2.8 million, consisting primarily of the accrual of employee severance and benefit costs associated with the reduction of employees at the facility and an asset impairment charge of approximately \$900,000 related to the write-down of certain real and personal property to their estimated fair value.

(5) MARKETABLE SECURITIES & NON-CURRENT INVESTMENTS

Investment securities with original maturities of more than three months at time of purchase are considered marketable securities. Marketable securities as of March 31, 2008 included certificates of deposit, municipal bonds and notes, institutional money markets and auction rate securities. The Company's investments are classified as available for sale securities, and are

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recorded at fair value with temporary changes in fair market value recorded as unrealized holding gains or losses in other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax.

The Company's investments, both current and non-current, are carried at their fair value as further described in Note 13. For purposes of determining realized gains and losses, the cost of securities sold is based on specific identification. The composition of securities, classified as current and non-current assets is as follows at March 31, 2008, and December 31, 2007:

| | March 31, 2008 (in thousands) | | December 31, 2007 (in thousands) | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | Cost | Fair Value | Cost | Fair Value |
| Current | | | | |
| Commercial paper | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,496 | \$ 1,496 |
| Certificates of deposit | 16,457 | 16,457 | 6,299 | 6,299 |
| Corporate bonds/notes | | | 2,398 | 2,398 |
| Municipal bonds/notes | 15,866 | 15,866 | 24,595 | 24,595 |
| Auction rate securities | | | 51,003 | 51,003 |
| Institutional money markets | 5,493 | 5,493 | 24,885 | 24,885 |
| Non-current | | | | |
| Long-term deposit account | 1,734 | 1,734 | 1,479 | 1,479 |
| Common stock | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Auction rate securities | 40,475 | 38,851 | | |
| Total securities | \$ 80,029 | \$ 78,405 | \$ 112,159 | \$ 112,159 |

Auction rate securities are debt instruments with long-term scheduled maturities, but have interest rates that are typically reset at pre-determined intervals, usually every 7, 28, 35 or 90 days, at which time the securities can typically be purchased or sold. Starting in February 2008, the Company experienced difficulty in selling these securities due to the failure of the auction mechanism which historically provided liquidity to these securities. The securities for which auctions have failed will continue to accrue interest and be auctioned every 35 days until the auction succeeds, the issuer calls the securities for redemption, or they mature. Accordingly, there may be no effective mechanism for selling these securities. In the first quarter of 2008, the Company reclassified the entire auction rate security investment balance from marketable securities to long-term investments on its condensed consolidated balance sheet because of the Company's inability to determine when its investments in auction rate securities would settle. In conjunction with this, the Company recorded a temporary impairment of \$1.2 million, net of taxes, in other comprehensive income.

(6) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consisted of the following:

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31 2007 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Trade accounts receivable, gross | \$ 69,486 | \$ 61,905 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (1,057) | (360) |
| Trade accounts receivable, net | \$ 68,429 | \$ 61,545 |

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Inventories consisted of the following:

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Parts and raw materials | \$ 36,644 | \$ 37,742 |
| Work in process | 3,881 | 2,212 |
| Finished goods | 11,078 | 10,578 |
| Total inventories | \$ 51,603 | \$ 50,532 |

Inventories include costs of materials, direct labor and manufacturing overhead. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market, computed on a first-in, first-out basis and are presented net of reserves for excess and obsolete inventory.

(8) GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill and amortizable intangible assets consisted of the following as of March 31, 2008:

| | Gross Carrying Amount | Cumulative Effect of Changes in Exchange Rates (In thousands, except weighted-average useful life) | Accumulated Amortization | Other Charges | Net Carrying Amount | Weighted- Average Useful Life (Years) |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Amortizable intangible assets: | | | | | | |
| Technology-based | \$ 7,015 | \$ 1,591 | \$ (8,109) | \$ | \$ 497 | 5 |
| Trademarks and other | 8,604 | 2,658 | (4,835) | | 6,427 | 17 |
| Total amortizable intangible assets | 15,619 | 4,249 | (12,944) | | 6,924 | 12 |
| Goodwill | 49,581 | 16,208 | | (185) | 65,604 | |
| Total goodwill and amortizable intangible assets | \$ 65,200 | \$ 20,457 | \$ (12,944) | \$ (185) | \$ 72,528 | |

Goodwill and amortizable intangible assets consisted of the following as of December 31, 2007:

| | Gross Carrying | Cumulative Effect of Changes in Exchange | Accumulated | Other | Net Carrying | Weighted- Average Useful Life |
|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
|--|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|

| | Amount | Rates | Amortization | Charges | Amount | (Years) |
|--|--|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (In thousands, except weighted-average useful life) | | | | | |
| Amortizable intangible assets: | | | | | | |
| Technology-based | \$ 7,015 | \$ 1,553 | \$ (7,990) | \$ | \$ 578 | 5 |
| Trademarks and other | 8,604 | 1,905 | (4,725) | | 5,784 | 17 |
| Total amortizable intangible assets | 15,619 | 3,458 | (12,715) | | 6,362 | 12 |
| Goodwill | 49,581 | 12,010 | | (185) | 61,406 | |
| Total goodwill and amortizable intangible assets | \$ 65,200 | \$ 15,468 | \$ (12,715) | \$ (185) | \$ 67,768 | |

Amortization expense related to intangible assets for the first quarter of 2008 was \$240,000 and was \$324,000 for the first quarter of 2007. Estimated amortization expense related to the Company's acquired intangible assets fluctuates with changes in foreign currency exchange rates between the U.S. dollar, the Japanese yen and the euro. Estimated amortization expense related to amortizable intangibles for each of the five years 2008 through 2012 is as follows:

| | Estimated Amortization Expense (In thousands) |
|------|--|
| 2008 | \$ 908 |
| 2009 | 561 |
| 2010 | 445 |
| 2011 | 445 |
| 2012 | 445 |

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(9) STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

On December 24, 2007, the Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to \$75 million of our common stock over a 12 month period. Purchases under the program may be made from time-to-time in the open market, through privately negotiated transactions, through block trades, Rule 10b5-1 trading plans or other available means. There is no minimum or maximum number of shares that may be repurchased under the program and the program may be discontinued at any time, without prior notice. During the quarter ended March 31, 2008, we repurchased and retired 2,744,000 shares of our common stock at an average market price of \$12.95 per share. All shares repurchased were executed in the open market and no shares were repurchased from related parties. Repurchased shares were retired and assumed the status of authorized and unissued shares.

On April 22, 2008, the Company suspended repurchases of its common stock through the 10b5-1 trading plan.

(10) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

We are involved in disputes and legal actions from time to time in the ordinary course of our business. For a description of the material pending legal proceedings to which we are a party,

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please see our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2008

On April 9, 2008, the Company was served with a complaint filed on December 20, 2007 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas by Celerity, Inc., alleging infringement by the Company's PI-980 Mass Flow Controller product of 5 U.S. patents owned by Celerity and seeking injunctive and monetary relief. Upon review of the allegations in the complaint, the Company believes that its PI-980 product does not infringe any claim of Celerity's patents. We do not expect this litigation to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Between January 15 and April 28, 2008, the Customs Office of Taipei, Taiwan issued a series of orders to the Company's Taiwanese subsidiary, Advanced Energy Taiwan, Ltd., requiring that certain Company products manufactured in mainland China and allegedly imported without proper authorization be removed from Taiwan. The Company has protested the orders based upon recent rulings of the Taiwan Bureau of Foreign Trade that the products were authorized for unrestricted import. The Company believes that even if its protest is unsuccessful, the cost of compliance with the orders would be immaterial to the Company's operations.

The Company has firm purchase commitments and agreements with various suppliers to ensure the availability of components. The obligation at March 31, 2008 under these arrangements is approximately \$43.8 million. Primarily all amounts under these arrangements are due in 2008. Actual expenditures will vary based upon the volume of the transactions and length of contractual service provided. In addition, the amounts paid under these arrangements may be less in the event that the arrangements are renegotiated or cancelled. Certain agreements provide for potential cancellation penalties. Upon cancellation of a purchase commitment, the Company may be required to pay a cancellation penalty or accept inventory purchased by the supplier designated for the Company's account. The Company recognizes such losses when the loss is probable. No such losses from purchase commitments have been recognized during the quarters ended March 31, 2008 or 2007.

(11) EARNINGS PER SHARE

As of March 31, 2008, stock options and restricted stock units totaling approximately 4.0 million were outstanding, and as of March 31, 2007, 3.4 million were outstanding. Not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share are 3.6 million and 2.7 million stock options for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, due to the anti-dilutive effect of these shares.

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

| (In thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|-------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Earnings per common share | | |
| Net income | \$ 5,966 | \$ 12,671 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 44,662 | 44,941 |
| Earnings per common share | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.28 |
| Earnings per common share assuming dilution | | |
| Net income | \$ 5,966 | \$ 12,671 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 44,662 | 44,941 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | |
| Stock options and restricted stock units | 403 | 695 |
| Adjusted weighted average common shares outstanding | 45,065 | 45,636 |

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| Earnings per common share assuming dilution | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.28 |
|---|---------|---------|

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The Company has operations in the United States, Asia Pacific and Europe. The following is a summary of the Company's operations by geographic region:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Sales (1): | | |
| United States | \$ 42,200 | \$ 61,023 |
| Asia Pacific | 34,813 | 32,654 |
| Europe | 11,767 | 13,331 |
| Rest of world | 107 | 315 |
| | \$ 88,887 | \$ 107,323 |

(1) These sales amounts do not contemplate where our customers may subsequently transfer our products.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Income (loss) from operations: | | |
| United States | \$ (5,667) | \$ 12,095 |
| Asia Pacific | 11,596 | 5,785 |
| Europe | 3,498 | 1,084 |
| Intercompany elimination | (2,046) | (1,024) |
| | \$ 7,381 | \$ 17,940 |

| | March 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Long-lived assets: | | |
| United States | \$ 19,003 | \$ 19,203 |
| Asia Pacific | 17,974 | 17,526 |
| Europe | 1,021 | 980 |
| | \$ 37,998 | \$ 37,709 |

Intercompany sales between the Company's geographic areas are recorded on the basis of intercompany prices established by the Company.

Applied Materials, Inc. is the Company's largest customer and accounted for 25.7% and 29.5% of the Company's sales for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and 2007. No other customer accounted for 10% or more of the

Company's sales during these periods.

(13) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

As stated in Note 1. Basis of Presentation And Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, on January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the methods of fair value as described in SFAS No. 157 to value its financial assets and liabilities. As defined in SFAS No. 157, fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, SFAS No. 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

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Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

Level 2: Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by direct or indirect market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs, developed using the Company's estimates and assumptions, which reflect those that market participants would use. Such inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

Determining where an asset or liability falls within the hierarchy depends on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole. In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible and considers counterparty credit risk in the assessment of fair value.

Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value as of March 31, 2008 are classified in the table below in one of the three categories described above:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Certificates of deposit | \$ 16,457 | \$ | \$ | \$ 16,457 |
| Municipal bonds/notes | 15,866 | | | 15,866 |
| Auction rate securities | | | 38,851 | 38,851 |
| Long-term deposit account | 1,734 | | | 1,734 |
| Common stock | 4 | | | 4 |
| Institutional money markets | 5,493 | | | 5,493 |
| Total | \$ 39,554 | \$ | \$ 38,851 | \$ 78,405 |

Due to the lack of observable market quotes on the Company's auction rate portfolio, the Company utilizes a valuation model that relies exclusively on Level 3 inputs including market segment, tax status, credit quality, duration, recent market observations and overall capital market liquidity. The valuation of the Company's ARS investment portfolio is subject to uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Factors that may impact the Company's valuation include changes to credit ratings of the securities as well as to the underlying assets supporting those securities, rates of default of the underlying assets, underlying collateral value, discount rates, counterparty risk and ongoing strength and quality of market credit and liquidity. The Company concluded that the fair value of their auction rate securities at March 31, 2008 was \$38.9 million, a decline of \$1.6 million from par value at December 31, 2007. The decline in fair value from December 31, 2007 was deemed temporary as the Company believes the decline in fair value of these investments is due to general market conditions, and the Company has the intent and ability to hold these investments until anticipated recovery in fair value occurs. Accordingly, the Company recorded an unrealized decline in fair value on the securities held of \$1.2 million, net of taxes, in other comprehensive income.

The Company continues to monitor the market for auction rate securities and consider its impact (if any) on the fair value of its investments. If the current market conditions deteriorate further, if a secondary market emerges for these securities or if the anticipated recovery in fair

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values does not occur, the Company may be required to record additional unrealized losses in other comprehensive income or other than temporary impairment charges in future periods.

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

Special Note on Forward-Looking Statements

The following discussion contains, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Statements that are other than historical information are forward-looking statements. For example, statements relating to our beliefs, expectations and plans are forward-looking statements, as are statements that certain actions, conditions or circumstances will continue. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks and uncertainties are described below and in other filings we make with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. As a result, our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or the reasons why our actual results might differ.

OVERVIEW

We design, manufacture and support complex power conversion and control systems, and gas flow control and thermal measurement devices used in plasma-based, thin-film processing equipment. This equipment is essential to the manufacture of products including the following:

Semiconductor devices for electronics applications;

Flat panel displays for hand-held devices and computer and television screens;

Compact discs, DVDs, magnetic hard drives and other digital storage media;

Solar panels or photovoltaics;

Low emissivity or Low E glass;

Optical coatings for eyeglasses;

Barrier coatings for architectural glass;

Industrial laser and medical applications; and

Other markets where thin film deposition is a critical part of the manufacturing process.

We also design, manufacture and support commercial grade inverters for the solar power market which convert power generated by solar panels into usable power.

Our global network of service centers provides local repair and field service capability in key regions. Our installed base provides a recurring revenue opportunity as we sell repair services, conversions, upgrades and refurbishments.

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We provide solutions to a diverse range of markets and geographic regions with the semiconductor capital market being our largest market and sales to the solar market as our second largest market. Sales to customers in the semiconductor capital equipment industry comprised 65% of our sales in the first quarter of 2008 and 71% of our sales in the first quarter of 2007. Sales to customers in the solar market comprised 9% of our sales in the first quarter of 2008 and 7% of our sales in the first quarter of 2007. Other markets we sell to include flat panel display, data storage, architectural glass, solar cell and other industrial thin-film manufacturing equipment. Our customers in the semiconductor and other markets are large OEMs and we derive additional revenue by providing services to their customers. Our solar inverter revenue is included in the sales to the solar market.

Results of Operations**OVERVIEW**

Sales for the first quarter of 2008 were \$88.9 million, a 17.1% decrease over first quarter 2007 sales of \$107.3 million. In the first quarter of 2008, we generated net income from operations of \$7.4 million, or 8.3% of sales, compared to the first quarter of 2007, when we generated net income from operations of \$17.9 million, or 16.7% of sales. Gross margin decreased to 40.3% in the first quarter of 2008 from 45.0% in the first quarter of 2007. We generated earnings of \$0.13 per diluted share in the first quarter of 2008 and \$0.28 per diluted share in the first quarter of 2007.

SALES

The following tables summarize our unaudited net sales and percentages of net sales by customer type for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Increase/ (Decrease) | % Change |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 (In thousands) | | |
| Semiconductor capital equipment | \$ 57,669 | \$ 76,123 | \$ (18,454) | (24%) |
| Non-semiconductor capital equipment | 31,218 | 31,200 | 18 | 0% |
| Total sales | \$ 88,887 | \$ 107,323 | \$ (18,436) | (17%) |

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| % of sales | 2008 | 2007 |
| Semiconductor capital equipment | 65% | 71% |
| Non-semiconductor capital equipment | 35% | 29% |
| | 100% | 100% |

The following tables summarize our unaudited net sales and percentages of net sales by geographic region for the three-month periods March 31, 2008 and 2007:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Increase/ (Decrease) | % Change |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 (In thousands) | | |

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------|
| Sales (1): | | | | |
| United States | \$ 42,200 | \$ 61,023 | \$ (18,823) | (31%) |
| Asia Pacific | 34,813 | 32,654 | 2,159 | 7% |
| Europe | 11,767 | 13,331 | (1,564) | (12%) |
| Rest of world | 107 | 315 | (208) | (66%) |
| Total sales | \$ 88,887 | \$ 107,323 | \$ (18,436) | (17%) |

(1) These sales amounts do not contemplate where our customers may subsequently transfer our products.

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| % of sales | Three Months Ended March | |
|----------------|--------------------------|------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| United States. | 47% | 57% |
| Asia Pacific | 39% | 30% |
| Europe | 14% | 13% |
| | 100% | 100% |

Sales were \$88.9 million in the first quarter of 2008, a decrease of 17.1% over sales of \$107.3 million in the first quarter of 2007, due primarily to a decline in demand in the semiconductor capital equipment industry. The semiconductor capital equipment market is highly cyclical and is impacted by changes in the macroeconomic environment, changes in semiconductor supply and demand and rapid technological advances in both semiconductor devices and wafer fabrication processes. Our sales to the semiconductor capital equipment industry decreased approximately 24% compared to the first quarter of 2007, primarily driven by the decreased demand that our semiconductor capital equipment customers have experienced.

GROSS PROFIT

Our gross profit was \$35.8 million, or 40.3% of sales, in the first quarter of 2008 compared to \$48.3 million, or 45.0% of sales, in the first quarter of 2007. The decrease in our gross margin is primarily attributed to lower sales without a corresponding decrease in fixed costs.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

The markets for our products is constantly undergoing technological changes driving for higher performance, lower cost, and other attributes that will advance the end market products. We believe that continued and timely development of new and differentiated products, as well as enhancements to existing products to support customer requirements, is critical for us to compete in the markets we serve. Accordingly, we devote significant personnel and financial resources to the development of new products and the enhancement of existing products, and we expect these investments to continue. Since inception, all of our research and development costs have been expensed as incurred.

Our research and development expenses were \$13.1 million, or 14.7% of sales, in the first quarter of 2008 and \$12.0 million, or 11.2% of sales, in the first quarter of 2007. The 8.3% increase from 2007 to 2008 was primarily due to increased spending, primarily compensation expense, on development of new and existing platforms to support business growth.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Our selling expenses support our global sales and marketing activities that include personnel, trade shows, advertising, third-party sales representative commissions and other selling and marketing activities. Our general and administrative expenses support our worldwide corporate, legal, patent, tax, financial, governance, administrative, information systems and human resource functions in addition to our general management.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses were \$14.5 million, or 16.3% of sales, for the first quarter of 2008 and \$15.2 million, or 14.2% of sales, for the first quarter of 2007.

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The \$0.7 million decrease in SG&A expenses from 2007 to 2008 was primarily due to lower commissions due to lower sales partially offset by \$700,000 in bad debt expense incurred in the first quarter of 2008 related to one customer.

RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

We incurred restructuring charges of \$674,000 in the first quarter of 2008 as the result of restructuring a portion of our administrative operations. The charges were severance charges incurred as the result of restructuring a portion of our administrative operations. We expect to incur an additional \$450,000 in connection with this restructuring during 2008.

Our restructuring charges in the first quarter of 2007 were incurred in conjunction with the closing of our manufacturing, distribution, and research and development facility located in Stolberg, Germany. The closure of such facility was completed by October 31, 2007. Related to this closure, we recorded restructuring charges of \$2.8 million in the first quarter of 2007, consisting of employee severance and benefit costs associated with the reduction of employees at the facility and an asset impairment charge of approximately \$900,000 relating to the write-down to estimated fair value of certain real and personal property also at the facility.

OTHER INCOME, NET

Other income, net consists primarily of investment income and expense, foreign exchange gains and losses and other miscellaneous gains, losses, income and expense items. Other income decreased 41.8% to \$905,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2008 from \$1.6 million in the three months ended March 31, 2007 primarily due to lower interest rates and increased foreign exchange loss due to strengthening of the Japanese yen and the euro in relation to the U.S. dollar.

PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision for the first quarter of 2008 was \$2.3 million which represented an effective tax rate of 28%, compared to the income tax provision for the first quarter of 2007 of \$6.8 million which represented an effective tax rate of 35.0%. The decrease in the effective tax rate resulted primarily from a lower tax rate for our subsidiary in Germany as well as a change in the income profile at our subsidiary companies, whereby more income was generated at our lower income tax subsidiaries during the quarter, and this trend is expected to continue.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2008, our principal sources of liquidity consisted of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of \$136.9 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2008, our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities decreased \$68.4 million, or 33.3%, from \$205.3 million at December 31, 2007, primarily due to the reclassification of \$38.9 million of our auction rate securities to long-term securities and \$35.6 million of company stock purchases related to our stock repurchase program. Our working capital decreased \$71.5 million, or 23%, to \$234.4 million at March 31, 2008 from \$306.0 million at December 31, 2007.

Our investment securities include auction rate securities that are not currently liquid or readily available to convert to cash. We do not believe that the current liquidity issues related to our auction rate securities will impact our ability to fund our ongoing business operations. However, if the global credit crisis persists or intensifies, it is possible that we will be required to further adjust the fair value of our auction rate securities. If we determine that the decline in the

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fair value of our auction rate securities is other than temporary, it would result in an impairment charge being recognized on our statement of income, which could be material and which could adversely affect our financial results. In addition, the lack of liquidity associated with these investments may require us to access our available lines of credit more frequently than otherwise until some or all of our auction rate securities are liquidated.

Operating activities provided cash of \$1.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2008 primarily due to lower profitability and reduced non-cash charges.

Investing activities provided \$32.6 million of cash in the three months ended March 31, 2008 and used \$20.8 million in the three months ended March 31, 2007 primarily due to activity related to the purchase and sale of marketable securities. Capital expenditures in the first three months of 2008 were \$1.6 million, compared to capital expenditures of \$1.4 million in the first three months of 2007. We expect our total capital expenditures in 2008 to be approximately \$8 million to \$10 million.

Financing activities used cash of \$35.9 million in the first three months of 2008 compared to cash provided of \$1.5 million in the first three months of 2007 primarily due our purchase and retirement of treasury stock in the first three months of 2008.

We expect our cash flows from financing activities to continue to fluctuate in the future. Our payments under capital lease obligations may also increase in the future if we enter into additional capital lease obligations or utilize our line of credit.

We believe that our working capital, together with cash anticipated to be generated by operations will be sufficient to satisfy our anticipated liquidity requirements for the next twelve months.

Critical Accounting Policies

In preparing our financial statements, we must make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe that the following critical accounting policies, as discussed in this Form 10-Q and/or our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements:

Revenue recognition

Reserve for warranty

Reserve for excess and obsolete inventory

Stock-based compensation

Commitments and contingencies

Fair value measurements

Income taxes

Valuation of intangible assets

Long-lived assets including intangible assets subject to amortization

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our investment securities currently include \$38.9 million of auction rate securities. While the underlying securities generally have long-term nominal maturities that exceed one year, the interest rates reset periodically in scheduled auctions (generally every 7-35 days). We have the opportunity to sell these investments during such periodic auctions subject to the availability of buyers. During the first quarter of 2008, issues in the global credit and capital markets led to failed auctions with respect to a large portion of our auction rate securities. As a result, we recorded a \$1.6 million unrealized loss (\$1.2 million net of taxes) related to these investments. We believe that we will be able to liquidate the investments at par within a reasonable time period. However, volatility in the credit markets could continue to negatively impact the liquidity of the investments and lead to additional adjustments to their carrying value. See Notes 5 and 13 to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements included in this Report and the Risk Factors set forth in Part II, Item 1A of this Report for more information. There were no additional material changes in the Company's exposure to market risk from December 31, 2007.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we conducted an evaluation, with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to the Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b). Based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2008. The conclusions of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer from this evaluation were communicated to the Audit Committee. We intend to continue to review and document our disclosure controls and procedures, including our internal controls and procedures for financial reporting, and may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that our systems evolve with our business.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On April 9, 2008, the Company was served with a complaint filed on December 20, 2007 in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas by Celerity, Inc., alleging

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infringement by the Company's PI-980 Mass Flow Controller product of 5 U.S. patents owned by Celerity and seeking injunctive and monetary relief. Upon review of the allegations in the complaint, the Company believes that its PI-980 product does not infringe any claim of Celerity's patents. We do not expect this litigation to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

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We are involved in disputes and legal actions from time to time in the ordinary course of our business. For a description of the material pending legal proceedings to which we are a party, please see our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2008

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Item 1A, Risk Factors, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 describes some of the risks and uncertainties associated with our business. Other factors may also exist that we cannot anticipate or that we currently do not consider to be significant based on information that is currently available. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and future results.

Although we do not believe that there have been any material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in the Risk Factors section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, the risk factors set forth below have been updated with more current information.

A significant portion of our sales is concentrated among a few customers.

Our ten largest customers accounted for 56% of our total sales in the first quarter 2008. Applied Materials, Inc., our largest customer, accounted for 26% of our sales in the three months ended March 31, 2008. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of our sales during this period. The loss of any of our significant customers or a material reduction in any of their purchase orders could significantly harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our customers continually exert pressure on us to reduce our prices and extend payment terms. Given the nature of our customer base and the highly competitive markets in which we compete, we may be required to reduce our prices or extend payment terms to remain competitive. We may not be able to reduce our expenses in an amount sufficient to offset potential margin declines.

Funds associated with auction rate securities that we have traditionally held as short-term investments may not be liquid or readily available.

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As discussed previously in this Report, our investment securities include auction rate securities that are not currently liquid or readily available to convert to cash. We do not believe that the current liquidity issues related to our auction rate securities will impact our ability to fund our ongoing business operations. However, if the global credit crisis persists or intensifies or if a secondary market results in lower values, it is possible that we will be required to further adjust the fair value of our auction rate securities. If we determine that the decline in the fair value of our auction rate securities is other than temporary, it would result in an impairment charge being recognized on our statement of income which could be material and which could adversely affect our financial results. In addition, the lack of liquidity associated with these investments may require us to access our available lines of credit more frequently until some or all of our auction rate securities are liquidated.

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

On December 27, 2007, the Company announced a stock repurchase program under which the Company is authorized to acquire from time to time up to an aggregate of \$75 million in Common Stock (the Stock Repurchase Program).

Below is a summary of the Company's purchases of its common stock during the three months ended March 31, 2008 under the Stock Repurchase Program[, all of which occurred in [month]].

| | Total Number of Shares Purchased (in thousands) | Average Price per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Programs (in thousands) |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| January 1 to March 31 | 2,744 | \$12.95 | 2,744 |

The remaining authorized amount at March 31, 2008 was approximately \$39.4 million.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibits:

- 10.1 Executive Change in Control Agreement, dated March 29, 2008, by and among Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. and Hans Georg Betz (Incorporated by reference to

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- Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report of Advanced Energy Industries Inc. on Form 8-K (File No. 000-26966) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 4, 2008.
- 10.2 Executive Change in Control Agreement, dated March 29, 2008, by and among Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. and Lawrence D. Firestone (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report of Advanced Energy Industries Inc. on Form 8-K (File No. 000-26966) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 4, 2008.
- 10.3 Executive Change in Control Agreement, dated March 29, 2008, by and among Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. and Yuval Wasserman (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report of Advanced Energy Industries Inc. on Form 8-K (File No. 000-26966) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 4, 2008.
- 10.4 Executive Transition Agreement dated as of December 31, 2007, by and between Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. and Charles S. Rhoades
- 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of the Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
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SIGNATURE

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.

ADVANCED ENERGY INDUSTRIES,
INC.

Dated: May 9, 2008

/s/ Lawrence D. Firestone
Lawrence D. Firestone
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial
Officer

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

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