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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-Q
QUARTERLY REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarter ended February 26, 2005

REGISTRANT: CLARCOR Inc. (Delaware)

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

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

For the quarterly period ended February 26, 2005

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-11024

CLARCOR Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

36-0922490

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

840 Crescent Centre Drive, Suite 600, Franklin, TN

37067

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code

615-771-3100

No Change

 (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 Exchange Act Rule 12b-2) Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the close of the period covered by this report.

25,759,944 common shares outstanding

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Part I - Item 1

CLARCOR Inc.
 CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Dollars in thousands)

	February 26, 2005 ----- (unaudited)	November 30, 2004 -----
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and short-term cash investments	\$ 16,181	\$ 22,520
Accounts receivable, less allowance for losses of \$9,949 for 2005 and \$9,557 for 2004	138,256	143,719
Inventories:		
Raw materials	41,907	39,630
Work in process	18,006	14,432
Finished products	62,285	61,509
Total inventories	----- 122,198	----- 115,571
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,969	5,111
Deferred income taxes	17,255	17,069
Total current assets	----- 298,859	----- 303,990
Plant assets at cost, less accumulated depreciation	334,584 (193,963)	331,170 (188,928)
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	140,621	142,242
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Goodwill	103,371	103,174
Trademarks	29,494	29,494
Customer relationships, less accumulated amortization	7,722	7,845
Other acquired intangibles, less accumulated amortization	7,086	7,276
Pension assets	24,521	24,574
Other noncurrent assets	9,326	9,202
	-----	-----
	\$ 621,000	\$ 627,797
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 306	\$ 420
Accounts payable	53,751	63,605
Income taxes	10,644	7,993
Accrued employee compensation	13,072	23,768
Other accrued liabilities	33,305	30,486
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Total current liabilities	111,078	126,272
	-----	-----
Long-term debt, less current portion	16,042	24,130
Postretirement health care benefits	4,352	4,380
Long-term pension liabilities	12,418	11,256
Deferred income taxes	26,704	26,778
Other long-term liabilities	5,539	4,874
Minority interests	1,803	1,645
Contingencies		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Capital stock	25,760	25,612
Capital in excess of par value	28,080	23,995
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings	2,167	1,671
Retained earnings	387,057	377,184
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	443,064	428,462
	-----	-----
	\$ 621,000	\$ 627,797
	=====	=====

See Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

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CLARCOR Inc.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS
(Dollars in thousands except per share data)
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended	
February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
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Net sales	\$ 196,261	\$ 175,272
Cost of sales	139,242	123,788
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Gross profit	57,019	51,484
Selling and administrative expenses	35,939	33,671
	-----	-----
Operating profit	21,080	17,813
	-----	-----
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	(143)	(118)
Interest income	114	51
Other, net	(283)	652
	-----	-----
	(312)	585
	-----	-----
Earnings before income taxes and minority interests	20,768	18,398
Provision for income taxes	7,536	6,703
	-----	-----
Earnings before minority interests	13,232	11,695
Minority interests in earnings of subsidiaries	(78)	(34)
	-----	-----
Net earnings	\$ 13,154	\$ 11,661
	=====	=====
Net earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.46
	=====	=====
Diluted	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.45
	=====	=====
Average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	25,722,208	25,368,917
	=====	=====
Diluted	26,160,899	25,813,606
	=====	=====
Dividends paid per share	\$ 0.1275	\$ 0.1250
	=====	=====

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CLARCOR Inc.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	Three Months Ended	
	February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings	\$ 13,154	\$ 11,661
Depreciation	5,214	4,602
Amortization	315	190
Changes in assets and liabilities	(7,437)	(993)
Other, net	75	(653)
	-----	-----
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,321	14,807
	-----	-----
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to plant assets	(3,575)	(5,242)
Other, net	39	1,407
	-----	-----
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,536)	(3,835)
	-----	-----
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds (payments) under line of credit	(7,500)	1,500
Payments on long-term debt	(702)	(34)
Cash dividends paid	(3,281)	(3,175)
Other, net	(2,787)	297
	-----	-----
Net cash used in financing activities	(14,270)	(1,412)
	-----	-----
Net effect of exchange rate changes on cash	146	242
	-----	-----
Net change in cash and short-term cash investments	(6,339)	9,802
Cash and short-term cash investments, beginning of period	22,520	8,348
	-----	-----
Cash and short-term cash investments, end of period	\$ 16,181	\$ 18,150
	=====	=====
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	\$ 156	\$ 117
	=====	=====
Income taxes	\$ 3,509	\$ 5,962
	=====	=====

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1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated condensed balance sheet as of February 26, 2005, the consolidated condensed statements of earnings and the consolidated condensed statements of cash flows for the periods ended February 26, 2005, and February 28, 2004, have been prepared by the Company without audit. The financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as those in the Company's November 27, 2004 annual report on Form 10-K (2004 Form 10-K). The November 30, 2004 consolidated balance sheet data was derived from CLARCOR's year-end audited financial statements as presented in the 2004 Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows have been made. The results of operations for the period ended February 26, 2005 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

2. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method. If the Company had determined compensation expense for its stock-based compensation plans based on the fairvalue at the grant dates, the Company's pro forma net earnings and basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) would have been as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
Net earnings, as reported	\$ 13,154	\$ 11,661
Add stock-based compensation expense, net of tax, included in net earnings	145	122
Less total stock-based compensation expense under the fair value-based method, net of tax	(709)	(713)
Pro forma net earnings	\$ 12,590	\$ 11,070
Basic EPS, as reported	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.46
Pro forma basic EPS	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.44
Diluted EPS, as reported	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.45
Pro forma diluted EPS	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.43

3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Diluted earnings per share reflects the impact of outstanding stock options and restricted stock as if exercised during the periods presented using the treasury stock method. The following table provides a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators utilized in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

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3. EARNINGS PER SHARE (Continued)

	Three Months Ended	
	February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
Net Earnings	\$ 13,154	\$ 11,661
Basic EPS:		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	25,722,208	25,368,917
Basic per share amount	\$ 0.51 =====	\$ 0.46 =====
Diluted EPS:		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	25,722,208	25,368,917
Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock	438,691	444,689
Diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding	26,160,899	25,813,606
Diluted per share amount	\$ 0.50 =====	\$ 0.45 =====

Options with exercise prices greater than the average market price of the common shares during the respective quarter were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share. For the three months ended February 26, 2005, there were no options excluded. For the three months ended February 28, 2004, 293,400 options with a weighted average exercise price of \$45.59 were excluded from the computation.

For the three months ended February 26, 2005, exercises of stock options added \$1,149 to capital in excess of par value.

4. COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS

The Company's total comprehensive earnings and its components are as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
Net earnings	\$13,154	\$11,661
Other comprehensive earnings, net of tax:		

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Foreign currency translation adjustments	496	2,105
	-----	-----
Total comprehensive earnings	\$13,650	\$13,766
	=====	=====

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4. COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS (Continued)

The components of the ending balances of accumulated other comprehensive earnings are as follows: February 26, 2005 November 30, 2004

	February 26, 2005	November 30, 2004
	-----	-----
Minimum pension liability, net of \$1,089 tax	\$ (1,834)	\$ (1,834)
Translation adjustments	4,001	3,505
	-----	-----
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings/(loss)	\$ 2,167	\$ 1,671
	=====	=====

5. GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES

The Company has provided letters of credit totaling approximately \$24,699 to various government agencies, primarily related to industrial revenue bonds, and to insurance companies and other entities in support of its obligations. The Company believes that no payments will be required resulting from these accommodation obligations.

In the ordinary course of business, the Company also provides routine indemnifications and other guarantees whose terms range in duration and often are not explicitly defined. The Company does not believe these will have a material impact on the results of operations or financial condition of the Company.

The Company has a majority ownership interest in a consolidated affiliate in which the Company has agreed, under certain conditions, to buy out the minority owners' interest for an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,200.

Warranties are recorded as a liability on the balance sheet and as charges to current expense for estimated normal warranty costs and, if applicable, for specific performance issues known to exist on products already sold. The expenses estimated to be incurred are provided at the time of sale and adjusted as needed, based primarily upon experience.

Changes in the Company's warranty accrual during the quarter ended February 26, 2005 are as follows:

Balance at November 27, 2004		\$ 1,200
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Accruals for warranties issued during the period	601
Accruals related to pre-existing warranties	72
Settlements made during the period	(325)
Other adjustments, including currency translation	19

Balance at February 26, 2005, included in other current liabilities	\$ 1,567
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6. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLES

The following table summarizes the activity for acquired intangibles by reporting unit for the quarter ended February 26, 2005.

	2005		
	Beginning of Year	Acquisitions	Currency Translation Adjustments
	-----	-----	-----
Goodwill:			
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 16,249	\$ -	\$ 189
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	86,925	-	8
Packaging	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	\$ 103,174	\$ -	\$ 197
	=====	=====	=====
Trademarks:			
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 603	\$ -	\$ -
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	28,891	-	-
Packaging	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	\$ 29,494	\$ -	\$ -
	=====	=====	=====
Customer Relationships, gross:			
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 943	\$ -	\$ -
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	7,844	-	-
Packaging	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	8,787	-	-
Less accumulated amortization	942	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	\$ 7,845	\$ -	\$ -
	=====	=====	=====
Other acquired intangibles, gross:			
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 209	\$ -	\$ 2
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	11,024	-	-
Packaging	-	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	11,233	-	2

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Less accumulated amortization	3,957	-	-
	-----	-----	-----
	\$ 7,276	\$ -	\$ 2
	=====	=====	=====

Amortization expense is estimated to be \$1,259 in 2005, \$1,191 in 2006, \$1,125 in 2007, \$1,006 in 2008 and \$818 in 2009.

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7. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Company provides various retirement benefits, including defined benefit plans and postretirement health care plans covering certain current and retired employees in the U.S. and abroad. Components of net periodic benefit cost and company contributions for these plans were as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
	-----	-----
Pension Benefits		
Components of net periodic benefit cost:		
Service cost	\$ 947	\$ 879
Interest cost	1,568	1,474
Expected return on plan assets	(1,881)	(1,738)
Amortization of unrecognized:		
Prior service cost	40	39
Net actuarial loss	524	344
	-----	-----
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 1,198	\$ 998
	=====	=====
Contributions	\$ 125	\$ 79
	=====	=====
Postretirement Healthcare Benefits		
Components of net periodic benefit cost:		
Service cost	\$ 8	\$ 31
Interest cost	26	55
Amortization of unrecognized:		
Prior service cost	(31)	-
Net actuarial gain	(19)	(8)
	-----	-----
Net periodic benefit cost/(income)	\$ (16)	\$ 78
	=====	=====
Contributions	\$ 66	\$ 64
	=====	=====

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In November 2004, the Company notified active participants that it will freeze participation in the postretirement healthcare plan to eligible retirees effective January 1, 2007. As a result, unrecognized prior service costs of \$1,708 will be amortized over the average remaining years of service for active plan participants, which will lower fiscal 2005 expense by approximately \$340.

The Company's policy is to contribute to the qualified U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans at least the minimum amount required by applicable laws and regulations, to contribute to the nonqualified plan when required for benefit payments, and to contribute to the postretirement benefit plan an amount equal to the benefit payments. During 2005, the minimum required contribution for the U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans is expected to be zero. The Company from

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7. RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

time to time makes contributions in excess of the minimum amount required as economic conditions warrant. The Company does not expect to make contributions to the U.S. qualified plan in 2005; however it does expect to fund \$421 for the U.S. nonqualified plan, \$220 for the non-U.S. plan and \$265 for the postretirement benefit plan to pay benefits during 2005.

8. CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved in legal actions arising in the normal course of business. Additionally, the Company is party to various proceedings relating to environmental issues. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or other responsible state agencies have designated the Company as a potentially responsible party (PRP), along with other companies, in remedial activities for the cleanup of waste sites under the federal Superfund statute.

Although it is not certain what future environmental claims, if any, may be asserted, the Company currently believes that its potential liability for known environmental matters does not exceed its present accrual of \$50. However, environmental and related remediation costs are difficult to quantify for a number of reasons, including the number of parties involved, the difficulty in determining the extent of the contamination, the length of time remediation may require, the complexity of the environmental regulation and the continuing advancement of remediation technology. Applicable federal law may impose joint and several liability on each PRP for the cleanup.

It is the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel that additional liabilities, if any, resulting from these legal or environmental issues, are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or consolidated results of operations.

In the event of a change in control of the Company, termination benefits may be required for certain executive officers and other key employees.

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9. SEGMENT DATA

The Company operates in three principal product segments: Engine/Mobile Filtration, Industrial/Environmental Filtration, and Packaging. The segment data for the three months ended February 26, 2005 and February 28, 2004, respectively, are shown below. Net sales represent sales to unaffiliated customers as reported in the consolidated condensed statements of earnings. Intersegment sales were not material.

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10. SEGMENT DATA (Continued)

	Three Months Ended	
	February 26, 2005	February 28, 2004
Net sales:		
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 83,129	\$ 70,800
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	97,198	88,962
Packaging	15,934	15,510
	\$ 196,261	\$ 175,272
	=====	=====
Operating profit:		
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 16,778	\$ 14,425
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	3,969	3,252
Packaging	333	136
	21,080	17,813
Other income (expense)	(312)	585
	-----	-----
Earnings before income taxes and minority earnings	\$ 20,768	\$ 18,398
	=====	=====
Identifiable assets:		
Engine/Mobile Filtration	\$ 187,062	\$ 161,777
Industrial/Environmental Filtration	345,923	300,449
Packaging	41,313	41,140
Corporate	46,702	44,999
	\$ 621,000	\$ 548,365
	=====	=====

11. RECENT RELEVANT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

On December 16, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment," which requires companies to expense the value of employee stock options and similar awards. SFAS No.

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123R is effective for the Company's fourth quarter 2005. Adoption of this standard is expected to reduce the Company's net earnings and earnings per share for interim and annual periods after adoption. Management has not fully determined the impact of adopting SFAS No. 123R, but expects fourth quarter EPS to be reduced by approximately \$0.02 to \$0.03 if the modified prospective method of reporting is selected.

On December 21, 2004, the FASB issued two FSPs regarding the accounting implications of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Act). FSP No. 109-1, "Application of FASB Statement No. 109 'Accounting for Income Taxes' to the Tax Deduction on Qualified Production Activities Provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004" is not expected to have an effect on the Company's effective tax rate until fiscal 2006. FSP No. 109-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004" was effective for fiscal 2004 and allows the Company additional time to evaluate the impact of the Act on its plan for repatriation of foreign earnings. The Company is currently exploring a one time repatriation of earnings from certain foreign affiliates but has not made a decision regarding such repatriation.

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13. ACQUISITION

Subsequent to the end of the first quarter of 2005, the Company acquired Niagara Screen Products Limited (Niagara), a manufacturer of woven wire and metallic screening and filtration products, located in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada for approximately \$3,600 in cash. Niagara became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and will be included in the Industrial/Environmental Filtration segment beginning in the second quarter of 2005. The settlement of final purchase price adjustments and allocation of the purchase price to major categories of assets and liabilities will be completed during the second half of 2005.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: FIRST QUARTER OF 2005 COMPARED WITH FIRST QUARTER OF 2004.

CLARCOR reported record sales, operating profit and net earnings for the first quarter of 2005. Sales increased 12.0%, operating profit increased 18.3% and net earnings increased 12.8% over the same quarter in 2004.

Net sales of \$196,261,000 increased from \$175,272,000 reported for the first quarter of 2004. Sales from the fourth quarter 2004 acquisition of Purolator EFP added approximately \$6,300,000 and a small acquisition at the beginning of the second quarter 2004 added approximately \$1,700,000 to first quarter 2005. Fluctuations in foreign currency translation did not have a material impact on

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the 2005 quarter.

The Engine/Mobile Filtration segment reported increased sales of 17.4% to \$83,129,000 from \$70,800,000 in 2004. This increase was primarily due to additional sales of heavy-duty filters through domestic and international aftermarket distribution, OEM dealers and national accounts and sales to railroads and railroad equipment maintenance companies. Sales related to a second quarter 2004 acquisition added approximately \$1,700,000 in first quarter 2005 sales. Price increases related primarily to higher material costs also increased sales for the quarter.

The Company's Industrial/Environmental Filtration segment recorded a 9.3% overall increase in sales to \$97,198,000 for the 2005 quarter from \$88,962,000 for the 2004 first quarter. Included in the sales increase is approximately \$6,300,000 from Purolator EFP which was acquired in fourth quarter 2004. Sales increased, both domestically and internationally, in several specialty filtration markets including oil and gas drilling, aviation and process liquid. Sales levels in the 2005 quarter were lower for HVAC filters used in commercial and residential applications due in part to reduced filter usage in manufacturing facilities including automobile and automotive parts manufacturing plants.

The Packaging segment reported sales of \$15,934,000 compared to \$15,510,000 in 2004. Sales increases for the quarter were primarily related to flat sheet metal decorating and price increases that more than offset a decrease in plastic packaging sales.

Operating profit for the first quarter of 2005 was \$21,080,000 compared to \$17,813,000 in 2004, an 18.3% increase. The operating profit increase resulted primarily from the Engine/Mobile segment's sales growth, continued cost reduction programs throughout each of the business segments and from Purolator EFP which was acquired in the fourth quarter 2004.

The Engine/Mobile Filtration segment recorded an operating profit increase in 2005 of 16.3% compared to 2004. This increase resulted primarily from sales growth, cost reduction programs and favorable capacity utilization. The segment's operating margin was 20.2% compared to 20.4% recorded in the first quarter of 2004. Price increases initiated during the second half of 2004 and in 2005 have substantially offset higher costs of purchased materials and other cost increases. Additional pricing changes are expected to be made if additional cost increases are incurred.

The Industrial/Environmental Filtration segment reported operating profit of \$3,969,000 in 2005 compared to \$3,252,000 in 2004. The majority of the additional profit is attributed to Purolator EFP.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS, Continued

Operating profit improved related to sales increases of higher margin specialty filtration products that offset reduced operating profit due to lower sales of HVAC products. The segment's operating margin improved to 4.1% compared to 3.7% in the 2004 quarter.

The Packaging segment's operating profit in the 2005 quarter was \$333,000 compared to \$136,000 in 2004. The improvement resulted primarily from improved sales levels of metal packaging products and cost reduction programs initiated since the first quarter of 2004. Price increases to customers substantially

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offset cost increases incurred for purchased materials.

Net other expense for the 2005 quarter of \$312,000 included interest expense of \$143,000, foreign currency exchange losses of \$234,000 and interest income of \$114,000. Net other income in 2004 of \$585,000 included a \$720,000 gain related to the sale of a building, interest expense of \$118,000 and interest income of \$51,000.

Earnings before income taxes and minority interests for the first quarter of 2005 totaled \$20,768,000, compared to \$18,398,000 in the comparable quarter last year. The provision for income taxes in 2005 was \$7,536,000 compared to \$6,703,000 in 2004. The effective rate was 36.3% in 2005 and 36.4% in 2004. The Company expects that the overall effective tax rate for fiscal 2005 will be approximately 36.3%.

Net earnings in the first quarter of the current year were \$13,154,000, or \$0.50 per share on a diluted basis. Net earnings in the first quarter of 2004 were \$11,661,000, or \$0.45 per share on a diluted basis. Diluted average shares outstanding were 26,160,899 at the end of the first quarter of 2005, an increase of 1.3% from the average of 25,813,606 for the 2004 quarter.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$11,321,000 in first quarter 2005 compared to \$14,807,000 in 2004, primarily due to increased investment in working capital in the 2005 quarter. For first quarter 2005, cash flows for investing activities totaled \$3,536,000 and included \$3,575,000 used for plant asset additions. In the 2004 quarter, \$5,242,000 was used for additions to plant assets and \$1,407,000 was received from the sale of plant assets. Cash flows used in financing activities totaled \$14,270,000 in 2005 and included net payments of \$8,202,000 on debt agreements and \$3,281,000 used for dividend payments. Cash flows used in financing activities of \$1,412,000 in 2004 included net proceeds from debt agreements of \$1,500,000 and dividend payments of \$3,175,000.

CLARCOR's current operations continue to generate cash and sufficient lines of credit remain available to fund current operating needs, pay dividends, fund planned capital expenditures, and provide for interest payments and required principal payments related to the Company's debt agreements. There were no borrowings at the end of the first quarter 2005 on a \$165 million multicurrency revolving credit facility. The credit facility also includes a \$40 million letter of credit line subline, against which \$8,491,000 had been issued at the end of the first quarter of 2005. Other long-term debt totaled \$16,348,000 at the end of the 2005 quarter. The Company is in compliance with all covenants related to debt agreements.

The Company expects to continue to use future additional cash flow for dividends, capital expenditures and acquisitions. Capital expenditures in fiscal year 2005 are expected to be

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approximately \$20 million to \$22 million and will be used primarily for normal facility improvements, productivity improvements, improvements to technical centers, and to support new products. Early in the second quarter of 2005, the Company acquired a small filtration company in Canada for approximately \$3.6 million, subject to settlement with the sellers of the final amount of net

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assets acquired. The Company's off-balance sheet arrangements relate to various operating leases. The Company had no derivative, swap, hedge, variable interest entity or special purpose entity agreements during 2005 or 2004.

The following table summarizes the Company's fixed cash obligations for the various future years ending November 30:

(Dollars in thousands)

	2005	2006 & 2007	2008 & 2009	Thereafter
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Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,018	\$ 220	\$ -	\$ 15,812
Credit Facility	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Leases	\$ 9,267	\$14,315	\$ 7,922	\$ 9,612

While changes in customer demand for the Company's products will affect operating cash flow, the Company is not aware of any known trends, demands or reasonably likely events that would materially affect cash flow from operations in the future. It is possible that business acquisitions or dispositions could be made in the future that may affect operating cash flows and may require changes in the Company's debt and capitalization.

The Company's financial position at the end of the first quarter reflected cash and short-term investments of \$16,181,000, a decrease from \$22,520,000 at year-end 2004. As mentioned previously, subsequent to the end of the 2005 first quarter, approximately \$3.6 million of cash was used for a small acquisition. At the end of first quarter 2005 compared to year-end 2004, accounts receivable were reduced by \$5,463,000 primarily due to lower sales in the first quarter of 2005 compared to the fourth quarter of 2004. Inventories increased \$6,627,000 from the year-end level due to inventory requirements for increased shipments expected for the remainder of 2005. The changes in accounts receivable and inventories at the end of the first quarter were consistent with the normal seasonality changes between fiscal quarters. The current ratio at the end of the first quarter was 2.7 compared to 2.4 at the end of fiscal 2004. The ratio of total debt to total capitalization was 3.6% at the end of the 2005 first quarter compared to the year-end 2004 level of 5.4%. At the end of the first quarter 2005, CLARCOR had 25,759,944 shares of common stock outstanding.

OTHER MATTERS

Market Risk

The Company's interest expense on long-term debt is sensitive to changes in interest rates. In addition, changes in foreign currency exchange rates may affect assets, liabilities and commitments that are to be settled in cash and are denominated in foreign currencies. Market risks are also discussed in the Company's Annual Report and Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2004 (the "Annual Report") in the Financial Review.

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Critical Accounting Policies

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The Company's critical accounting policies, including the assumptions and judgments underlying them, are disclosed in the Company's Annual Report in the Financial Review. These policies have been consistently applied in all material respects. While the estimates and judgments associated with the application of these policies may be affected by different assumptions or conditions, the Company believes the estimates and judgments associated with the reported amounts are appropriate in the circumstances.

Recent Relevant Accounting Pronouncements

On December 16, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment," which requires companies to expense the value of employee stock options and similar awards. SFAS No. 123R is effective for the Company's fourth quarter 2005. Adoption of this standard is expected to reduce the Company's net earnings and earnings per share for interim and annual periods after adoption. Management has not fully determined the impact of adopting SFAS No. 123R, but expects fourth quarter EPS to be reduced by approximately \$0.02 to \$0.03 if the modified prospective method of reporting is selected.

On December 21, 2004, the FASB issued two FSPs regarding the accounting implications of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Act). FSP No. 109-1, "Application of FASB Statement No. 109 'Accounting for Income Taxes' to the Tax Deduction on Qualified Production Activities Provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004" is not expected to have an effect on the Company's effective tax rate until fiscal 2006. FSP No. 109-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004" was effective for fiscal 2004 and allows the Company additional time to evaluate the impact of the Act on its plan for repatriation of foreign earnings. The Company is currently exploring a one time repatriation of earnings from certain foreign affiliates but has not made a decision regarding such repatriation.

Outlook

Continued sales growth for the Company overall is expected for the remainder of 2005. Engine/Mobile segment sales are expected to grow due to increased aftermarket distribution, sales to OEM dealers and sales of new products. Sales are expected to increase for the Industrial/Environmental segment as a result of several initiatives including an increased level of HVAC sales staff and new products along with continued growth for specialty filtration products including those used in oil and gas drilling applications, aviation and waste water treatment. Sales growth is also expected for the Packaging segment for the remainder of 2005.

As a result of the anticipated overall sales growth for the Company combined with continued cost control efforts, it is expected that diluted earnings per share for 2005 will be in the \$2.63 to \$2.71 range. This range includes an estimate of \$0.02 to \$0.03 related to the expense that will be recorded for stock-based compensation beginning with the Company's fourth quarter 2005 adoption of SFAS No. 123R if the modified prospective method of reporting is selected.

Continued emphasis on cost reductions and price changes within each business unit are expected to offset costs that have increased for energy and purchased materials, primarily metal products.

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These costs for the Company may change significantly based on future changes in the U.S. and world economies. Capital investments will continue to be made in each segment's facilities to improve productivity and to support new products. While the Company fully anticipates that sales and profits will improve as a result of sales initiatives and cost reductions, the Company has developed contingency plans to reduce discretionary spending if unfavorable economic conditions persist.

CLARCOR continues to assess acquisition opportunities, primarily in related filtration businesses. It is expected that these acquisitions would expand the Company's market base, distribution coverage and product offerings. Early in the second quarter of 2005 a small filtration company was acquired. This acquisition will not materially affect operating results for 2005.

FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO RISK AND UNCERTAINTY

Certain statements quoted in the body of this report, and statements in the "Outlook" section of this report are forward-looking. These statements involve risk and uncertainty. Actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors including: the volume and timing of orders received during the period; the mix of changes in distribution channels through which the Company's products are sold; the success of the Company's Total Filtration Program; the timing and acceptance of new products and product enhancements by the Company or its competitors; changes in pricing, labor availability and related costs, product life cycles and purchasing patterns of distributors and customers; changes in costs of raw materials, insurance, pensions and energy; competitive conditions in the industry; business cycles affecting the markets in which the Company's products are sold; the success of sales and marketing programs; the effectiveness of plant conversions, plant expansions and productivity improvement programs; the management of both growth and acquisitions; the cost of regulatory requirements such as Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404; the effect of changes in accounting rules; the fluctuation in foreign and U.S. currency exchange rates; market disruptions caused by domestic or international conflicts; extraordinary events such as litigation, acquisitions or divestitures including related charges; and economic conditions generally or in various geographic areas. All of the foregoing matters are difficult to forecast. The future results of the Company may fluctuate as a result of these and the other risk factors detailed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Due to the foregoing items it is possible that in some future quarters the Company's operating results will be below the expectation of stock market analysts and investors. In such event, the price of CLARCOR common stock could be materially adversely affected.

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Part I - Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk.

The information required hereunder is set forth on Page 15 of the Quarterly Report under the captions "Management's Discussion and Analysis - Other Matters - Market Risk."

Part I - Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

The Company has established disclosure controls and procedures which are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in

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the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Norman E. Johnson, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer and Bruce A. Klein, Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of February 26, 2005. Based on their evaluation, they concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in achieving the objectives for which they were designed. No change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter ended February 26, 2005 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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Part II - Other Information

Item 6 Exhibits and Reports on Form 8K

a. Exhibits:

- 31(i) Certification of Norman E. Johnson pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 31(ii) Certification of Bruce A. Klein pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32(i) Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

c. Reports Filed on Form 8-K During the First Quarter Ended February 26, 2005.

Form 8-K dated December 15, 2004 reporting Item 1.01 -- Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement. The Company reported that the Board of Directors adopted a resolution changing the Company's Compensation Plan for Directors.

Form 8-K dated January 4, 2005 reporting Item 5.02 -- Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Officers; Appointment of Principal Officers reporting the resignation of two members of its Board of Directors, Mr. Keith Wandell and Ms. Roseann Stevens, effective December 31, 2004.

Form 8-K dated January 13, 2005 reporting Item 7 -- Financial Statements and Exhibits and Item 5 -- Other Events. Item 7 (c) included an exhibit 99.1, "CLARCOR Press Release dated January 12, 2005".

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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.

CLARCOR INC.
(Registrant)

March 17, 2005

By /s/ Norman E. Johnson

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(Date)

March 17, 2005

(Date)

Norman E. Johnson
Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer

By /s/ Bruce A. Klein

Bruce A. Klein
Vice President - Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

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