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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**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 29, 2003

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission file number: **0-23633**

**1-800 CONTACTS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**87-0571643**

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

**66 E. Wadsworth Park Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Draper, UT**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**84020**

(Zip Code)

**(801) 924-9800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange act).

Yes  No

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As of May 6, 2003, the Registrant had 13,069,112 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

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### PART 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

#### 1-800 CONTACTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands) (unaudited)

	December 28, 2002	March 29, 2003
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 259	\$ 554
Accounts receivable	655	904
Inventories, net	37,785	34,895
Prepaid income taxes	769	644
Deferred income taxes	756	773
Other current assets	1,095	1,700

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	December 28, 2002	March 29, 2003
Total current assets	41,319	39,470
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	12,862	13,204
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	365	520
GOODWILL		22,196
DEFINITE-LIVED INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net	7,089	11,435
OTHER ASSETS	369	963
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 62,004</b>	<b>\$ 87,788</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		
Line of credit	\$ 5,770	\$ 8,534
Current portion of long-term debt	2,853	2,829
Current portion of capital lease obligations	372	329
Accounts payable	8,597	9,127
Accrued liabilities	3,327	6,728
Unearned revenue	403	431
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>21,322</b>	<b>27,978</b>
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</b>		
Long-term debt, less current portion	17,365	16,464
Capital lease obligations, less current portion	250	172
Liability related to contingent consideration	5,470	5,357
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>23,085</b>	<b>21,993</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:</b>		
Common stock, 12,861 and 13,050 issued, respectively	129	131
Additional paid-in capital	24,013	32,754
Retained earnings	14,272	13,784
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,473 and 700 shares, respectively	(20,739)	(8,914)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(78)	62
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>17,597</b>	<b>37,817</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 62,004</b>	<b>\$ 87,788</b>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

	Quarter Ended	
	March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003
NET SALES	\$ 41,581	\$ 46,662
COST OF GOODS SOLD	28,894	30,560
Gross profit	12,687	16,102
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:		
Advertising expense	2,719	3,794
Legal and professional fees	1,260	1,621
Research and development expenses		1,803
Other selling, general and administrative expenses	5,391	8,649
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	9,370	15,867
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	3,317	235
OTHER EXPENSE, net	(130)	(500)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	3,187	(265)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(1,247)	(223)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 1,940	\$ (488)
PER SHARE INFORMATION:		
Basic net income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.04)
Diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.04)

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**1-800 CONTACTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Quarter Ended	
	March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,940	\$ (488)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	422	1,407
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts		40
Unrealized foreign currency exchange loss		137

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	<u>Quarter Ended</u>	
Loss on sale of property and equipment		6
Deferred income taxes	(89)	(172)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisition:		
Inventories	(1,826)	5,605
Other current assets	(264)	(760)
Accounts receivable		(88)
Accounts payable	711	(3,038)
Accrued liabilities	(526)	2,884
Income taxes payable / prepaid income taxes	1,236	395
Unearned revenue	9	28
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Net cash provided by operating activities	1,613	5,956
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(481)	(732)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	10	33
Purchase of intangible assets	(12)	(23)
Cash paid for acquisition		(6,904)
Deposits and other	(15)	(379)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(498)	(8,005)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Common stock repurchases	(2,213)	
Proceeds from exercise of common stock options	34	439
Net borrowings on line of credit	1,102	2,765
Principal payments on capital lease obligations		(109)
Principal payments on long-term debt		(745)
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Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,077)	2,350
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EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES ON CASH	1	(6)
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NET INCREASE IN CASH	39	295
CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	36	259
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CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 75	\$ 554
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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 113	\$ 208
Cash paid for income taxes	100	

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

During the first quarter of 2003, the Company purchased certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of Lens Express and Lens 1st. The purchase consideration included cash of \$6,904, common stock with a fair value of \$19,859 and assumed operating liabilities of \$4,099 (see Note 6).

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**1-800 CONTACTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
(Unaudited)

**NOTE 1. PRESENTATION OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. These condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments), which in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the results of operations of the Company for the periods presented. It is suggested that these condensed consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2002.

The results of operations for the 2003 interim period are not necessarily indicative results that may be expected for the full fiscal 2003 year.

**NOTE 2. INVENTORIES**

Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost (using the first-in, first-out method) or market. Inventories as of December 28, 2002 and March 29, 2003 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 28, 2002</b>	<b>March 29, 2003</b>
Purchased contact lenses	\$ 36,571	\$ 33,690
Manufactured inventories:		
Raw materials	109	90
Work in process	210	359
Finished goods contact lenses	895	756
Total	\$ 37,785	\$ 34,895

**NOTE 3. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE**

Basic net income (loss) per common share ("Basic EPS") excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per common share ("Diluted EPS") reflects the potential dilution that could occur if stock options or other common stock equivalents were exercised or converted into common stock. The computation of Diluted EPS does not assume exercise or conversion of securities that would have an antidilutive effect on net income (loss) per common share. For the quarter ended March 30, 2002, options to purchase 459,157 shares of common stock were not included in the computation of Diluted EPS because the exercise prices of the options were greater than the average market price of the common shares. For the quarter ended March 29, 2003, options to purchase 1,207,482 shares were not included in the computation of Diluted EPS because their effect would be anti-dilutive, thereby decreasing the loss per common share. For the quarter ended March 29, 2003, Basic and Diluted EPS do not include the impact of 700,000 shares of restricted stock held in escrow since the necessary conditions for the release of those shares have not been satisfied (see Note 6).

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used to calculate Basic and Diluted EPS (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Quarter Ended March 30, 2002

Quarter Ended March 29, 2003

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	Net Income	Shares	Per-Share Amount	Loss Net	Shares	Per-Share Amount
Basic EPS	\$ 1,940	11,521	\$ 0.17	\$ (488)	11,985	\$ (0.04)
Effect of stock options		101				
Diluted EPS	\$ 1,940	11,622	\$ 0.17	\$ (488)	11,985	\$ (0.04)

**NOTE 4. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

Comprehensive income (loss) for the quarters ended March 30, 2002 and March 29, 2003 consists of the following components (in thousands):

	Quarter Ended	
	March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,940	\$ (488)
Foreign currency translation gain		140
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 1,940	\$ (348)

The foreign currency translation gain results primarily from changes in exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar from the translation of the Company's Singapore subsidiary financial statements.

**NOTE 5. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

The Company applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related interpretations and uses the intrinsic method of accounting for its stock option grants to employees and directors. Accordingly, no compensation expense has been recognized for these stock option grants. Under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," compensation cost is recognized for the fair market value of each option as estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure," amends SFAS No. 123, to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair market value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require new prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. The Company has elected to adopt the "disclosure only" provisions of SFAS No. 148.

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If compensation expense for all stock options had been determined consistent with SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income (loss) and basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share would have been as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Quarter Ended	
	March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003
Net income (loss):		
As reported	\$ 1,940	\$ (488)
Fair-value based compensation, net of tax	(197)	(278)

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	Quarter Ended	
Pro forma	\$ 1,743	\$ (766)
<b>Basic net income (loss) per common share:</b>		
As reported	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.04)
Pro forma	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.06)
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per common share:</b>		
As reported	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.04)
Pro forma	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.06)

The weighted average per share fair value of options granted during the quarters ended March 30, 2002 and March 29, 2003 was \$7.47 and \$11.98, respectively. The fair value of each option grant has been estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	Quarter Ended	
	March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003
Risk-free interest rate	4.0%	2.9%
Expected dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%
Volatility	75%	78%
Expected life	5 years	5 years

**NOTE 6. RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

***IGEL (ClearLab)***

On July 24, 2002, the Company completed the acquisition of certain net assets and the majority of the business operations of IGEL, a developer and contract manufacturer of contact lenses based in Singapore. The acquisition was effected through a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, IGEL Acquisition Co. Pte Ltd (subsequently renamed ClearLab Pte Ltd), and included the purchase of assets of Igel C.M. Laboratory Pte Ltd and International Vision Laboratories Pte Ltd, both subsidiaries of Igel Visioncare Pte Ltd, as well as certain other assets from Sinduchajana Sulisty and Stephen D. Newman. The assets acquired included principally the long-term leasehold interests in the land and building where the manufacturing facility is located, as well as equipment, inventories, and certain intellectual property rights, including patents key to the operation of the acquired business. ClearLab is in the process of designing and developing a new brand of contact lens that will provide the Company increased control of production and inventory and the flexibility to make a variety of offers to its customers to enhance its capability to provide high quality, cost-effective products. The Company accounted for this transaction under the purchase method in accordance with SFAS No. 141. The

results of operations of ClearLab are included in the consolidated results of the Company from the date of the acquisition.

The consideration paid by the Company consisted of approximately \$6.6 million in cash (which includes \$1.2 million in transaction costs), \$8.9 million in assumed building and business loans to be paid over the next 7 years, \$0.7 million in assumed capital lease obligations, a non-interest bearing note payable of \$2.1 million to be paid over the next 5 years, 700,000 shares of restricted common stock of the Company, and 270,000 common stock options of the Company in three tranches of 90,000 each with exercise prices of \$15, \$25 and \$35 per share, respectively. The 700,000 shares of restricted common stock are held in escrow, subject to a performance guarantee, and vest over a two-year schedule with no shares released from escrow for a minimum of one year. The Company obtained a \$10 million, five-year term loan from a U.S. bank to provide partial financing for this asset purchase. The parent company also executed guarantees for the building and business loans assumed in the transaction.

***Lens Express and Lens 1st***



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On January 30, 2003, the Company completed the acquisition of certain assets and the assumption of certain liabilities of Lens Express LLC and Camelot Ventures/CJ, L.L.C. d/b/a Lens 1<sup>st</sup> (collectively, the "Seller"), two leading U.S. mail order contact lens retailers. The assets acquired included databases, customer information, web sites and Internet addresses or domain names, telephone numbers, certain specified contracts and intellectual property rights. In addition, acquired assets included certain property, equipment, inventories, receivables and prepaid expenses. With the exception of specifically identified liabilities, the Company did not assume the liabilities of the Seller. The liabilities assumed by the Company included certain of the Seller's identified contracts, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, certain customer program obligations and severance obligations as of January 30, 2003.

The consideration paid by the Company consisted of approximately \$6.9 million in cash (including \$0.4 million in transaction costs), 900,000 shares of restricted common stock of the Company with a fair value of \$19.9 million and the assumption of approximately \$4.1 million of the aforementioned liabilities. The 900,000 shares of restricted common stock are subject to a lock-up period of 12 months after the acquisition date of January 30, 2003, established under the terms of a lock-up agreement. In connection with the acquisition, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement pursuant to which the Company granted the Seller certain piggyback registration rights with respect to the 900,000 shares of restricted common stock. The following sets forth the consideration paid by the Company (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Cash	\$ 6,500
Restricted shares (900 shares at \$22.07 per share)	19,859
Acquisition expenses	404
Accounts payable	3,575
Accrued expenses	524
	\$ 30,862
Total purchase consideration	\$ 30,862

For purposes of computing the purchase price, the value of the restricted common stock was determined by taking the average closing price of the Company's common stock as quoted on NASDAQ for the two days before, the day of and the two days following the announcement of the

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signing of a letter of intent to acquire Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup>. This average price was then reduced by a 15 percent discount due to the restriction provisions associated with the common shares issued.

The following table sets forth the allocation of the purchase price to the tangible and intangible assets acquired (in thousands):

Accounts receivable	\$ 178
Inventories	2,740
Other assets	76
Property and equipment	572
Customer list	5,100
Goodwill	22,196
	\$ 30,862
Total	\$ 30,862

The unaudited pro forma information below sets forth summary results of operations as if the acquisitions of ClearLab and Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup> had taken place at the beginning of 2002, after giving effect to certain adjustments, including amortization of intangibles, depreciation, interest expense and other adjustments directly attributable to the transaction. The following pro forma information has been prepared for comparative purposes only and does not purport to be indicative of what would have occurred had the acquisitions occurred at the beginning of fiscal 2002 or of results which may occur in the future (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Quarter Ended	
March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003

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	Quarter Ended	
Net sales	\$ 54,314	\$ 50,072
Net loss	(321)	(374)
Net loss per common share:		
Basic	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.03)
Diluted	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.03)

**NOTE 7. COMMON STOCK TRANSACTIONS**

During the quarter ended March 29, 2003, employees exercised stock options to purchase 62,048 shares of common stock for a total of approximately \$439,000. The Company recorded an increase in additional paid-in capital of approximately \$270,000 for the income tax benefit related to these stock option exercises.

During the quarter ended March 29, 2003, the Company granted nonqualified stock options to purchase 112,953 shares of common stock to employees and directors of the Company. The exercise prices of the options range from \$18.30 to \$27.50 per share, which were not less than the quoted fair market values at the grant date. The options vest equally over a four-year period and expire in five to seven years.

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 3,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. A purchase of the full 3,000,000 shares would equal approximately 23 percent of the total shares issued as of March 29, 2003. The repurchase of common stock is subject to market conditions and is accomplished through periodic purchases at prevailing prices on the open market, by block purchases or in privately negotiated transactions. The repurchased shares are retained as treasury stock to be used for corporate purposes. From inception of its authorized repurchase

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programs through March 29, 2003, the Company had repurchased 1,706,500 shares for a total cost of approximately \$22.1 million.

During the quarter ended March 29, 2003, the Company issued 900,000 shares of restricted common stock as a portion of the consideration for the acquisition of Lens Express and Lens 1st (see Note 6). Of the 900,000 shares, 772,655 were issued from treasury stock. The 900,000 shares of restricted common stock are subject to a lock-up period of 12 months after the acquisition date of January 30, 2003. In connection with the acquisition, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement pursuant to which the Company granted the Seller certain piggyback registration rights with respect to the 900,000 shares of restricted common stock.

**NOTE 8. DEBT OBLIGATIONS**

Effective July 22, 2002, the Company entered into a new loan agreement, providing for both a \$10 million term loan and a revolving credit facility for borrowings up to \$20 million. The amounts outstanding on both the term loan and the revolving credit facility are limited to a percentage of eligible inventory. As of the effective date, the percentage was 75% and is reduced by 1.25% each calendar quarter beginning September 30, 2002 until the percentage is 50%. The percentage as of March 29, 2003 was 72.50%. The outstanding borrowings are secured by substantially all of the Company's U.S. assets including a portion of the Company's common stock ownership in ClearLab. The agreement contains various financial covenants including a capital expenditure limit, a minimum working capital requirement, a leverage ratio and a minimum net income requirement. Also, if the Company were unable to cure a default on its Singapore debt within 30 days of occurrence, the Company would be in default on this debt. As of December 28, 2002, the Company was not in compliance with the minimum net income covenant or the leverage ratio covenant. However, the Company obtained waivers through April 30, 2004. These waivers also established certain new financial covenants. The Company was in compliance with these modified covenants and all other applicable covenants as of March 29, 2003.

Outstanding borrowings on the revolving credit facility bear interest at a floating rate equal to the lender's prime interest rate plus 0.25 percent (4.50 percent at March 29, 2003) or 2.75 percent above the lender's LIBOR for the applicable period. As of March 29, 2003, the interest rate on the outstanding borrowings was based on the lender's prime interest rate plus 0.25 percent. Interest is payable monthly. The credit facility also includes an unused credit fee equal to one-eighth of one percent, payable quarterly. As of March 29, 2003, the remaining availability on the credit facility was \$6.9 million. The credit facility was scheduled to expire on April 30, 2003, however, the Company obtained an extension of the maturity date to July 30, 2003. The Company is in the process of renewing the credit facility. The Company expects that the credit facility will be renewed prior to the expiration of the extension; however, there can be no assurance that the facility will be renewed with similar terms.

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As of March 29, 2003, the U.S. bank term loan interest rate was fixed at the 180-day LIBOR rate plus 3% (4.34% at March 29, 2003) until April 3, 2003 at which time the rate was fixed at 4.29% through June 3, 2003.

The Company's Singapore bank term loan contains various financial covenants including minimums on net worth and shareholders' funds. As of December 28, 2002, the Company was not in compliance with the net worth and shareholders' funds covenants. However, the Company obtained waivers through April 30, 2004.

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Cross default clauses exist such that if the Company were in default on its U.S. debt, the Company would also be in default on its Singapore debt. If the Company were in default on its Singapore bank term loan, the Company would also be in default on its note payable to the parent of IGEL.

### **NOTE 9. LEGAL MATTERS**

On April 7, 1999, the Kansas Board of Examiners in Optometry ("KBEO") commenced a civil action against the Company. The action was filed in the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas, Division 6. The complaint was amended on May 28, 1999. The amended complaint alleges that "on one or more occasions" the Company sold contact lenses in the state of Kansas without receipt of a prescription. The amended complaint seeks an order enjoining the Company from further engaging in the alleged activity. The amended complaint does not seek monetary damages. The Company filed an answer to the amended complaint and, at the request of the Court, filed a motion for summary judgment. In November 2000, the Court issued an order denying the summary judgment motion, finding that there were factual issues regarding whether the KBEO can meet the requirements necessary to obtain injunctive relief, and whether the Kansas law violates the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution. On June 18, 2002, the court granted a summary judgment motion in favor of the KBEO. However, the court made no findings of any violations of Kansas law. Further, the court based its decision on a Kansas optometry law that has been repealed and amended by the Kansas legislature. To preserve the issues for appeal, the Company filed a motion to alter or amend judgment, asking the court to reverse its decision, and to enter summary judgment in favor of defendant, or to dismiss the KBEO's lawsuit as moot based on the new law. The court denied the motion on September 12, 2002, finding that no new evidence had been presented to persuade the court to change its prior ruling. The court made no new findings of fact and did not change its conclusions of law. On October 11, 2002, the Company filed its Notice of Appeal, and its Docketing Statement was filed on October 30, 2002. On February 7, 2003 the Company filed its opening appellate brief. KBEO has requested, and the appellate court has granted, two requests for additional time to file its response brief. KBEO's response is now due on May 11, 2003 and the Company's reply will be due on June 11, 2003. After the briefs have all been submitted, the court will either issue its ruling or schedule an oral argument.

From time to time the Company is involved in other legal matters generally incidental to its business.

It is the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, that, except for legal and professional fees that the Company incurs from time to time, the ultimate dispositions of all of these matters will not have a material impact on the financial position, liquidity, or results of operations of the Company. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its efforts to satisfactorily resolve these matters and the ultimate outcome could result in a material negative impact on the Company's financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

### **NOTE 10. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

In July 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities." Under SFAS No. 146, a company will record a liability for a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity when that liability is incurred and can be measured at fair value. A liability is incurred when an event obligates a company to transfer or use assets (i.e., when an event leaves the company little or no discretion to avoid transferring or using the assets in the future). Under previous accounting rules, if a company's management approved an exit plan, the company generally could record the costs of that plan as a liability on the approval

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date, even if the company did not incur the costs until a later date. Under SFAS No. 146, some of those costs might qualify for immediate recognition, others might be spread over one or more quarters, and still others might not be recorded until incurred in a much later period. SFAS No. 146 became effective for periods after December 31, 2002 prospectively. The Company adopted this statement during the first quarter of

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2003. There was no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure" an amendment to FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." SFAS No. 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require more prominent and more frequent disclosures in financial statements about the effects of stock-based compensation. The Company has elected to continue using the intrinsic method of accounting for employee stock-based compensation and has adopted the interim disclosure provisions.

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In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46 ("FIN No. 46"), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51," which addresses the consolidation by business enterprises of variable interest entities as defined therein and applies immediately to variable interests in variable interest entities created or obtained after January 31, 2003. The adoption of this interpretation had no impact on the Company's financial statements.

### NOTE 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

**Letter of Intent.** On March 13, 2003, the Company signed a letter of intent with a developer and manufacturer of contact lenses, and certain of its shareholders. The Company agreed to pay the developer and manufacturer of contact lenses a non-refundable sum equal to \$1.5 million to be used by the entity for research and development activities relating to contact lenses. Of the total, \$700,000 was paid on March 14, 2003 and the remaining \$800,000 is due three months after the execution date of the letter of intent. Due to the fact that the Company is contractually committed to these payments and the contact lens developer has no substantive operations, the entire amount of these payments has been expensed as research and development. In the event that the contact lens technologies are successfully commercialized, the Company will have the right to acquire contact lens products based on the developed technologies on terms no less favorable than those granted or available to any other customer, licensee or other third party. In addition, the Company was granted a six-month option to either: (1) acquire all of the shares of common stock of the entity; or, (2) acquire from the entity a worldwide license to manufacture, market, sell or otherwise use or exploit specific technology developed by the entity. As consideration for this option, the Company paid \$100,000 to the entity on March 14, 2003, which was also expensed as research and development. In the event that the Company does not exercise the option to purchase the shares of the entity, the Company agreed to pay the entity an additional \$800,000 at the end of the option period. The Company has also agreed to reimburse the entity and its shareholders in an amount not to exceed \$161,000 for any legal and financial expenses

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reasonably incurred by the entity in connection with the transactions contemplated by the letter of intent.

In connection with the agreement, and the transactions discussed above, the Company expensed a total of approximately \$1.8 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2003 (inclusive of the \$161,000 in costs) related to these research and development initiatives. The Company funded these payments from its revolving credit facility.

#### *Advertising Commitments*

As of March 29, 2003, the Company had entered into certain noncancelable commitments with various advertising companies that will require the Company to pay approximately \$6.0 million for advertising during the remainder of 2003.

### NOTE 12. SEGMENT INFORMATION

As a result of the acquisition of IGEL (ClearLab) in the third quarter of fiscal 2002, the Company has two operating segments. These operating segments represent components of the Company for which separate financial information is available and evaluated regularly by management in determining resource allocation and performance assessment. The Company's U.S. segment includes the operations of 1-800 CONTACTS and the operations from the Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup> acquisitions. The Company's Singapore segment includes the operations of ClearLab, a developer and contract manufacturer of contact lenses. Operating segment information for the first quarter ended March 29, 2003 is as follows (in thousands):

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	U.S.	Singapore	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net sales	\$ 45,131	\$ 1,531	\$ 46,662
Gross profit	15,748	354	16,102
Income (loss) from operations	611	(376)	235

Identifiable segment assets as of March 29, 2003 are as follows (in thousands):

	U.S.	Singapore	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Long-lived assets, net	\$ 33,078	\$ 13,757	\$ 46,835
Total assets	70,763	17,025	87,788

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

**Overview**

The Company is a leading direct marketer of replacement contact lenses and also conducts contact lens manufacturing operations in Singapore. The Company was formed in February 1995 and is the successor to the mail order business founded by the Company's Vice President of Trade Relations in March 1991. The Company's net sales grew rapidly from \$3.6 million in fiscal 1996 to \$169.0 million in fiscal 2001. During fiscal 2002, net sales declined slightly to \$168.6 million. During the first quarter of 2003, net sales increased to \$46.7 million from \$41.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2002.

**IGEL (ClearLab).** On July 24, 2002, the Company completed the acquisition of certain net assets and the majority of the business operations of IGEL, a developer and contract manufacturer of contact lenses based in Singapore. The acquisition was effected through a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, IGEL Acquisition Co. Pte Ltd (subsequently renamed ClearLab Pte Ltd). The results of operations of ClearLab are included in the consolidated results of the Company from the date of the acquisition.

ClearLab currently manufactures injection cast molded soft contacts lenses on a contract basis for various contact lens manufacturers. ClearLab also manufactures and distributes branded and private label contact lenses via distributors and other sales channels. ClearLab currently has the capacity to produce in excess of 40 million lenses annually, which is enough to service approximately one million two-week disposable contact lens wearers. ClearLab is in the process of designing and developing a new brand of contact lens that is expected to provide the Company increased control of production and inventory and the flexibility to make a variety of offers to its customers to enhance its capability to provide high quality, cost-effective products.

Based on previous conducted test marketing, the Company believes that its customers are receptive to an offer from the Company to try both a new product and a new eye care practitioner. The Company expects to begin marketing lenses made by ClearLab to its customers in the second quarter of fiscal 2003.

**Vistakon Agreement.** In December 2002, the Company announced that it had reached an agreement with Johnson & Johnson's eye care division, Vistakon, to become an authorized retailer of Vistakon contact lenses. The Company has modified its operating systems in connection with this agreement. The Company implemented new procedures for Vistakon by geographic region based on time zone. The Company began this implementation in February 2003 and completed it in April 2003. The Company began buying direct from Vistakon during March 2003.

The Company expects that this direct relationship with Vistakon will lower the Company's product acquisition costs and allow it to offer rebates and other incentives not previously available to its customers who wear Vistakon lenses. The Company expects that it will also enable the Company to reduce its inventory investment by purchasing a more balanced mix of products at lower prices than it has historically been able to obtain through indirect sources. This agreement also resolves long-standing disputes.

**Lens Express / Lens Ist.** On January 30, 2003, the Company completed the acquisition of certain assets and the assumption of certain liabilities of Lens Express LLC and Camelot Ventures/CJ, L.L.C. d/b/a Lens 1<sup>st</sup> (collectively, the "Seller"), two leading U.S. mail order contact lens retailers. The assets acquired included databases, customer information, web sites and Internet addresses or domain names, telephone numbers, certain specified contracts and intellectual property rights. In addition, acquired assets included certain property, equipment, inventories, receivables and prepaid expenses. With the exception of specifically identified liabilities, the Company did not assume the liabilities of the Seller. The liabilities assumed by the Company included certain of the Seller's identified contracts, accounts

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payable, accrued liabilities, certain customer program obligations and severance obligations as of January 30, 2003.

The consideration paid by the Company consisted of approximately \$6.9 million in cash (including \$0.4 million in transaction costs), 900,000 shares of restricted Common Stock of the Company with a fair value of \$19.9 million and the assumption of approximately \$4.1 million of the aforementioned liabilities. The 900,000 shares of restricted Common Stock are subject to a lock-up period of 12 months after the acquisition date of January 30, 2003. In connection with the acquisition, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement granting the Seller certain piggyback registration rights with respect to the 900,000 shares of restricted Common Stock. The Company funded the cash consideration portion of the asset purchase from its revolving credit facility.

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In connection with the agreement, and the transactions discussed above, the Company expensed a total of approximately \$1.8 million during the first quarter of fiscal 2003 (inclusive of the \$161,000 in costs) related to these research and development initiatives. The Company funded these payments from its revolving credit facility.

### **Regulatory Considerations**

The sale and delivery of contact lenses are governed by both federal and state laws and regulations. The Company sells to customers in all 50 states, and each sale is likely to be subject to the laws of the state where the customer is located. In some states, the Company operates according to agreements it has entered into with local regulatory authorities or medical boards or agencies. The Company's current general operating practice is to obtain a copy of the customer's prescription or to passively verify each customer's prescription with his/her eye care practitioner. If the customer does not have a copy of his/her prescription, the Company asks the customer for his/her exact prescription specifications and then directly contacts the customer's eye care practitioner to passively verify the customer's prescription. The Company directly communicates to the eye care practitioner the prescription specifications received from the customer and informs the eye care practitioner that it will proceed to complete the sale based on such information unless the eye care practitioner advises it that such information is expired or incorrect. If the eye care practitioner does not advise the Company that such information is expired or incorrect within a minimum period, the Company's general practice is to

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complete the sale and ship the lenses based on the information communicated to the eye care practitioner. If the Company is unable to obtain a copy of the customer's prescription or passively verify the prescription with the customer's eye care practitioner, the Company's policy is not to proceed with the sale. The Company retains copies of the written prescriptions that it receives and maintains records of its communications with the customer's prescriber.

The Company has modified its operating systems to give eye care practitioners a minimum of eight business hours to respond to its prescription verification requests for Vistakon products. Eye care practitioners have the option of receiving these requests by fax. If the eye care practitioner notifies the Company within this time period that the customer's prescription is expired or otherwise invalid, the Company will not ship the order. Absent such notification from the eye care practitioner, the Company will proceed with the sale based on the prescription that was communicated to the eye care practitioner. This system applies to Vistakon orders nationwide with the exception of a few states where the

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Company has pre-existing agreements to employ more stringent procedures.

### Results of Operations

The Company's fiscal year consists of a 52/53-week period ending on the Saturday nearest to December 31. Fiscal 2003 is a 53-week year and will end on January 3, 2004. The fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 will consist of 14 weeks.

The following table presents the Company's results of operations expressed as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated:

	Quarter Ended	
	March 30, 2002	March 29, 2003
NET SALES	100.0%	100.0%
COST OF GOODS SOLD	69.5	65.5
	30.5	34.5
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:		
Advertising expense	6.5	8.1
Legal and professional fees	3.0	3.5
Research and development expenses		3.9
Other selling, general and administrative expenses	13.0	18.5
	22.5	34.0
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	8.0	0.5
OTHER EXPENSE, net	(0.3)	(1.1)
	7.7	(0.6)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	7.7	(0.6)
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(3.0)	(0.5)
	4.7%	(1.1)%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	4.7%	(1.1)%

**Net sales.** Net sales for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 increased 12% to \$46.7 million from \$41.6 million for the quarter ended March 30, 2002. Net sales (excluding ClearLab) for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 were \$45.1 million. The increase in sales is mainly due to the acquisition of Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup> on January 30, 2003. The Company expects to realize \$30-\$35 million in incremental net sales from customers of these operations in the twelve months following the closing of this acquisition. Net sales for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 were negatively impacted by canceled orders due to the

prescription verification procedures implemented as part of the Vistakon agreement. The Company is taking steps to recover these canceled orders in the future but is uncertain of the ultimate impact these procedures from the Vistakon agreement will have on future net sales.

**Gross profit.** Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased to 34.5% for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 from 30.5% for the quarter ended March 30, 2002. During the first quarter of fiscal 2003, the Company realized the benefits of a decrease in wholesale prices paid for Vistakon products. During March 2003, the Company began buying directly from Vistakon. The Company did not realize the full benefits of purchasing from Vistakon during the first quarter of fiscal 2003 due to the amount of Vistakon inventory on hand at the time the Company began purchasing directly from Vistakon. The Company expects gross profit as a percentage of net sales to continue favorable trends as the Company continues to purchase product directly from Vistakon. During the first quarter of fiscal 2003, Vistakon products accounted for about 40% of the Company's net sales.

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**Advertising expense.** Advertising expense for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 increased \$1.1 million, or 40%, from the quarter ended March 30, 2002. As a percentage of net sales, advertising expense increased to 8.1% for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from 6.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2002. Currently, the Company plans on spending about \$20 million on advertising during fiscal 2003. However, if opportunities present themselves, the Company may increase advertising spending above currently planned levels. The Company's experience has been that increases in advertising expenditures have a direct impact on the growth of net sales.

The Company expenses all advertising costs when the advertising first takes place. As a result, quarter-to-quarter comparisons are impacted within and between quarters by the timing of television, radio and Internet advertisements and by the mailing of the Company's printed advertisements. The volume of mailings and other advertising may vary in different quarters and from year to year depending on the Company's assessment of prevailing market opportunities.

**Legal and professional fees.** Legal and professional fees for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 increased \$0.4 million, or 29%, from the quarter ended March 30, 2002. As a percentage of net sales, legal and professional fees increased to 3.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from 3.0% for the first quarter of fiscal 2002. During the first quarter of fiscal 2003, the Company incurred significant legal and professional fees related to its legal matters and its increased efforts, including significant lobbying activities, to overcome the anticompetitive barriers in the industry on behalf of itself and consumers. The Company expects to continue to incur significant legal and professional fees as it continues this proactive approach although it expects these amounts to decrease in future quarters of fiscal 2003.

**Research and development expenses.** Research and development expenses for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 were \$1.8 million, or 3.9% of net sales. The Company did not have any research and development expenses in the quarter ended March 30, 2002. The majority of this amount relates to outsourced research and development activities with a developer and manufacturer of contact lenses. The Company will record an additional \$800,000 in research and development expenses in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 if the Company does not exercise its option to purchase shares of this developer and manufacturer of contact lenses. The Company will also continue to incur research and development costs relating to ClearLab's development of a new brand of contact lens.

**Other selling, general and administrative expenses.** Other selling, general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 increased \$3.3 million, or 60%, from the quarter ended March 30, 2002. As a percentage of net sales, other selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 18.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2003 from 13.0% for the first quarter of fiscal 2002. ClearLab accounted for about \$0.6 million of the increase for the first quarter of fiscal 2003. The Company also incurred approximately \$0.3 million in integration costs related to the acquisition of Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup> and \$0.3 million in incremental amortization related to the acquired Lens

Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup> customer database intangible assets. The Company incurred approximately \$0.2 million related to a former executive officer's severance agreement and approximately \$0.2 million in recruiting expenses due to executive management searches. The Company's other operating and payroll costs also increased as the Company enhanced its operating infrastructure and its management team to meet the demands of the business.

**Other expense, net.** Other expense increased to approximately \$500,000 for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 from approximately \$130,000 for the quarter ended March 30, 2002. For the first quarter of fiscal 2003, other expense consisted mainly of interest expense, resulting from the increased use of the revolving credit facility and debt related to the acquisition of IGEL. In addition, during the first quarter of fiscal 2003, the Company recorded an unrealized foreign exchange loss of approximately \$137,000, relating primarily to an intercompany loan to ClearLab. For the first quarter of fiscal 2002, other expense consisted mainly of interest expense.

**Income taxes.** The Company recorded an effective income tax rate (excluding ClearLab) for the quarter ended March 29, 2003 of 42.0% compared to 39.1% for the quarter ended March 30, 2002. The Company records quarterly income taxes at the effective tax rate expected for the year. The increase in the effective income tax rate results from the estimated annual increase in nondeductible expenses, including those relating to the Company's lobbying efforts. ClearLab is taxed separately in its tax jurisdiction of Singapore. During the first quarter of fiscal 2003, the Company did not record a tax benefit for the loss from ClearLab's operations due to the uncertainty with respect to the realization of a tax benefit in Singapore. As of March 29, 2003, the Company provided a valuation allowance for the full amount of the deferred income tax assets in Singapore. The Company anticipates that its fiscal 2003 effective income tax rate will be approximately 42% for its U.S. operations and that no tax benefit will be recorded for ClearLab's operations. If future changes cause actual results for the year to be more or less favorable than those expected, adjustments to the effective income tax rate could be required.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources



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**Operating activities.** For the quarters ended March 29, 2003 and March 30, 2002, net cash provided by operating activities was approximately \$6.0 million and \$1.6 million, respectively. In the fiscal 2003 period, cash was provided primarily by a decrease in inventories and an increase in accrued liabilities partially offset by a decrease in accounts payable. In the fiscal 2002 period, cash was provided primarily by net income and increases in accounts payable and income taxes payable partially offset by an increase in inventories. In order to ensure sufficient supply of inventory, the Company generally carries a higher level of inventory than if it were able to purchase directly from all contact lens manufacturers.

**Investing activities.** The Company used approximately \$8.0 million and \$0.5 million for investing activities in the quarters ended March 29, 2003 and March 30, 2002, respectively. The Company paid approximately \$6.9 million in cash (including \$0.4 million in transaction costs) in connection with the acquisition of Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup>. The remaining consideration consisted of 900,000 shares of restricted Common Stock of the Company and the assumption of approximately \$4.1 million of current liabilities.

Capital expenditures for infrastructure improvements for the fiscal 2003 and 2002 periods were approximately \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Of the fiscal 2003 amount, approximately \$0.3 million related to the Singapore operations. The Company anticipates additional capital expenditures in fiscal 2003 for infrastructure as it continues to expand and improve operating facilities, telecommunications systems and management information systems in order to handle future operations of both its U.S. and Singapore operations.

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**Financing activities.** During the quarters ended March 29, 2003 and March 30, 2002, net cash provided by (used in) financing activities was approximately \$2.4 million and (\$1.1) million. During the fiscal 2003 period, the Company had net borrowings on its credit facility of approximately \$2.8 million and made principal payments on debt obligations and capital lease obligations of approximately \$0.9 million. During the fiscal 2002 period, the Company repurchased a total of 200,000 shares of its common stock for a total cost of approximately \$2.2 million and had net borrowings on its credit facility of approximately \$1.1 million. In both the fiscal 2003 and 2002 periods, these amounts were offset by proceeds from the exercise of common stock options.

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 3,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. A purchase of the full 3,000,000 shares would equal approximately 23 percent of the total shares issued as of March 29, 2003. The repurchase of common stock is subject to market conditions and is accomplished through periodic purchases at prevailing prices on the open market, by block purchases or in privately negotiated transactions. The repurchased shares are retained as treasury stock to be used for corporate purposes. From inception of its authorized repurchase programs through March 29, 2003, the Company had repurchased 1,706,500 shares for a total cost of approximately \$22.1 million.

Effective July 22, 2002, the Company entered into a new loan agreement, providing for both a \$10 million term loan and a revolving credit facility for borrowings up to \$20 million. The amounts outstanding on both the term loan and the revolving credit facility are limited to a percentage of eligible inventory. As of the effective date, the percentage was 75% and is reduced by 1.25% each calendar quarter beginning September 30, 2002 until the percentage is 50%. The percentage as of March 29, 2003 was 72.50%. The outstanding borrowings are secured by substantially all of the Company's U.S. assets including a portion of the Company's common stock ownership in ClearLab. The agreement contains various financial covenants including a capital expenditure limit, a minimum working capital requirement, a leverage ratio and a minimum net income requirement. Also, if the Company were unable to cure a default on its Singapore debt within 30 days of occurrence, the Company would be in default on this debt. As of December 28, 2002, the Company was not in compliance with the minimum net income covenant or the leverage ratio covenant. However, the Company obtained waivers through April 30, 2004. These waivers also established certain new financial covenants. The Company was in compliance with these modified covenants and all other applicable covenants as of March 29, 2003.

The U.S. Bank term loan bears interest at a floating rate equal to the bank's prime interest rate plus 0.50 percent or 3.0 percent above the bank's LIBOR for the applicable period. As of March 29, 2003, the U.S. bank term loan interest rate was fixed at the 180-day LIBOR rate plus 3% (4.34% at March 29, 2003) until April 3, 2003 at which time the rate was fixed at 4.29% through June 3, 2003. Interest is payable monthly. Principal payments are due quarterly until maturity on June 30, 2007. As of March 29, 2003, the Company's outstanding balance on the term loan was approximately \$9.1 million.

Outstanding borrowings on the revolving credit facility bear interest at a floating rate equal to the lender's prime interest rate plus 0.25 percent (4.50 percent at March 29, 2003) or 2.75 percent above the lender's LIBOR for the applicable period. As of March 29, 2003, the interest rate on the outstanding borrowings was based on the lender's prime interest rate plus 0.25 percent. Interest is payable monthly. The credit facility also includes an unused credit fee equal to one-eighth of one percent, payable quarterly. As of March 29, 2003, the remaining availability on the credit facility was \$6.9 million. The credit facility was scheduled to expire on April 30, 2003, however the Company obtained an extension of the maturity date to July 30, 2003. The Company is in the process of renewing the credit facility. The Company expects that the credit facility will be renewed prior to the expiration of the extension; however, there can be no assurance that the facility will be renewed with

similar terms.

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At March 29, 2003, the Company had an unsecured, non-interest bearing note to ClearLab's president and chief technology officer with a principal balance of SGD\$3,250,000 (USD\$1,835,000). The note payable is discounted at 7%. Payments are due in equal monthly installments through July 2007.

At March 29, 2003, the Company had a term loan payable to a Singapore bank with a principal balance of SGD\$8,655,000 (USD\$4,886,000) that bears interest at 6.75% and is secured by substantially all of the assets of ClearLab. Interest payments are due monthly. Principal payments are due in monthly installments from January 2003 through December 2007. This note also contains various financial covenants including minimums on net worth and shareholders' funds. As of December 28, 2002, the Company was not in compliance with the net worth and shareholders' funds covenants. However, the Company obtained waivers through April 30, 2004. 1-800 CONTACTS, INC. has guaranteed this term loan.

At March 29, 2003, the Company also had a note payable to the parent of IGEL with a principal balance of SGD\$6,892,000 (USD\$3,891,000) that bears interest at 6% and has a subordinated position to the term loan payable to the Singapore bank. The note payable is discounted at 7%. Interest payments are due monthly. Principal payments are due in monthly installments from January 2008 through December 2009. 1-800 CONTACTS, INC. has guaranteed this note.

Cross default clauses exist such that if the Company were in default on its U.S. debt, the Company would also be in default on its Singapore debt. If the Company were in default on its Singapore bank term loan, the Company would also be in default on its note payable to the parent of IGEL.

The Company leases various manufacturing and other equipment from financing companies under capital lease arrangements. All of the equipment is maintained at the Singapore facility. The majority of the leases were assumed in connection with the Company's acquisition of IGEL. As of March 29, 2003, the present value of future minimum lease payments was approximately SGD\$889,000 (USD\$502,000) with a majority of payments scheduled through fiscal 2004.

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The Company believes that its cash on hand, together with cash generated from operations and the borrowings available through the credit facility, will be sufficient to support current operations through the next year. The Company may be required to seek additional sources of funds for accelerated growth or continued growth beyond that point, and there can be no assurance that such funds will be available on satisfactory terms. Failure to obtain such financing could delay or prevent the Company's planned growth, which could adversely affect the Company's business, financial position, liquidity, and results of operations.

As a result of state regulatory requirements, the Company's liquidity, capital resources, and results of operations may be negatively impacted in the future if the Company incurs increased costs (including legal fees) or fines, is prohibited from selling its products in a particular state(s) or experiences losses

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of a substantial portion of the Company's customers for whom the Company is unable to obtain or verify a prescription due to the enforcement of requirements by state regulatory agencies.

#### **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

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Subsequent to December 28, 2002 there have been no material changes to the Company's contractual obligations and commitments, outside the normal course of business, other than the letter of intent signed on March 13, 2003. The letter of intent, as described above, committed the Company to pay a non-refundable sum equal to \$1.5 million to be used by the entity for research and development activities relating to contact lenses. Of the \$1.5 million, \$800,000 is due three months after the execution date of the letter of intent. The Company has also agreed to reimburse the entity and its shareholders in an amount not to exceed \$161,000 for legal and financial expenses reasonably incurred by the entity in connection with the transactions contemplated by the letter of intent.

### Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In July 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities." Under SFAS No. 146, a company will record a liability for a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity when that liability is incurred and can be measured at fair value. A liability is incurred when an event obligates a company to transfer or use assets (i.e., when an event leaves the company little or no discretion to avoid transferring or using the assets in the future). Under previous accounting rules, if a company's management approved an exit plan, the company generally could record the costs of that plan as a liability on the approval date, even if the company did not incur the costs until a later date. Under SFAS No. 146, some of those costs might qualify for immediate recognition, others might be spread over one or more quarters, and still others might not be recorded until incurred in a much later period. SFAS No. 146 became effective for periods after December 31, 2002 prospectively. The Company adopted this statement during the first quarter of 2003. There was no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure an amendment to FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." SFAS No. 148 provides alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, SFAS No. 148 amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require more prominent and more frequent disclosures in financial statements about the effects of stock-based compensation. The Company has elected to continue using the intrinsic method of accounting for employee stock-based compensation and has adopted the interim disclosure provisions.

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 45 ("FIN No. 45"), "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others," which expands previously issued accounting guidance and disclosure requirements for certain guarantees. FIN No. 45 requires recognition of an initial liability for the fair value of an obligation assumed by issuing a guarantee. Guarantees are required to be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements for periods ending after December 15, 2002. For certain guarantees issued after December 31, 2002, the fair value of the obligation must be reported on the balance sheet. The adoption of this interpretation had no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46 ("FIN No. 46"), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51," which addresses the consolidation by business enterprises of variable interest entities as defined therein and applies immediately to variable interests in variable interest entities created or obtained after January 31, 2003. The adoption of this interpretation had no impact on the Company's financial statements.

### Critical Accounting Policies

Accounting policies that require significant judgments and estimates include revenue recognition (including sales returns and allowances); excess and obsolete inventories; realizability of long-lived assets (including intangible assets); realizability of deferred income tax assets; accounting for the acquisition of Lens Express and Lens 1st; stock-based compensation; and legal and regulatory contingencies. Judgments and estimates are based on historical experience as well as relevant facts and circumstances known at each reporting date. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Sales are generally recognized at the time of shipment to the customer. Net sales consist of product sales less provisions for sales returns and allowances, which provisions are made at the time of sale. The Company accrues an estimated amount for sales returns and allowances based on historical information, adjusted for current economic trends. To the extent actual returns and allowances vary from historical experience, revisions to the allowances may be required.

In assessing the realizability of inventories, the Company makes judgments as to future demand requirements and product expiration dates. The inventory requirements change based on projected customer demand, which changes due to market conditions and product life cycle changes.

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The Company has significant long-lived tangible and intangible assets consisting of property, plant and equipment, goodwill and definite-lived intangibles. These assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of such assets may not be recoverable. An impairment analysis requires the use of expected future undiscounted cash flows over the remaining useful life of the asset. As of March 29, 2003, the Company determined that no impairment existed. A significant portion of the total long-lived assets were generated from the Company's recent acquisitions of IGEL (ClearLab) and Lens Express and Lens 1st. If forecasts and assumptions used to support the realizability of long-lived assets change in the future, significant impairment charges could result that would adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial position.

Deferred income tax assets are assessed for recoverability and valuation allowances are provided as necessary to reduce deferred income tax assets to amounts expected to be realized. Should expectations of taxable income change in future periods, it may become necessary to change the valuation allowance, which could affect the Company's results of operations in the period such determination is made. The Company records an income tax provision or benefit at a rate that is based on expected results for the fiscal year. If future changes in market conditions cause actual results to be more or less favorable, adjustments to the effective income tax rate on a quarterly basis could be required.

The Company records liabilities for legal and regulatory matters when the contingency is both probable and reasonably estimable. The Company is involved in several legal and regulatory matters. The Company, after consultation with legal counsel, believes that the ultimate dispositions of these matters will not have a material impact on its financial position, liquidity, or results of operations. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its efforts to satisfactorily resolve these matters and the ultimate outcome could result in a material negative impact on the Company's financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

### Forward-Looking Statements

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties and often depend on assumptions, data or methods that may be incorrect or imprecise. The Company's future operating results may differ materially from the results discussed in, or implied by, forward-looking statements made by the Company. Factors that may

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cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed below and the other risks detailed in the Company's other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "future," "intends," "would," "may," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof.

### *Factors That May Affect Future Results*

The Company's sales growth will not continue at historical rates and it may encounter unforeseen difficulties in managing its future growth;

A significant portion of the Company's sales may be found not to comply with state laws and regulations concerning the delivery and sale of contact lenses;

Because the Company doesn't manufacture most of the contact lenses that it sells, the Company cannot ensure that all of the contact lenses it sells meet all federal regulatory requirements;

It is possible that the FDA could consider certain of the contact lenses the Company sells to be misbranded;

The Company currently purchases a portion of its products from unauthorized distributors and is not an authorized distributor for some of the products that it sells;

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The Company obtains a large percentage of its inventory from a limited number of suppliers, with a single distributor accounting for 35%, 46% and 35% of the Company's inventory purchases in fiscal 2000, 2001 and 2002, respectively;

The Company may continue to incur significant legal and professional fees related to its legal matters and its increased efforts to proactively influence the industry on behalf of itself and consumers;

The Company's quarterly results are likely to vary based upon the level of sales and marketing activity in any particular quarter;

The Company is dependent on its telephone, Internet and management information systems for the sale and distribution of contact lenses;

The retail sale of contact lenses is highly competitive; certain of the Company's competitors are large, national optical chains that have greater resources than the Company;

The demand for contact lenses could be substantially reduced if alternative technologies to permanently correct vision gain in popularity;

The Company does not have any property rights in the 1-800 CONTACTS telephone number or the Internet addresses that it uses;

Increases in the cost of shipping, postage or credit card processing could harm the Company's business;

The Company's business could be harmed if it is required to collect state sales tax on the sale of products;

The Company faces an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims in the event that the use of the products it manufacturers or sells results in personal injury;

The Company conducts its retail operations through a single distribution facility;

The Company's success is dependent, in part, on continued use of the Internet;

Government regulation and legal uncertainties relating to the Internet and online commerce could negatively impact the Company's business operations;

Changing technology could adversely affect the operation of the Company's website;

The Company may not be able to develop and manufacture a viable, high quality contact lens for sale to consumers that meets all federal regulatory requirements;

The Company may not be able to fully integrate the operations of ClearLab and Lens Express and Lens 1<sup>st</sup> into its business;

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Consumer acceptance of the Company's manufactured products may not meet the Company's expectations;

The Company's intellectual property rights may be challenged;

The Company may encounter legal, regulatory and government agency oversight risks with foreign operations;

The Company may not be able to establish a sufficient network of eye care practitioners to prescribe the products manufactured by the Company;

The Company may not be able to adequately manage its foreign currency risk;

The Company may incur unforeseen costs or not realize all of the anticipated benefits from its new relationship with Vistakon; and

The Company may be required to reduce the carrying value of its intangible assets if events and circumstances indicate the remaining balance of intangible assets may not be recoverable.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

**Interest Rate Risk.** As of March 29, 2003, the Company was exposed to changes in interest rates relating to its revolving credit facility and other debt obligations. The revolving credit facility and U.S. bank term loan bear interest at a variable rate based on the U.S. prime rate or LIBOR. The Company's outstanding borrowings on the credit facility, including bank overdrafts, and U.S. bank term loan were approximately \$17.6 million as of March 29, 2003. The remainder of the Company's interest bearing debt obligations, including capital lease obligations, is denominated in Singapore dollars and bears interest at a fixed rate. As of March 29, 2003, the face amounts of the outstanding borrowings on these fixed rate debt obligations were approximately \$9.3 million. If interest rates were to change by one full percentage point, the net impact on interest expense would be approximately \$0.2 million per year.

**Foreign Currency Risk.** The Company faces foreign currency risks primarily as a result of its recently acquired Singapore operations and the intercompany balances between its U.S. and Singapore operations. The functional currency of the Company's Singapore operations is the Singapore dollar, however, most of the sales of the Singapore operations and some of the expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars. The Company has debt and other long-term obligations of approximately \$11.1 million that are denominated in Singapore dollars and mature over the next seven years. For the first quarter ended March 29, 2003, the Company recorded a foreign currency transaction loss of approximately \$137,000. Fluctuations in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the Singapore dollar could lead to additional currency exchange losses or gains on the intercompany balances and transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency. If the U.S. dollar weakens relative to the Singapore dollar, additional funds may be required to meet these obligations if the debt cannot be adequately serviced from the Singapore operations. The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Singapore dollar has remained constant from December 29, 2002 through May 6, 2003. From the date of acquisition, July 24, 2002, through May 6, 2003 the exchange rate has fluctuated approximately

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0.5 percent (strengthening of the U.S. dollar). If the Singapore dollar weakens against the U.S. dollar by an additional 10 percent, the Company would record an additional \$809,000 foreign currency loss on the intercompany balances that exist as of March 29, 2003. The Company has not entered into any foreign currency derivative financial instruments; however, it may choose to do so in the future in an effort to manage or hedge its foreign currency risk.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

**(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.** The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) as of a

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date within 90 days of filing date of the quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"), have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and effective to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries would be made known to them by others within those entities.

**(b) Changes in internal controls.** There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect the Company's disclosure controls and procedures subsequent to the Evaluation Date, nor were there any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in such disclosure controls and procedures requiring corrective actions. As a result, no corrective actions were taken.

### **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds**

On January 30, 2003, the Company completed the acquisition of certain assets and the assumption of certain liabilities of Lens Express LLC and Camelot Ventures/CJ, L.L.C. d/b/a Lens 1<sup>st</sup> (collectively, the "Seller"), two leading U.S. mail order contact lens retailers. The assets acquired included databases, customer information, web sites and Internet addresses or domain names, telephone numbers, certain specified contracts and intellectual property rights. In addition, acquired assets included certain property, equipment, inventories, receivables and prepaid expenses. With the exception of specifically identified liabilities, the Company did not assume the liabilities of the Seller. The liabilities assumed by the Company included certain of the Seller's identified contracts, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, certain customer program obligations and severance obligations as of January 30, 2003.

The consideration paid by the Company consisted of approximately \$6.9 million in cash (including \$0.4 million in transaction costs), 900,000 shares of restricted common stock of the Company with a fair value of \$19.9 million and the assumption of approximately \$4.1 million of the aforementioned liabilities. The 900,000 shares of restricted common stock are subject to a lock-up period of 12 months after the acquisition date of January 30, 2003, established under the terms of a lock-up agreement by and among the Company, the Seller and David Katzman and Daniel Gilbert (Katzman and Gilbert, collectively, the "Shareholders"). In connection with the acquisition, the Company entered into a registration rights granting the Seller certain piggyback registration rights with respect to the 900,000 shares of restricted common stock.

The shares were issued in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In that regard, each of the sellers represented to the

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Company that it was an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act.

#### **Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities**

None.

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

None.

#### **Item 5. Other Information**

From time to time the Company receives notices, inquiries or other correspondence from states or its regulatory bodies charged with overseeing the sale of contact lenses. The Company's practice is to review such notices with legal counsel to determine the appropriate response

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on a case-by-case basis. It is the opinion of management, after discussion with legal counsel, that the Company is taking the appropriate steps to address the various notices received.

### Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

#### (A) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated January 30, 2003.(1)
4.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 30, 2003.
10.1	Employment Agreement between the Company and R. Joe Zeidner.
10.2	Employment Agreement between the Company and S. Todd Witzel.
10.3	Severance Agreement and General Release between the Company and Scott S. Tanner.
10.4	Seventh Amendment to Lease between the Company and Draper Land Limited Partnership No. 2, dated March 31, 2003, with respect to the Company's call center.
99.1	Certification Required Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
99.2	Certification Required Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(1) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 14, 2003 (Commission File No. 0-23633).

#### (B) Reports on Form 8-K

Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 14, 2003, Acquisition of Assets.

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### SIGNATURES

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

#### 1-800 CONTACTS, INC.

Dated: May 13, 2003

By: /s/ JONATHAN C. COON

Name: Jonathan C. Coon  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ ROBERT G. HUNTER

Name: Robert G. Hunter  
Title: Vice President, Finance and Interim Chief  
Financial Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO



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**18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Jonathan C. Coon, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of 1-800 CONTACTS, INC.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Dated: May 13, 2003

/s/ JONATHAN C. COON

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President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Robert G. Hunter, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of 1-800 CONTACTS, INC.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - c) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

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Dated: May 13, 2003

/s/ ROBERT G. HUNTER

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Vice President, Finance and Interim Chief  
Financial Officer

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