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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-KSB

☒ ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period \_\_\_\_\_ from to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number 1-13856

SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC.  
(Exact name of small business issuer in its charter)

New York 11-3180295  
(State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

495 River Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07524  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Issuer's telephone number, including area code: (973) 225-9880

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: NONE

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

Common Stock, \$.01 par value  
(Title of Class)

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 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 ☐

Check if there is no disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendments to this Form 10-KSB. ☒

The issuer's revenues for its most recent fiscal year were \$20,707,269.

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant on May 11, 2001 was approximately \$867,753. On such date, the closing price of the issuer's common stock was \$.71 per share. Solely for the purposes of this calculation, shares beneficially owned by directors, executive officers and stockholders of the issuer that beneficially own more than 10% of the issuer's voting stock have been excluded, except such shares,

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if any, with respect to which such directors and officers disclaim beneficial ownership. Such exclusion should not be deemed a determination or admission by the issuer that such individuals are, in fact, affiliates of the registrant.

The number of shares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding on May 11, 2001 was 2,261,018.

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For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

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## PART I

### Item 1. Description of Business

#### General

Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York

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in September 1993. The Company is primarily engaged in the distribution and marketing of consumer merchandise to retail sellers such as mass merchandisers, discount chain stores and food, drug and electronic retailers. The Company's business presently consists of the following activities: (i) developing, marketing and selling the Company's own proprietary brands of budget-line health, beauty aid and cosmetic products, which are filled for the Company by contract fillers, (ii) opportunistic purchasing and secondary sourcing (i.e., distributing merchandise on a wholesale basis outside of normal distribution channels to retail merchants) of a broad range of name-brand and off-brand products such as health and beauty aids, cosmetics, fragrances, kitchen items and other household items, and (iii) developing, marketing and selling, or otherwise facilitating the development, marketing or sale of, products to be promoted by celebrity spokespersons and sold to mass merchandise retailers. The Company's strategy is to capitalize on increased consumer demand for value and convenience resulting from the increased acceptance by consumers of mass merchandisers, electronic retailers and other mass marketing retail outlets, as well as on the popularity of consumer products endorsed by celebrity spokespersons.

In September 1997, the Company and RBCJJ Associates, LLC ("RBCJJ"), an unaffiliated third party, formed Ales Signature, Ltd., a New York corporation ("Ales"), for the purpose of acquiring from SBC Corporation, Inc. ("SBC") a line of women's cosmetic, corrective and treatment products (e.g., blemish creams and eye creams) sold under the Signature(TM) name. The Company owns 80% of Ales Signature, Ltd. The Company, in connection with the acquisition, acquired rights to the following trademarks: (i) all rights of SBC in and to certain trademarks (including the Signature Solutions(R) mark and the Signature Beauty Care(R), Lip Set(R) and Salon Essence(R) registered trademarks) and (ii) finished products and other inventory (including works in progress and component parts) related to the product lines bearing the acquired trademarks. Unless otherwise specified herein, references to the "Company" shall refer collectively to Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. and its subsidiary Ales Signature, Ltd.

SALE OF PROPRIETARY BRAND NAME PRODUCTS. The Company is currently engaged in the development, marketing and sale of its own proprietary brand name budget-line health, beauty aid and cosmetic products. The Company's beauty aid and cosmetic products include budget-line lipsticks, lip pencils, nail polishes and eye pencils, which are manufactured in a variety of colors and are sold under the Linette(R), Loud Music(R), Ghoul Tools(R), Quick Thang(R), Loud Sticks(TM), Signature Solutions(R) and Signature Beauty Care(R) brand names to retail chains and other mass merchandisers located throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. All of the Company's proprietary beauty aid and cosmetic products are manufactured and supplied by third parties in accordance with the Company's specifications. The Company purchases all materials for these products (including raw materials and packaging) through individually placed purchase orders to various suppliers. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, no supplier accounted for 10% or more of such

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purchases. The Company has credit arrangements with suppliers that allow it to purchase merchandise on credit with payment generally due 30 days after purchase. To date, the Company has not experienced any shortages of or difficulties in obtaining the raw materials used in its products or the materials used for the packaging of its products. Furthermore, the Company believes that alternate sources of supply for such materials are readily available and that the loss of any one of its suppliers would not have a material adverse effect. The Company believes that it has good relationships with the suppliers of raw materials and packaging for its proprietary products.

Typically, materials purchased by the Company for its proprietary beauty aid and cosmetic products are delivered by the suppliers to the Company's warehouse facilities. The Company thereafter, delivers such materials, on an as-needed basis, to its contract fillers, which are engaged by the Company to provide filling services and perform quality control with respect to the finished products. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, no such contract filler accounted for 10% or more of the Company's filling services. All products are filled pursuant to the Company's specifications on a purchase order basis. Once completed, the products are delivered to the Company, which packages the products and distributes the finished products to its customers. Although the Company believes that its contract fillers have the capacity to produce volumes of the Company's products sufficient to meet the Company's foreseeable needs, there can be no assurance of such. Furthermore, although the Company believes that it has a good relationship with its contract fillers and that the Company will continue to obtain its finished beauty aid and cosmetic products from such fillers in the foreseeable future, the Company does not have written contracts with any of these fillers and there can therefore be no assurance of such. In the event the Company were to experience difficulties with or the loss of services of its present fillers, the Company believes that it would be able to retain the services of other fillers; however, there can be no assurance that such services could be retained on a timely basis or on terms as favorable as those with its present fillers.

As part of the Company's strategy of taking advantage of the growth in mass merchandising and value retailing, the Company will seek to expand its existing proprietary brand name product lines as well as continue to introduce new brand name products, thereby providing the Company with a supply of products and making the Company less reliant on third party and/or opportunistic sources of merchandise. The Company may also seek to acquire rights to additional proprietary product lines through licensing or other arrangements, although there can be no assurance of such.

OPPORTUNISTIC PURCHASING AND SECONDARY SOURCING ACTIVITIES. The Company acts as a secondary sourcer of a broad range of name-brand and off-brand merchandise, including health and beauty aids, cosmetics, fragrances, kitchen items and other household products. The Company acquires its merchandise either directly from consumer goods manufacturers or from wholesalers, retailers, financially distressed businesses, duty-free distributors and other secondary sources located in the United States and, to a very limited extent, in Europe, and sells the merchandise to retail chains and other mass merchandisers located throughout the United States. During the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company purchased merchandise from over 50 different suppliers and sold the merchandise to over 30 different retailers, including, among others, BJ's Wholesale Club and Rite Aid, which accounted for approximately 14% and 9%,

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respectively, of the Company's net opportunistic sales in 2000. The Company believes that its longstanding relationships with many of its suppliers and customers are important to the secondary sourcing activities of the Company, and that its relationship with its suppliers and customers are good.

In connection with its distribution activities, the Company has the ability to repackage merchandise acquired by it or to provide other value-added services at the request of a retailing customer. For example, if the Company were to acquire merchandise which had been packaged by the manufacturer as a four-pack item (i.e., four items to the package), the Company could, if requested by the retailer, repackage the item as a ten-pack item prior to delivery of the

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merchandise to the customer. Likewise, at a customer's request, the Company has the ability to package several different items together to create a gift or bonus package. The Company believes that its ability to provide such value-added services allows it to service the ongoing needs of its customers and to enhance its sales and customer relations.

Because the Company focuses on the opportunistic acquisition of merchandise such as purchases of closed-out, overstocked and/or change-of-packaging brand name items, the Company is generally able to purchase such merchandise at a discount below wholesale cost. The Company then sells the merchandise to discount retailers and other mass merchandisers who seek to purchase products at discount prices in order to supplement their normal inventory purchases or for special promotions. The merchandise is sold at prices that are above the Company's cost, although at prices that are still generally below wholesale. Although the Company typically purchases merchandise before it has located customers for such merchandise, it has sold substantially all merchandise acquired by it in each of the last three fiscal years.

The Company purchases the name-brand and off-brand merchandise which it sells to retailers from over 50 suppliers, including consumer goods manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, financially distressed businesses, duty-free distributors and other secondary sources. The Company is continually seeking to locate new sources of merchandise. Generally, the Company will be contacted by a manufacturer or other supplier when such supplier has excess merchandise that is available for resale through the secondary market; alternatively, the Company will also contact a supplier if it becomes aware that the supplier has merchandise which it desires to sell. Although certain suppliers may have provided a majority or all of a particular type of product or particular category of merchandise, no supplier accounted for more than 10% of the Company's total opportunistic merchandise purchases for the year ended December 31, 2000. During the year ended December 31, 2000, substantially all of the Company's secondary sourcing merchandise was purchased from domestic suppliers. The Company believes that the loss of any one of its suppliers would not have a material adverse effect on the Company and that alternative sources of merchandise are readily available in all existing product categories as well as additional product categories.

All merchandise is purchased by the Company from its suppliers through individually placed purchase orders. The Company does not have any contractual relationships with any of its suppliers and depends, instead, on its ongoing relationships and prior dealings with such suppliers to obtain merchandise at favorable prices when it becomes available to secondary suppliers. The Company believes that such ongoing relationships with its suppliers have resulted from its prior dealings with such suppliers, in many

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cases over a period of years, and its reliability and strength as a customer. Several of the Company's principals have been involved in the opportunistic purchasing business for more than 20 years and have developed many on-going contacts with suppliers.

Currently, all purchasing and pricing decisions with respect to the Company's opportunistic purchasing activities are made by Paul Sharp, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Jorge Lazaro, the Company's Executive Vice President, who locate sources of merchandise and determine whether any given product will be suitable for wholesale distribution to mass merchandise retailers or other customers. Generally, the Company believes that it has the ability to sell all merchandise that is acquired by it. The Company has credit

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arrangements with substantially all of its existing suppliers, thereby allowing the Company to purchase merchandise on account. Generally, such credit arrangements allow the Company to purchase merchandise with payment generally due 30 days after the purchase. However, in certain cases the Company purchases merchandise with payment made upon the receipt of goods in order to enable the Company to obtain favorable prices.

The Company also acts as a wholesale distributor of prestige, designer fragrances. Historically, manufacturers of such fragrances have sold their products primarily to leading department stores. As a result, mass merchandisers have traditionally only been able to obtain such items from secondary sources such as the Company. Typically, the Company purchases these fragrances from other secondary sources such as export and import companies, duty-free distributors and department stores which are liquidating their excess inventory. Unlike other merchandise which is acquired by the Company at prices that are significantly below wholesale, the Company purchases the designer fragrances at above-wholesale prices (although still well below their normal retail price). The Company, in turn, sells such items to mass merchandisers. The Company believes that sales of such fragrances will continue to constitute a portion of its sales, although there can be no assurance of such.

The Company believes that a portion of the designer fragrances purchased by it may include trademarked products manufactured in foreign countries and trademarked products manufactured in the United States that may have been sold to foreign distributors. From time to time, United States trademark owners and their licensees and trade associations have initiated litigation or administrative agency proceedings seeking to halt the importation into the United States of such foreign manufactured or previously exported trademarked products. Although the Company is not currently the subject of any such legal or administrative actions, and is not aware of any such threatened legal or administrative actions, there can be no assurance that the Company's business activities will not become the subject of such actions in the future, or that future judicial, legislative or administrative agency action will not limit or eliminate some or all of the secondary sources of supply of prestige fragrances used by the Company. However, the Company believes that any future limitation on or elimination of its sources of supply for prestige fragrances for sale to its customers would not have a material adverse effect on the Company, although there can be no assurance of such.

DEVELOPMENT OF "CELEBRITY-ENDORSED" PRODUCTS. The Company believes that the increasing popularity of consumer products endorsed by celebrities may provide significant future opportunities for the Company. Accordingly, the Company is seeking to develop products for promotion by celebrity

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spokespersons which products would be sold by the Company to mass merchandising and electronic retailers. In this connection, the Company will seek to enter into agreements with celebrities for whom it believes it will be able to successfully develop products which will have consumer appeal.

In September 1996, the Company entered into an arrangement with ACI, Inc. ("ACI"), a developer and marketer of cosmetic products, relating to the distribution and marketing of products endorsed by celebrity spokespersons through electronic media and other retail channels. Pursuant to this arrangement, the Company provides the financing required in connection with developing, marketing and distributing the products to be promoted by such celebrities and sold in the retail market. All profits and losses (after giving effect to any royalty payments required to be made to celebrity spokespersons)

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resulting from the sale of such products are to be divided equally between the Company and ACI. To date, the Company has provided the financing for a line of cosmetics developed by ACI (including, without limitation, lipsticks, blushes and other beauty products) which are being promoted by a leading make-up artist and sold through the electronic media. The revenues generated by the Company's arrangement with ACI, Inc. accounted for approximately 23% of the Company's net sales in 2000. There can be no assurance that any other products will be developed by ACI and financed by the Company pursuant to this agreement or that any such products that are developed will meet with consumer acceptance or provide significant revenues for the Company.

In September 2000, the Company entered into a product promotion agreement with Z Metro, Inc. ("Metro, Inc."), pursuant to which Metro, Inc. agreed to provide to the Company the services of Zoe Metro, a jewelry and handbag designer, who is to assist in the design of, and endorse and promote, various products through electronic retailers. Under this agreement, Ms. Metro made an appearance on The Shop Channel in Japan in February 2001 and is scheduled to make an additional appearance in July 2001. In return for the grant to the Company of Ms. Metro's services and the use of certain trademarks and other rights, the Company is to pay to Metro, Inc. a specified percentage of net sales in accordance with the terms of the agreement. The agreement has an initial term of thirty months, subject to renewal or early termination under specified circumstances.

In October 2000, the Company entered into a license agreement with a recording artist and performer known under the stage name "Juliet", pursuant to which the Company obtained the exclusive right to use her name and likeness in connection with the manufacture, promotion and sale of cosmetics, beauty products and fragrances. Subject to the terms of the agreement, the Company is to pay specified royalties, sublicense fees and bonuses. The agreement has an initial term of five years, subject to renewal or early termination under specified circumstances.

Although the Company is seeking to develop the "celebrity-endorsed" product area of its business, including by marketing and distributing in the traditional retail market merchandise which is originally offered for sale on television or by developing products to be promoted by celebrities and sold directly in such traditional markets, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in its endeavors. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to continue to develop any new celebrity products or

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that any such products developed by the Company will meet with consumer acceptance. In addition, except as described above, as of the date hereof the Company has no agreements, understandings or commitments related to such plan of development.

### Inventory

Merchandise acquired by the Company in connection with its opportunistic purchasing activities for resale to its mass market customers is generally shipped by the supplier to the Company's warehouse facility, which is located in Paterson, New Jersey, or, in certain situations, is shipped by the supplier directly to a customer from whom the Company has received a purchase order. The Company utilizes its Paterson facility for the centralized receipt of goods from suppliers, as well as the storage of inventory and the shipment of inventory to its customers. In addition, value-added services such as repackaging of goods are also performed at this facility.

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Typically, all raw materials purchased by the Company for its proprietary beauty aid and cosmetic products, are delivered to the Company's warehouse facility. Thereafter, the Company delivers such materials, on an as-needed basis, to its contract fillers, which provide filling services and perform quality control with respect to the finished products. Once completed, the products are delivered to the Company, which packages the products and distributes the finished goods from its warehouse to its customers.

### Competition

The areas of business in which the Company engages are highly competitive. The Company believes that it competes with the following:

In the opportunistic purchasing area of its business, the Company competes with other secondary sourcers, as well as with wholesale distributors and retailers, with respect to its ability to obtain merchandise. In addition, with respect to sales of such merchandise to its customers, the Company competes with other secondary suppliers, as well as with manufacturers who sell directly to retail merchandisers. The Company believes that its ability to purchase a broad array of merchandise at competitive prices is critical to its success.

In connection with its sale of proprietary brand name products including the Linette(R), Quick Thang(R), Loud Sticks, Loud Music(R), Ghoul Tools(R), Signature Solutions(R) and Signature Beauty Care(R) products, the Company competes at the retail level with other manufacturers of budget-line health, beauty aid and cosmetic products for shelf space and promotional space.

In connection with its celebrity-endorsed products business, the Company competes with manufacturers and marketing organizations that seek out celebrities to endorse products and assist in marketing programs for their merchandise, as well as with celebrity agents who can negotiate directly with retailers in order to secure marketing contracts for the celebrities they represent. The Company believes that it will compete on the basis of its ability to design products which are consistent with celebrities' respective preferences and characters and to provide such products to retailers at competitive prices.

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Many of the Company's existing or potential competitors are well established companies and have or will have substantially greater financial, marketing and other resources than the Company. The Company believes that it competes on the basis of value, product assortment and availability, service to customers and reputation, as well as on the basis of its long-standing and well established relationships with both its suppliers and customers. Although the Company believes that it will be able to compete effectively on the basis of such factors, there can be no assurance of such.

### Trademark and Servicemark Protection

Products developed by the Company are sold under the Linette(R), Quick Thang(R), Loud Sticks(TM), Signature Solutions(R) and Signature Beauty Care(R) trademarks and the Loud Music(R) and Ghoul Tools(R) marks. The Company has registered the Linette(R), Loud Music(R) and Ghoul Tools(R) trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "Trademark Office") and, in connection with the acquisition of the product lines from SBC, Ales acquired all of SBC's rights in and to the Signature Solutions(R) mark and the Signature Beauty Care(R), Groomer's Secret(R), Lip Set(R) and Salon Essence(R) trademarks. There can be no assurance that these marks do not or will not violate the proprietary rights of



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others, that such marks would be upheld if challenged or that the Company would not be prevented from using its trademarks.

### Personnel

The Company currently employs approximately 19 full-time salaried employees and approximately 49 hourly employees (the exact number of which fluctuates from time to time based on the Company's needs). The terms of employment of the Company's hourly employees are governed by a collective bargaining agreement which commenced on September 1, 1997 and continues for a term of five years. Management believes that its employee relations are good.

### Insurance

To date, no material product liability claims have been made against the Company; however, as a distributor of merchandise, including health and beauty aids, cosmetics, fragrances and household items, the Company could be exposed to possible liability claims from others for personal injury or property damage due to design or manufacturing defects or otherwise. The Company maintains a product liability insurance policy that has a \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit and a \$2,000,000 aggregate limit, and a \$5,000,000 umbrella liability insurance policy to cover claims in excess of the limits of its product liability insurance. In addition, the Company believes that the suppliers from whom it purchases such merchandise, including the manufacturers thereof, maintain adequate levels of product liability insurance. The Company also maintains other insurance, including insurance relating to property and personal injury, which the Company believes is similar to that maintained by comparable businesses and in amounts which the Company currently considers adequate. The Company believes that its insurance coverage, including without limitation its product liability coverage, is adequate in light of prior experience and future expectations. Nevertheless, a partially or completely uninsured claim against the Company, if successful and of sufficient magnitude, could have a material adverse effect on the Company.

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### Item 2. Description of Property

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 495 River Street, Paterson, New Jersey, 07524. Such premises include approximately 50,500 square feet of office and warehouse space. The lease which commenced April 1, 1997, is for a period of five years. The monthly rent (including tax) was \$25,159, which increased to \$25,202 on April 1, 2001. The Company is also obligated to reimburse the lessor for the Company's proportionate share of any increases in real estate taxes and assessments over the amount of such taxes and assessments during calendar year 1997.

The Company believes that the space afforded by its properties is adequate for the current needs of its business.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

Except for proceedings in the normal course of business, the Company is not a party to or involved in any pending legal proceedings.

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

The Company did not submit any matters to the vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

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## PART II

### Item 5. Market for Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

#### A. Market Information.

The shares of Common Stock of the Company commenced trading on the Nasdaq Small Capitalization Market under the symbol "SELB" on July 13, 1995. On or about April 27, 2001, as a result of the Company's delinquency in filing its Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, the fifth character "E" was appended to its trading symbol by Nasdaq. On April 25, 2001, the Company was notified by Nasdaq that because it did not file as required its Form 10-KSB for the period ended December 31, 2000, the Company's securities are subject to delisting from the Nasdaq Smallcap Market. A hearing has been scheduled for May 25, 2001. The Company was notified by Nasdaq on May 11, 2001 that in addition to the filing delinquency, the Company has failed to maintain a minimum \$1.00 per share closing bid price for thirty consecutive trading days, as set forth in the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules. This additional issue will be considered at the Company's hearing with Nasdaq. There can be no assurance that the Company's securities will continue to be listed on Nasdaq. The range of high and low reported closing sales prices for the Common Stock as reported by Nasdaq during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000 were as follows:

	HIGH	LOW
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FISCAL YEAR 1999		
Quarter Ended:		
March 31, 1999 .....	\$ 3.313	\$ 1.250
June 30, 1999 .....	\$ 5.563	\$ 2.250
September 30, 1999 .....	\$ 3.313	\$ 2.281
December 31, 1999 .....	\$ 4.688	\$ 2.125
FISCAL YEAR 2000		
Quarter Ended:		
March 31, 2000 .....	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.25
June 30, 2000 .....	\$ 3.25	\$ 1.125
September 30, 2000 .....	\$2.0625	\$1.3125
December 31, 2000 .....	\$ 1.75	\$0.6875

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The prices set forth above reflect inter dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

#### B. Holders.

On May 10, 2001, as reported by the Company's transfer agent, shares of Common Stock were held by 44 persons, based on the number of record holders, including several holders who are nominees for an undetermined number of beneficial owners.

#### C. Dividends.

The Company did not pay any dividends during 1999 and 2000. The payment by the Company of dividends, if any, is within the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend on the Company's earnings, if any, its capital requirements and financial condition, as well as other relevant factors. The Board of Directors does not intend to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future, but instead intends to retain earnings, if any, for use in the Company's business operations.

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## ITEM 6. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSIONS AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION

The following discussion and analysis of the company's results of operations, liquidity and financial condition should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company and related notes thereto. The Annual Report on Form 10-KSB contains certain forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including but not limited to general trends in the retail industry, the ability of the Company to extend its financing arrangements (or obtain satisfactory alternative financing) on favorable terms, or at all, the ability of the Company to successfully implement its expansion plans, consumer acceptance of any products developed and sold by the Company, the ability of the Company to develop its "celebrity" product business, the ability of the company to sell its specially purchased merchandise at favorable prices, on a timely basis or at all, and other factors set forth herein or in reports and other documents filed by the Company with the SEC.

Consolidated Results of Operations: Year Ended December 31, 2000 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 1999:

The Company has two principal business segments (see Note 10 to the Company's audited consolidated financial statements): Opportunity and Cosmetics.

	DECEMBER 31, 2000	DECEMBER 31, 1999	\$ CHANGE
Net sales:			
Opportunity	\$ 8,832,579	10,600,996	(1,768,417) (A)
Cosmetics	11,874,690	10,826,534	1,048,156 (B)
Total net sales	20,707,269	21,427,530	(720,261)
Cost of sales:			
Opportunity	6,458,829	8,948,368	(2,489,539) (C)
Cosmetics	9,355,504	6,469,886	2,885,618 (D)
Total cost of sales	15,814,333	15,418,254	396,079
Selling general and administrative expenses	4,273,466	4,247,550	25,916 (E)
Total operating expenses	20,087,799	19,665,804	421,995
Operating income	619,470	1,761,726	(1,142,256)
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense, net	(449,791)	(320,522)	(129,269) (F)
Other		2,929	(2,929)
Totals	(449,791)	(317,593)	(132,198)
Income before income taxes	\$ 169,679	\$ 1,444,133	\$ (1,274,454)

- (A) The "Opportunity" segment of our business is comprised of the acquisition, sale and distribution of name-brand and off-brand products which are purchased from either manufacturers, wholesalers, or retailers as a result of close-outs, overstocks and/or change-of-packaging of name-brand items. The decrease in this segment of our business primarily resulted from a

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conscious decision to restrict sales, because of the Company's perception that there were severe credit issues and problems with several accounts.

- (B) The "Cosmetic" segment of our business is comprised of the acquisition, sale and distribution of all other products, including "celebrity endorsed" and "tie-in" cosmetics and health and beauty aid products and designer and all other fragrances. During the year ended December 31, 2000 this segment of our business increased primarily as a result of growth in the electronic media portion of our business as well

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as the successful continued introduction of new products and development of new customers.

- (C) Although our cost of sales for the "Opportunity" segment of our business decreased by approximately \$2,500,000, the decrease was not in proportion to the decrease in the sales for this segment. For the year ended December 31, 2000 cost of sales for this segment was approximately 73% of sales as compared to 84% for the year ended December 31, 1999. Improved margins for this segment resulted primarily from the sale of specially purchased merchandise sold during the year at higher margins.
- (D) Cost of sales for the "Cosmetic" segment of our business was approximately 79% of sales for the year ended December 31, 2000 as compared to 60% for the year ended December 31, 1999. The decrease in margins for this segment of our business result primarily from the sale of slower moving merchandise at lower profit margins, based on the Company's decision to reduce certain inventory levels, and sales at lower than usual margins to customers with whom the Company is hopeful of doing significant business in the future.
- (E) Selling general and administrative expenses consist principally of payroll, rent, commissions, insurance, professional fees, and travel and promotional expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2000 we made a concerted effort to stabilize these costs and accordingly such expenses increased by only approximately 1%.
- (F) The increase in interest expense results primarily from additional borrowings under our credit facility during the year to fund our increase in inventory to meet anticipated sales.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At December 31, 2000 we had working capital of approximately \$8,543,000 including cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$214,000. Our cash and cash equivalents, at December 31, 2000 result primarily from our financing activities more fully discussed below.

During the year ended December 31, 2000 we used approximately \$695,000 in our operations primarily to increase inventory by approximately \$1,467,000 in order to meet anticipated sales demands and take advantage of an opportunity to make a significant purchase of specially priced merchandise. The use of cash and cash equivalents to increase inventory was offset by a net decrease in accounts receivable of approximately \$787,000.

During the year ended December 31, 2000 we used approximately \$46,000 for the acquisition of property and equipment.

As stated above, our cash and cash equivalent position of approximately \$214,000

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at December 31, 2000 results primarily from our various financing activities. In December, 1998 we entered into a credit facility ("Facility") with Merrill Lynch Business Financial

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Services, Inc. ("Merrill Lynch"). As amended, the credit facility provides for the following:

- 1) A revolving line of credit with maximum borrowings of \$4,350,000 against the Company's eligible accounts receivable and inventories through May 15, 2001. At December 31, 2000 we had \$3,404,505 outstanding under the revolving line of credit, representing a net increase in our revolving line of credit of \$456,149.
- 2) A \$900,000 term loan originated in December 1998 payable in monthly installments of \$10,714 plus interest through January 2006. This term loan had an outstanding balance of \$642,857 as of December 31, 2000.
- 3) A \$500,000 term loan originating in October 1999 payable in monthly installments of \$8,333 plus interest through November 2004. This term loan had an outstanding balance of \$391,667 as of December 31, 2000.
- 4) A \$600,000 term loan originated in December 2000 payable in monthly installments of \$50,000 plus interest through December 2001.

Each of the aforementioned loans with Merrill Lynch require interest to be paid monthly at 2.65% above the 30-day commercial paper rate (an effective rate of 9.2% at December 31, 2000).

In addition to the Merrill Lynch credit facility, on September 26, 1997 the Paterson Restoration Corporation provided us with a \$100,000 term loan ("1997 loan") which bears interest at 6% and provides for monthly installments in the amount of \$1,461 through October 1, 2004. On December 28, 1999 the Paterson Restoration Corporation provided us with an additional \$100,000 term loan ("1999 loan") which bears interest at 6% and provides for monthly installments of \$1,461 through December 1, 2006. As of December 31, 2000 \$59,986 and \$81,302 were outstanding under the 1997 loan and 1999 loan, respectively.

As of May 11, 2001, the outstanding balance under the Revolving Line of Credit was \$4,152,082 and under the term loans, including the Paterson Restoration Corporation was \$1,462,603.

Pursuant to the terms of the term loans, we made principal payments of \$262,733 during the year ended December 31, 2000.

The Company anticipates that its working capital, together with anticipated cash flow from the Company's operations, will be sufficient to satisfy the Company's cash requirements for at least twelve months assuming that the Company's Facility is extended or adequate alternative financing arrangements are obtained by the Company. In the event the Company's plans change, due to unanticipated expenses or difficulties or otherwise, or if the working capital and projected cash flow otherwise are insufficient to fund operations

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or if the Company's Facility is not extended on satisfactory terms, the Company could be required to seek financing sooner than currently anticipated. Except for the Facility, which expires on May 15, 2001, and the term loans under the Facility, the Company has no current arrangements with respect to, or sources of, financing. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that financing will be available to the Company when needed, on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. The Company's inability to obtain adequate financing when needed could have a material adverse effect on the Company. In addition, any equity financing obtained by the Company could involve substantial dilution to the interests of the Company's stockholders. The Company believes that it will be able to extend the current Facility, although there can be no assurance of such.

The year 2000 issue did not pose significant operational problems to the Company. The costs of our year 2000 assessment were not significant.

### Cautionary Statement

This Annual Report on Form 10-KSB contains certain forward-looking statements, including statements concerning the adequacy of the Company's sources of cash to finance its current and future operations. Actual results could differ materially from those projected as a result of various factors, including but not limited to general trends in the retail industry, consumer acceptance of any products developed and sold by the Company, and the ability of the Company to develop its "celebrity" product business.

### Item 7. Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Company are set forth in a separate section of this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB. See "Item 13. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K" and the Index to Financial Statements on page F-1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB.

### Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None

## PART III

### Item 9. Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters and Control Persons; Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

The information set forth below, furnished to the Board of Directors by the respective individuals, shows as to each director of the Company (i) his name and age, (ii) his principal position with the Company, (iii) his principal occupation or employment, if different, and (iv) the month and year in which he began to serve as a director.

NAME AND AGE -----	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION OR EMPLOYMENT -----	DIRECTOR SINCE -----
Harold Markowitz (60)	Chairman of the Board of the Company	September 1993

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NAME AND AGE	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION	DIRECTOR SINCE
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Paul Sharp (51)	President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company	December 1994
Jan S. Mirsky (60)	Executive Vice President - Finance of the Company	December 1994
Jorge Lazaro (52)	Executive Vice President and Secretary of the Company	September 1993
Jack Koegel (49)	Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Operating Officer of the Company	December 1994
Stanley R. Goodman (71)	Partner, Goodman & Saperstein (law firm)	December 1994
Edward C. Ross (57)	Partner, Finkle, Ross & Rost (accounting firm)	December 1994
L. Douglas Bailey (59)	President, Bailey & Associates, Inc. (consulting firm); President and Chief Executive Officer, Precision Fixtures and Graphics (manufacturing company)	March 1996

## Biographical Information Regarding Directors

HAROLD MARKOWITZ, a co-founder of the Company, has been Chairman of the Board of the Company since December 1994. Prior to such time, he served as President and a director of the Company from its inception in September 1993 to December 1994. Mr. Markowitz was also a co-founder of Linette Cosmetics, Inc. ("Linette Cosmetics") and served as a director of Linette Cosmetics from its inception in 1985 until the May 1995 merger of Linette Cosmetics with and into the Company (the "Linette Merger"). In 1986, Mr. Markowitz co-founded Beauty Labs, Inc. ("Beauty Labs"), a publicly-held company which marketed cosmetics and other accessories to mass merchandisers, and served as the Chairman of the Board and a director of Beauty Labs from 1987 to 1991.

PAUL SHARP has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 1995 and as President and a director of the Company since December 1994. Mr. Sharp also served as Secretary and Treasurer and a director of Linette Cosmetics from 1990 to December 1994. From 1987 to 1989, Mr. Sharp served as Corporate Vice President of Zayre Corporation, a mass merchandising retailer, where he was responsible for the fragrance, cosmetic and health and beauty product lines. Prior to 1987, Mr. Sharp served in various other capacities at Zayre Corporation and on the Retail Advisory Board of The Gillette Company, a manufacturer of personal care products, and was engaged as a retail marketing

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consultant for Smith-Kline Beecham Company, a manufacturer of health and beauty aids and pharmaceuticals.

JAN MIRSKY has served as Executive Vice President-Finance of the Company since January 1995 and as a director of the Company since December 1994 and, from January 1995 to June 1997 served as the Chief Operating Officer of the

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Company. In addition, he acted as a marketing consultant to the Company from January 1994 to January 1995, at which time he became an employee of the Company. From 1991 to January 1995, Mr. Mirsky was engaged as an independent management, marketing and financial consultant.

JORGE LAZARO, a co-founder of the Company, has been Executive Vice President of the Company since May 1995 and the Secretary and a director of the Company since its inception in September 1993. Mr. Lazaro also served as the President of the Company from December 1994 to May 1995 and as Treasurer of the Company from its inception to December 1994. Mr. Lazaro was also a co-founder of Linette Cosmetics and served as President and a director of Linette Cosmetics from its inception in 1985 until the Linette Merger, and has served as the Secretary and Treasurer and as a director of Lea Cosmetics, Inc. ("Lea Cosmetics") from its inception in October 1992 until the merger of Lea Cosmetics with and into the Company in August 1995.

JACK KOEGEL has served as the Vice Chairman of the Company since September 1995, as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company since June 1997 and as a director of the Company since December 1994. From 1993 until September 1995, Mr. Koegel served as President of Retail Concepts 2000, Inc., a retail consulting company founded by him. Mr. Koegel served as President of Twin Valu Stores (a division of Super Valu Inc.) from 1991 to 1993 and as Executive Vice President of ShopKo Stores/Twin Valu Stores (a division of Super Valu Inc.) from 1989 to 1991.

STANLEY R. GOODMAN has served as Assistant Secretary of the Company since May 1995 and as a director of the Company since December 1994. Since 1989, Mr. Goodman has been a partner at Goodman & Saperstein, a law firm specializing in statutory and regulatory issues concerning pharmaceuticals, cosmetics and related consumer products. He also served as a director and General Counsel of Beauty Labs from 1987 until the time of its merger with Roborn Industries, Inc. in 1992.

EDWARD C. ROSS has served as a director of the Company since December 1994. Mr. Ross has been a partner in the accounting firm of Finkle, Ross & Rost since 1975. He has also been involved as a principal in various start-up companies as well as established operating businesses, ranging in type from manufacturing to real estate to financial consulting. Mr. Ross is a Certified Public Accountant in New York and New Jersey, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

L. DOUGLAS BAILEY has served as a director of the Company since March 1996. Beginning in 1996, Mr. Bailey became the President and Chief Executive Officer of Precision Fixtures and Graphics, a manufacturer of store fixtures, and since 1995 he has served as President of Bailey & Associates, Inc., a consulting firm for the retail industry. Mr. Bailey also serves as a developer for Regent Properties, an industrial property development and management company founded and operated by Mr. Bailey and his wife. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Bailey served as President of Home Shopping Club, Inc., a subsidiary of Home Shopping Network, Inc. and the operator of Home Shopping

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Network, a live, customer-interactive retail sales television network, and from 1970 to 1992 served as the Senior Vice President of Eckerd Drug Company, a retail drug store chain. Mr. Bailey also serves as a director of 800 Travel Systems, Inc., a publicly-held discount travel reservations company.

Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



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Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), requires officers and directors of the Company and holders of more than 10% of the Common Stock (collectively, "Reporting Persons") to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of the Common Stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission within certain time periods and to furnish the Company with copies of all such reports. Based solely on its review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company by such Reporting Persons or on the written representations of such Reporting Persons that no reports on Form 5 were required, the Company believes that during the year ended December 31, 2000, all of the Reporting Persons complied with their Section 16(a) filing requirements.

## Item 10. Executive Compensation

### Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation in each of the last three fiscal years of the person who served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, and the Company's four most highly compensated officers (other than the Chief Executive Officer) who were serving as officers at December 31, 2000 (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers").

NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	FISCAL YEAR	ANNUAL COMPENSATION			LONG TERM COM AWARDS	
		SALARY (\$)	BONUS (\$)	OTHER ANNUAL COMPENSATION (\$)	RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD (\$)	SECURIT UNDERLY OPTIONS SARS (#)
Paul Sharp President and Chief Executive Officer	2000	125,000	7,500	16,910 (1)	-0-	-0-
	1999	127,404	-0-	17,665 (1)	-0-	27,00
	1998	101,202	-0-	6,104 (1)	-0-	30,62
Harold Markowitz Chairman of the Board	2000	125,000	7,500	13,234 (4)	-0-	-0-
	1999	127,404	-0-	13,153 (4)	-0-	27,00
	1998	101,202	-0-	13,085 (4)	-0-	30,62
Jan S. Mirsky Executive Vice President - Finance	2000	115,000	6,900	7,200 (5)	-0-	-0-
	1999	117,212	-0-	7,200 (5)	-0-	54,00
	1998	93,106	-0-	6,926 (5)	-0-	123,50

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NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	FISCAL YEAR	SALARY (\$)	BONUS (\$)	OTHER ANNUAL COMPENSATION (\$)	RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD (\$)	SECURIT UNDERLY OPTIONS SARS (#)
Jorge Lazaro	2000	125,000	7,500	11,358 (8)	-0-	-0-
Executive Vice	1999	127,404	-0-	11,358 (8)	-0-	27,00
President and Secretary	1998	101,202	-0-	11,358 (8)	-0-	30,62
Jack Koegel	2000	100,000	6,000	14,400 (9)	-0-	-0-
Vice Chairman of The	1999	101,923	-0-	14,400 (9)	-0-	69,500
Board and Chief	1998	80,962	-0-	14,400 (9)	-0-	75,500
Operating Officer						

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- (1) Includes (i) for 2000, 1999, and 1998, \$10,892, \$10,892, and \$6,104, respectively, paid by the Company with respect to an automobile for use by Mr. Sharp in connection with his services to the Company, and (ii) for 1999, \$6,018 and \$6,774, respectively, paid by the Company to Mr. Sharp with respect to medical insurance purchased directly by him.
  - (2) Reflects (i) the January 6, 1999 grant by the Company to Messrs. Sharp, Markowitz and Lazaro of 10,000 options, each with an exercise price of \$1.25, (ii) the April 1, 1999 grant by the Company to Messrs. Sharp, Markowitz and Lazaro of 15,000 options, each with an exercise price of \$2.375, and (iii) the August 2, 1999 grant by the Company to Messrs. Sharp, Markowitz and Lazaro of 2,000 options, each with an exercise price of \$2.50.
  - (3) On October 8, 1998, (i) the Company granted to each of Messrs. Sharp, Markowitz and Lazaro 25,000 options with an exercise price of \$.4375 (the fair market value of the Common Stock on October 8, 1998), and (ii) the Company adjusted the exercise price of 5,626 outstanding options originally granted to each of Messrs. Sharp, Markowitz and Lazaro on December 26, 1996. In connection with such repricing, the Company cancelled the outstanding options, each with an exercise price of \$4.00, and granted a corresponding number of new options, each with an exercise price of \$.4375.
  - (4) Includes for 2000, 1999 and 1998 (i) \$11,069, \$10,988, and \$10,800, respectively, paid by the Company with respect to an automobile for use by Mr. Markowitz in connection with his services to the Company and (ii) \$2,165, \$2,165, and \$2,285, respectively, for certain membership fees paid by the Company on behalf of Mr. Markowitz.
  - (5) Represents amounts paid by the Company with respect to an automobile for use by Mr. Mirsky in connection with his services to the Company.
  - (6) Reflects (i) the January 6, 1999 grant by the Company to Mr. Mirsky of 10,000 options, with an exercise price of \$1.25, (ii) the April 1, 1999

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grant by the Company to Mr. Mirsky of 15,000 options, with an exercise price of \$2.375, and (iii) the April 1, 1999 and August 2, 1999 adjustments of the exercise price of an aggregate of 29,000 options held by Mr. Mirsky,

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in connection with which, in each case, the Company cancelled the outstanding options and granted a corresponding number of new options. See "-- Repricing of Certain Options During Fiscal 1999."

- (7) On October 8, 1998, the Company granted to Mr. Mirsky 25,000 options each with an exercise price of \$.4375 (the fair market value of the Common Stock on October 8, 1998). On October 8, 1998 and November 4, 1998, the Company adjusted the exercise price of an aggregate of 123,500 outstanding options originally granted to Mr. Mirsky. In connection with such repricing, in each case, the Company cancelled the outstanding options and granted a corresponding number of new options.
- (8) Represents amounts paid by the Company with respect to an automobile for use by Mr. Lazaro in connection with his services to the Company.
- (9) Includes for 1999, 1998 and 1997 (i) \$4,800, \$4,800 and \$4,800, respectively, paid by the Company to Mr. Koegel with respect to medical insurance purchased directly by him and (ii) \$9,600, \$9,600 and \$9,600, respectively, paid by the Company with respect to an automobile for use by Mr. Koegel in connection with his services to the Company.
- (10) Reflects (i) the January 6, 1999 grant by the Company to Mr. Koegel of 10,000 options, with an exercise price of \$1.25, (ii) the April 1, 1999 grant by the Company to Mr. Koegel of 15,000 options, each with an exercise price of \$2.375, (iii) the August 2, 1999 grant by the Company to Mr. Koegel of 2,000 options, each with an exercise price of \$2.50, and (iv) the March 2, 1999 and August 2, 1999 adjustments of the exercise price of an aggregate of 42,500 options held by Mr. Koegel, in connection with which, in each case, the Company cancelled the outstanding options and granted a corresponding number of new options. See "-- Repricing of Certain Options During Fiscal 1999."
- (11) On October 8, 1998, the Company granted to Mr. Koegel 25,000 options each with an exercise price of \$.4375 (the fair market value of the Common Stock on October 8, 1998). On June 4, 1998 and November 4, 1998, the Company adjusted the exercise price of an aggregate of 81,750 outstanding options originally granted to Mr. Koegel. In connection with such repricing, in each case, the Company cancelled the outstanding options and granted a corresponding number of new options.

### Option/SAR Grants During Fiscal 2000

No stock options or stock appreciation rights were granted or issued by the Company during fiscal 2000 to the Named Executive Officers.

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### Aggregated Option/SAR Exercises During Fiscal 2000 and Year End Option/SAR Values

The following table provides information related to options exercised by the Named Executive Officers during fiscal 2000 and the number and value of options and stock appreciation rights held at fiscal year end which are currently exercisable. No stock appreciation rights were exercised during fiscal 2000.

NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING

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NAME -----	SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE (#) -----	VALUE REALIZED (\$) -----	UNEXERCISED OPTIONS/SARS AT FY-END	
			EXERCISABLE -----	UNEXERCISABLE -----
Paul Sharp	-0-	-0-	33,470	11,354
Harold Markowitz	-0-	-0-	33,470	11,354
Jan S. Mirsky(2)	-0-	-0-	151,252	10,312
Jorge Lazaro	-0-	-0-	33,470	11,354
Jack Koegel	-0-	-0-	115,563	11,937

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- (1) The values of Unexercised In-the-Money Options/SARs represents the aggregate amount of the excess of \$1.00, the closing sales price for a share of Common Stock on December 29, 2000, over the relevant exercise price of all "in-the-money" options.
- (2) The values listed do not take into account the warrants held by Mr. Mirsky.

## Directors' Compensation

Each director who is not an employee of the Company was paid \$500 for each meeting of the Board of Directors attended by such director during 2000. The Company also reimbursed each such director for all reasonable expenses incurred by him in attending meetings. In addition, non-employee directors of the Company are eligible to participate in the Nonemployee Director's Plan, pursuant to which an aggregate of 75,000 shares of Common Stock may be

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granted to non-employee directors. Pursuant to such Plan, each non-employee director is automatically granted (i) upon becoming a director of the Company, an option to purchase 1,250 shares of Common Stock and (ii) each year, on the day of the Company's annual meeting of shareholders, an option to purchase 1,250 shares of Common Stock. To date, the Company has granted to Messrs. Bailey, Goodman and Ross, pursuant to the Nonemployee Directors' Plan, options to purchase 7,500 shares, 10,000 shares and 5,000 shares, respectively.

## Description of Employment Agreements, Severance Arrangements and Change of Control Arrangements

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS WITH MESSRS. MARKOWITZ, SHARP AND LAZARO. On June 30, 1995, the Company entered into identical employment agreements with each of Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp and Lazaro. Pursuant to such agreements, Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp and Lazaro are employed as the Chairman of the Board, the President and Chief Executive Officer, and an Executive Vice President, respectively, of the Company. The agreements provide that such individuals shall devote substantially all of their working time and attention to the business of the Company. Each such agreement has an initial term of five years commencing July 20, 1995, and shall be automatically renewable for successive one-year periods unless either the Company or the employee elects not to renew his employment. Pursuant to the employment agreements, as amended, Messrs.

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Markowitz, Sharp and Lazaro each received a base salary in 2000 of \$125,000, and are each entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$125,000 in each year during the remainder of the term of his respective agreement, subject to such increases as shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The employment agreements also provide that each of Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp and Lazaro will be eligible to participate in any medical insurance, pension, profit sharing or other employment benefit programs generally made available to senior executives of the Company.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JAN MIRSKY. On June 30, 1995, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Mirsky, pursuant to which Mr. Mirsky is employed as the Executive Vice President - Finance of the Company and is to devote substantially all of his working time and attention to the business of the Company. Such agreement, which became effective July 13, 1995, had an initial term of eighteen months, and is automatically renewable for successive one-year periods beginning on January 13th of each year unless either the Company or Mr. Mirsky elects not to renew his employment. The Company renewed the agreement again on January 13, 2000. Pursuant to the employment agreement, as amended, Mr. Mirsky received a base salary in 2000 of \$115,000, and is entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$115,000 in each year during the remainder of the term of the agreement, subject to such increases as shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement further provides that Mr. Mirsky will be eligible to participate in any medical insurance, pension, profit sharing or other employment benefit programs generally made available to senior executives of the Company.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JACK KOEGEL. Pursuant to the Company's employment agreement with Mr. Koegel, which became effective September 27, 1995, Mr. Koegel is employed by the Company as the Vice Chairman of the Company and, since June 1997, has been employed as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company. The agreement provides that Mr. Koegel is to devote

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substantially all of his working time and attention to the business of the Company. The agreement provides that services performed by Mr. Koegel shall be rendered in the St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area; however, Mr. Koegel and the Company have subsequently mutually agreed that his services shall be performed at the Company's executive offices in Paterson, New Jersey. Such agreement had an initial term of thirty-six months, and is automatically renewable for successive one-year periods beginning on September 23 of each year unless either the Company or Mr. Koegel elects not to renew his employment. The Company renewed the agreement on September 23, 1999. Pursuant to the employment agreement, as amended, Mr. Koegel received a base salary of \$100,000 in 2000, and is entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$100,000 in each year during the remainder of the term of the agreement, subject to such increases as shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement further provides that Mr. Koegel will be eligible to participate in any pension, profit sharing or other employment benefit programs generally made available to senior executives of the Company other than medical insurance benefits. However, the agreement provides that the Company will pay Mr. Koegel \$400 per month to cover costs incurred by him in purchasing medical insurance directly. In addition, pursuant to the agreement, the Company provides Mr. Koegel with a monthly automobile allowance of \$800.

Pursuant to the employment agreement, Mr. Koegel was granted an option in September 1995 to purchase an aggregate of 93,750 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$11.00 per share. On July 15, 1997, the Company adjusted the exercise price of 12,500 of such options to \$6.50 per share. On June 4, 1998,

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the Company adjusted the exercise price of an additional 6,250 of such options to \$2.00 per share, and on November 4, 1998, the Company adjusted the exercise price of 63,000 of such options to \$3.75 per share. In addition, on November 4, 1998, the Company also adjusted to \$3.25 per share the exercise price of the 12,500 options which had been repriced in July 1997 and, subsequent to the end of fiscal 1998, the Company adjusted the exercise price of such options to \$2.00 per share. Mr. Koegel's agreement provides that, in the event the Company grants options, either under the Stock Option Plan or any other stock option plan adopted by the Company, to Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp, Mirsky and Lazaro during the term of Mr. Koegel's employment, Mr. Koegel shall be entitled to receive a proportionate amount of additional options on such terms as may be established by the Board of Directors.

SEVERANCE ARRANGEMENTS. Each of the employment agreements with Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp, Lazaro, Mirsky and Koegel provides that the employee's employment shall terminate (i) for "cause" (as defined in each of the respective agreements), (ii) by reason of the employee's disability, resignation or death, (iii) upon the expiration of the employment agreement in accordance with its terms or (iv) in the event the employee is no longer employed by the Company after a "Change of Control" (as defined below). Each of the agreements further provides that, in the event the employee's employment terminates for any reason (other than termination without cause or in connection with a Change of Control), the employee shall be entitled to receive his annual base salary, and any expense reimbursements, due and owing to him at the time of such termination. In the event the employee is terminated without cause, the employee shall be entitled to receive annual base salary and expense reimbursements then due and owing to him, as well as a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equal to his then annual base salary for the balance of the term of the employment agreement.

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CHANGE OF CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS. Each of the employment agreements with Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp, Lazaro, Mirsky and Koegel provides that, in the event of a Change of Control of the Company, each such employee will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment equal to three times his then annual base salary if he is discharged for any reason (other than for cause) or terminates his employment for "Good Reason" prior to the first anniversary of such Change of Control, and shall be entitled to receive a lump-sum payment equal to his then annual base salary if he voluntarily leaves the employ of the Company for reasons other than discharge or for Good Reason prior to the first anniversary of such Change of Control. As used in the employment agreements, the term "Change of Control" means (a) any transaction or series of transactions (including, without limitation, a tender offer, merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" or "group" (within the meaning of Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act), other than Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp, Mirsky and Lazaro (and, in the case of Mr. Koegel's employment agreement, Mr. Koegel) or certain related parties and any "person" or "group" solicited by any of such persons or their related parties, (i) becomes the beneficial owner of more than 50% of the total aggregate voting power of all classes of the voting stock of the Company and/or warrants or options to acquire such voting stock, calculated on a fully diluted basis, (ii) acquires all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or (iii) enters into a contract with respect to any of the foregoing, or (b) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted the Company's Board of Directors cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the directors then in office, unless such majority of the directors then in office has been elected or nominated by Messrs. Markowitz, Sharp, Mirsky and Lazaro (and, in the case of Mr. Koegel's employment agreement, Mr. Koegel) or certain related parties. In

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addition, as used in the agreements, the term "Good Reason" means (i) a change in the status or position of the employee which reflects a change from the status and position(s) as were in effect immediately prior to a Change of Control, (ii) the assignment to the employee of any duties or responsibilities which, in the employee's reasonable judgment, are inconsistent with his status or position(s), (iii) the removal of the employee from his current position or reduction in his pay or requiring him to relocate or (iv) the removal of the employee, without his consent, to any location outside of the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area (or, in the case of Mr. Koegel, the St. Paul, Minnesota metropolitan area) for a continuous period of more than 30 days.

### Repricing of Certain Options During Fiscal 1999

In March 1999, the Company repriced 12,500 options that had originally been granted in July 1997 to Mr. Koegel, the Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Pursuant to such repricing, the Company cancelled the outstanding options, each with an exercise price of \$3.25 per share, and granted a corresponding number of new shares, each with an exercise price of \$2.00 per share. In April 1999, the Company repriced 8,000 options that had originally been granted in July 1995 to Mr. Mirsky, the Executive Vice President - Finance of the Company. Pursuant to such repricing, the Company cancelled the outstanding options, each with an exercise price of \$3.25 per share, and granted a corresponding number of new shares, each with an exercise price of \$2.375 per share. In August 1999, the Company repriced 30,000 and 50,000 options that had originally been granted to Mr. Koegel in September 1995 and to Mr. Mirsky in July 1995, respectively. Pursuant to such repricing, the Company cancelled the outstanding options, each with an exercise price of \$3.75 and \$3.25 per share, respectively, and

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granted a corresponding number of new shares, each with an exercise price of \$2.50 per share. On the date of the August 1999 option repricings, the closing sale price of the Common Stock was \$2.50. The Board of Directors decided to reprice the foregoing options as a result of a long-term decline in the market price of the Company's Common Stock which the Board believed would make it unlikely that any holder would exercise the options at the then existing exercise price. The Board also believed that the purpose behind its grant of such options -- I.E., to act as additional motivation for the Company's officers -- would be undermined by the decline in the price of the Common Stock to a level substantially below the exercise price of the options.

### Description of Stock Option Plan

Pursuant to the Stock Option Plan, as amended, stock options covering an aggregate of 713,250 shares of the Company's Common Stock may be granted to employees (including officers), directors, consultants and other persons who perform substantial services for or on behalf of the Company. The Stock Option Plan is administered by the Stock Option Committee (the "Committee"), which is vested with complete authority to administer and interpret the Stock Option Plan, to determine the terms upon which options may be granted, to prescribe, amend and rescind such interpretations and determinations and to grant options. Under the Stock Option Plan, "incentive stock options" ("Incentive Options") within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), may be granted to employees (including officers), and non-incentive stock options ("Non-incentive Options") may be granted to employees and to other persons (including directors) who perform substantial services for or on behalf of the Company. Incentive Options and Non-incentive Options are collectively referred to herein as "Options."

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The price at which shares covered by an Option granted under the Stock Option Plan may be purchased pursuant thereto shall be determined by the Committee, but shall be no less than the par value of such shares and no less than the Fair Market Value (as hereinafter defined) of such shares on the date of grant; provided, however, that in the case of Incentive Options, if the optionee directly or indirectly beneficially owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all of the outstanding voting stock of the Company (a "10% Holder"), the purchase price shall not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value on the date of grant. As used herein, the term "Fair Market Value" means the last sale price of a share of Common Stock as reported by the principal quotation service on which the Common Stock is listed for the date of grant, if available, or, if the last sale prices are not reported, the mean of the high bid and low asked prices of a share of Common Stock as reported by such principal quotation service for the date of grant; provided, however, that if no such report is available for the date of grant, the Fair Market Value shall be the last sale price or the mean of the high bid and low asked prices, as the case may be, on the day next preceding such day for which there was a report; and provided further, however, that if no such representative quotes are available, the Fair Market Value shall mean the amount determined by the Committee to be the fair market value pursuant to any reasonable method in accordance with applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

The purchase price of shares issuable upon exercise of an Option granted under the Stock Option Plan may be paid in cash or by delivery of

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shares of Common Stock having an aggregate Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the exercise price of the option. The Company may also loan the purchase price to the optionee, or guarantee third-party loans to the optionee, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Committee.

Under the Stock Option Plan, the total number of shares for Common Stock for which options may be granted to any one person in any given calendar year may not exceed 37,500. The Stock Option Plan also provides that the aggregate fair market value of the stock with respect to which Incentive Options are first exercisable by any employee during any calendar year under the Stock Option Plan and all other stock option plans of the Company shall not exceed \$100,000. To the extent that the Fair Market Value of the stock with respect to which Incentive Options are first exercisable by any employee during any calendar year (under all plans of the Company) exceeds \$100,000, such Options shall be treated as Options which are not Incentive Options. The number of shares covered by an Option is subject to adjustment for stock dividends, stock splits, mergers, consolidations, combinations of shares, reorganizations and recapitalizations.

The Stock Option Plan provides that Options may be exercised within a period not exceeding ten years after the date of grant, except that the term of any Incentive Options granted to a 10% Holder may not exceed five years from the date of grant. Options are generally non-transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and during a participant's lifetime are exercisable only by him or her. In addition, pursuant to the Stock Option Plan, various limitations may apply to the exercise of Options by optionees whose employment is terminated on retirement, disability or otherwise.

As of December 31, 2000, of the 923,134 shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Stock Option Plan, 545,758 of such shares are reserved for issuance upon exercise of currently outstanding options. Accordingly, only 377,376 shares of Common Stock are available for future awards under the Stock



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Option Plan.

## Extension of Certain Warrants

In March 2000, the Company amended the Warrant and Registration Agreement between Mr. Mirsky and the Company, extending the expiration date of 86,622 warrants from March 31, 2000 to April 15, 2001. On April 9, 2001, the expiration date of the warrants was extended to April 15, 2002. The warrants have an exercise price of \$1.25 per share after giving effect to the a two-for-one stock split effected by the Company in December 1999.

## Item 11. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

### (a) Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

None.

### (b) Security Ownership of Directors and Officers

The following table sets forth, as of May 10, 2001, the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock by (i) each director of the Company, each nominee for election as a director of the Company and each executive officer

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of the Company listed in the Summary Compensation Table and (ii) all of the Company's officers and directors as a group:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER(1)	AMOUNT AND NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP(2)	PERCENT OWNED
Harold Markowitz	379,120 (3)	16.5%
Paul Sharp	379,224 (4)	16.5%
Jorge Lazaro	379,120 (5)	16.5%
Jan Mirsky	238,460 (6)	9.5%
Jack Koegel	115,563 (7)	4.9%
Stanley R. Goodman	10,000 (8)	*
Edward C. Ross	5,000 (9)	*
L. Douglas Bailey	7,500 (10)	*
All officers and directors as a group (8 persons)	1,513,987 (3-10)	55.3%

\* Less than 1%

(1) The address for each such person is c/o Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc., 495 River Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07524.

(2) A person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of securities that can be acquired by such person within 60 days from the date of this Proxy Statement upon the exercise of options or warrants. Each beneficial owner's percentage ownership is determined by assuming that options or warrants that are held by such person (but not those held by any other person) and which are exercisable within 60 days from the date of this Proxy Statement have been exercised. Unless otherwise noted, the Company believes that all persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by them.

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- (3) Includes 33,470 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Markowitz under the Stock Option Plan. Does not include 11,354 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Markowitz under the Stock Option Plan which are not exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.
- (4) Includes 33,470 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Sharp under the Stock Option Plan. Does not include 11,354 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Sharp under the Stock Option Plan which are not exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.

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- (5) Includes 33,470 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Lazaro under the Stock Option Plan. Does not include 11,354 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Lazaro under the Stock Option Plan which are not exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.
- (6) Includes (i) 86,622 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of a warrant granted to Mr. Mirsky by the Company and (II) 151,252 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Mirsky under the Stock Option Plan. Does not include 10,312 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Mirsky under the Stock Option Plan which are not exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.
- (7) Includes 115,563 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options granted to Mr. Koegel under the Stock Option Plan. Does not include 11,937 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Koegel under the Stock Option Plan which are not exercisable within 60 days of the date of this Proxy Statement.
- (8) Includes 10,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Goodman under the Company's 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan (the "Nonemployee Directors' Plan").
- (9) Includes 5,000 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Ross under the Nonemployee Directors' Plan.
- (10) Includes 7,500 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options granted to Mr. Bailey under the Nonemployee Directors' Plan.

### (c) Changes in Control

The Company knows of no contractual arrangements which may, at a date, result in a change of control of the Company.

### Item 12. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

From time-to-time, the Company transacts business with parties related to the minority stockholders of Ales. During 2000 and 1999, the Company purchased inventories at a total cost of approximately \$1,440,000 and \$1,505,000, respectively, from affiliated with the minority stockholders. At December 31, 2000, accounts payable included a total of approximately \$17,000 that was related primarily to the purchases of inventories. In addition, during 2000, the Company sold merchandise to companies affiliated with minority stockholders

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aggregating approximately \$606,000. At December 31, 2000, accounts receivable includes approximately \$121,000 due from these related parties. Sales to such companies were not significant in 1999.

### Item 13. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

#### (a) Exhibits

(1) The financial statements of the Company and the report thereon on the Index to Financial Statements on page F-1 hereof are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB.

(2) The following exhibits are being filed as part of this Annual on Form 10-KSB:

1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated July 13, 1995 between the and Duke & Co., Inc. (incorporated by reference to 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form -QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1995).

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2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger of Lea Cosmetics, Inc. into the dated July 31, 1995, together with Certificate of Merger filed with the Secretary of State of the State of on August 3, 1995 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995).

3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995).

3.2 Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1995).

4.1 Form of Certificate for Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (Registration No. 33-88134), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 28, 1995 ("Amendment No. 2")).

4.2 Warrant and Registration Agreement dated as of July 20, 1995 between the Company and Jan Mirsky (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995).

4.3 Warrant Extension Agreement Between Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. and Jan S. Mirsky dated March 3, 2000.

4.4 1995 Stock Option Plan of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the period ended June 30, 1995).

4.5 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the period ended June 30,

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1995).

- 4.6 Form of Stock Option Agreements under the 1995 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, as filed with the Commission on January 10, 1997).
- 4.7 Form of Stock Option Agreement under the 1995 Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, as filed with the Commission on January 10, 1997).
- 10.1 Employment Agreement dated as of June 30, 1995 between the Company and Harold Markowitz (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1995).
- 10.2 Employment Agreement dated as of June 30, 1995 between the Company and Paul Sharp (incorporated by reference to

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Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1995).

- 10.3 Employment Agreement dated as of June 30, 1995 between the Company and Jan Mirsky (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1995).
- 10.4 Employment Agreement dated as of June 30, 1995 between the Company and Jorge Lazaro (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1995).
- 10.5 Employment Agreement dated as of September 27, 1995 between the Company and Jack Koegel (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995).
- 10.6 Trademark License Agreement dated January 28, 1997 between Bell Abbott Haussmann Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996).
- 10.7 Merchandising License Agreement dated as of October 16, 1996 between Viacom Consumer Products, Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996).
- 10.8 Lease dated as of February 5, 1997 between Bascom Corp. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1996).
- 10.9 Shareholders Agreement dated June 26, 1996 among Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc., B.B. Associates, LLC, Seth Markowitz and Beau Brummel Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. (incorporated by reference to

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Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1997).

- 10.10 Loan and Security Agreement dated October 22, 1997 between Summit Bank, the Company and Ales (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997).

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- 10.11 Environmental Indemnity Agreement dated October 22, 1997 between the Company, Ales and Summit Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997).
- 10.12 Security Agreement dated September 26, 1997 between the Company and Paterson Restoration Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997).
- 10.13 Stockholder's Agreement between RBCJJ Associates LLC and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997).
- 10.14 Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of September 15, 1997 between SBC Corporation, Inc. and Ales (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1997).
- 10.15 Collective Bargaining Agreement dated September 1, 1997 between Local 300-S Production Service & Sales District Council I.U.C. AFL-CIO and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997).
- 10.16 Working Capital Management Account (WCMA) and Term Loan Agreement dated as of November 16, 1999 between Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. and Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for fiscal year ended December 31, 1999).
- 10.17 Promissory Note and Security Agreement between Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. and Paterson Restoration Corporation dated December 29, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for fiscal year ended December 31, 1999).
- 10.18 Letter Agreement dated August 3, 2000 by and between Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services, Inc. ("MLBFS") and Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc., amending the WCMA and Term Loan and Security Agreement with MLBFS (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000).
- 10.19 Letter Agreement dated August 3, 2000 by and between Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services, Inc. ("MLBFS") and Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc., amending the Term Loan and Security Agreement with MLBFS (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the

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Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000).

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- 10.20 Product Promotion Agreement ("Zoe Metro") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000).
- 10.21 License Agreement ("Juliet") (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000).
- 10.22 Extension of Temporary Increase and Renewal for the WCMA Line of Credit (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000).
- 10.23 Extension of WCMA Line of Credit and Temporary Increase of Line of Credit.
- 11.1 Statement re: computation of per share earnings (not required because the relevant computation can be clearly determined from material contained in the financial statements).
- 21 Subsidiary of the Company
- 23.1 Consent of J.H. Cohn LLP.

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

No Current Reports on Form 8-K were filed by the Company during the last quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000. On May 2, 2001, the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a Current Report on Form 8-K reporting the Company's issuance of a press release announcing the potential delisting of the company's securities from Nasdaq.

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### SIGNATURES

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Harold Markowitz

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Harold Markowitz Chairman of the Board

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Date: May 11, 2001

In accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Date	Name	Title
May 11, 2001	/s/ Harold Markowitz ----- Harold Markowitz	Chairman of the Board and Director
May 11, 2001	/s/ Paul Sharp ----- Paul Sharp	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)
May 11, 2001	/s/ Jan S. Mirsky ----- Jan S. Mirsky	Executive Vice President - Finance and Director (principal financial and accounting officer)
May 11, 2001	/s/ Jack Koegel ----- Jack Koegel	Vice Chairman of the Board, Chief Operating Officer and Director
May 11, 2001	/s/ Jorge Lazaro ----- Jorge Lazaro	Executive Vice President, Secretary and Director
May 11, 2001	/s/ Stanley R. Goodman ----- Stanley R. Goodman	Director
May 11, 2001	/s/ Edward C. Ross ----- Edward C. Ross	Director
May 11, 2001	/s/ L. Douglas Bailey ----- L. Douglas Bailey	Director

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY as of December 31, 2000, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2000, and their results of operations and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

J.H. COHN LLP

Roseland, New Jersey  
May 10, 2001

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## SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2000

#### ASSETS



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Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 213,920
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$195,274	4,951,151
Inventories	9,798,856
Deferred tax assets, net	296,875
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	618,676
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Total current assets	15,879,478
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,123,601	328,634
Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization of \$164,136	181,632
Other assets	131,182
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Total	\$16,520,926
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## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:	
Note payable under line of credit	\$ 3,404,505
Current portion of long-term debt	859,949
Accounts payable	2,598,964
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	472,804
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Total current liabilities	7,336,222
Long-term debt, net of current portion	928,307
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Total liabilities	8,264,529
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Commitments and contingencies	
Stockholders' equity:	
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	--
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 2,261,018 shares issued and outstanding	22,611
Additional paid-in capital	6,496,359
Retained earnings	1,779,427
Less receivable in connection with equity transactions	(42,000)
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Total stockholders' equity	8,256,397
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Total	\$16,520,926
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SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

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	2000	1999
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Net sales	\$ 20,707,269	\$ 21,427,530
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Operating expenses:		
Cost of sales	15,814,333	15,418,254
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,273,466	4,247,550
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Totals	20,087,799	19,665,804
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Operating income	619,470	1,761,726
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Other income (expense):		
Interest expense, net of interest income		
of \$18,176 and \$1,862	(449,791)	(320,522)
Other		2,929
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Totals	(449,791)	(317,593)
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Income before provision for income taxes	169,679	1,444,133
Provision for income taxes	75,318	525,853
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Net income	\$ 94,361	\$ 918,280
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Net earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ .04	\$ .41
	=====	=====
Diluted	\$ .04	\$ .37
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Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	2,261,018	2,235,751
	=====	=====
Diluted	2,397,501	2,459,029
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

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	Common Stock		Additional	Retain
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	Earnin
Balance, January 1, 1999	1,089,083	\$ 10,891	\$ 6,440,095	\$ 766,
Net proceeds from exercise of warrants	8,800	88	10,912	
Net proceeds from exercise of stock options	74,052	741	56,243	
Effect of 2-for-1 stock split	1,089,083	10,891	(10,891)	
Net income	-----	-----	-----	918,
Balance, December 31, 1999	2,261,018	22,611	6,496,359	1,685,
Partial payment of balance receivable				
Net income	-----	-----	-----	94,
Balance, December 31, 2000	2,261,018	\$ 22,611	\$ 6,496,359	\$1,779,
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

	2000	1999
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Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 94,361	\$ 918,280
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	299,179	302,954
Provision (credit) for doubtful accounts	(35,644)	154,804
Deferred income taxes	(8,680)	(34,100)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	786,836	(2,326,835)
Inventories	(1,467,018)	(1,835,540)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(84,367)	162,546
Other assets	(17,684)	48,342
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(261,534)	1,402,935
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Net cash used in operating activities	(694,551)	(1,206,614)

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Investing activities - purchases of property and equipment	(45,977)	(208,240)
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Financing activities:		
Proceeds from note payable under line of credit, net of repayments	456,149	1,120,115
Proceeds from long-term debt	600,000	100,000
Repayments of long-term debt	(262,733)	(158,916)
Loan financing costs		(60,357)
Net proceeds from exercise of warrants and stock options		67,984
Decrease in receivable in connection with equity transactions	3,000	
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Net cash provided by financing activities	796,416	1,068,826
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Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	55,888	(346,028)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	158,032	504,060
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 213,920	\$ 158,032
	=====	=====
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 467,967	\$ 316,439
	=====	=====
Income taxes paid	\$ 352,502	\$ 346,856
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies:

##### Organization and principles of consolidation:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. (a New York Corporation) and Ales Signature, Ltd. ("Ales"), its 80%-owned subsidiary. Sel-Leb Marketing, Inc. and Ales are referred to collectively herein as the "Company." The Company is primarily engaged in manufacturing, distributing and marketing cosmetics and consumer products through mass merchandisers, discount chain stores and food, drug and electronic retailers.

All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The minority interest in the net equity of Ales as of December 31, 2000 and the minority interest in the results of its operations in 2000 and 1999 were immaterial.

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### Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Revenue recognition:

Sales are recognized upon the shipment of the related product.

### Cash equivalents:

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

### Inventories:

Inventories, consisting primarily of finished goods, are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

### Property and equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Amortization of leasehold improvements is computed using the straight-line method over the term of the lease.

### Goodwill:

Goodwill is comprised of costs in excess of net assets of acquired businesses that are being amortized on a straight-line basis over periods not exceeding ten years. The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of its goodwill and measures the amount of impairment, if any, by assessing, among other things, the market and economic conditions related to, and the current and estimated future levels of income and cash flows to be generated by, the acquired businesses.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

##### Product development costs:

The Company expenses product development costs as incurred. Product development costs charged to operations amounted to approximately \$72,000 and \$79,000 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

##### Advertising:

The Company expenses the cost of advertising and promotions as incurred. Advertising costs charged to operations amounted to approximately \$105,000 and \$151,000 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

##### Common stock split:

The numbers of common shares and the per share amounts in these notes and the accompanying consolidated financial statements have

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been retroactively adjusted, where appropriate, for a 2-for-1 split effected on December 7, 1999.

### Stock options:

In accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25"), the Company will only recognize compensation costs as a result of the issuance of stock options to employees based on the excess, if any, of the fair value of the underlying stock at the date of grant or award (or at an appropriate subsequent measurement date) over the amount the employee must pay to acquire the stock. Therefore, the Company will not be required to recognize compensation expense as a result of any grants to employees at an exercise price that is equal to or greater than fair value. The Company will also make pro forma disclosures, in accordance with the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123"), of net income or loss as if a fair value based method of accounting for stock options had been applied instead if such amounts differ materially from the historical amounts.

### Income taxes:

The Company accounts for income taxes pursuant to the asset and liability method which requires deferred income tax assets and liabilities to be computed annually for temporary differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. The income tax provision or credit is the tax payable or refundable for the period plus or minus the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

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SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies (concluded):

##### Earnings per share:

The Company has adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings per Share," which require the presentation of "basic" and, if appropriate, "diluted" earnings per common share if that amount differs from basic earnings per share. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. The calculation of diluted earnings per share is similar to that of basic earnings per share, except that the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if all potentially dilutive common shares, such as those issuable upon the exercise of stock options and warrants, were issued during the period.

In computing diluted earnings per share, the assumed exercise of

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all of the Company's outstanding stock options and warrants, adjusted for the application of the treasury stock method, would have increased the weighted average number of common shares outstanding as shown in the table below:

	2000	1999
	-----	-----
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	2,261,018	2,235,751
Shares arising from assumed exercise of:		
Stock options	106,849	174,157
Warrants	29,634	49,121
	-----	-----
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	2,397,501	2,459,029
	=====	=====

### Recent accounting pronouncements:

The FASB and the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("ACSEC") had issued certain accounting pronouncements as of December 31, 2000 that will become effective in subsequent periods; however, management of the Company does not believe that any of those pronouncements would have significantly affected the Company's financial accounting measurements or disclosures had they been in effect during 2000 and 1999 or that they will have a significant affect at the time they become effective.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 2 - Property and equipment:

Property and equipment at December 31, 2000 consisted of the following:

	Estimated Useful Lives	Amount
	-----	-----
Machinery and equipment	2 to 7 years	\$ 884,739
Display fixtures	3 years	353,950
Computer equipment	3 to 5 years	149,068
Leasehold improvements	10 years	64,478
		-----
		1,452,235
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		1,123,601
		-----
Total		\$ 328,634
		=====

Depreciation expense aggregated \$264,719 and \$268,514 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### Note 3 - Note payable under line of credit:

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During December 1998, the Company entered into a loan agreement pursuant to which Merrill Lynch Business Financial Services, Inc. ("Merrill Lynch") is providing the Company with a credit facility (the "Facility"). Based on the latest amendments to the loan agreement as of December 31, 2000, the Facility consists of a revolving line of credit, with maximum borrowings of \$4,350,000 against the Company's eligible accounts receivable and inventories through May 15, 2001, and three term loans (see Note 4). Borrowings under the revolving line of credit, which totaled \$3,404,505 at December 31, 2000, bear interest, which is payable monthly, at 2.65% above the 30-day commercial paper rate (an effective rate of 9.2% as of December 31, 2000). Outstanding borrowings under the Facility are secured by substantially all of the Company's assets.

The loan agreement with Merrill Lynch contains certain restrictive covenants which, among other things, require the maintenance of certain financial ratios and limit additional indebtedness.

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#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 4 - Long-term debt:

At December 31, 2000, long-term debt consisted of the following:

Term loans payable to Merrill Lynch (A):	
Due in monthly installments of \$50,000	
and a final payment in December 2001	\$600,000
Due in monthly installments of \$8,333	
and a final payment in November 2004	391,667
Due in monthly installments of \$10,714	
and a final payment in January 2006	642,857
Loans payable to Paterson Restoration Corporation (B):	
Due in monthly installments of \$1,461	
and a final payment in October 2004	59,986
Due in monthly installments of \$1,461	
and a final payment in January 2007	89,302
Other	4,444
	-----
	1,788,256
Less current portion	859,949
	-----
Long-term debt	\$928,307
	=====

(A) Interest is payable monthly at 2.65% above the 30-day commercial paper rate. The loans are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company (see Note 3).

(B) Interest is payable at an annual rate of 6%. The loans are secured by a second lien on the Company's machinery and equipment.

Principal amounts due under the Company's long-term obligations in



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each of the five years subsequent to December 31, 2000 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31, -----	Amount -----
2001	\$859,949
2002	257,080
2003	258,839
2004	249,542
2005	144,491

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### SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### Note 5 - Preferred stock, stock options and warrants:

###### Preferred stock:

On May 27, 1998, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation which authorizes the issuance by the Company of up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$.01 per share. The preferred stock may be issued in one or more series with the terms and preferences to be determined by the Company's Board of Directors. No shares of preferred stock had been issued by the Company as of December 31, 2000.

###### Stock options:

The Company has a Stock Option Plan (the "Option Plan") which provides for the issuance of incentive stock options and nonincentive stock options to employees of the Company for the purchase of shares of common stock at a price not less than the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant, provided that the exercise price of any incentive stock option granted to an employee owning more than 10% of the outstanding common shares of the Company is not less than 110% of the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. The term of each option and the manner of exercise are determined by the Board of Directors. Employees are fully vested in the options three years after the date of grant and the options are exercisable up to 10 years after the date of the grant.

In addition, the Company has a Nonemployee Directors' Stock Option Plan (the "Directors' Plan") which provides for the issuance of options to nonemployee directors of the Company for the purchase of shares of common stock at a price that is not less than the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. The term of each option and the manner of exercise is determined by the Board of Directors, but the options cannot be exercisable more than 10 years after the date of grant. Upon election to the Board of Directors, and after each reelection, each nonemployee director is granted an option to purchase 1,250 common shares exercisable from the date of grant.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5 - Preferred stock, stock options and warrants (continued):

Stock options (continued):

A summary of the status of the Company's shares subject to options as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and changes during the years then ended is presented below:

	2000		1999	
	Shares or Price	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares or Price	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding, at beginning of year	563,910	\$ 2.44	414,812	\$ 2.47
Granted (A)	8,750	2.36	343,902	2.29
Canceled (A)	(26,902)	(3.17)	(120,752)	3.15
Exercised			(74,052)	.77
Outstanding, at end of year	545,758	\$ 2.40	563,910	\$ 2.44
Options exercisable, at end of year	423,306		326,394	
Weighted average fair value of options granted during the year	\$ 2.11		\$ 2.17	

(A) Options granted and canceled include shares subject to options for which the exercise price was reduced in 1999 as set forth below:

Shares	Original Exercise Price	Adjusted Exercise Price
12,500	\$ 3.25	\$ 2.00
8,000	3.25	2.38
80,000	3.25	2.50
126	5.25	2.50
750	6.50	2.50
250	21.00	2.50
126	21.50	2.50
Total	101,752	

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5 - Preferred stock, stock options and warrants (continued):

Stock options (concluded):

The following table summarizes information about fixed stock options outstanding at December 31, 1999:

Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Years of Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$ .4375	105,689	7.76	\$ .4375	81,318	\$ .4375
.578-2.125	107,255	7.14	1.49	73,175	1.56
2.375-2.719	199,126	6.76	2.44	144,000	2.45
3.00-6.67	123,688	5.30	3.60	114,813	3.57
8.00-27.00	10,000	5.98	17.38	10,000	17.38
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\$ .4375-\$27.00	545,758	6.68	\$ 2.40	423,306	\$ 2.57
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Shares subject to warrants:

At January 1, 1999, the Company had warrants outstanding for the purchase of 773,207 shares of common stock which were exercisable at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$8.00 per share. During 1999, the Company received proceeds of \$11,000 upon the exercise of warrants to purchase 8,800 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.25 per share, and warrants to purchase 677,785 shares that had an exercise price of \$8.00 per share expired. There were no other changes in outstanding warrants during 2000 and 1999. As a result, the Company had warrants outstanding at December 31, 2000 and 1999 for the purchase of 86,622 shares of common stock that were originally exercisable through April 15, 2001 at \$1.25 per share. On April 9, 2001, the Company extended the expiration date of the warrants to April 15, 2002. The fair market value of the shares on April 9, 2001 was \$.75 per share.

Shares reserved for issuance:

At December 31, 2000, shares of common stock were reserved for the following:

Exercise of outstanding stock options	545,758
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Exercise of stock options available for grant:	
Option Plan	339,876
Directors' Plan	37,500
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Total	377,376
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Exercise of warrants	86,622 -----
Total	1,009,756 =====

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 5 - Preferred stock, stock options and warrants (concluded):

##### Pro forma information (concluded):

Since the Company has elected to continue to use the provisions of APB 25 in accounting for stock options and warrants granted to employees and the exercise price of all of the options and warrants granted to employees has been equal to or greater than the fair market value at the date of grant, no earned or unearned compensation cost was recognized in the accompanying 2000 and 1999 consolidated financial statements for stock options and warrants granted to employees. The pro forma amounts computed as if the Company had elected to recognize compensation cost for stock options and warrants granted to employees based on the fair value of the options and warrants at the date of grant as prescribed by SFAS 123 and the related historical amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of income are set forth below:

	2000 -----	1999 -----
Net income - as reported	\$94,361 =====	\$918,280 =====
Net income - pro forma	\$18,754 =====	\$493,507 =====
Basic earnings per share - as reported	\$.04 =====	\$.41 =====
Basic earnings per share - pro forma	\$.01 =====	\$.22 =====
Diluted earnings per share - as reported	\$.04 =====	\$.37 =====
Diluted earnings per share - pro forma	\$.01 =====	\$.20 =====

The fair value of each option granted was estimated as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions used for 2000 and 1999:

	2000 ---	1999 ---
Expected volatility	100%	162%
Risk-free interest rate	6.0%	6.0%
Expected years of option life	5.0	5.0
Expected dividends	0%	0%

The pro forma charges for compensation derived from the fair value option pricing model as describe above totaled \$75,607 and \$424,773

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(net of tax effects) in 2000 and 1999, respectively. Substantially all of the pro forma charges for compensation in 1999 were attributable to the effects of the options that were repriced during that year.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 6 - Income taxes:

Deferred tax assets at December 31, 2000 were attributable to temporary differences related to the following:

Inventories	\$184,110
Allowance for bad debts	72,540
Other	40,225
	-----
Net deferred tax assets	\$296,875
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The net provision for income taxes in 2000 and 1999 consisted of the following provisions (credits):

	2000	1999
	-----	-----
Federal:		
Current	\$50,509	\$483,238
Deferred	(5,741)	(32,720)
	-----	-----
Totals	44,768	450,518
	-----	-----
State:		
Current	33,489	76,715
Deferred	(2,939)	(1,380)
	-----	-----
Totals	30,550	75,335
	-----	-----
Totals	\$75,318	\$525,853
	=====	=====

The provision for income taxes in 2000 and 1999 differs from the amount computed using the Federal statutory rate of 34% as a result of the following:

	2000	1999
	----	----
Tax at Federal statutory rate	34%	34%
Increase (decrease) from effects of:		
State income taxes, net of Federal income		

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tax benefit	12	3
Nondeductible expenses and other permanent differences	8	1
Prior year overaccrual	(12)	
Other (primarily surtax exemption)	2	(2)
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Totals	44%	36%
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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 7 - Related party transactions:

From time-to-time, the Company transacts business with parties related to the minority stockholders of Ales. During 2000 and 1999, the Company purchased inventories at a total cost of approximately \$1,440,000 and \$1,505,000, respectively, from companies affiliated with the minority stockholders. At December 31, 2000, accounts payable included a total of approximately \$17,000 that was related primarily to the purchases of inventories. In addition, during 2000, the Company sold merchandise to companies affiliated with minority stockholders aggregating approximately \$606,000. At December 31, 2000, accounts receivable includes approximately \$121,000 due from these related parties. Sales to such companies were not significant in 1999.

#### Note 8 - Commitments and contingencies:

##### Leases:

The Company has a noncancelable operating lease for office and warehouse facilities which commenced on April 7, 1997 and expires on March 31, 2002. In addition to base rentals, the lease requires payments for real estate taxes and other operating costs.

The future minimum rental payments under the leases as of December 31, 2000 were as follows:

Year Ending December 31, -----	Amount -----
2001	\$203,537
2002	50,884
	-----
Total	\$254,421
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Rent expense amounted to approximately \$291,000 and \$238,000 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

##### Promotional and licensing agreements:

The Company has various promotional and licensing agreements whereby it pays royalty fees to celebrities and/or licensors based

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upon a percentage of net sales attributable to the celebrities' appearances or sales of the licensor's products. Royalty fees charged to operations amounted to approximately \$390,000 and \$346,000 in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

### Litigation:

The Company is involved in various claims and lawsuits incidental to its business. Management believes that the probable resolution of such contingencies will not materially affect the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 8 - Commitments and contingencies (concluded):

##### Concentrations of credit risk:

Financial instruments which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. At December 31, 2000, cash balances exceeded Federal insurance limits by approximately \$85,000. Exposure to credit risk is reduced by placing such deposits in major financial institutions and monitoring their credit ratings.

The Company generally extends credit to its customers, a significant portion of which are in the retail industry. Approximately 37% and 32% of the Company's net sales were derived from its two major customers during 2000 and 1999, respectively. The two customers also accounted for approximately \$2,109,000 of the Company's accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2000. The Company closely monitors the extension of credit to its customers while maintaining appropriate allowances for potential credit losses. Accordingly, management does not believe that the Company was exposed to significant credit risk at December 31, 2000.

#### Note 9 - Fair value of financial instruments:

The Company's material financial instruments at December 31, 2000 for which disclosure of estimated fair value is required by certain accounting standards consisted of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, notes payable and long-term debt. In the opinion of management, (i) cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable were carried at values that approximated their fair values because of their liquidity and/or their short-term maturities and (ii) notes payable and long-term debt were carried at values that approximated their fair values because they had interest rates equivalent to those currently prevailing for financial instruments with similar characteristics.

#### Note 10- Segment information:

The Company has adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" ("SFAS 131"). Pursuant to the provisions of SFAS 131, the Company is reporting segment sales and gross margins in the same format reviewed by the Company's management

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(the "management approach"). The Company has two reportable segments: "Opportunity" and "Cosmetics". The Opportunity segment is comprised of the operations connected with the acquisition, sale and distribution of name-brand and off-brand products which are purchased from manufacturers, wholesalers or retailers as a result of close-outs, overstocks and/or changes in the packaging of brand name items. The Cosmetics segment is comprised of the acquisition, sale and distribution of all other products, including "celebrity endorsed" and "tie-in" cosmetics and health and beauty aid products and designer and all other fragrances.

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### SEL-LEB MARKETING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 10- Segment information (concluded):

Net sales, cost of sales and other related segment information follows:

	2000	1999
	-----	-----
Net sales:		
Opportunity	\$8,832,579	\$10,600,996
Cosmetics	11,874,690	10,826,534
	-----	-----
Total net sales	20,707,269	21,427,530
	-----	-----
Cost of sales:		
Opportunity	6,458,829	8,948,368
Cosmetics	9,355,504	6,469,886
	-----	-----
Total cost of sales	15,814,333	15,418,254
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,273,466	4,247,550
	-----	-----
Total operating expenses	20,087,799	19,665,804
	-----	-----
Operating income	619,470	1,761,726
	-----	-----
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense, net	(449,791)	(320,522)
Other		2,929
	-----	-----
Totals	(449,791)	(317,593)
	-----	-----
Income before provision for income taxes	\$169,679	\$1,444,133
	=====	=====



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## Segment assets:

### Inventories:

Opportunity	\$2,465,454	\$1,129,320
Cosmetics	7,333,402	7,202,518

Totals	9,798,856	8,331,838
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Other assets	6,722,070	7,559,845
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Total assets	\$16,520,926	\$15,891,683
	=====	=====

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