

Financial Highlights

(in thousands of US dollars, except per share data)

Consolidated Statements of Earnings Data	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Sales	\$ 74,630	\$ 61,930	\$ 68,330	\$ 146,013	\$ 71,639
Gross margin ⁽¹⁾	\$ 40,074 53.7%	\$ 25,733 41.6%	\$ 15,964 23.4%	\$ 89,806 61.5%	\$ 46,254 64.6%
Gross research and development	\$ 15,668 21.0%	\$ 17,133 27.7%	\$ 17,005 24.9%	\$ 17,601 12.1%	\$ 9,374 13.1%
Earnings (loss) from operations ⁽²⁾	\$ (10,570) (14.1%)	\$ (39,584) (63.9%)	\$ (74,783) (109.4%)	\$ 14,507 9.9%	\$ 14,723 20.6%
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (8,424) (11.3%)	\$ (54,950) (88.7%)	\$ (308,524) (451.5%)	\$ (15,294) (10.5%)	\$ 9,924 13.9%
Basic and diluted net earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.87)	\$ (5.09)	\$ (0.29)	\$ 0.25
Other Statements of Earnings Data (unaudited) ⁽³⁾					
Pro forma net earnings (loss)	\$ (1,952) (2.6%)	\$ (10,879) (17.6%)	\$ (10,702) (15.7%)	\$ 24,693 16.9%	\$ 10,279 14.3%
Basic and diluted pro forma net earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.18)	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.26
Consolidated Balance Sheets Data					
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 89,128	\$ 57,376	\$ 49,681	\$ 74,590	\$ 163,388
Working capital	\$ 115,141	\$ 77,408	\$ 91,374	\$ 130,289	\$ 194,167
Total assets	\$ 172,791	\$ 146,254	\$ 177,926	\$ 442,577	\$ 219,723
Long-term debt (excluding current portion)	\$ 332	\$ 453	\$ 564	\$ 664	\$ 16
Shareholders' equity	\$ 157,327	\$ 129,826	\$ 165,406	\$ 414,805	\$ 206,994

(1) Including inventory write-offs of \$4,121 and \$18,463 for the years ended August 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and nil for the years ended August 31, 2004, 2001 and 2000. Including an unusual gain of \$473 for the year ended August 31, 2003, and nil for the years ended August 31, 2004, 2002, 2001 and 2000. Excluding inventory write-offs and the unusual gain, gross margin would have reached 47.4% for the year ended August 31, 2003. Excluding inventory write-offs, gross margin would have reached 50.4% for the year ended August 31, 2002. This latter information is unaudited and is a non-GAAP measure.

(2) Including charges for stock-based compensation costs, inventory and tax credit write-offs, unusual grants recovery, amortization of intangible assets, impairment of long-lived assets and goodwill as well as restructuring and other charges of \$7878, \$22,943, \$57,451, \$13,456 and \$84 for the years ended August 31, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

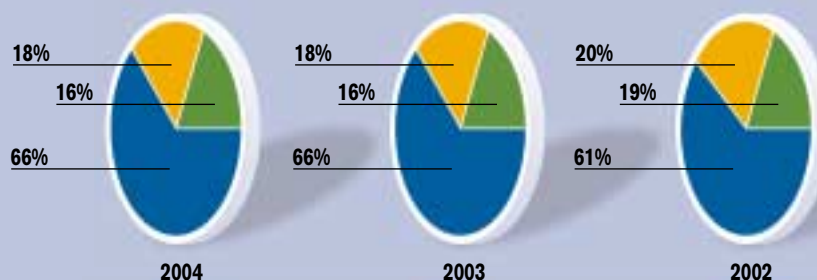
(3) Net earnings (loss) excluding stock-based compensation costs, amortization and write-down of goodwill, unusual tax recovery, future income tax assets valuation allowance and the after-tax effect of amortization of intangible assets, restructuring and other charges, inventory and tax credit write-offs, unusual grants recovery and impairment of long-lived assets. This information may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies because it is non-GAAP information. Please refer to page 20 of this Annual Report for a detailed quantitative reconciliation.

Total Sales (in thousands of US dollars)

2004	2003	2002
\$74,630	\$61,930	\$68,330

Geographic Sales

- Americas
- EMEA
- Asia-Pacific



Divisional Sales

- Telecom Division
- Photonics & Life Sciences Division

