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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

OR

o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-10177**

**APPLICA INCORPORATED**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Florida**

**59-1028301**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**5980 Miami Lakes Drive, Miami Lakes, Florida**

**33014**

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**(305) 362-2611**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Former Name, If Changed Since Last Report:**

Not Applicable

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirement for the past 90 days. Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes x No o

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class	Number of shares outstanding on July 30, 2003
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Common Stock, \$0.10 par value

23,638,834

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## Applica Incorporated and Subsidiaries

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	June 30, 2003 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2002
(In thousands)		
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,876	\$ 7,683
Accounts and other receivables, less allowances of \$17,041 in 2003 and \$15,830 in 2002	115,365	146,567
Receivables from affiliates	1,540	2,060
Inventories	134,383	111,453
Prepaid expenses and other	12,425	11,862
Refundable income taxes	4,043	1,663
Future income tax benefits	14,654	18,654
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Total current assets	287,286	299,942
<b>Investment in Joint Venture</b>	40,249	1,249
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b> - at cost, less accumulated depreciation of \$120,243 in 2003 and \$109,949 in 2002	74,521	76,963
<b>Future Income Tax Benefits, Non-Current</b>	46,239	54,378
<b>Goodwill</b>	62,812	62,812
<b>Other Intangibles</b>	16,737	20,860
<b>Other Assets</b>	4,072	5,461
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$531,916</b>	<b>\$521,665</b>
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<b>Liabilities and Shareholders Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 45,280	\$ 31,446
Accrued expenses	57,694	74,686
Current maturities of long-term debt	148	144
Current taxes payable	4,890	518
Deferred rent	337	372
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Total current liabilities	108,349	107,166
<b>Other Long-Term Liabilities</b>	1,543	1,533
<b>Long-Term Debt, Less Current Maturities</b>	184,597	193,838
<b>Shareholders Equity:</b>		
Common stock authorized: 75,000 shares of \$.10 par value; issued and outstanding: 23,532 shares in 2003 and 23,497 shares in 2002	2,353	2,350
Paid-in capital	155,551	155,395
Retained earnings	88,087	71,251
Note receivable officer	(1,496)	(1,496)
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss)	(7,068)	(8,372)

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Total shareholders' equity	237,427	219,128
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$531,916</b>	<b>\$521,665</b>

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

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	Three Months Ended June 30,			
	2003		2002	
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net sales	\$ 136,847	100.0%	\$ 168,039	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	97,515	71.3	114,651	68.2
Gross profit	39,332	28.7	53,388	31.8
Selling, general and administrative expenses:				
Operating expenses	41,771	30.5	48,177	28.7
Repositioning charge			4,884	2.9
Operating earnings (loss)	(2,439)	(1.8)	327	0.2
Other expense (income):				
Interest expense	3,947	2.9	3,842	2.3
Interest and other income	(244)	(0.2)	(406)	(0.2)
	3,703	2.7	3,436	2.1
Earnings (loss) before equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture and income taxes	(6,142)	(4.5)	(3,109)	(1.9)
Equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture	1,500	1.1	(89)	(0.0)
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(4,642)	(3.4)	(3,198)	(1.9)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(1,857)	(1.4)	(1,141)	(0.7)
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (2,785)	(2.0)%	\$ (2,057)	(1.2)%
Earnings per common share:				
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (0.12)		\$ (0.09)	

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	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2003		2002	
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net sales	\$258,086	100.0%	\$311,097	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	180,625	70.0	216,319	69.5
Gross profit	77,461	30.0	94,778	30.5
Selling, general and administrative expenses:				
Operating expenses	81,215	31.5	90,495	29.1
Repositioning charge			5,246	1.7
Operating earnings (loss)	(3,754)	(1.5)	(963)	(0.3)
Other expense (income):				
Interest expense	7,834	3.0	7,657	2.4
Interest and other income	(648)	(0.3)	(746)	(0.2)
	7,186	2.7	6,911	2.2
Earnings (loss) before equity in net earnings (loss) of joint ventures, income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(10,940)	(4.2)	(7,874)	(2.5)
Equity in net earnings (loss) of joint ventures	39,000	15.1	(185)	(0.1)
Earnings (loss) before income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	28,060	10.9	(8,059)	(2.6)
Income tax expense (benefit)	11,224	4.4	(2,821)	(0.9)
Earnings (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	16,836	6.5	(5,238)	(1.7)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax benefit of \$0 and \$42,447 in 2003 and 2002			(78,829)	(25.3)
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 16,836	6.5%	\$ (84,067)	(27.0)%
Earnings (loss) per common share - basic:				
Earnings (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.72		\$ (0.22)	
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle			(3.37)	
Earnings (loss) per common share - basic	\$ 0.72		\$ (3.59)	

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Earnings (loss) per common share - diluted:		
Earnings (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.67	\$ (0.22)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(3.37)
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Earnings (loss) per common share - diluted	\$ 0.67	\$ (3.59)
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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

Six Months Ended  
June 30,

2003                      2002

(In thousands)

**Cash flows from operating activities:**

Net earnings (loss)	\$ 16,836	\$ (84,067)
Reconciliation to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10,013	9,984
Provision for doubtful accounts	2,282	1,394
Amortization of intangible assets	4,498	4,575
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, net of tax		78,829
Deferred income taxes	12,139	(8,192)
Other non-cash changes in equity items	10	52
Equity in net (earnings) loss of joint venture	(39,000)	185
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and other receivables	28,920	34,241
Inventories	(22,975)	(14,975)
Prepaid expenses and other	(563)	(6,482)
Other assets	2,318	(5,659)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3,158)	14,968
Current income taxes	1,992	(3,374)
Other liabilities	(25)	474
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	13,287	21,953
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of Weitech, Inc.		(17,002)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(7,571)	(8,499)
Distributions from (investments in) joint ventures net		(169)
Receivables from affiliates	540	(559)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(7,031)	(26,229)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Notes payable		2,453
Net (payments) borrowings under lines of credit	(9,237)	(8,456)
Exercise of stock options and issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	149	968
Interest receivable from officer	(20)	(34)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(9,108)	(5,069)
<b>Effect of exchange rate changes on cash</b>	45	1,287
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(2,807)	(8,058)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>	7,683	15,743
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	\$ 4,876	\$ 7,685

**Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:**

<b>Cash paid during the six-month period ended June 30:</b>		
Interest	\$ 7,159	\$ 8,097
Income taxes	\$	\$ 9,099

**Non-cash investing and financing activities:**

On May 31, 2002, Applica Consumer Products, Inc., the U.S. operating subsidiary, purchased all of the outstanding shares of Weitech, Inc. in exchange for \$17,002,094 in cash and \$3,000,000 of notes payable.

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Interim Reporting**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Applica Incorporated and its subsidiaries ( Applica ). All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. The unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission and therefore do not include information or footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals), which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements, have been included. Operating results for the period ended June 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the remaining quarters or the year ending December 31, 2003 due to seasonal fluctuations in Applica s business, changes in economic conditions and other factors. For further information, please refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contained in Applica s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

**Reclassifications**

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified for comparability.

**Receivables from Affiliates**

Receivables from affiliates include the current portion of receivables due from certain senior officers of Applica. These receivables are due upon demand or upon termination of the applicable employment contract and bear interest at prevailing market interest rates. Receivables due from Applica s senior officers are unsecured.

**Foreign Currency Reporting - Argentina**

Effective January 1, 2003, the functional currency of the Argentinean operation was changed from the U.S. dollar to the Argentinean peso. For 2002, the functional currency of our Argentinean operation was the U.S. dollar and, accordingly, Applica recognized a translation loss of approximately \$2.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002, \$0.3 million of which was recognized in the second quarter of 2002. However, recently the peso has stabilized and further translation gains or losses are recognized as part of other accumulated comprehensive earnings, a component of shareholders equity.

**Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market; cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method. Inventories are comprised of the following:

	June 30, 2003	December 31, 2002
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 4,287	\$ 4,103
Work in process	7,290	1,513
Finished goods	122,806	105,837
	\$134,383	\$111,453

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**Stock Based Compensation**

At June 30, 2003, the Company had four active stock based compensation plans. The Company accounts for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method. Accordingly, compensation cost for stock options issued is measured as the excess, if any, of the fair value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant over the exercise price of the options. The Company's net earnings (loss) and earnings (loss) per share would have been changed to the pro forma amounts indicated below had compensation cost for the stock option plans and non-qualified options issued to employees been determined based on the fair value of the options at the grant dates consistent with the method of SFAS 123.

	For the three months ended		For the six months ended	
	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2002	June 30, 2003	June 30, 2003
(In thousands, except per share data)				
Net earnings (loss):				
As reported	\$(2,785)	\$(2,057)	\$16,836	\$(84,067)
Pro forma	\$(2,938)	\$(2,485)	\$16,599	\$(85,290)
Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
As reported	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.72	\$ (3.59)
Pro forma	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.71	\$ (3.65)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
As reported	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.67	\$ (3.59)
Pro forma	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.11)	\$ 0.66	\$ (3.65)

The above pro forma disclosures may not be representative of the effects on reported net earnings (loss) for future years as options vest over several years and the Company may continue to grant options to employees.

In accordance with the requirements of SFAS 123, the fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using a binomial option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions used for grants in 2003 and 2002, respectively: no dividend yield; expected volatility ranging from 93.3% to 96.5%; risk-free interest rates of 5.3%; and expected holding periods of four years.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2002, the FASB issued Statement No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure* (SFAS No. 148). SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, to provide alternative methods of transition for an entity that voluntarily changes to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. Additionally, SFAS No. 148 requires prominent disclosures about the effects on reported net income of an entity's accounting policy decisions with respect to stock-based employee compensation. SFAS No. 148 also amends APB Opinion No. 28, *Interim Financial Reporting*, to require disclosures about such effects in interim financial information. Applica currently accounts for its stock-based compensation awards to employees and directors under the accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 and provides the disclosures required by SFAS No. 123. Applica currently intends to continue to account for its stock-based compensation awards to employees and directors under the accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25. Applica adopted the additional disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148 during the first quarter of 2003.

In December 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation 45 (FIN 45), *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*. For a guarantor subject to FASB Interpretation 45, a guarantor is required to:

measure and recognize the fair value of the guarantee at inception (for many guarantees, fair value will be determined using a present value method); and

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provide new disclosures regarding the nature of any guarantees, the maximum potential amount of future guarantee payments, the current carrying amount of the guarantee liability, and the nature of any recourse provisions or assets held as collateral that could be liquidated and allow the guarantor to recover all or a portion of its payments in the event guarantee payments are required.

The disclosure requirement of this Interpretation is effective for financial statements for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002 and did not have a material effect on Applica financial statements. The initial recognition and measurement provision are effective prospectively for guarantees issued or modified on or after January 1, 2003, which did not have a material effect on Applica's financial statements.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (and Interpretation of ARB No. 51) (FIN 46). FIN 46 addresses consolidation by business enterprises of certain variable interest entities, commonly referred to as special purpose entities. The adoption of FIN 46 did not have a material effect on Applica's financial statement presentation or disclosure.

**2. SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

**Earnings Per Share**

Basic shares for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 were 23,502,096 and 23,386,144, respectively. Basic shares for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 were 23,499,950 and 23,362,988. Included in diluted shares for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003 are common stock equivalents relating to options of 1,599,251. All common stock equivalents have been excluded from the diluted per share calculations in the three-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 and the six-month period ended June 30, 2002 because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. Potential common stock equivalents for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003 were 348,500, with exercise prices ranging from \$8.51 to \$31.69.

**3. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Toaster Recall.** In February 2002, Applica Consumer Products, Inc., in cooperation with the Consumer Products Safety Commission, voluntarily recalled approximately 2.1 million Black & Decker® T1200 and T1400 toasters. Applica's Canadian operating subsidiary, Applica Canada Corporation, also recalled approximately 180,000 of these toasters in Canada. Management charged 2001 operations with an estimated reserve of \$13.4 million for these recalls and does not believe the ultimate liability will be materially different.

Five lawsuits have been filed in connection with property damage or bodily injury relating to the recalled toasters (three of which have been settled) and several other claims have been made. We believe that the amount of ultimate liability of these claims, if any, is not likely to have a material effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, as the outcome of litigation is difficult to predict, significant changes in the estimated exposures could occur.

**Other Matters.** Applica is subject to other legal proceedings, product liability claims and other claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business. In the opinion of management, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to such matters, if any, in excess of applicable insurance coverage, is not likely to have a material effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, as the outcome of litigation or other claims is difficult to predict, significant changes in the estimated exposures could occur.

**4. REPOSITIONING AND OTHER CHARGES**

As of June 30, 2003, \$9.0 million had been charged against the accrual. For the six months ended June 30, 2003, the activity in the accrued repositioning and other charges was as follows:

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Activity	Amount Accrued at	Charges	Amount Accrued at
	Dec. 31, 2002		June 30, 2003
		(In thousands)	
Recall	\$ 4,763	\$ 315	\$ 4,448
Back-office consolidation	5,956	1,660	4,296
Shareholder litigation settlement	450	450	0
	<u>\$ 11,169</u>	<u>\$ 2,425</u>	<u>\$ 8,744</u>

For the six months ended June 30, 2002, the activity in the accrued repositioning and other charges was as follows:

Activity	Amount Accrued at	Amount Paid	Amount Accrued at
	Dec. 31, 2001		June 30, 2002
		(In thousands)	
Recall	\$ 13,418	\$ 7,246	\$ 6,172
Back-office consolidation	5,179	348	4,831
Shareholder litigation settlement	1,000	550	450
	<u>\$ 19,597</u>	<u>\$ 8,144</u>	<u>\$ 11,453</u>

**5. INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE**

At December 31, 2002, Applica's investment in Anasazi Partners L.P. totaled \$1.2 million with no loans outstanding. Anasazi's investments include certain privately traded securities whose values have been estimated by the general partner in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Fair value of these securities may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Any change from the estimated values could have a significant impact on the Company's operations.

In the fourth quarter of 2002, Anasazi engaged an investment banker to pursue strategic exit strategies for its equity investment in ZonePerfect Nutrition Company. As part of this process, a valuation of the investment was performed. Based on this valuation, Anasazi increased the fair value of its investment in ZonePerfect by approximately \$75.0 million, resulting in equity in net earnings of unconsolidated joint venture of \$37.5 million in the statement of operations for the first quarter of 2003. In the second quarter of 2003, Anasazi increased the fair value of its investment by an additional \$3.0 million, resulting in equity in net earnings of unconsolidated joint venture of \$1.5 million for the second quarter of 2003. In July 2003, ZonePerfect Nutrition Company was sold for \$160 million in cash. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including government approvals, and is expected to close during the third quarter of 2003.

**6. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Applica applied the provisions of SFAS 142 beginning on January 1, 2002 and performed a transitional fair valued based impairment test. Based on the initial impairment test, Applica recognized a non-cash adjustment of \$121.3 million (\$78.8 million, net of tax) in the first quarter of 2002 to reduce the carrying value of goodwill to its implied fair value, which was estimated using a combination of market-multiples, comparable transactions and discounted cash flow methodologies. Under SFAS 142, the impairment adjustment was reflected as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle in the first quarter of 2002.

The components of Applica's intangible assets subject to amortization are as follows:



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	Average Life  (Years)	June 30, 2003		December 31, 2002	
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
		(In thousands)			
Licenses	6.5	\$49,200	\$(36,417)	\$49,200	\$(32,786)
Contract-Based	3.3	20,193	(16,239)	20,193	(15,747)
		<u>\$69,393</u>	<u>\$(52,656)</u>	<u>\$69,393</u>	<u>\$(48,533)</u>

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Amortization expense for intangible assets during the first six months of 2003 was \$4.1 million.

The following table provides information regarding estimated amortization expense for each of the following years ended December 31:

	(In thousands)
2003	\$ 8,179
2004	\$ 8,444
2005	\$ 1,342
2006	\$ 1,109
2007	\$ 469
2008	\$ 161

**7. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Applica Incorporated's domestic subsidiaries are guarantors of its 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. The following condensed consolidating financial information presents the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of Applica Incorporated (on a stand alone basis), the guarantor subsidiaries (on a combined basis), the non-guarantor subsidiaries (on a combined basis) and the eliminations necessary to arrive at the consolidated results of Applica. The results of operations and cash flows presented below assume that the guarantor subsidiaries were in place for all periods presented. Applica Incorporated and the Subsidiary Guarantors have accounted for investments in their respective subsidiaries on an unconsolidated basis using the equity method of accounting. The Subsidiary Guarantors are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Applica and have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the Notes on a joint and several basis. The Notes contain certain covenants that, among other things, restrict the ability of the Subsidiary Guarantors to make distributions to Applica Incorporated.

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Six Months Ended June 30, 2003

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In thousands)					
<b>Statement of Operations:</b>					
Net sales	\$	\$202,310	\$168,674	\$(112,898)	\$258,086
Cost of goods sold		138,094	155,429	(112,898)	180,625
Gross profit		64,216	13,245		77,461
Operating (income) expenses	10	67,915	13,290		81,215
Operating earnings (loss)	(10)	(3,699)	(45)		(3,754)
Other (income) expense, net	(52)	9,722	(2,484)		7,186
Earnings (loss) before equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture and subsidiaries, and income taxes	42	(13,421)	2,439		(10,940)
Equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture	39,000				39,000
Equity in net earnings (loss) of subsidiaries	(6,606)			6,606	
Income tax expense (benefit)	15,600	43	(4,419)		11,224
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 16,836	\$ (13,464)	\$ 6,858	\$ 6,606	\$ 16,836
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ 2,226	\$ 2,650	\$	\$ 4,876
Accounts and other receivables, net		86,813	28,552		115,365
Receivables from affiliates	(316,181)	78,628	65,122	173,971	1,540
Inventories		90,404	43,979		134,383
Future income tax benefits		14,906	(252)		14,654
Other current assets		3,284	13,184		16,468
Total current assets	(316,181)	276,261	153,235	173,971	287,286
Investment in joint venture	40,249				40,249
Investment in subsidiaries	697,148	113,482	70,430	(881,060)	
Property, plant and equipment, net		16,643	57,878		74,521
Long-term future income tax benefits		41,009	5,230		46,239
Other assets	2,037	111,721	13,954	(44,091)	83,621
Total assets	\$ 423,253	\$ 559,116	\$ 300,727	\$ (751,180)	\$ 531,916
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	\$ 42,581	\$ 60,393	\$	\$ 102,974
Current maturities of long-term debt	144	4			148
Deferred rent		337			337
Current taxes payable		474	4,416		4,890
Total current liabilities	144	43,396	64,809		108,349
Long-term debt	184,637	40,849	13,143	(54,032)	184,597
Future income tax liabilities		(682)	682		
Other long-term liabilities	1,045	498			1,543

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Total liabilities	185,826	84,061	78,634	(54,032)	294,489
Shareholders' equity	237,427	475,055	222,093	(697,148)	237,427
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 423,253	\$ 559,116	\$ 300,727	\$ (751,180)	\$ 531,916
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**Cash Flow Information:**

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 1,476	\$ (75,580)	\$ 43,347	\$ 44,044	\$ 13,287
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(43,794)	18,087	(33,668)	52,344	(7,031)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	42,273	56,110	(11,103)	(96,388)	(9,108)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	45				45
Cash at beginning		3,609	4,074		7,683
Cash at end		2,226	2,650		4,876

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**Applica Incorporated**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements    Continued**

Six Months Ended June 30, 2002

	Parent	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(In thousands)				
<b>Statement of Operations:</b>					
Net sales	\$	\$233,018	\$240,323	\$(162,244)	\$311,097
Cost of goods sold		157,219	221,344	(162,244)	216,319
Gross profit		75,799	18,979		94,778
Operating (income) expenses	(467)	73,863	17,099		90,495
Repositioning charge		5,246			5,246
Operating earnings (loss)	467	(3,310)	1,880		(963)
Other (income) expense, net	(348)	7,605	(346)		6,911
Earnings (loss) before equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture and subsidiaries, and income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	815	(10,915)	2,226		(7,874)
Equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture	(185)				(185)
Equity in net earnings (loss) of subsidiaries	(84,697)			84,697	
Income tax expense (benefit)		(9,515)	6,694		(2,821)
Earnings (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(84,067)	(1,400)	(4,468)	84,697	(5,238)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(78,829)			(78,829)
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (84,067)	\$ (80,229)	\$ (4,468)	\$ 84,697	\$ (84,067)
<b>Balance Sheet:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$ 701	\$ 6,984	\$	\$ 7,685
Accounts and other receivables, net		104,115	45,956		150,071
Receivables from affiliates	(301,560)	48,506	64,077	193,101	4,124
Inventories		81,756	39,030		120,786
Future income tax benefits		32,909			32,909
Other current assets		3,954	15,293		19,247
Total current assets	(301,560)	271,941	171,340	193,101	334,822
Investments in joint venture	1,396				1,396
Investment in subsidiaries	716,634	113,552	70,476	(900,662)	
Property, plant and equipment, net		15,806	65,326		81,132
Long-term future income tax benefits		49,107	682		49,789
Other assets	2,418	125,067	24,133	(58,338)	93,280
Total assets	\$ 418,888	\$575,473	\$331,957	\$(765,899)	\$560,419
Notes and acceptances payable	\$	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,453	\$	\$ 5,453
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2	45,383	79,708		125,093
Current maturities of long-term debt		574			574
Deferred rent		408			408
Current taxes payable		783	2,922		3,705

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Total current liabilities	2	50,148	85,083		135,233
Long-term debt	211,292	35,804	18,865	(49,265)	216,696
Future income tax liabilities		(2,771)	2,771		
Other long-term liabilities	42	896			938
Total liabilities	211,336	84,077	106,719	(49,265)	352,867
Shareholders' equity	207,552	491,396	225,238	(716,634)	207,552
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 418,888	\$ 575,473	\$ 331,957	\$ (765,899)	\$ 560,419
<b>Cash Flow Information:</b>					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (772)	\$ (57,961)	\$ 45,810	\$ 34,876	\$ 21,953

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**Applica Incorporated**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements Continued**

Six Months Ended June 30, 2002

	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Guarantors</u>	<u>Non- Guarantors</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(27,075)	3,759	(41,299)	38,386	(26,229)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	26,560	54,147	(12,514)	(73,262)	(5,069)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	1,287				1,287
Cash at beginning		756	14,987		15,743
Cash at end		701	6,984		7,685

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**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On July 31, 2003, Applica Incorporated redeemed \$30 million of its \$130 million 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. The notes were redeemed, using availability under Applica's senior credit facility, at 105% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest up to, but not including, the redemption date. The cost of the redemption of the notes includes \$1.5 million in prepayment premiums and approximately \$0.5 million related to the write-off of deferred financing costs.



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

As used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we, our, us, the Company and Applica refer to Applica Incorporated and its subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires.

The following discussion and analysis and the related financial data present a review of the consolidated operating results and financial condition of Applica for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contained in Applica's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

**Forward Looking Statement Disclosure**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements are indicated by words or phrases such as anticipates, projects, management believes, believes, intends, expects, and similar words or phrases. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties or assumptions and may be affected by certain other factors, including the specific factors set forth below.

You should carefully consider the following risk factors, together with the other information contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, in evaluating us and our business before making an investment decision regarding our securities:

An Outbreak Of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARs) Among Our Employees Located In China And Hong Kong and Production Slowdowns Resulting From SARs-Related Regulations Could Have a Material Adverse Effect On Our Business.

If We Are Unable To Renew The Black & Decker® Trademark License Agreement, Our Business Could Be Adversely Affected.

We Depend On Purchases By Several Large Customers And Any Significant Decline In These Purchases Or Pressure From These Customers To Reduce Prices Could Have A Negative Effect On Our Business.

The Bankruptcy Or Financial Difficulty Of Any Major Customer Or Fluctuations In The Financial Condition Of The Retail Industry Could Adversely Affect Our Business.

Our Business Is Very Sensitive To The Strength Of The U.S. Retail Market And Weakness In This Market Could Adversely Affect Our Business.

Uncertainties Regarding The Impact Of Terrorist Activities, The Current War On Terrorism And The War With Iraq Could Have A Material Adverse Effect On Our Business.

Our Business Can Be Adversely Affected By Fluctuations In Cost And Availability Of Raw Materials (Particularly The Cost Of Plastic Resins) And Components.

Our Business Involves The Potential For Product Recalls And Product Liability Claims Against Us.

We Operate A Significant Portion Of Our Business Outside Of The United States Which Subjects Us To Additional Risks.

Our Business Could Be Adversely Affected By Changes In Trade Relations With China.

Our Business Could Be Adversely Affected By Currency Fluctuations In Our International Operations.

Our Business Could Be Adversely Affected By Retailer Inventory Management Or The Failure of Our Logistical Systems.

Our Future Success Requires Us To Develop New And Innovative Products On A Consistent Basis In Order To Increase Revenues And We May Not Be Able To Do So.

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We Rely Heavily On Our Manufacturing Facilities To Manufacture And Assemble Our Products. An Extended Interruption In The Operation Of Any Facility Could Have An Adverse Impact On Our Operating Results.

We Are Subject To Several Production-Related Risks Which Could Jeopardize Our Ability To Realize Anticipated Sales And Profits.

The Infringement Or Loss Of Our Proprietary Rights Could Have An Adverse Effect On Our Business.

Our Operating Results Can Be Affected By Seasonality.

We Compete With Other Large Companies That Produce Similar Products.

Our Debt Agreements Contain Covenants That Restrict Our Ability To Take Certain Actions.

Our Business Can Be Adversely Affected By Newly Acquired Businesses Or Product Lines.

Government Regulations Could Adversely Impact Our Operations.

Should one or more of these risks, uncertainties or other factors materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results, performance, or achievements of Applica may vary materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Applica or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements in this paragraph. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Applica undertakes no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**General**

Applica Incorporated is a Florida corporation that was incorporated in 1963. Applica is a manufacturer, marketer and distributor of a broad range of branded and private-label small electric consumer goods. In 1998, we acquired the Black & Decker Household Products Group and became a leading supplier of brand name small household appliances in North and Latin America. We also manufacture and distribute professional personal care products, home environment products, pet care products, including the LitterMaid® self-cleaning cat litter box, and pest control products. We manufacture and market products under licensed brand names, such as Black & Decker®, our own brand names, such as Windmere® and Applica®, and other private-label brand names. Our customers include mass merchandisers, specialty retailers and appliance distributors primarily in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean.

We operate manufacturing facilities in China and Mexico. In 2002, approximately 76% of the products sold by Applica were manufactured in such facilities. In addition, we manufacture products for other consumer product companies, which we refer to as contract manufacturing.

Applica's manufacturing operations are conducted by two wholly owned subsidiaries: Applica Durable Manufacturing Limited in China and Applica Manufacturing, S. de R.L. de C.V. in Mexico. The distribution, sales, and marketing operations are primarily handled through our U.S. operating subsidiary, Applica Consumer Products, Inc. Applica also has separate entities providing distribution, sales and marketing operations in Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Venezuela and Colombia.

**Outlook**

The following discussion contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such forward-looking statements are subject to the risks, uncertainties and assumptions discussed above. If any such events or circumstances actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. The risks listed above are not the only risks that we face. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also impair our business operations.

Management anticipates that sales for the year ended December 31, 2003 will be between \$665 million and \$675 million. Earnings per share is expected to be between \$1.06 and \$1.11 for the 2003 year. For the 2003 third quarter, management anticipates that sales will be between \$185 million and \$195 million. Earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2003 are expected to be between \$0.13 and \$0.18.

**Table of Contents****Results of Operations****Three Months Ended June 30, 2003 Compared To Three Months Ended June 30, 2002**

**Net Sales.** Sales for Applica decreased by \$31.2 million to \$136.8 million, a decrease of 18.6% over the second quarter of 2002. The decrease was largely the result of lower sales to key retailers and planned lower contract manufacturing sales. For the quarter, contract manufacturing decreased by \$13.4 million, sales of Windmere and other branded products decreased by \$11.0 million and sales of Black & Decker branded products decreased by \$9.8 million worldwide. These decreases were partially offset by increases in sales of pest control products of \$3.6 million.

Management anticipates that reduced contract manufacturing orders and persistent weakness in North and Latin America will continue to negatively affect sales throughout the remainder of 2003, but will be offset by sales of new Black & Decker products.

**Gross Profit.** Applica's gross profit margin decreased to 28.7% in the second quarter of 2003 as compared to 31.8% for the same period in 2002. The gross profit margin decrease is primarily attributed to higher plastic resin prices and unabsorbed overhead related to lower production levels. The lower production levels resulted from lower sales, increased third party sourcing of products and the indirect effects of the SARs outbreak in China. Applica's facilities in China did not experience any cases of SARs, however, new regulations in China on intra-country travel and congregation of persons in a single location hampered normal efforts to obtain workers for production-related jobs.

***Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.***

**Operating Expenses.** Operating expenses for Applica decreased \$6.4 million for the second quarter of 2003 to \$41.8 million as compared to the second quarter of 2002. Such expenses increased as a percentage of sales to 30.5% from 28.7% in the 2002 period as the result of lower sales volume. In the second quarter of 2003, (a) advertising and promotion expenses decreased by \$2.4 million, (b) payroll expenses decreased by \$1.4 million, and (c) expenses decreased by \$1.2 million as the result of the 2002 consolidation of certain facilities in North and Latin America. Additionally, Applica experienced a gain in foreign exchange of \$0.6 million for the quarter as compared to a loss of \$0.3 million in the second quarter of 2002.

**Repositioning and Other Charges.** In the second quarter of 2002, Applica incurred expenses of \$4.9 million relating to its decision to consolidate its Shelton, Connecticut office with the headquarters located in Miami Lakes, Florida, as well as certain back-office and supply chain functions in Canada and Latin America. Such consolidation was completed in the third quarter of 2002.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense increased slightly to \$4.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2003, compared to \$3.8 million in the 2002 period. In the second quarter of 2003, lower debt levels were offset by reduced income from interest rate management contracts.

On July 31, 2003, Applica redeemed \$30 million of its \$130 million 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. The notes were redeemed, using availability under Applica's senior credit facility, at 105% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest up to, but not including, the redemption date. The cost of the redemption of the notes includes \$1.5 million in prepayment premiums and approximately \$0.5 million related to the write-off of deferred financing costs. Applica also intends to redeem up to an additional \$40.0 million in 10% notes upon receipt of a cash distribution related to the sale of an investment held by a joint venture that is 50% owned by Applica. There will be up to an additional \$2.0 million of prepayment premium and approximately \$0.5 million related to the write-off of deferred financing costs in connection with the additional early extinguishment of the notes. As a result of the current and potential repurchase of the bonds, management anticipates that interest expense will decrease in the second half of 2003.

**Equity in Net Earnings (Loss) of Joint Venture.** The equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture increased to \$1.5 million, as compared to a loss of \$89,000 in the second quarter of 2002. In 2002, Anasazi engaged an investment banker to pursue strategic exit strategies for its investment in ZonePerfect Nutrition Company. As part of this process, a valuation of the investment was performed. Based on this valuation, Anasazi increased the fair value of its investment in ZonePerfect by approximately \$75.0 million, resulting in equity in net earnings of

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unconsolidated joint venture of \$37.5 million in the statement of operations for the first quarter of 2003. In the second quarter of 2003, Anasazi increased the fair value of the investment by an additional \$3.0 million, resulting in equity in net earnings of unconsolidated joint venture of \$1.5 million for the second quarter of 2003.

In July 2003, ZonePerfect Nutrition Company was sold for \$160 million in cash. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including government approvals, and is expected to close during the third quarter of 2003. The remaining investments of Anasazi Partners include certain privately traded securities whose values have been estimated by the general partner in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Fair value of these securities may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed.

**Taxes.** Applica's tax expense is based on an estimated annual aggregation of the taxes on earnings of each of its foreign and domestic operations. In the second quarter of 2003, Applica used an effective rate of 40%, as compared to 35% for the second quarter of 2002. The change in the tax rate from 2002 reflects additional permanent differences. Applica expects its future effective tax rate to approximate 40%.

The earnings of subsidiaries in Canada, Mexico and Latin America (other than Chile) are generally taxed at rates comparable to or higher than 35%, the United States statutory rate. In addition, commencing in January 2002, the earnings of Applica's Hong Kong subsidiary were also taxed at the United States statutory rate of 35% due to Applica's intent not to permanently reinvest the earnings outside of the United States. Applica does not make tax provisions for the undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries that it expects will be permanently reinvested in its operations outside of the United States.

**Earnings Per Share.** Basic shares for the three-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 were 23,502,096 and 23,386,144, respectively. All common stock equivalents have been excluded from the diluted per share calculations in the three-month period ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

**Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 Compared To Six Months Ended June 30, 2002**

**Net Sales.** Sales for Applica decreased by \$53.0 million to \$258.1 million, a decrease of 17.0% over the first half of 2002. The decrease was largely the result of lower sales to key retailers and planned lower contract manufacturing sales. For the first half of 2003, sales of Black & Decker branded products decreased by \$24.5 million worldwide, contract manufacturing decreased by \$18.6 million, sales of Windmere and other branded products decreased by \$15.8 million and sales of Littermaid products decreased by \$2.7 million. These decreases were partially offset by increases in sales of pest control products of \$8.6 million.

Management anticipates that reduced contract manufacturing orders and persistent weakness in North and Latin America will continue to negatively affect sales throughout the remainder of 2003, but will be offset by sales of new Black & Decker products.

**Gross Profit.** Applica's gross profit margin decreased slightly to 30.0% in the first half of 2003 as compared to 30.5% for the same period in 2002. The gross profit margin decrease is primarily attributed to higher plastic resin prices and unabsorbed overhead related to lower production levels in the second quarter, offset by an improved product mix in the first quarter.

***Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.***

**Operating Expenses.** Operating expenses for Applica decreased \$9.3 million for the first half of 2003 to \$81.2 million as compared to the first half of 2002. Such expenses increased as a percentage of sales to 31.5% from 29.1% in the 2002 period as the result of lower sales volume. In the first half of 2003, (a) advertising and promotion expenses decreased by \$2.5 million, (b) expenses resulting from the 2002 consolidation of certain facilities in North and Latin America decreased by \$2.2 million, (c) payroll expenses decreased by \$1.6 million and (d) freight expenses decreased by \$1.0 million. Additionally, foreign exchange losses were negligible in the first half of 2003, but totaled \$1.9 million for the first half of 2002.

**Repositioning and Other Charges.** In the first half of 2002, Applica incurred expenses of \$5.2 million relating to its decision to consolidate its Shelton, Connecticut office with the headquarters located in Miami Lakes,

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Florida, as well as certain back-office and supply chain functions in Canada and Latin America. Such consolidation was completed in the third quarter of 2002.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense increased slightly to \$7.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003, as compared to \$7.7 million for the first half of 2002. In the first half of 2003, lower debt levels were offset by reduced income from interest rate management contracts.

On July 31, 2003, Applica redeemed \$30 million of its \$130 million 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. The notes were redeemed, using availability under Applica's senior credit facility, at 105% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest up to, but not including, the redemption date. The cost of the redemption of the notes includes \$1.5 million in prepayment premiums and approximately \$0.5 million related to the write-off of deferred financing costs. Applica also intends to redeem up to an additional \$40.0 million in 10% notes upon receipt of a cash distribution related to the sale of an investment held by a joint venture that is 50% owned by Applica. If such cash distribution is not received, Applica may not redeem the additional \$40.0 million of 10% notes. There will be up to an additional \$2.0 million of prepayment premium and approximately \$0.5 million related to the write-off of deferred financing costs in connection with the additional early extinguishment of the notes. As a result of the current and potential repurchase of the bonds, management anticipates that interest expense will decrease in the second half of 2003.

**Equity in Net Earnings (Loss) of Joint Venture.** The equity in net earnings (loss) of joint venture increased from a \$185,000 loss in the first six months of 2002 to a gain of \$39.0 million in the first half of 2003. The equity in net earnings resulted primarily from an unrealized gain in the fair value of an investment in ZonePerfect Nutrition Company held by such joint venture. The gain was precipitated by a potential sale of the investment. In July 2003, ZonePerfect Nutrition Company was sold for \$160 million in cash. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including government approvals, and is expected to close during the third quarter of 2003. The remaining investments of Anasazi Partners include certain privately traded securities whose values have been estimated by the general partner in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Fair value of these securities may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed.

**Taxes.** Applica's tax expense is based on an estimated annual aggregation of the taxes on earnings of each of its foreign and domestic operations. In the first half of 2003, Applica used an effective rate of 40%, as compared to 35% for the first half of 2002. The change in the tax rate from 2002 reflects additional permanent differences. Applica expects its future effective tax rate to approximate 40%.

The earnings of subsidiaries in Canada, Mexico and Latin America (other than Chile) are generally taxed at rates comparable to or higher than 35%, the United States statutory rate. In addition, commencing in January 2002, the earnings of Applica's Hong Kong subsidiary were also taxed at the United States statutory rate of 35% due to Applica's intent not to permanently reinvest the earnings outside of the United States. Applica does not make tax provisions for the undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries that it expects will be permanently reinvested in its operations outside of the United States.

**Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle.** In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board approved the issuance of SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", which established new accounting and reporting requirements for goodwill and other intangible assets. The new standard required that all intangible assets acquired that are obtained through contractual or legal right, or are capable of being separately sold, transferred, licensed, rented or exchanged must be recognized as an asset apart from goodwill. Goodwill and intangibles with indefinite lives are no longer amortized, but are subject to an annual assessment for impairment by applying a fair value based test.

Applica applied the provisions of SFAS 142 beginning in January 2002 and performed a transitional fair valued based impairment test. Based on its initial impairment tests, Applica recognized an adjustment of \$121.3 million (\$78.8 million, or \$3.37 per share, net of tax) in the first half of 2002 to reduce the carrying value of goodwill to its implied fair value. Under SFAS 142, the impairment adjustment was reflected as a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle in the first half of 2002.

**Earnings Per Share.** Basic shares for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002 were 23,499,950 and 23,362,988, respectively. Included in diluted shares for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003

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are common stock equivalents relating to options of 1,599,251. All common stock equivalents have been excluded from the diluted per share calculations in the six-month period ended June 30, 2002 because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At June 30, 2003, Applica's working capital was \$178.9 million, as compared to \$199.6 million at June 30, 2002. Applica's current ratio was 2.7 to 1 at June 30, 2003 and 2.5 to 1 at June 30, 2002. Applica's quick ratio was 1.1 to 1 at June 30, 2003 and 1.2 to 1 at June 30, 2002.

The net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$13.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2003 and \$22.0 million in 2002. Both periods reflected decreases in accounts receivable and increases in inventory.

Cash used in investing activities totaled approximately \$7.0 million for the period, as compared to \$26.2 million for 2002, and reflected the purchase of equipment at Applica's manufacturing facilities and tooling for new products in both years. In addition, the 2002 period reflects the acquisition of Weitech, Inc. for \$17.0 million in cash.

Cash used in financing activities totaled approximately \$9.1 million in 2003 and \$5.1 million in 2002 reflecting the continued reduction of debt levels.

For the six months ended June 30, 2003 and 2002, the effect of exchange rate changes on cash were \$45,000 and \$1.3 million.

Applica's primary sources of liquidity are its cash flow from operations and borrowings under its credit facility. As of July 31, 2003, Applica was borrowing approximately \$80 million under its senior secured revolving credit facility and had approximately \$30 million available for future cash borrowings. Advances under the facility are primarily based upon percentages of eligible accounts receivable and inventories. The credit facility includes a \$10.0 million sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit, with approximately \$0.5 million outstanding under the limit as of July 31, 2003. All amounts outstanding under the credit facility are payable on December 28, 2005.

At Applica's option, interest accrues on the loans made under the credit facility at either:

LIBOR (adjusted for any reserves), plus a specified margin which is determined by Applica's leverage ratio and is currently set at 2.00% (3.1% at July 29, 2003); or

the Base Rate (which is Bank of America's prime rate), plus a specified margin, which is determined based upon Applica's leverage ratio and is currently set at 0.00% (4.0% at July 29, 2003).

Swing loans up to \$15.0 million bear interest at the Base Rate plus a specified margin, which is determined based on Applica's leverage ratio and is currently set at 0.00% (4.0% at July 29, 2003).

Management expects its borrowing margins to increase in the fourth quarter of 2003 as the result of an increase in the leverage ratio related to additional borrowings under the credit facility to repurchase the 10% notes.

In July 1998, Applica issued \$130.0 million in Senior Subordinated Notes. The notes bear interest at a rate of 10%, payable semiannually, and mature on July 31, 2008. The notes are general unsecured obligations of Applica Incorporated and rank subordinate in right of payment to all senior debt of Applica and rank pari passu in right of payment to all future subordinated indebtedness of Applica. The notes may be redeemed at the option of Applica, in whole or in part, on or after July 31, 2003 at various redemption prices.

On July 31, 2003, Applica redeemed \$30 million of its \$130 million 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. The notes were redeemed at 105% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest up to, but not including, the redemption date. Applica also intends to redeem up to an additional \$40.0 million in 10% notes upon receipt of a cash distribution related to the pending sale of an investment held by a joint venture that is 50% owned by Applica.

On September 28, 2002, Applica entered into credit approved receivables purchasing agreements with CIT Group/Commercial Services, Inc. (CIT). The agreements allow Applica to transfer to CIT, without recourse, approved receivables of specified customers under certain circumstances, including the bankruptcy of covered

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customers. Applica remains the servicer of the approved receivables and pays fees based upon a percentage of the gross face amount of each approved receivable. These arrangements are strictly for the purpose of insuring selected receivables. On January 17, 2003, the agreement covering receivables from a significant customer was converted into a full notification agreement under which CIT has agreed to purchase all approved receivables of such customer.

In April 2002, Applica Consumer Products, Inc. entered into a five-year \$6.0 million mortgage loan on Applica's executive offices located in Miami Lakes, Florida. The loan bears interest at an annual rate of 7.25%, with monthly principal and interest payments based on a 20-year amortization. A final balloon payment is due at the end of the term. The loan is secured by a mortgage on the property and the building located thereon.

Certain of Applica's foreign subsidiaries have approximately \$18.4 million in trade finance lines of credit, payable on demand, which are secured by the subsidiaries' tangible and intangible property, and in some cases, a guarantee by the parent company, Applica Incorporated. As of June 30, 2003, there were no amounts outstanding under the working capital lines and \$378,000 outstanding under the letter of credit lines. As of July 31, 2003, there was approximately \$6.7 million outstanding under the working capital lines and \$337,000 under the letter of credit lines.

Applica's aggregate capital expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 2003 were \$7.6 million, as compared to \$8.5 million for same six month period in 2002. Applica anticipates that the total capital expenditures for 2003 will be approximately \$24.0 million, which includes new information technology infrastructure, the cost of equipment at our manufacturing facilities and tooling for new products. Applica plans to fund such capital expenditures from cash flow from operations and, if necessary, borrowings under its credit facility.

At June 30, 2003, debt as a percent of total capitalization was 43.8%, as compared to 51.8% at June 30, 2002.

Applica's ability to make scheduled payments of principal of, or to pay the interest on, or to refinance, its indebtedness, or to fund planned capital expenditures, product research and development expenses and marketing expenses will depend on its future performance, which, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, and international and United States domestic political factors and other factors that are beyond its control. Based upon the current level of operations and anticipated cost savings and revenue growth, we believe that cash flow from operations and available cash, together with available borrowings under our credit facility and other facilities, will be adequate to meet our future liquidity needs for at least the next several years. There can be no assurance that Applica's business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, that anticipated revenue growth and operating improvements will be realized or that future borrowings will be available under the credit facility in an amount sufficient to enable Applica to service its indebtedness, including the outstanding 10% notes, or to fund its other liquidity needs. In addition, there can be no assurance that Applica will be able to effect any needed refinancing on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

Applica is also involved in certain ongoing litigation. See Part II. Item 1 Legal Proceedings.

## **Use of Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of Applica's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the period. Future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty; therefore, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment. Actual results inevitably will differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to our financial statements. Management continually evaluates its estimates and assumptions, which are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates and Applica's actual results are subject to the risk factors listed above.

Management believes that the following may involve a higher degree of judgment or complexity:

***Collectibility of Accounts Receivable.*** Applica's allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's estimates of the creditworthiness of its customers, current economic conditions and historical information, and, in the opinion of management, is believed to be an amount sufficient to respond to normal business conditions. Management sets specific reserves for customers in bankruptcy and other reserves for the

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remaining customers based upon historical collection experience. Should business conditions deteriorate or any major customer default on its obligations to Applica, this allowance may need to be significantly increased, which would have a negative impact upon Applica's operations.

**Reserves on Inventories.** Applica establishes a reserve based on historical experience and specific reserves when it is apparent that the expected realizable value of an inventory item falls below its original cost. A charge to operations results when the estimated net realizable value of inventory items declines below cost. Management regularly reviews Applica's investment in inventories for declines in value.

**Income Taxes.** Significant management judgment is required in developing Applica's provision for income taxes, including the determination of foreign tax liabilities, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowances that might be required against the deferred tax assets. At June 30, 2003, Applica had deferred tax assets in excess of deferred tax liabilities of \$71.2 million. Applica determined that it was more likely than not that \$61.0 million of such assets will be realized, resulting in a valuation allowance of \$10.2 million as of June 30, 2003. Applica evaluates quarterly its ability to realize its deferred tax assets and adjusts the amount of its valuation allowance, if necessary. Applica operates within multiple taxing jurisdictions and is subject to audit in those jurisdictions. Because of the complex issues involved, any claims can require an extended period to resolve. In management's opinion, adequate provisions for income taxes have been made.

**Goodwill.** On an annual basis, management assesses the composition of Applica's assets and liabilities, as well as the events that have occurred and the circumstances that have changed since the most recent fair value determination. If events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of goodwill below its carrying amount, goodwill will be tested for impairment. Applica will recognize an impairment loss if the carrying value of the asset exceeds the fair value determination. During the first quarter of 2002, Applica recorded a write-down of its goodwill of \$121.3 million (\$78.8 million, net of tax).

**Long-Lived Assets.** Applica reviews long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles held and used for possible impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In evaluating the fair value and future benefits of its intangible assets, management performs an analysis of the anticipated undiscounted future net cash flows of the individual assets over the remaining amortization period. Applica recognizes an impairment loss if the carrying value of the asset exceeds the expected future cash flows.

**Reserves for Product Liability Claims and Litigation.** Applica is subject to various legal proceedings, product liability claims and other claims in the ordinary course of its business. Management estimates the amount of ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such matters in excess of applicable insurance coverage based on historical claims experience and current claim amounts, as well as other available facts and circumstances. As the outcome of litigation is difficult to predict and significant estimates are made with regard to future events, significant changes from estimated amounts could occur.

**Product Recall Liability.** Applica is subject to potential product recalls. We estimate the amount of ultimate liability based on discussions with the Consumer Product Safety Commission and historical claims experience. For example, in February 2002, we voluntarily recalled our Black & Decker® branded T1200 and T1400 toasters. We charged the 2001 operations with an estimated reserve of \$13.4 million for this recall. Applica has charged \$9.0 million against this reserve through June 30, 2003. While we believe that the reserve is adequate, there can be no assurance that significant future adjustments will not be required.

**Other Estimates.** Applica makes a number of other estimates in the ordinary course of business relating to sales returns and allowances, warranty reserves, and reserves for promotional incentives. Historically, past changes to these estimates have not had a material impact on our financial condition. However, circumstances could change which may alter future expectations.

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

#### **Interest Rate Risk Management**

Applica is exposed to the impact of interest rate changes. Applica's objective is to manage the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and on the market value of its borrowings. Applica maintains fixed rate debt as a percentage of its net debt between a minimum and maximum percentage, which is set by policy.



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It is Applica's policy to enter into interest rate risk management transactions only to the extent considered necessary to meet its objectives as set forth above. Applica does not enter into interest rate risk management transactions for speculative purposes.

Outstanding as of June 30, 2003 were interest rate management contracts on approximately \$50.0 million notional principal amount with a fair value of \$57,681. The market value represents the amount Applica would receive upon exiting the contracts at June 30, 2003 and was determined based on quotes obtained from Applica's financial institutions. The market value related to interest rate risk management contracts is included as other long-term liabilities as of June 30, 2003. Applica does not intend to exit these contracts at this time.

Significant interest rate risk management instruments held by Applica as of June 30, 2003 included pay-fixed swaps. Pay-fixed swaps effectively convert floating rate obligations to fixed-rate instruments. All swaps have maturity dates that mirror the maturity date of the underlying hedged transaction. For the period ending June 30, 2003, Applica did not discontinue any hedges due to the probability that the original underlying forecasted transaction would not occur.

The impact of interest rate risk management activities on income during the quarter ending June 30, 2003 was not material.

## **Foreign Exchange Risk Management**

Applica transacts business globally and is subject to risks associated with changing foreign exchange rates. Applica's objective is to reduce earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign exchange rate changes to allow management to focus attention on core business issues and challenges. By policy, Applica maintains hedge coverage between minimum and maximum percentages of its forecasted foreign exchange exposures for periods not to exceed 18 months. The gains and losses on these contracts offset changes in the value of the related exposures.

It is Applica's policy to enter into foreign currency transactions only to the extent considered necessary to meet its objectives as set forth above. Applica does not enter into foreign currency transactions for speculative purposes.

Outstanding as of June 30, 2003 were \$22.8 million notional of contracts to purchase and/or sell foreign currency forward with a negative fair market value of approximately \$1.0 million. The market value represents the amount Applica would pay upon exiting the contracts at June 30, 2003 and was determined based on quotes obtained from Applica's financial institutions. This amount is included in prepaid expenses and other assets as of June 30, 2003. Applica does not intend to exit these contracts at this time.

Applica enters into various contracts that change in value as foreign exchange rates change to protect the value of its existing foreign currency assets and liabilities, commitments and forecasted foreign currency revenues. Applica uses option strategies and forward contracts that provide for the sale of foreign currencies to hedge forecasted revenues and expenses. Applica also uses forward contracts to hedge foreign currency assets and liabilities. While these hedging instruments are subject to fluctuations in value, such fluctuations are offset by changes in the value of the underlying exposures being hedged. The principal currencies hedged are the Mexican peso, Chinese renminbi, Hong Kong dollar and Canadian dollar.

## **Additional Information**

For additional information, see Item 7A. **Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk** in Applica's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.

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

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.*** Applica's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Sections 13a-14(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of a date (the *Evaluation Date*) not more than 90 days before the filing date of this quarterly report, have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective and designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries is accumulated and would be made known to them by others within those entities as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, there can be no assurance that Applica's disclosure controls and procedures will detect or uncover all failures of persons within the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries to disclose material information otherwise required to be set forth in Applica's periodic reports.

***Changes in Internal Controls.*** Subsequent to the Evaluation Date, there were no significant changes in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Applica's senior management, in conjunction with its Board of Directors, continuously reviews overall company policies and improves documentation of important financial reporting and internal control matters. Accordingly, certain changes to Applica's internal controls were made during the second quarter of 2003, none of which were significant. Applica is committed to continuously improving the state of its internal controls, corporate governance and financial reporting.

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**Toaster Recall.** In February 2002, Applica Consumer Products, Inc., in cooperation with the Consumer Products Safety Commission, voluntarily recalled approximately 2.1 million Black & Decker® T1200 and T1400 toasters. Applica's Canadian operating subsidiary, Applica Canada Corporation, also recalled approximately 180,000 of these toasters in Canada. Management charged 2001 operations with an estimated reserve of \$13.4 million for these recalls and does not believe the ultimate liability will be materially different.

Five lawsuits have been filed in connection with property damage or bodily injury relating to the recalled toasters (three of which have been settled) and several other claims have been made. We believe that the amount of ultimate liability of these claims, if any, is not likely to have a material effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, as the outcome of litigation is difficult to predict, significant changes in the estimated exposures could occur.

**Other Matters.** Applica is subject to other legal proceedings, product liability claims and other claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business. In the opinion of management, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to such matters, if any, in excess of applicable insurance coverage, is not likely to have a material effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity of Applica. However, as the outcome of litigation or other claims is difficult to predict, significant changes in the estimated exposures could occur.

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

At Applica's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 13, 2003, the shareholders voted to elect Susan J. Ganz, J. Maurice Hopkins, Thomas J. Kane and Felix S. Sabates as Class I Directors. Continuing members of the Board of Directors of Applica include: David M. Friedson, Harry D. Schulman, Jerald I. Rosen, Frederick E. Fair, Lai Kin, Paul K. Sugrue and Leonard Glazer. The shareholders also ratified the reappointment of Grant Thornton LLP as Applica's independent accountants for the year ended December 31, 2003.

The number of votes cast for or against with respect to each of the nominees for director was as follows:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Susan J. Ganz	21,036,197	440,488
J. Maurice Hopkins	21,036,108	440,577
Thomas J. Kane	21,036,201	440,484
Felix S. Sabates	16,433,679	5,043,006

The number of votes cast for or against or abstained from voting with respect to the reappointment of Grant Thornton LLP was as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
20,949,097	411,890	115,698

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

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| (a)  | Exhibits:   |
| 32.1 | Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350     |

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(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

Form 8-K dated June 24, 2003 reporting under Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure that Applica issued a press release regarding its intent to redeem a portion of its 10% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008 and attaching such press release.

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Form 8-K dated July 31, 2003 reporting under Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition that Applica issued a press release describing its results of operations for the second quarter ended June 30, 2003 and attaching such press release

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**APPLICA INCORPORATED**

(Registrant)

July 30, 2003

By: /s/ Harry D. Schulman

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Harry D. Schulman  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

July 30, 2003

By: /s/ Terry L. Polistina

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Terry L. Polistina  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Chief Financial and Accounting Officer)

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, Harry D. Schulman, certify that:

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

Date: July 30, 2003

/s/ Harry D. Schulman

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Name: Harry D. Schulman  
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, Terry Polistina, certify that:

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

Date: July 30, 2003

/s/ Terry Polistina

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Name: Terry Polistina  
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President