

K2 INC
Form 424B3
June 28, 2004
Table of Contents

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3)

Registration No. 333-114628

Prospectus supplement to prospectus dated April 20, 2004

6,000,000 shares

Common stock

We are offering 6,000,000 shares of our common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol KTO. On June 24, 2004, the reported closing price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$16.00 per share.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$ 15.50	\$ 93,000,000
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$ 0.81	\$ 4,860,000
Proceeds to K2, before expenses	\$ 14.69	\$ 88,140,000

We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 900,000 shares of our common stock to cover over-allotments, if any, at the public offering price per share, less the underwriting discounts and commissions.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

JPMorgan

Banc of America Securities LLC

Piper Jaffray

June 24, 2004

Table of Contents

Table of Contents

Table of contents

Prospectus Supplement

	Page
<u>About this prospectus supplement</u>	S-ii
<u>Forward-looking statements</u>	S-iii
<u>Prospectus supplement summary</u>	S-1
<u>Risk factors</u>	S-15
<u>Use of proceeds</u>	S-22
<u>Capitalization</u>	S-23
<u>Price range of common stock and dividend policy</u>	S-25
<u>Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data</u>	S-26
<u>Selected consolidated historical financial data</u>	S-37
<u>Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations</u>	S-40
<u>Industry</u>	S-62
<u>Business</u>	S-64
<u>The acquisitions</u>	S-76
<u>Management</u>	S-80
<u>Principal stockholders</u>	S-84
<u>Certain relationships and related party transactions</u>	S-86
<u>Description of other indebtedness</u>	S-87
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-90
<u>Legal matters</u>	S-92
<u>Experts</u>	S-93
<u>Where you can find more information: incorporation of documents by reference</u>	S-93
<u>Index to financial statements</u>	F-1

Prospectus

	Page
<u>Prospectus summary</u>	1
<u>Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking statements</u>	3
<u>Ratio of earnings to fixed charges</u>	5
<u>Description of debt securities</u>	6
<u>Description of capital stock</u>	12
<u>Description of warrants</u>	14
<u>Description of purchase contracts</u>	16
<u>Description of units</u>	17
<u>Plan of distribution</u>	18
<u>Use of proceeds</u>	19
<u>Legal matters</u>	19
<u>Experts</u>	19
<u>Where you can find more information: incorporation of documents by reference</u>	20

Table of Contents

About this prospectus supplement

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer from time to time any combination of the securities described in the accompanying prospectus in one or more offerings, up to an aggregate amount of \$175,000,000, of which this offering is a part. In the accompanying prospectus, we provide you with a general description of the securities we may offer from time to time under our shelf registration statement, including the common stock that we are selling in this offering. Both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include important information you should know before investing. This prospectus supplement also adds, updates and changes information contained in the accompanying prospectus. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the additional information described under [Where you can find more information; incorporation of documents by reference](#) in this prospectus supplement, before investing in our common stock.

To the extent any inconsistency or conflict exists between the information included in this prospectus supplement and the information included in the accompanying prospectus, the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement updates and supersedes the information in the accompanying prospectus.

We have not authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about us that is different from, or in addition to, that contained in this prospectus or in any of the materials that we have incorporated by reference into this document. Therefore, if anyone does give you information of this sort, you should not rely on it. If you are in a jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, the securities offered by this document are unlawful, or if you are a person to whom it is unlawful to direct these types of activities, then the offer presented in this document does not extend to you. The information contained in this document speaks only as of the date of this document, unless the information specifically indicates that another date applied.

In this prospectus supplement, unless the context requires otherwise, K2 Inc., K2, the Company, we, our, and us refer to K2 and its consolidated subsidiaries, Völkl refers to Völkl Sports Holding AG, Marker refers to CT Sports Holding AG, Marmot refers to Marmot Mountain Ltd., All-Cad refers to All-Cad Manufacturing, Inc., Brass Eagle refers to Brass Eagle, Inc., Fotoball refers to Fotoball USA, Inc., IPI refers to IPI Innovations, Inc., Rawlings refers to Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc., Winterquest refers to Winterquest LLC, Worr refers to Worr Game Products, Inc. and Worth refers to Worth LLC.

Table of Contents

Forward-looking statements

This prospectus supplement and other materials filed or to be filed by us with the SEC contain or may contain forward-looking statements concerning non-historical facts or matters that are subject to risks and uncertainties. We believe such statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, referred to as the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, referred to as the Exchange Act. These statements represent our expectations or beliefs concerning future events, many of which are outside our control. They include, among other things, statements with respect to:

pro forma financial statements;

future sales and earnings;

marketing efforts and trends regarding:

team sports, including baseball, softball, basketball and football;

winter sports, including skis, snowboards and snowshoes;

extreme wheel sports, including mountain bikes, in-line skates and skateboards;

fishing tackle markets;

active water sports and outdoor products markets; and

extreme sports, including paintball;

foreign exchange rate fluctuations;

expected levels of debt;

retail inventory levels;

product acceptance and demand;

growth efforts;

cost reduction efforts;

cost savings and economies of scale;

projections of future financial performance;

dependence on foreign manufacturing;

margin enhancement efforts;

product development efforts;

market positioning; and

future acquisitions, including the integration of these businesses and dispositions.

These forward looking statements may be preceded by, followed by or include the words believes, expects, anticipates, intends, plans, estimates, may, will, should, could, would or similar expressions.

Table of Contents

We caution that these statements are further qualified by important factors, in addition to those under Risk Factors beginning on page S-15 in this prospectus supplement and the documents which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, that could cause actual results to differ significantly from those in the forward-looking statements, including, among other things:

economic conditions, including consumer demand;

product demand;

competitive pricing and products; and

other risks described in our filings with the SEC.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. By their nature, they involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our future results and stockholder values may differ significantly from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to put undue reliance on any forward-looking statement. Any such statement speaks only as of the date of this prospectus, and in the case of documents incorporated by reference, as of the date of those documents. We do not undertake any obligation to update or release any revisions to any forward-looking statements, to report any new information, future event or other circumstances after the date of this prospectus supplement or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law. However, your attention is directed to any further disclosures made on related subjects in our subsequent reports filed with the SEC on Forms 10-K, 10-K/A, 10-Q and 8-K.

Table of Contents

Prospectus supplement summary

The following summary highlights selected information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement, including the financial data and related notes and other documents incorporated by reference herein before making a decision to invest in our common stock. You should pay special attention to the Risk factors beginning on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement to determine whether an investment in our common stock is appropriate for you. In addition, certain statements include forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties. See Forward-looking statements.

The company

We are a leading designer, manufacturer and distributor of branded sports equipment and other recreational products. We market our portfolio of owned brands on a worldwide basis across three platforms: Action Sports, Team Sports and Marine and Outdoor. Each of our platforms comprises leading market brands, including *Rawlings*, *Worth*, *Shakespeare*, *Stearns*, *K2*, *Ride* and *Brass Eagle*. Over the past 24 months, we have acquired and successfully integrated twelve businesses. Businesses we have acquired benefit from our broad distribution infrastructure and our established overseas manufacturing and sourcing capabilities.

In connection with this offering, we intend to acquire *Völkl* and *Marker*, leading ski and binding companies, respectively, and *Marmot*, a leading outerwear, technical apparel and equipment company. Our acquisitions of *Völkl* and *Marker* will add additional winter sports products to our Action Sports platform and, together with our existing product offerings, will solidify us as the number one ski and binding manufacturer and marketer in the U.S. and a leader in the world ski, ski binding and snowboard equipment markets. With our acquisition of *Marmot*, combined with our recent acquisition of *Ex Officio*, an innovative high-end travel, adventure and outdoor apparel business, we will add a fourth platform Technical Apparel. For the twelve months ended March 31, 2004, giving pro forma effect to the acquisitions of *Brass Eagle*, *Völkl* and *Marker*, this offering and the senior notes offering, we generated pro forma net sales, pro forma cash flow from operations and pro forma EBITDA of \$1.1 billion, \$31.3 million and \$89.8 million, respectively. For the definition of EBITDA and a reconciliation of EBITDA to its most directly comparable GAAP measure, see page S-13. Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol *KTO*.

We have an extensive U.S. distribution network for sporting goods, which includes substantially all of the major large format sporting goods retailers, mass merchants, regional sporting goods retailers and discounters, buying groups and other retailers. Our distribution network includes over 15,000 retailers worldwide in approximately 100 countries. Our distribution channel includes the largest retailer of sports equipment, *Wal-Mart*. We source and produce a majority of our products at our low-cost, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in China, where we have been operating for over ten years. Our combined manufacturing facilities in China now total approximately 1.5 million square feet of factory space. We also currently have manufacturing facilities in ten locations in the U.S. and three locations in Europe. We support our product lines with a significant investment in research and development, which expense for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 represented approximately 1.2% of net sales.

Table of Contents

Action Sports

Our Action Sports platform includes winter, summer and other action sports products:

our winter offerings include *K2* and *Olin* skis and accessories; *K2*, *Ride*, *Liquid*, *Morrow* and *5150* snowboard products and accessories; *Atlas*, *TUBBS* and *Little Bear* snowshoes and accessories; and, following the acquisitions of *Völkl* and *Marker*, *Völkl* skis and *Marker* bindings;

our summer offerings include *K2* in-line skates, *K2* mountain, BMX and road bikes and *Dana Design* backpacks; and

our other action sports offerings include *Brass Eagle*, *JT*, *Worr Games* and *Viewloader* paintball products and accessories, *Hawk* and *Adio* skateboard shoes and *Adio*, *Planet Earth* and *Holden* skateboard and snowboard apparel.

Alpine skis and bindings. Based on 2003 volume, we are the largest supplier of alpine skis in the U.S., the acquisition of *Völkl* will further improve our position in the U.S. ski market and the acquisition of *Marker* will provide us with the leading market position in ski bindings. Based on 2003 sales information, with the acquisitions of *Völkl* and *Marker*, we will have approximately 34% and 41% market share for U.S. skis and bindings, respectively. Our *K2* branded skis are sold in mid- and premium price points, and following the acquisitions, we will add *Völkl* skis, which will be sold at slightly higher price points than the skis currently sold by us. In order to maintain the premium European brand image of *Völkl* products, we anticipate that most *Völkl* skis will continue to be manufactured at *Völkl*'s owned facilities in Germany. Recently, sales of integrated alpine ski and binding systems, or ski systems, have represented a growing trend of how alpine skis are sold in the U.S. and are how the majority of alpine skis are sold in Europe. As a result of its partnership with *Marker*, the largest selling binding manufacturer in the U.S., *Völkl* has increased its share of ski systems to 43% in the most recent season from 3% four years prior.

Snowboards and Accessories. We sell snowboards, accessories, boots, bindings and snowboard apparel under the *K2*, *Ride*, *Morrow*, *5150* and *Liquid* brands. Based on 2003 sales, we believe that *K2* has the number one market position in the U.S. in snowboards and the second leading position worldwide in snowboard products. The consolidation that has occurred in the snowboard market over the past few years has resulted in a narrowing of the snowboard market to only four major manufacturers, including *K2*, and our market share based on 2003 sales accounts for approximately 32% of the total U.S. snowboard market and 35% of the total U.S. snowboard binding market. *K2* and *Ride* snowboards are sold in mid- and premium price points, and *Morrow*, *5150* and *Liquid* brands address opening and mid-price points. In 2003, using technology from our other platforms, such as composite technology from our *Ugly Stik* fishing rods, and recent acquisitions, such as *Velvet* and *Recon* ski goggles, we introduced a line of ski poles, ski and snowboard goggles and ski goggle and helmet systems.

Summer Sports Products. We design, manufacture and distribute high quality in-line skates, full-suspension mountain bikes, front suspension mountain bikes, road bikes and BMX bikes and accessories under the *K2* name in the U.S. and internationally. We believe that we have the number one market position worldwide in performance in-line skates based on 2003 sales. Our patented product line of in-line skates is designed for performance as well as superior comfort and support.

Table of Contents

Paintball. We sell paintball markers, paintballs, goggle systems, refillable CO₂ tanks, cleaning squeegees, paintball loaders and other paintball accessories under the *Brass Eagle*, *JT*, *Viewloader* and *Worr Games* brands. We offer all three primary classifications of paintball markers: pump action, semi-automatic and ultra high performance markers. We believe that we have the number one market position in worldwide sales of paintball products based on 2003 sales. In 2002, our brands represented over 30% of total U.S. market sales. *Brass Eagle*, *JT* and *Worr Games* sponsor professional paintball teams, which provide us with marketing advantages with paintball enthusiasts. We address all price points in this market, by selling *Brass Eagle* at opening and mid-price points, *JT* at mid- and premium price points, *Worr Games* at premium price points and *Viewloader* at all price points. With the recent acquisition of Worr Game Products, we intend to launch a new product line of *Worr Games* markers in the Fall of 2004, which will target sales at mid-price points. We believe that we will be able to successfully launch this new product line by utilizing our well-developed distribution channel, including sporting goods retailers, to sell additional *Worr Games* products, which enjoy a proprietary marketing advantage built upon its *Autococker* trademark.

Skateboard Shoes and Apparel. We sell skateboard shoes under the *Adio* and *Hawk* brands. During 2003, net sales of our skateboard shoes and apparel grew over 88% to \$30.6 million. The *Hawk* brand of shoes has been designed and introduced in cooperation with Tony Hawk, the best known professional skateboarder in the world. We also market and sell a line of skateboard apparel under the *Planet Earth* and *Adio* brands.

Team Sports

Our Team Sports platform includes a premier line of team sports equipment and accessories designed, manufactured and distributed principally under three brand names: *Rawlings*, *Worth* and *deBeer*. In addition, we market, license and promote souvenir and promotional products capitalizing on our team sports brands through K2 Licensing & Promotions.

Rawlings. Under the *Rawlings* brand name, we provide competitive team sports equipment; apparel and accessories for baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball; and licensed Major League Baseball, Minor League Baseball, NCAA baseball and National Federation of State High School Association retail products. We believe that Rawlings is the number one U.S. manufacturer of baseballs and baseball gloves based on 2003 sales, and that Rawlings gloves are used by more Major League Baseball players than all other brands combined. Since 1977, we have been the exclusive supplier of baseballs to Major League Baseball, and, in 2003, we became the exclusive supplier of baseballs to Minor League Baseball and the official helmet supplier to Major League Baseball. Under the *Rawlings* brand, we sell 30 different models of basketballs in both the youth and adult markets. *Rawlings* recently introduced its patented *Ten* basketball, which uses ten panels to improve handling, grip, control and shooting. *Rawlings* is the official supplier of basketballs to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships. Our marketing efforts are supported by endorsements from several major professional athletes, including Álex Rodríguez, Randy Johnson, Tracy McGrady and Michael Vick.

Worth. With our *Worth* brand, we are a leading supplier of softball products with leading market positions in aluminum bats and softballs. *Worth* products are widely used across NCAA Division I fast pitch programs. The *Worth* softball is the official softball of all Canadian major associations

Table of Contents

and *Worth* softball bats are the official softball bats of the U.S. Specialty Sports Association. Since 1912, *Worth* has been a leader in softball technology and we believe it was the first company to introduce the first 100% aluminum bat, the first to introduce a graphite bat and one of the first to introduce a titanium bat.

deBeer. The *deBeer* brand is a leading producer of women's lacrosse equipment in the U.S. Under our *deBeer* brand, we sell lacrosse sticks, handles, gloves, protective gear, goalie equipment, equipment bags, accessories and apparel. Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing team sports in the U.S. and Canada. Retired lacrosse legend Paul Gait now works with *deBeer* designing innovative products for both men and women and, this year, a new men's product line will be introduced under the brand name *Gait* by *deBeer*.

K2 Licensing & Promotions. In January 2004, we completed the acquisition of Fotoball USA, Inc., a premier sports and entertainment marketer and manufacturer, and subsequently changed its name to K2 Licensing & Promotions. Through this strategic acquisition, we intend to expand our marketing capabilities to become a leader in sports and entertainment souvenir and promotional products. We believe that we currently have a well-developed in-house licensing and promotions capability that will allow us to leverage our portfolio of premier brands to create additional sources of high margin revenue. In addition, we expect to expand our portfolio of co-branded products, which already include *Barbie*, *Scooby-Doo* and a number of *Looney Tunes* characters, to fishing kits and combos, chairs, tents and flotation vests and jackets.

Marine and Outdoor

We design, manufacture and distribute a broad array of well-known lines of fishing equipment products and accessories under the brand names *Shakespeare*, *Pflueger* and *Ugly Stik* and other marine and outdoor products under the brand names *Stearns* and *Mad Dog*.

Shakespeare, *Pflueger* and *Ugly Stik*. We design, manufacture and distribute fishing rods, reels, fishing kits and combos, fishing accessories, marine radio antennas and monofilament line under the *Shakespeare* brand and fishing rods, reels and accessories under the *Pflueger* brand. Our *Ugly Stik*-branded fishing rods are the highest selling brand of fishing rods in the U.S. based on 2003 sales. *Shakespeare* and *Ugly Stik* products are sold at opening and mid-price points, and the *Pflueger* brand addresses a mid-price point. In July 2004, we intend to launch a new premium fishing line under the *Shakespeare* brand.

Stearns and Mad Dog. We design, manufacture and distribute marine and outdoor equipment, including personal flotation devices, or PFDs, towables, inflatable kayaks, waders, rainwear and hunting accessories under the *Stearns* brand name. We are the principal supplier of PFDs to the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, which are manufactured at our facility in Minnesota. Our consumer brand PFDs, manufactured at our facility in China, are the highest selling brand of PFDs in the U.S. based on 2003 sales. Under the brand name *Mad Dog*, a brand name that we launched in 1997, we sell waterproof, breathable hunting apparel and outerwear, backpacks, dry packs and a variety of hunting accessories in a wide selection of camouflage patterns.

Technical Apparel

Following our acquisition of Marmot, we will create a new Technical Apparel platform consisting of our *Marmot* and *Ex Officio* lines.

Table of Contents

Marmot is the industry leader in premium-priced, high performance outdoor apparel and equipment. Marmot designs, manufactures, markets and distributes technical apparel and equipment including outerwear, rainwear, skiwear, gloves, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents and related accessories sold under the *Marmot* brand name. Outdoor professionals and enthusiasts associate the *Marmot* brand with best-in-class high-performance, high-technology apparel and equipment. Marmot has been the gear of choice on thousands of the most challenging expeditions and pursuits, including numerous treks to the highest summits on all seven continents. Marmot has continued to strengthen its brand image by heavily investing in product development, which has produced a steady stream of new and innovative products. Our *Ex Officio* products include the only EPA-approved line of insect-repellent clothing, which we sell in conjunction with *Buzz Off* brand insect repellent under a licensing agreement.

Investment Highlights

Portfolio of leading, well established brands. Our product portfolio contains some of the most widely recognized brands in their respective market segments. We believe we have leading market positions with many of our branded products based on revenue or unit sales.

Product	Brand	Market	Ranking
Alpine skis	<i>K2 and Völkl</i>	U.S.	#1
Alpine ski bindings	<i>Marker</i>	U.S.	#1
Snowboards	<i>K2, Ride, Liquid, Morrow and 5150</i>	U.S.	#1
		Worldwide	#2
Snowboard bindings	<i>K2, Ride, Liquid, Morrow and 5150</i>	U.S.	#1
Snowshoes	<i>TUBBS and Atlas</i>	U.S.	#1 and #2
Performance in-line skates	<i>K2</i>	Worldwide	#1
Paintball products	<i>Brass Eagle, JT, Viewloader and Worr Games</i>	Worldwide	#1
Baseballs and gloves	<i>Rawlings</i>	U.S.	#1
Softballs	<i>Worth</i>	U.S.	#1
Fishing kits and combos	<i>Shakespeare</i>	U.S.	#1
Fishing rods	<i>Shakespeare and Ugly Stik</i>	U.S.	#1
PFDs	<i>Stearns</i>	U.S.	#1

Diversified product offering. The breadth of our product offering enables us to diversify the seasonality of our revenues across summer, winter, fall and spring seasons. Our products are further diversified by appealing to a wide customer base, which spans across team sports, individual sports and other recreational activities. We have multiple product lines that sell across different price points. This diversifies our customer base and expands our relationships with large sporting goods retailers, who prefer suppliers with broad product offerings. Additionally, we have expanded our product offerings through our research and development activities and product line extensions. Over the past 24 months, we have launched over 400 new product lines, product extensions or product advancements.

Platform and infrastructure in place for scalable growth. We have established our distribution infrastructure across the U.S. and have achieved production efficiency through our manufacturing facilities in China and other Asian sourcing capabilities. We believe that we are well positioned to take advantage of the trend toward retail consolidation, whereby retailers are seeking fewer suppliers who can offer a greater stability of supply. We believe that the combination of our low-cost manufacturing plants, extensive sourcing infrastructure, distribution network and growing

Table of Contents

merchandising efforts position us to continue to maintain and improve our market share across our product lines. In addition, we believe that this existing infrastructure will help us integrate the manufacturing and distribution capabilities of any companies that we acquire.

State-of-the-art off-shore production capabilities. We currently manufacture a majority of our products at our facilities in China. Our manufacturing and engineering teams are highly integrated, allowing us to use technological and cost-efficiency improvements achieved in one of our platforms across all applicable product lines. We will continue to seek opportunities to transfer more of our existing manufacturing activities and those of acquired businesses to our plants in China.

Proven and disciplined management team. We have a proven and disciplined management team that has substantial experience in operations, finance and acquisition integration. Richard Heckmann, our Chief Executive Officer, previously served as the Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Filter, a company at which he successfully executed over 250 acquisitions. Our senior management team has an average of over 20 years of relevant industry experience.

Our strategy

Continue to grow organically. In order to implement our strategy for growth, we have embarked upon a program to leverage our existing operations and to complement and diversify our product offerings within the sporting goods and recreational product industries. We intend to continue to achieve internal growth by continuing to improve operating efficiencies, by extending our product offerings through new product launches surrounding our core brands and by maximizing our extensive distribution channels. We continuously seek co-branding opportunities and extensions of technological innovations across our platforms. For example, in 2003, we used our proprietary fishing pole technology for the launch of a new line of ski poles. As part of our growth strategy, we have recently introduced a merchandising services program with sporting goods retailers and we believe we are one of the few providers of these services.

Seek strategic acquisitions. We will continue to seek strategic acquisitions of other sporting goods companies with well-established brands that will fit into our existing distribution channels. We believe that the growing influence of large-format sporting goods retailers and retailer buying groups, as well as the consolidation of certain sporting goods retailers worldwide, is leading to a concentration of sporting goods suppliers. We also believe that the most successful sporting goods suppliers will be those with greater financial and other resources. In the twelve acquisitions we have completed since January 1, 2003, stock accounted for approximately 57% of the total consideration paid. We intend to continue to finance our acquisitions using a combination of cash and stock in the future.

Leverage our low-cost manufacturing and sourcing infrastructure in Asia. We will continue to pursue opportunities to transfer the manufacturing of our products, as well as those of companies that we acquire, to our facilities in China and to source finished goods through our established Asian infrastructure. Our foreign manufacturing and sourcing capabilities provide us with significant cost savings and enable us to enhance our profitability.

Expand internationally. We intend to continue to expand our product offerings and existing distribution channels to market and sell our products in new geographic markets. As team sports

Table of Contents

and action sports continue to grow in countries outside of the U.S., we will seek opportunities to introduce our Team Sports and Action Sports product lines in international markets where we believe there are attractive growth opportunities. In addition, with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, we will strengthen our European distribution capabilities and we intend to leverage these additional distribution relationships to market our entire product portfolio.

Expand demographic reach to women a growing market. In 2002, 42% of all high school athletes were female, representing a 48% increase since 1991. Over the same period, the number of women in college championship sports increased 66%. We intend to continue to innovate and design products for the women's market in order to capitalize on this trend. For example, softball, lacrosse and snowshoeing are growth areas in particular for women, and we design, manufacture and distribute products to meet this growth opportunity. Additionally, we pioneered women's skis with our T9 series that has been designed by women for women.

The industry

According to industry data, manufacturers' sales of sporting goods, including sports equipment, sports apparel and athletic footwear, were \$49.8 billion in 2003, essentially unchanged from 2002. The sports equipment segment is estimated to have increased to \$17.7 billion in 2003, an increase of 1.1% from the prior year.

The industry is currently characterized by a number of overall trends, including:

Consolidation The sporting goods industry is highly fragmented. According to industry data, the top 25 suppliers of sports equipment accounted for 29.6% of total sales in 2003. The industry is expected to continue to consolidate as smaller industry participants will need access to major retail channels and improved economies of scale in manufacturing and distribution in order to succeed.

Retailer/supplier relationships Major retailers have demonstrated a desire for greater certainty of supply and customer support from fewer suppliers. They have also grown increasingly more demanding of suppliers in terms of supply chain management, inventory control, joint-promotional activities, and in-store merchandising, such as product display and other category management roles. While this does result in some increased costs, it also provides suppliers with better access to sales data and to the retailer purchasing decision process.

Increased participation by women Reports from youth sports organizations and the nation's high schools indicate that participation in organized team sports is growing. According to industry data, much of the growth in organized team sports has resulted from increased participation from women. In 1990, women represented 35% of all high school varsity athletes; in 2002 women represented 42%.

Technological advances and innovation The ability to innovate in terms of product technology and other performance enhancing features has been a key driver of success in the sporting goods market, particularly in the apparel segment. We believe this trend will continue and that significant growth will be derived from high-tech performance apparel, which uses microfiber technologies to meet the needs of consumers under harsh or high-stress conditions.

Table of Contents

The transactions

This offering is part of a series of transactions relating to our acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, our acquisition of Marmot and the repayment of certain outstanding indebtedness. We refer to these transactions, together with this offering, the private placement of notes and the other financing arrangements described below, as the Transactions.

Pending acquisitions

Völkl and Marker

We intend to acquire Völkl and Marker for an aggregate purchase price of 75.2 million, payable in cash and shares of K2 common stock, plus the assumption of approximately 29.0 million of debt.

Völkl is a well established and recognized brand in the worldwide alpine ski market. Marker has gained worldwide recognition for its patented ski-bindings and currently enjoys the number one market position in the U.S. based on sales. We believe Völkl and Marker have established leading market positions around the world, including in Germany, Italy, Canada, Spain, Switzerland and the U.S.

In their fiscal years ended March 31, 2004, Völkl and Marker generated approximately 105.0 million and 62.9 million in net sales, respectively.

Marmot

We intend to acquire Marmot for an aggregate purchase price of \$83.8 million, payable in cash and shares of K2 common stock, plus the assumption of debt. Marmot designs, manufactures, markets and distributes technical apparel and equipment, including outerwear, rainwear, skiwear, gloves, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents and related accessories sold under the *Marmot* brand name.

In its fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, and for the three month period ended March 31, 2004, Marmot generated approximately \$63.2 million and \$11.4 million in net sales, respectively.

For more information regarding these acquisitions, see The acquisitions.

Financing transactions

Notes offering

In connection with our acquisitions of Völkl, Marker and Marmot and concurrently with this offering, we are also undertaking a private placement of approximately \$200.0 million of 7³/₈% senior notes due 2014. We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with the net proceeds from the private placement of notes (assuming the release of the funds from the escrow account discussed below), to finance our acquisitions of Völkl, Marker and Marmot and to repay certain indebtedness. The consummation of this offering is a condition to the consummation of the notes offering, but the consummation of the notes offering is not a condition to this offering.

S-8

Table of Contents

An amount equal to the net proceeds of the offering of the notes, together with additional amounts, will initially be placed into an escrow account, so that the total escrowed funds are sufficient to pay a special mandatory redemption price, when and if due. If the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are consummated by August 11, 2004, then all of the escrowed funds will be released from the escrow account to us to provide partial consideration for the consummation of the acquisitions. In the event that the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are not consummated on or prior to August 11, 2004, we will be required to redeem the notes, in whole but not in part, on or prior to August 13, 2004, at a redemption price in cash equal to 101.0% of the principal amount of the notes on the special redemption date plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the special redemption date.

Bank credit facilities

Simultaneously with the consummation of this offering, we intend to amend and restate our existing three-year, \$205.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility expiring on March 25, 2006, which we refer to as the Facility. Among other things, the proposed terms would give the amended Facility a new five-year term and increase the amount available to us from \$205.0 million to \$250.0 million. Borrowings under the amended Facility will continue to be governed by a borrowing base calculation and subject to eligibility criteria and defined advance rates.

We expect that borrowings under the amended Facility will bear interest at an initial rate equal to the prime rate plus 0.50% per year, or LIBOR plus 2.00% per year, with an unused commitment fee of 0.375% per year. There would be no term loan under the amended Facility.

Following the acquisition of Völkl and Marker by K2, Völkl and Marker will seek to maintain credit facilities providing for aggregate borrowing capacity of approximately 42.3 million and 34.3 million, respectively, of which approximately 14.7 million and 12.9 million were outstanding as of March 31, 2004, respectively.

For more information about the existing Facility, the proposed amended and restated Facility, the Völkl and Marker bank facilities and the senior notes, see Description of other indebtedness.

For additional information concerning the Transactions and their effects, see Use of proceeds, Capitalization, The acquisitions and Description of other indebtedness.

Table of Contents

The offering

Share of common stock offered by K2	6,000,000 shares
Shares of common stock to be outstanding after this offering	41,589,706 shares
Use of proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$88.1 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses of \$4.9 million. We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with the proceeds of the notes issued in the private placement, to finance our acquisitions of Völkl, Marker and Marmot, to repay certain indebtedness and for working capital and general corporate purposes, including acquisitions. See Use of proceeds for more information regarding our use of the proceeds from this offering
Risk factors	See Risk factors, beginning on page S-15, for a description of risks that you should consider before making a decision to invest in our common stock.
NYSE symbol	KTO

The number of shares of our common stock that will be outstanding after this offering is based on 35,589,706 shares outstanding as of June 24, 2004. The number of shares of our common stock that will be outstanding after the offering excludes:

4,877,148 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under our stock option plans, of which 2,570,160 shares were outstanding as of June 24, 2004;

3,589,229 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of our 5.00% convertible senior debentures due June 2010;

2,097,315 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of our 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures due March 2010;

767,589 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants granted in connection with our 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures due March 2010; and

747,234 of treasury shares as of June 24, 2004.

Unless otherwise noted, all information in the prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their over-allotment option.

Table of Contents

Summary historical and pro forma financial data

The summary consolidated financial data of K2 set forth below should be read in conjunction with Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data, Selected consolidated historical financial data, Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, and the historical financial statements of K2, Völkl and Marker and accompanying notes contained and incorporated by reference herein. We derived the historical summary consolidated financial data for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 from our consolidated financial statements which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP and which have been included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The historical results presented are not necessarily indicative of future results.

The accompanying unaudited interim information for K2 as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The unaudited consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals necessary for a fair presentation, are included. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 for K2 may not indicate the results for the full fiscal year.

The actual unaudited consolidated statement of operations and other unaudited consolidated data for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 are calculated by subtracting the data for the three months ended March 31, 2003 from the data for the year ended December 31, 2003 and then adding the appropriate data for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The pro forma unaudited consolidated statement of operations and other unaudited consolidated data for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 gives effect to the acquisition of Brass Eagle, the proposed acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, this offering and the private placement of \$200.0 million of 7³/₈% senior notes due 2014. During the pro forma periods presented, K2 also completed the acquisitions of Worth, Winterquest, Fotoball, Worr, IPI and Ex Officio and has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Marmot. The results of operations of these businesses are not reflected in the unaudited pro forma data because they are not required to be reflected under the SEC's rules and regulations.

Pro forma adjustments to the financial statements do not reflect potential cost saving opportunities, including the elimination of duplicative selling, general and administrative expenses.

The unaudited consolidated other financial data set forth below include calculations of EBITDA and pro forma EBITDA. These measures should not be construed as alternatives to our operating results or cash flows as determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. Please see footnote (d) below for further discussion of these measures.

Table of Contents

(In thousands, except per share data)	Year Ended December 31,			Three months ended March 31,		Twelve months ended March 31,	
	2001 ^(a)	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004 (actual)	2004 (pro forma) ^(f)
Statement of operations data:							
Net sales	\$ 589,519	\$ 582,159	\$ 718,539	\$ 157,120	\$ 277,364	\$ 838,783	\$ 1,086,709
Cost of products sold	429,338	411,620	498,620	109,976	190,731	579,375	726,185
Gross profit	160,181	170,539	219,919	47,144	86,633	259,408	360,524
Selling, general and administrative expenses	158,900	143,256	187,867	38,390	67,111	216,588	298,798
Operating income	1,281	27,283	32,052	8,754	19,522	42,820	61,726
Interest expense	13,631	8,966	9,950	1,794	3,302	11,458	27,533
Debt extinguishment costs ^(b)			6,745	6,745			
Other (income) expense, net ^(c)	(375)	(253)	(2,218)	4	(53)	(2,275)	(2,216)
Income (loss) from operations before provision (credit) for income taxes	(11,975)	18,570	17,575	211	16,273	33,637	36,409
Provision (credit) for income taxes	(4,271)	6,500	6,151	74	5,533	11,610	12,652
Net income (loss)	\$ (7,704)	\$ 12,070	\$ 11,424	\$ 137	\$ 10,740	\$ 22,027	\$ 23,757
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock	\$ (0.43)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.59
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock	\$ (0.43)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.53
Basic shares outstanding of common stock	17,940	17,941	24,958	18,262	34,353	29,233	40,068
Diluted shares outstanding of common stock	17,940	17,994	28,750	18,471	43,099	36,288	47,670
Cash flow data:							
Net cash provided by operations	\$ 15,633	\$ 21,264	\$ 32,668	\$ 4,034	\$ 6,477	\$ 35,111	\$ 31,260
Net cash used in investing activities	15,941	9,004	41,170	1,247	4,891	44,814	76,940
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	8,550	(12,448)	18,530	2,702	(3,056)	12,772	187,169
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment	13,525	13,237	15,518	3,320	4,779	16,977	23,803
Amortization of intangibles	2,397	688	1,405	42	690	2,053	2,053
Other data:							
EBITDA ^(d)	\$ 17,578	\$ 41,461	\$ 51,193	\$ 12,112	\$ 25,044	\$ 64,125	\$ 89,798
Capital expenditures	12,604	8,281	20,759	2,135	6,782	25,406	29,821

Table of Contents

	Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2004	
	(actual)	(pro forma) ^(f)
Selected ratios (unaudited):		
Earnings to fixed charges ^(e)	3.7x	2.3x
EBITDA to interest expense	5.6x	3.3x
Total debt to EBITDA	3.3x	3.8x

	March 31, 2004	
	(actual)	(pro forma) ^(f)
(Dollars in thousands)		
Balance sheet data (at end of period):		
Cash	\$ 19,786	\$ 130,244 ^(g)
Working capital	306,995	523,347
Total assets	882,627	1,175,732
Total debt	209,209	338,948
Shareholders' equity	465,760	582,513

(a) Operating income and net loss include downsizing costs totaling \$18,000 (\$11,700 net of taxes) of which \$15,650 was charged to cost of goods sold and \$2,350 was charged to selling, general and administrative expenses.

(b) Represents \$4,667 of a make-whole premium and \$2,078 for the write-off of capitalized debt costs.

(c) For the year ended December 31, 2003, the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 (actual) and the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 (pro forma), other income includes a \$2,222 gain related to the sale of the composite utility and decorative light poles product lines.

(d) EBITDA represents net income (loss) before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a recognized term under GAAP and EBITDA does not represent net income or cash flows from operations, as these terms are defined under GAAP, and should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indicator of our operating performance or to cash flows as a measure of liquidity.

Additionally, EBITDA is not intended to be a measure of free cash flow available for management or discretionary use, as such measure does not consider certain cash requirements such as capital expenditures, tax payments and debt service requirements. We present EBITDA because we believe that EBITDA provides useful information regarding our ability to service and/or incur indebtedness. EBITDA as presented herein is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. EBITDA is calculated as follows:

	Year ended December 31,			Three months ended March 31,		Twelve months ended March 31,	
(Dollars in thousands)	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004 (actual)	2004 ^(f) (pro forma)
EBITDA	\$ 17,578	\$ 41,461	\$ 51,193	\$ 12,112	\$ 25,044	\$ 64,125	\$ 89,798
Add (subtract):							
Provision for income taxes	4,271	(6,500)	(6,151)	(74)	(5,533)	(11,610)	(12,652)
Interest expense ⁽¹⁾	(13,631)	(8,966)	(16,695)	(8,539)	(3,302)	(11,458)	(27,533)
Depreciation	(13,525)	(13,237)	(15,518)	(3,320)	(4,779)	(16,977)	(23,803)
Amortization of intangibles	(2,397)	(688)	(1,405)	(42)	(690)	(2,053)	(2,053)
Net income (loss)	(7,704)	12,070	11,424	137	10,740	22,027	23,757
Add (subtract):							
Gain on sale of operating division			(2,222)			(2,222)	(2,222)
Depreciation	13,525	13,237	15,518	3,320	4,779	16,977	23,803
Amortization of intangibles	2,397	688	1,405	42	690	2,053	2,053
Amortization of deferred debt costs	286	632	3,249	2,272	604	1,581	1,581
Deferred income taxes	(3,298)	(2,135)	2,980	(2,008)	4,489	9,477	9,813
Long-term pension liabilities	(244)	8,828	(1,380)			(1,380)	(1,380)
Changes in operating assets	10,671	(12,056)	1,694	271	(14,825)	(13,402)	(26,145)
Net cash provided by operations	\$ 15,633	\$ 21,264	\$ 32,668	\$ 4,034	\$ 6,477	\$ 35,111	\$ 31,260

(1) Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2003 includes \$6,745 of debt extinguishment costs.

Table of Contents

- (e) Ratio of earnings to fixed charges is calculated by dividing earnings (earnings from operations before taxes, adjusted for fixed charges from operations), by fixed charges from operations for the periods indicated. Fixed charges from operations include (i) interest expense and amortization of debt discount or premium on all indebtedness, and (ii) a reasonable approximation of the interest factor deemed to be included in rental expense.
- (f) The historical statement of operations, cash flow and other data for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 has been prepared based upon K2's historical audited statements of operations and cash flow for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003, and by adding thereto K2's unaudited results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and subtracting therefrom K2's unaudited results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The pro forma statement of operations, cash flow and other data for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 has been prepared based upon K2's unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 (See Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data), and by adding thereto K2's unaudited results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and subtracting therefrom K2's unaudited results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and the unaudited results of operations of Rawlings and Brass Eagle for the three months ended March 31, 2003 that were included in the pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of March 31, 2004 has been prepared by giving effect to the proposed acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, this offering and the notes offering as though they had been consummated on that date.
- (g) The pro forma cash and cash equivalents amount does not include \$52,700 that we expect to spend in connection with the acquisition of Marmot, including repayment of debt and transaction related expenses. We may use a portion of this cash to repay some or all of the existing bank indebtedness of Völkl and Marker.

Table of Contents

Risk factors

Before you invest in our common stock you should carefully consider the following risks, as well as the other information set forth in this prospectus supplement and the risks set forth in the information incorporated by reference. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations may suffer. As a result, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. In addition to the risks described below, we may encounter risks that are not currently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial, which may also impair our business operations and your investment in our common stock.

Risks related to our business

K2's strategic plan, involving growth through the acquisition of other companies, may not succeed.

K2's strategic plan involves rapid growth through the acquisition of other companies. Such growth involves a number of risks, including:

the difficulties related to combining previously separate businesses into a single unit;

the substantial diversion of management's attention from day-to-day operations;

the assumption of liabilities of an acquired business, including unforeseen liabilities;

the failure to realize anticipated benefits, such as cost savings and revenue enhancements;

the dilution of existing stockholders and convertible note holders due to the issuance of equity securities, utilization of cash reserves, or incurrence of debt in order to fund the acquisitions;

the potentially substantial transaction costs associated with acquisitions; and

the difficulties related to assimilating the products, personnel and systems of an acquired business and to integrating distribution and other operational capabilities.

Current and future financings may place a significant debt burden on K2.

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

We have incurred substantial indebtedness. As of March 31, 2004, we had \$209.2 million of outstanding debt, including \$105.3 million of borrowings under our existing \$205 million revolving credit facility and a \$20 million term loan and outstanding convertible debentures of \$100 million in the aggregate. In addition, as of March 31, 2004, we had available borrowings under our revolving credit facility of \$96.2 million. As of March 31, 2004, we had \$338.9 million of outstanding debt on a pro forma basis, giving effect to the Transactions (and assuming the release of the proceeds from the notes offering from the escrow account). Our substantial indebtedness, as well as potential future financings, could, among other things:

adversely affect K2's ability to expand its business, market its products and make investments and capital expenditures;

adversely affect the cost and availability of funds from commercial lenders, debt financing transactions and other sources;

adversely affect the ability of K2 to pursue its acquisition strategy; and

create competitive disadvantages compared to other companies with lower debt levels.

S-15

Table of Contents

K2 faces intense competition and potential competition from companies with greater resources, and if it is unable to compete effectively with these companies, its business could be harmed.

The markets for sporting goods and recreational products in which K2 competes are generally highly competitive, especially as to product innovation, performance and styling, price, marketing and delivery. Competition regarding these products, other than active wear, consists of a relatively small number of large producers, some of whom have greater financial and other resources than K2. In addition, many of K2's competitors offer sports and recreational equipment not currently sold by K2 and may be able to leverage these broader product offerings to adversely affect K2's competitive market position. Further, there are no significant technological or capital barriers to entry into the markets for many of our sporting goods and recreational products. The sales of leisure products are also affected by changes in the economy and consumer tastes, and sporting goods and recreational products face competition from other leisure activities.

K2's marine and outdoor products are, in most instances, subject to price competition, ranging from moderate in marine antennas and monofilament line to intense for commodity-type products. Many of our marine and outdoor competitors have greater financial and other resources than K2.

Certain K2 businesses are highly seasonal.

Certain K2 businesses are highly seasonal. Historically, certain of K2's businesses, such as baseball and softball, skis and snowboards, bikes, in-line skates, fishing tackle and water sports products have experienced seasonal swings in their businesses depending on their respective products. This seasonality impacts K2's working capital requirements and hence overall financing needs. In addition, K2's borrowing capacity under the revolving credit facility is impacted by the seasonal change in receivables and inventory.

Purchasing decisions made by a small number of large format sporting goods retailers can have a significant impact on K2's results.

Although the sporting goods manufacturing industry is highly fragmented, many of the retail customers that purchase sporting goods are highly concentrated. Large format sporting goods retailers are important to K2's results of operations, and Wal-Mart accounted for over 15% of K2's net sales for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004. Due to their size, these retailers may demand better prices and terms from K2, and these demands may have an adverse impact on K2's margins. In addition, if any of these large format sporting goods retailers were to decide to materially reduce the amounts or types of K2 products that they purchase, such decision would have a material adverse impact on K2's business.

K2's failure to keep pace with rapid change in marketing strategies, product design, styles and tastes could harm its business.

Consumer demand for recreational products is strongly influenced by matters of taste and style. We may not be able to successfully develop new products to address new or shifting consumer demand. An unexpected change in consumer tastes or product demand could seriously harm K2's business. K2's inability to timely and successfully respond to developments and

changing styles could hurt its competitive position or render its products noncompetitive.

S-16

Table of Contents

The demand for our products may not remain constant. The sales of leisure products are affected by changes in the economy and consumer tastes, both of which are difficult to predict. Continued adverse developments affecting economies throughout the world, including a general tightening of the availability of credit, increasing energy costs, declining consumer confidence and significant declines in the stock market, could lead to a further reduction in discretionary spending for our consumer products.

The weak financial conditions of some of K2 s customers may adversely impact K2 s business.

A large portion of K2 s sales are to sporting goods retailers. Many of K2 s smaller retailers and some larger retailers are not strongly capitalized. Adverse conditions in the sporting goods retail industry can adversely impact the ability of retailers to purchase K2 products, or could lead retailers to request credit terms that would adversely affect K2 s cash flow and involve significant risks of nonpayment.

K2 s financial results vary from quarter to quarter, which could hurt K2 s business and the market price of its stock.

Various factors affect K2 s quarterly operating results and some of them are not within K2 s control. They include, among others:

weather and snow conditions;

the timing and introduction of new products;

the mix of products sold;

the timing of significant orders from and shipments to customers;

product pricing and discounts;

the timing of its acquisitions of other companies and businesses; and

general economic conditions.

These and other factors are likely to cause financial results of K2 to fluctuate from quarter to quarter. If revenue or operating results fall short of the levels expected by public market analysts and investors, the trading price of K2 common stock could decline dramatically. Based on the foregoing, K2 believes that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of its results of operations may not be meaningful. Therefore, purchasers of common stock should not view K2 s historical results of operations as reliable indications of its future performance.

K2 may not be able to attract or retain the management employees necessary to remain competitive in its industry; the loss of one or more of K2's key personnel, including Mr. Richard J. Heckmann, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of K2, could have a material adverse effect on K2's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

K2's continued success depends on the retention, recruitment and continued contributions of K2's key management, finance, marketing and staff personnel, many of whom would be difficult or impossible to replace. The competition for qualified personnel is intense. We may not be able to retain our current personnel or recruit the key personnel we require. Specifically, Mr. Richard J. Heckmann, K2's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, has been fundamental to developing

S-17

Table of Contents

K2's growth strategy and, without his services, K2's implementation of its growth strategy might fail. In addition, K2 does not have employment agreements with most members of its senior management team. The loss of services of members of K2's key personnel, including Mr. Heckmann, could have a material adverse effect on K2's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

International operations, unfavorable political developments and weak foreign economies may seriously harm K2's financial condition.

K2's business is dependent on international trade, both for sales of finished goods and low-cost manufacturing and sourcing of products. K2's three principal markets are North America, Europe and Asia. K2's revenues from international operations were approximately 28% and 23% of K2's sales for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, respectively. K2 expects that its revenues from international operations will continue to account for a significant portion of its total revenues. Any political developments adversely affecting trade with Europe or Asia could severely impact K2 results of operations. K2's international operations are subject to a variety of risks, including:

recessions in foreign economies;

the adoption and expansion of trade restrictions;

limitations on repatriation of earnings;

reduced protection of intellectual property rights in some countries;

longer receivables collection periods and greater difficulty in collecting accounts receivable;

difficulties in managing foreign operations;

social, political and economic instability;

unexpected changes in regulatory requirements;

acts of war and terrorism;

ability to finance foreign operations;

changes in consumer tastes and trends;

tariffs and other trade barriers; and

U.S. government licensing requirements for export.

In addition, K2 will continue to outsource a number of its supply contracts to entities in foreign nations and will continue to be highly reliant on overseas manufacturing. Specifically, K2 maintains significant manufacturing capacity in China and Costa Rica. Political or economic developments adversely affecting the operation of these facilities could result in late deliveries, lower sales and earnings, and unanticipated costs.

Changes in currency exchange rates could affect K2's revenues.

A significant portion of K2's production and approximately 24% and 19% of K2's sales for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, respectively, are denominated in foreign currencies and are subject to exchange rate fluctuation risk. Although K2

Table of Contents

engages in some hedging activities to reduce foreign exchange transaction risk, changes in the exchange rates between the United States dollar and the currencies of Europe and Asia could make K2 products less competitive in foreign markets, and could reduce the sales and earnings represented by foreign currencies. Additionally, such fluctuation could result in an increase in cost of products sold in foreign markets reducing margins and earnings.

Acts of war or terrorism may have an adverse effect on K2 s business.

Acts of war or terrorism may have an adverse effect on the economy generally, and more specifically on K2 s business. Among various other risks, such occurrences have the potential to significantly decrease consumer spending on leisure products and activities, adversely impact K2 s ability to consummate future debt or equity financings and negatively affect K2 s ability to manufacture, source and deliver low-cost goods in a timely manner.

K2 is subject to and may incur liabilities under various environmental laws and regulations.

K2 is subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations that govern activities that may have adverse environmental effects, such as discharges to air and water, as well as handling and disposal of and exposure to hazardous substances. In that regard, K2 has been and could be subject to claims and inquiries related to alleged substances in K2 s products that may be subject to notice requirements or exposure limitations, particularly in California, which may result in fines and penalties. K2 is also subject to laws and regulations that impose liability for cost and damages resulting from past disposals or other releases of hazardous substances. For example, K2 may incur liability under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, and similar laws, some of which impose strict, and in some cases, joint and several, liability for the cleanup of contamination resulting from past disposals of waste, including disposal at off-site locations. K2 is currently aware of one matter involving off-site waste disposal liability in South Carolina and another matter involving an offsite waste disposal facility in Michigan. K2 has accrued approximately \$844,000 as of March 31, 2004 and \$980,000 at December 31, 2003 for environmental matters, most of which is dedicated to the South Carolina matter. In addition, K2 has acquired and intends to continue to acquire pre-existing businesses, such as Rawlings, Völk, Marker and Marmot, that have historical and ongoing operations, and K2 has limited information about the environmental condition of the properties of such companies. It is possible that soil and groundwater contamination may exist on these or other of K2 s properties resulting from current or former operations. Although K2 is not aware of any issues arising under current environmental laws that would be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on K2 s business, financial condition or results of operations, such matters may have such an impact.

The spread of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome may have a material adverse effect on K2 s manufacturing facilities in China and K2 s operations generally.

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, is a disease that was first reported in November 2002 in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong, which is the province in which K2 s Chinese manufacturing facility is located, the city of Hanoi, Vietnam, and Hong Kong. SARS subsequently spread to other parts of the world and continues to pose a health risk. In 2003, the outbreak of SARS curtailed travel to and from certain countries for a period of time, and there can be no assurances that SARS will not spread in 2004. SARS could have a material adverse impact on K2 s manufacturing facilities in China and sourcing infrastructure in Asia, and the significant spread of SARS beyond Asia could have an adverse impact on all of K2 s operations.

Table of Contents

Unfavorable weather can adversely affect K2's sales.

Sales of K2's recreational products are strongly influenced by the weather. For example, poor snow conditions in the winter or summer conditions unfavorable to outdoor sports can adversely affect sales of important K2 products.

Risks related to this offering

Our stock price has been and is likely to continue to be highly volatile.

The trading price of our common stock has been and is likely to continue to be highly volatile. Our stock price could be subject to extreme fluctuations in response to a variety of factors, including the following:

actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results;

announcements of new products offered by us or our competitors;

changes in financial estimates by securities analysts;

conditions or trends in the sporting goods and recreational products industries;

changes in the economic performance and/or market valuations of companies in the sporting goods and recreational products industries;

our announcement of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;

adverse or unfavorable publicity regarding us or our products;

additions or departures of key personnel;

sales of common stock; and

other events or factors that may be beyond our control.

In addition, the stock markets in general have experienced extreme price and volume volatility. This volatility and decline has affected many companies irrespective of, or disproportionately to, the operating performance of these companies. Additionally, industry factors may materially adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance.

We have adopted a stockholder rights plan, which, together with provisions in our charter documents and Delaware law, may delay or prevent an acquisition of us, which could decrease the value of our stock.

We adopted a stockholder rights plan pursuant to which we distributed one right for each outstanding share of common stock held by stockholders of record as of July 1, 1999. Because the rights may substantially dilute the stock ownership of a person or group attempting a take-over of us without the approval of our board of directors, even if such a change in control is beneficial to our stockholders, the plan could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, or a significant percentage of our outstanding capital stock, without first negotiating with our board of directors. Additionally, provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws, including those with respect to our classified board of directors, provisions requiring advance notice of board nominations and other actions to be taken at stockholder meetings and super-majority

Table of Contents

voting requirements with respect to extraordinary actions could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us in a transaction not approved by our Board of Directors. Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years from the date the person became an interested stockholder, unless specific conditions are met, which could also have the effect of delaying or preventing our acquisition by a third party.

Future sales of shares by existing stockholders could affect our stock price.

The approximately 2.6 million shares to be held by stockholders of Marmot, the approximately 2.9 million shares held by k1 Ventures Limited, and the shares held by our other stockholders, including our executive officers and directors, may be sold in the public market at any time and from time to time subject in certain cases to volume limitations under Rule 144 of the Securities Act. If any of these stockholders sell substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, the market price of our common stock could decline. In addition, shares issuable upon conversion of our convertible debt, shares issued in connection with future acquisitions, shares subject to outstanding options and shares reserved for future issuance under our stock option and purchase plans will continue to become eligible for sale in the public market to the extent permitted by the provisions of the various option plans and the securities rules and regulations applicable to these shares.

Table of Contents**Use of proceeds**

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$88.1 million from this offering after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses of \$4.9 million. If the underwriters exercise their overallocation option in full, then the net proceeds will be approximately \$101.4 million. We intend to use the gross proceeds from this offering, together with the proceeds of the offering of the notes (after the proceeds from the notes offering are released from the escrow account), to (1) repay amounts borrowed under our existing credit facility and certain other indebtedness; (2) consummate the acquisition of Marmot; (3) consummate the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker; and (4) pay the expenses associated with the Transactions. We intend to use the remainder of the net proceeds for working capital and general corporate purposes, including acquisitions. Pending these uses, the proceeds will be invested in direct or guaranteed obligations of the United States, interest-bearing investment-grade instruments or certificates of deposit.

The following table sets forth the estimated sources and uses of funds in connection with the Transactions, assuming the Transactions had been completed on March 31, 2004 and that the proceeds from the notes offering are released from the escrow account.

(Dollars in millions)

Sources of funds:

Proceeds of this offering	\$ 93.0
Proceeds of the notes offering ^(a)	200.0
<hr/>	
Total sources of funds	\$ 293.0

Uses of funds:

Repay indebtedness under revolving credit facility ^(b)	\$ 92.0
Repay term loan ^(c)	13.3
Cash purchase consideration for Völkl, Marker and Marmot acquisitions ^(d)	115.4
Cash	56.3
Discounts and expenses relating to the Transactions	16.0
<hr/>	
Total uses of funds	\$ 293.0

- (a) The consummation of this common stock offering is a condition to the consummation of the notes offering, but the consummation of the notes offering is not a condition to the consummation of this common stock offering. The notes will be issued in a concurrent private placement and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. See Description of other indebtedness Senior notes.
- (b) The existing Facility bears interest at our option at a per annum rate of either LIBOR plus a margin between 2.0% and 3.0% or the prime rate plus a margin between 0.0% and 1.0% and matures on March 25, 2006. The average interest rate on outstanding loans as of March 31, 2004 was approximately 3.65%. We use the proceeds of borrowings under the existing Facility for working capital and general corporate purposes. For additional information about the proposed amendment and restatement of the Facility, see Description of other indebtedness Revolving credit facilities.
- (c) This term loan matures on March 25, 2006 and bears interest at a per annum rate of LIBOR plus a margin between 3.5% and 4.5% or the prime rate plus a margin between 1.5% and 2.5%. The average interest rate on outstanding loans as of March 31, 2004 was approximately 5.16%.
- (d) Excludes the assumption or repayment of \$35.0 million of existing bank indebtedness of Völkl and Marker in the aggregate, on a U.S. dollar converted basis. We will also issue approximately 4.4 million shares of K2 common stock in connection with the Völkl, Marker and Marmot acquisitions with an aggregate value of approximately \$71.0 million based on the closing price of K2 common stock as of June 24, 2004 of \$16.00.

This offering is not conditioned upon the notes offering or the acquisitions of Völkl, Marker, or Marmot. In the event that the acquisitions are not consummated, the proceeds from this offering will be used for general corporate purposes, including acquisitions.

Table of Contents**Capitalization**

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of March 31, 2004, on an actual basis and on a pro forma basis to give effect to this offering, to the issuance of \$200.0 million of notes in the notes offering (assuming the proceeds of the notes offering are released from the escrow account) and the application of the estimated net proceeds therefrom, as well as the acquisitions of Völkl, Marker and Marmot, the repayment of debt and the amendment and restatement of our Facility. This table should be read in conjunction with Use of proceeds, Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data, Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, and our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement.

(Dollars in millions)	As of March 31, 2004	
	Actual	Pro forma ⁽¹⁾ (unaudited)
Cash	\$ 19.8	\$ 77.5
Short-term foreign unsecured bank lines	\$ 5.6	\$ 5.6
Long-term debt:		
Revolving credit facility ⁽²⁾	92.0	
Term loan	13.3	
Foreign credit facilities ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾		35.0
Notes offered in private placement		200.0
5.0% convertible senior debentures	75.0	75.0
7.25% convertible subordinated debentures	23.2	23.2
Capital lease obligations	0.1	0.1
Total debt (including capital lease obligations)	\$ 209.2	\$ 338.9
Shareholders' equity		
Total shareholders' equity	465.8	624.4
Total capitalization	\$ 675.0	\$ 963.3

(1) As discussed under Use of Proceeds, this offering is not conditioned upon the notes offering or any of the acquisitions of Völkl, Marker and Marmot.

(2) We intend to amend and restate our Facility. Among other things, the proposed terms would give the amended Facility a new five-year term and increase the amount available to us from \$205.0 million to \$250.0 million. The proposed terms of the amended Facility also would provide for the issuance of letters of credit under the Facility up to a sublimit of \$100.0 million. For information about the proposed amendment and restatement of the Facility, see Description of other indebtedness Revolving credit facilities.

(3) Represents 29.0 million of indebtedness we will seek to assume in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, converted to U.S. dollars at a rate of \$1.21 to 1.

(4) Following the acquisition of Völkl and Marker by K2, Völkl and Marker will seek to maintain their credit facilities with existing lenders providing for aggregate borrowing capacity of approximately 42.3 million and 34.3 million, respectively, of which approximately 14.7 million and 12.9 million, respectively, was outstanding as of March 31, 2004. See Description of other indebtedness Revolving credit facilities.

The number of shares of our common stock that will be outstanding after this offering is based on 35,589,706 shares outstanding as of June 24, 2004. The number of shares of our common stock that will be outstanding after the offering excludes:

4,877,148 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under our stock option plans, of which 2,570,160 shares were outstanding as of June 24, 2004;

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

3,589,229 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of our 5.00% convertible senior debentures due June 2010;

S-23

Table of Contents

2,097,315 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of our 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures due March 2010;

767,589 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants granted in connection with our 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures due March 2010; and

747,234 of treasury shares as of June 24, 2004.

S-24

Table of Contents**Price range of common stock and dividend policy**

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol KTO. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices per share of K2 common stock for the periods indicated.

	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2002		
First quarter	\$ 7.60	\$ 6.32
Second quarter	10.25	6.55
Third quarter	10.00	7.50
Fourth Quarter	11.01	6.40
Year ended December 31, 2003		
First quarter	\$ 10.06	\$ 7.72
Second quarter	12.75	7.45
Third quarter	18.09	12.30
Fourth Quarter	18.15	13.43
Year ended December 31, 2004		
First quarter	\$ 18.50	\$ 15.13
Second quarter (through June 24, 2004)	16.92	13.60

On June 24, 2004, the last reported sales price for our common stock, as reported by the NYSE, was \$16.00 per share.

We have not declared or paid a dividend since the first quarter of 1999 and do not anticipate declaring or paying any dividends on our common stock in the near future. Rather, we anticipate that we will retain all of our future earnings, if any, for use in the expansion and operation of our business. Any future determination as to the declaration and payment of dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on then existing conditions, including our financial condition, results of operations, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects and such other factors as our board deems relevant.

Table of Contents

Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data

K2 has presented below unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information that reflects the acquisitions of Rawlings and Brass Eagle and the proposed acquisitions of Völkl and Marker. K2's acquisitions of Rawlings on March 26, 2003 and Brass Eagle on December 8, 2003 were, and its proposed acquisitions of Völkl and Marker will be, accounted for as purchases. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information also gives effect to the \$200.0 million offering of notes and the offering of \$93.0 million of K2 common stock. This information is intended to give you a better understanding of what the businesses of K2 combined with the recent acquisitions of Rawlings and Brass Eagle and the proposed acquisitions of Völkl and Marker might have looked like if each of the respective acquisitions and the offerings had occurred on January 1, 2003, the first day of the first period for which unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is presented.

During the pro forma periods presented, in addition to the completed acquisitions of Rawlings and Brass Eagle during 2003, and the proposed acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, K2 also completed the acquisitions of Worth, Winterquest, Fotoball, Worr, IPI and Ex Officio and signed a definitive agreement to acquire Marmot. The results of operations of these businesses are not reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements because they are not required to be reflected under the SEC's rules and regulations.

The unaudited pro forma financial information presented below is derived from the audited and unaudited combined consolidated financial statements of K2, Rawlings, Brass Eagle, Völkl and Marker.

To derive the unaudited historical condensed combined statements of operations and balance sheets of Völkl and Marker presented below from the audited financials of Völkl and Marker included herein, K2: (1) translated the audited financial statements for each of Völkl and Marker as of and for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 and the unaudited financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2004 from their local currencies to U.S. dollars. The income statements were translated at the average Euro/U.S. dollar rate with respect to Völkl, and the average Swiss franc/U.S. dollar rate with respect to Marker for the periods presented, and the balance sheets were translated at the spot rates of the Euro/U.S. dollar and Swiss franc/U.S. dollar, as applicable, as of March 31, 2004; and (2) then added the U.S. dollar translated Völkl and Marker unaudited condensed financial statements, consolidating unaudited adjustments to eliminate intercompany transactions between Völkl and Marker, and made certain unaudited adjustments to present the Völkl and Marker combined condensed financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.

K2's fiscal year ends on December 31 and the fiscal years of Völkl and Marker end on March 31. In accordance with SEC rules, the pro forma information for K2's fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 includes information of Völkl and Marker for their respective fiscal years ended March 31, 2004. Following the completion of the acquisitions, K2 intends to change the fiscal year end of Völkl and Marker to December 31.

These unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are presented based on the assumptions and adjustments described in the accompanying notes. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of operations do not purport to represent what our results of operations actually would have been if the events described above had occurred as of the dates indicated or what such results would be for any future periods. Pro forma adjustments to the

Table of Contents

unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements do not reflect potential cost saving opportunities, including the elimination of duplicative selling, general and administrative expenses. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are based upon assumptions and adjustments that we believe are reasonable. The assumption regarding the value of K2 common stock to be issued in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker is based on the last reported sale price of K2 common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 24, 2004 and may be materially different from the value at the time the acquisitions are completed. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements, and the accompanying notes, should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements and related notes of K2, Völkl and Marker included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in Use of proceeds, Capitalization, Selected consolidated historical financial data and Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations.

S-27

Table of Contents

Unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet

as of March 31, 2004^(a)

(Dollars in thousands)	K2	Völkl	Marker	Völkl/Marker adjustments	Völkl/Marker combined	Pro forma adjustments	Pro forma combined
Assets							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,786	\$ 185	\$ 1,250	\$	\$ 1,435	\$ 144,578 ⁽³⁾ (35,555) ⁽³⁾	\$ 130,244 ⁽¹⁵⁾
Accounts receivable, net	244,103	24,990	13,527		38,517		282,620
Inventories, net	215,774	30,558	12,432	(192) ⁽¹⁾	42,798	3,424 ⁽⁴⁾	261,996
Deferred taxes	36,971		1,538		1,538		38,509
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	16,393	1,114	1,518	(124) ⁽²⁾	2,508		18,901
Total current assets	533,027	56,847	30,265	(316)	86,796	112,447	732,270
Property, plant and equipment, net	94,477	7,555	6,067	5,405 ⁽²⁾	19,027		113,504
Intangibles, including goodwill, net	239,965	385	7,344	683 ⁽²⁾	8,412	(8,412) ⁽⁵⁾ 58,667 ⁽⁵⁾	297,970
Other assets	15,158	11,582	106	(3,720) ⁽²⁾	7,968	8,200 ⁽⁶⁾	31,326
Total assets	\$ 882,627	\$ 76,369	\$ 43,782	\$ 2,052	\$ 122,203	\$ 170,902	\$ 1,175,732
Liabilities and shareholders' equity							
Current liabilities:							
Bank loans	\$ 5,554	\$	\$ 3,883	\$	\$ 3,883	\$	\$ 9,437
Accounts payable	56,784	5,510	7,937		13,447		70,231
Accrued liabilities	101,065	22,196	5,847	147 ⁽²⁾	28,190		129,255
Current portion of long-term debt	62,629					(62,629) ⁽³⁾	
Total current liabilities	226,032	27,706	17,667	147	45,520	(62,629)	208,923
Long-term debt	42,842	36,132	28,967	1,685 ⁽²⁾	66,784	157,256 ⁽³⁾ (35,555) ⁽³⁾	231,327
Long-term pension liabilities	11,173						11,173
Deferred taxes	38,636	4,976			4,976		43,612
Convertible subordinated debentures	98,184						98,184
Shareholders' equity:							
Common stock	35,673	789	3,902		4,691	1,821 ⁽⁵⁾ (4,691) ⁽⁵⁾ 6,000 ⁽⁷⁾	43,494
Additional paid-in capital	332,511					27,315 ⁽⁵⁾ 87,000 ⁽⁷⁾ (5,383) ⁽⁸⁾	441,443
Retained earnings	118,357	6,960	(6,340)	(192) ⁽¹⁾ 398 ⁽²⁾ 14 ⁽²⁾	840	(840) ⁽⁵⁾	118,357
Employee stock ownership plan and stock option loans	(1,160)						(1,160)
Treasury shares	(9,107)						(9,107)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(10,514)	(194)	(414)		(608)	608 ⁽⁵⁾	(10,514)

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

Total shareholders' equity	465,760	7,555	(2,852)	220	4,923	111,830	582,513
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 882,627	\$ 76,369	\$ 43,782	\$ 2,052	\$ 122,203	\$ 170,902	\$ 1,175,732

(a) The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of March 31, 2004, has been prepared giving effect to the proposed acquisitions of Vöikl and Marker, this offering and the notes offering as though they had been consummated on that date.

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements

S-28

Table of Contents

Unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003^(a)

	K2 Rawlings		Brass Eagle			K2	Vökl	Marker	Vökl/Marker Combined		K2
	Twelve months ended December 31, 2003	Three months ended March 31, 2003	Eleven months ended November 30, 2003	Pro forma adjustments	Pro forma combined	Twelve months ended March 31, 2004	Twelve months ended March 31, 2004	Pro forma adjustments	Twelve months ended March 31, 2004	Pro forma adjustments ^(b)	Pro forma combined twelve months ended December 31, 2003
Net sales	\$ 718,539	\$ 61,013	\$ 93,124	\$	\$ 872,676	\$ 123,561	\$ 74,020	\$ (25,677) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 171,904	\$ (3,264) ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 1,041,316
Cost of products sold	498,620	42,741	61,837		603,198	73,209	49,199	(25,486) ⁽¹⁾	96,922	(3,264) ⁽¹¹⁾	696,856
Gross profit	219,919	18,272	31,287		269,478	50,352	24,821	(191)	74,982		344,460
Selling, general and administrative expenses	187,867	10,724	23,006	538 ⁽⁹⁾	222,135	42,499	21,921	124 ⁽²⁾	64,259	(683) ⁽²⁾	286,394
								398 ⁽²⁾			
Operating income	32,052	7,548	8,281	(538)	47,343	7,853	2,900	(30)	10,723		58,066
Interest expense	9,950	686	899		11,535	2,924	2,710	147 ⁽²⁾	5,781	8,345 ⁽¹²⁾	25,661
Debt extinguishment costs	6,745				6,745						6,745
Other (income) expense, net	(2,218)		(18)		(2,236)	77			77		(2,159)
Income before provision for income taxes	17,575	6,862	7,400	(538)	31,299	4,852	190	(177)	4,865	(8,345)	27,815
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	6,151	2,502	2,810	(189) ⁽¹⁰⁾	11,274	1,498	216		1,714	(3,251) ⁽¹³⁾	9,733
Net income (loss)	\$ 11,424	\$ 4,360	\$ 4,590	\$ (349)	\$ 20,025	\$ 3,354	\$ (26)	\$ (177)	\$ 3,151	\$ (5,094)	\$ 18,082
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.46				\$ 0.63						\$ 0.45
Diluted earnings per share ^(c)	\$ 0.44				\$ 0.59						\$ 0.45
Basic shares outstanding	24,958			6,979 ⁽¹⁴⁾	31,937				7,821 ⁽¹⁴⁾		39,758
Diluted shares outstanding	28,750			8,939 ⁽¹⁴⁾	37,689				7,821 ⁽¹⁴⁾		45,510

(a) The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003 combines the audited statement of income for K2 for the year ended December 31, 2003, the Rawlings unaudited statement of income for the three month period ended March 31, 2003, the Brass Eagle unaudited statement of income for the eleven months ended November 30, 2003 and the unaudited combined statement of income of Vökl and Marker for the year ended March 31, 2004, as if the acquisitions had occurred on January 1, 2003. The unaudited statement of income for Rawlings for the three month period ended March 31, 2003 was included in this unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003 because K2's acquisition of Rawlings did not occur until March 26, 2003. The unaudited statement of income for Brass Eagle for the eleven month period ended November 30, 2003 was included in this unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003 because K2's acquisition of Brass Eagle did not occur until December 8, 2003.

(b) Pro forma adjustments to the financial statements do not reflect potential cost saving opportunities, including the elimination of duplicative selling, general and administrative expenses.

(c) The table below outlines the calculation of diluted earnings per share for year ended December 31, 2003.

Year ended December 31, 2003

(In thousands, except per share data)	As reported	Pro forma combined	K2 pro forma combined
Calculation of diluted earnings per share:			
Net income	\$ 11,424	\$ 20,025	\$ 18,082
Add: interest component on assumed conversion of subordinated debentures, net of taxes	1,354	2,385	2,385
Net income, adjusted	\$ 12,778	\$ 22,410	\$ 20,467
Number of diluted shares	28,750	37,689	45,510
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.45

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements

S-29

Table of Contents

**Unaudited pro forma condensed combined
statement of operations
for the three months ended March 31, 2004^(a)**

(In thousands, except per share data)	K2	Völkl	Marker	Adjustments	Völkl/Marker combined	Pro forma adjustments ^(b)	Pro forma combined
Net sales	\$ 277,364	\$ 20,966	\$ 11,033	\$ (3,936) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 28,063	\$ (426) ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 305,001
Cost of products sold	190,731	15,262	8,943	(3,943) ⁽¹⁾	20,262	(426) ⁽¹¹⁾	210,567
Gross profit	86,633	5,704	2,090	7	7,801		94,434
Selling, general and administrative expenses	67,111	5,976	5,803	130 ⁽²⁾ (180) ⁽²⁾ 105 ⁽²⁾	11,834		78,945
Operating income (loss)	19,522	(272)	(3,713)	(48)	(4,033)		15,489
Interest expense	3,302	670	901	39 ⁽²⁾	1,610	2,087 ⁽¹²⁾	6,999
Other income, net	(53)	(113)			(113)		(166)
Income (loss) before provision for income taxes	16,273	(829)	(4,614)	(87)	(5,530)	(2,087)	8,656
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	5,533	395	54		449	(3,355) ⁽¹³⁾	2,627
Net income (loss)	\$ 10,740	\$ (1,224)	\$ (4,668)	\$ (87)	\$ (5,979)	\$ 1,268	\$ 6,029
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.31						\$ 0.14
Diluted earnings per share ^(c)	\$ 0.27						\$ 0.14
Basic shares outstanding	34,353					7,821 ⁽¹⁴⁾	42,174
Diluted shares outstanding	43,099					7,821 ⁽¹⁴⁾	50,920

(a) The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 combines the unaudited statement of income for K2, Völkl and Marker for such three month period as if the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker occurred on January 1, 2004.

(b) Pro forma adjustments to the financial statements do not reflect potential cost saving opportunities, including any potential product cost savings and the elimination of duplicative selling, general and administrative expenses.

(c) The table below outlines the calculation of diluted earnings per share for three months ended March 31, 2004.

(In thousands, except per share data)	Three months ended March 31, 2004	
	As reported	K2 pro forma

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

		combined
Calculation of diluted earnings per share:		
Net income	\$ 10,740	\$ 6,029
Add: interest component on assumed conversion of subordinated debentures, net of taxes	904	904
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income, adjusted	\$ 11,644	\$ 6,933
Number of diluted shares	43,099	50,920
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.14

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements

S-30

Table of Contents

Notes to the pro forma condensed combined financial information (unaudited)

Basis of presentation

The pro forma condensed combined financial statements included herein have been prepared by K2, without audit, under the rules and regulations of the SEC. Some information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. have been condensed or omitted under these rules and regulations. However, K2 believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

The preparation of unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Pro forma income per share

The pro forma combined net income per share is based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock and the dilutive impact of stock options of K2 outstanding with additional shares of K2 common stock presumed issued at the beginning of the period presented based upon the number of shares of K2 common stock issued in exchange for shares of Rawlings and Brass Eagle upon completion of the mergers on March 26, 2003 and December 8, 2003, respectively, additional shares of K2 common stock based upon the shares of K2 common stock to be issued in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker and the additional shares of K2 common stock to be issued in connection with the proposed offering of K2 common stock.

Transaction related expenses

K2 estimates that it will incur transaction-related expenses, consisting primarily of costs for underwriters, investment banker fees, bank amendment fees, attorneys, accountants, financial printing and other related charges, of approximately \$15.5 million in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker, the issuance of the notes, the common stock offering and the amendment and restatement of the Facility. This estimate is preliminary and is therefore subject to change. The costs incurred in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are added to the purchase price of the acquisitions. The costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the notes will be capitalized to other assets and amortized over the term of the notes and the amended and restated Facility. The costs incurred in connection with K2's common stock offering will be shown as a reduction of shareholders' equity.

The following sets forth the adjustments contained in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information:

- (1) Adjustments to reflect the elimination of intercompany sales, profits, accounts receivable, inventories, accounts payable and the results from transactions between Völkl and Marker as of and for the periods presented.

S-31

Table of Contents

- (2) Adjusting entries to convert the combined unaudited Völkl and Marker U.S. dollar translated financial statements into a presentation made in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. Adjustments consist of the following:

(Dollars in thousands)	Increase (decrease) to income before provision for income taxes	
	Year ended December 31, 2003	Three months ended March 31, 2004
Prepaid advertising ^(a)	\$ (124)	\$ (130)
Goodwill amortization ^(b)	683	180
Loss on interest rate swaps ^(c)	(147)	(39)
Gain on sale of assets ^(d)	(398)	(105)
Total	\$ 14	\$ (94)

(a) Represents payments for ads and tradeshow that cannot be capitalized under U.S. GAAP.

(b) Goodwill is not amortized under U.S. GAAP.

(c) Loss recognized as interest expenses under U.S. GAAP.

(d) Represents a gain that would have been recognized under U.S. GAAP prior to January 1, 2003. Accordingly, the adjustment reflects an increase to retained earnings for prior periods and a decrease in current period income.

In addition, the following additional adjustment was recorded to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of March 31, 2004 to capitalize a manufacturing facility, accrue related loan payable and eliminate receivable due from related entity as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	
Capitalize manufacturing facility	\$ 4,458
Eliminate receivable from related entity	(3,720)
Accrue related loan payable	1,685

- (3) Reflects sources and uses of cash in connection with the Transactions as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Cash	Current portion of long- term debt	Long- term debt	Shareholders equity
Proceeds of notes offering	\$ 200,000	\$	\$ 200,000	\$
Proceeds of K2's common stock offering	93,000			93,000
Cash outlay for Völkl and Marker acquisitions	(27,516)			
Repayment of K2 term loan	(13,333)	(6,667)	(6,666)	
Repayment of K2 revolving credit facility	(92,040)	(55,962)	(36,078)	
Cash paid for costs and fees in connection with the transactions	(15,533)			
	\$ 144,578	\$ (62,629)	\$ 157,256	\$ 93,000

\$35,555 represents the purchase of stockholder loans payable by Völkl and Marker to certain stockholders, which will be acquired by K2 in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker and which will be eliminated in consolidation on a going

forward basis.

S-32

Table of Contents

- (4) A preliminary pro forma adjustment was made to adjust Völkl and Marker's assets and liabilities to fair market value at March 31, 2004. The adjustment consisted of increasing inventories by \$3,424 to reflect the inventory at its fair market value, net of costs of disposal and a reasonable profit for the remaining selling effort.

The increase to inventory values will result in cost of goods sold being higher when the related inventories are sold in future periods after the acquisitions are completed. Such charge is not reflected in the unaudited condensed combined statements of operations.

- (5) Under the purchase method of accounting, assets and liabilities acquired have been adjusted to their estimated fair market values, the historical Völkl and Marker shareholder equity accounts of \$4,691, \$840 and \$608 and intangible assets of \$8,412 have been eliminated and the issuance of 1,821 shares K2 Common stock in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker have been reflected. The allocation of the aggregate purchase price for the equity of \$58,602 below is preliminary and does not include the purchase price of \$35,555 to be paid by K2 for the stockholder loans payable by Völkl and Marker to certain stockholders. The preliminary allocation assumes that the excess purchase price will be allocated entirely to goodwill, and is thus not amortized, however the final allocation could include identifiable intangible assets with definite and indefinite lives separate from goodwill. Should there be an allocation to assets with definite lives, those assets would be amortized, resulting in additional amortization expense. The final allocation will be based on estimates and appraisals that will be completed after the completion of the acquisitions and based on management's final evaluation of such assets and liabilities. The final allocation of purchase cost and the resulting effect on net income may differ significantly from the pro forma amounts included herein.

(Dollars in thousands)	As of March 31, 2004	
Assumed value of K2 common stock to be issued	\$	29,136
Cash outlay by K2 for acquisitions		27,516
Acquisition related expenses		1,950
		<hr/>
Aggregate purchase price		58,602
Add: Estimated fair value of excess liabilities assumed over net assets acquired		65
		<hr/>
Excess of cost over preliminary estimate of fair value of net tangible assets acquired	\$	58,667

The purchase price assumes a \$16.00 share price for K2 common stock at the time of the acquisition and assumes one Euro = 1.2090 U.S. dollars. The stock price assumption is based on the last reported sale price of K2 common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 24, 2004. The assumption of the Euro/US\$ equivalent is based on the quoted rate in the Wall Street Journal as of June 23, 2004. The actual value of the stock and the US\$/Euro equivalent may be materially different at the time the acquisitions are completed.

Table of Contents

The calculation of the estimated fair value of excess liabilities assumed over assets acquired of Völkl and Marker is as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	As of March 31, 2004
Völkl and Marker combined total assets	\$ 120,518
Add: Adjustment to increase inventories to fair value	3,424
Less: Völkl and Marker combined intangibles	(8,412)
Less: Völkl and Marker combined total liabilities	(115,595)
	<hr/>
Estimated fair value of excess liabilities assumed over assets acquired	\$ (65)

The adjustment to shareholders' equity is based on the issuance of shares in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker.

(In thousands, except per share data)	
Shares of K2 common stock to be issued in the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker	1,821
Multiplied by: Assumed stock price	\$ 16.00
	<hr/>
Assumed value of K2 stock to be issued	\$ 29,136

- (6) Pro forma adjustment reflects costs and fees capitalized in connection with the issuance of the notes and K2's amendment and restatement of the Facility.
- (7) Pro forma adjustment reflects shares issued in connection with K2's common stock offering for 93,000.
- (8) Pro forma adjustment reflects costs and fees incurred in connection with K2's common stock offering.
- (9) Pro forma adjustment reflects K2's additional amortization expense based on the identified intangible assets acquired with finite lives resulting from the merger with Rawlings on March 26, 2003 and Brass Eagle on December 8, 2003.
- (10) Pro forma adjustment reflects the decrease in income tax expense as the result of the pro forma adjustment to reflect the additional amortization expense resulting from the mergers with Rawlings and Brass Eagle above.
- (11) Pro forma adjustment reflects elimination of net sales and cost of products sold for sales of products made by Völkl and Marker to K2 and its subsidiaries during the periods presented.
- (12) Pro forma adjustment reflects the increase in interest expense for the periods presented resulting from the issuance of the \$200,000 in notes at an interest rate of 7³/₈%, which have a higher interest rate as compared to K2 and Völkl and Marker's weighted average interest rate on its borrowings during the periods presented. The increase was calculated by multiplying the difference between the applicable, weighted average interest rates on the notes and K2 and Völkl and Marker's borrowings during the periods presented.

Table of Contents

The calculations of the pro forma adjustments are as follows:

(In thousands, except interest rates)	Average outstanding balance	Average interest rate	Increase (decrease) to interest expense	
			For the twelve months ended December 31, 2003	For the three months ended March 31, 2004
New Debt				
Notes Offering	\$ 200,000	7.375%	\$ 14,750	\$ 3,688
Repayment of Debt				
K2 s revolving credit facility	(92,040)	5.00%	(4,602)	(1,150)
Völkl and Marker long-term debt	(36,054)	5.00%	(1,803)	(451)
Pro forma adjustment, net			\$ 8,345	\$ 2,087

(13) Pro forma adjustment to reflect the pro forma income tax expense for the combined companies at 35% for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003 and 34% for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

(14) Pro forma adjustments were made to the number of basic and diluted shares outstanding based on the number of shares of K2 common stock and stock options (under the treasury stock method) that were issued in connection with the merger with Rawlings on March 26, 2003 and Brass Eagle on December 8, 2003 and based on the number of shares of K2 common stock to be issued in connection with the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker and the offering of K2 common stock.

Table of Contents

	Year ended	Three months ended
(Dollars in thousands)	December 31, 2003	March 31, 2004
Basic:		
Weighted average effect of additional shares of K2 common stock issued for Rawlings shares of common stock at time of merger	2,709 ^(a)	
Weighted average effect of additional shares of K2 common stock issued for Brass Eagle shares of common stock at time of merger	4,270 ^(b)	
Pro forma adjustment	<u>6,979</u>	
Shares of K2 common stock to be issued for Völkl and Marker shares	1,821	1,821
Shares of K2 common stock to be issued in connection with K2 s common stock offering	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Pro forma adjustment	<u>7,821</u>	<u>7,821</u>
Diluted:		
Weighted average effect of additional shares of K2 common stock issued for Rawlings shares of common stock at time of merger	2,709 ^(a)	
Weighted average effect of additional shares of K2 common stock issued for Brass Eagle shares of common stock at time of merger	4,270 ^(b)	
Additional diluted shares assuming conversion of K2 s convertible subordinated debentures	1,835 ^(c)	
Options to purchase K2 common stock under the treasury stock method	125 ^(d)	
Pro forma adjustment	<u>8,939</u>	
Shares of K2 common stock to be issued for Völkl and Marker shares	1,821	1,821
Shares of K2 common stock to be issued in connection with K2 s common stock offering	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Pro forma adjustment	<u>7,821</u>	<u>7,821</u>
<p>(a) Amount represents the additional impact on weighted average basic and diluted shares for the period resulting from the issuance of approximately 8.8 million shares of K2 common stock in exchange for Rawlings shares on March 26, 2003.</p> <p>(b) Amount represents the additional impact on weighted average basic and diluted shares for the period resulting from the issuance of approximately 4.5 million shares of K2 common stock in exchange for Brass Eagle shares on December 8, 2003.</p> <p>(c) Amount represents additional shares from the assumed conversion of K2 s 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures.</p> <p>(d) Amount represents the impact on weighted average diluted shares for the period, under the treasury stock method, resulting from the issuance of K2 stock options issued in connection with the mergers with Rawlings on March 26, 2003 and Brass Eagle on December 8, 2003.</p>		

(15) The pro forma cash and cash equivalents amount does not include \$52,700 that we expect to spend in connection with the acquisition of Marmot, including repayment of debt and transaction related expenses. We may use a portion of this cash to repay some or all of the existing bank indebtedness of Völkl and Marker.

Table of Contents**Selected consolidated historical financial data**

The following table sets forth our selected consolidated historical financial data for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2003. We derived the selected consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2002 and 2003 and for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 from consolidated financial statements audited by Ernst & Young LLP and that are contained and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. We derived the selected consolidated financial data as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000 from financial statements audited by Ernst & Young LLP and that are not included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The historical results presented are not necessarily indicative of future results. You should read the selected financial data below in conjunction with Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data, Capitalization and the historical consolidated financial statements of K2 Inc. and the accompanying notes contained herein.

(In thousands, except per share data)	Year ended December 31,					Three months ended March 31,	
	1999 ^(a)	2000	2001 ^(b)	2002	2003	2003 (unaudited)	2004
Statement of operations data:							
Net sales	\$ 640,461	\$ 665,562	\$ 589,519	\$ 582,159	\$ 718,539	\$ 157,120	\$ 277,364
Cost of products sold ^(c)	462,033	462,242	429,338	411,620	498,620	109,976	190,731
Gross profit	178,428	203,320	160,181	170,539	219,919	47,144	86,633
Selling expenses	101,130	108,274	103,688	86,394	116,509	23,170	42,047
General and administrative expenses ^(c)	40,341	42,952	43,028	48,393	61,759	12,339	21,392
Research and development expenses	12,113	13,271	12,184	8,469	9,599	2,881	3,672
Operating income	24,844	38,823	1,281	27,283	32,052	8,754	19,522
Interest expense	12,741	14,814	13,631	8,966	9,950	1,794	3,302
Debt extinguishment costs ^(d)					6,745	6,745	
Other expense (income), net ^(e)	(413)	(191)	(375)	(253)	(2,218)	4	(53)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before provision (credit) for income taxes	12,516	24,200	(11,975)	18,570	17,575	211	16,273
Provision (credit) for income taxes	4,005	7,502	(4,271)	6,500	6,151	74	5,533
Income (loss) from continuing operations	8,511	16,698	(7,704)	12,070	11,424	137	10,740
Discontinued operations, net of taxes	1,332	(119)					
Net Income (loss)	9,843	16,579	(7,704)	12,070	\$ 11,424	\$ 137	\$ 10,740
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock:							
Continuing operations	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.93	\$ (0.43)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.31
Discontinued operations	0.08	(0.01)					
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.92	\$ (0.43)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.31
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock:							
Continuing operations	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.93	\$ (0.43)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.27
Discontinued operations	0.08	(0.01)					

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

Net income (loss)	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.92	\$ (0.43)	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.27
Dividends:							
Cash per share of common stock	\$ 0.11	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Basic shares outstanding of common stock	16,880	17,949	17,940	17,941	24,958	18,262	34,353
Diluted shares outstanding of common stock ^(f)	16,883	18,040	17,940	17,994	28,750	18,471	43,099
Other financial data:							
EBITDA ^(g)	\$ 40,192	\$ 53,032	\$ 17,578	\$ 41,461	\$ 51,193	\$ 12,112	\$ 25,044
Ratio of earnings to (excess of fixed charges over earnings) fixed charges ^(h)	1.9x	2.5x	\$ (11,975)	2.9x	2.5x	1.1x	5.4x

S-37

Table of Contents

(Dollars in thousands)	Year ended December 31,					Three months ended March 31,	
	1999 ^(a)	2000	2001 ^(b)	2002	2003	2003 (unaudited)	2004 (unaudited)
Balance sheet data:⁽ⁱ⁾							
Total current assets	\$ 345,809	\$ 305,132	\$ 307,175	\$ 323,924	\$ 536,322	\$ 460,265	\$ 533,027
Total assets	491,442	424,110	423,400	438,410	871,871	628,708	882,627
Total current liabilities	162,187	121,742	99,422	115,302	254,761	145,820	226,032
Long-term obligations	107,280	69,836	97,828	73,007	133,261	154,706	141,026
Total debt plus off-balance sheet financing facility ⁽ⁱ⁾	219,083	173,292	160,557	96,120	216,138	166,795	209,209
Shareholders' equity	218,520	227,248	214,657	231,296	434,040	305,782	465,760

- (a) Gross profit, operating income, income from continuing operations and net income include restructuring costs totaling \$6,500 (\$4,420 net of taxes) and downsizing costs totaling \$4,000 (\$2,720 net of taxes).
- (b) Operating income and net loss include downsizing costs totaling \$18,000 (\$11,700 net of taxes) of which \$15,650 was charged to cost of goods sold and \$2,350 was charged to general and administrative expenses.
- (c) For 1999, cost of products sold includes a \$10,500 charge recorded in the fourth quarter. For 2001, cost of products sold includes a \$15,650 charge and general and administrative expenses includes a \$2,350 charge, both recorded in the third quarter.
- (d) For 2003, amount includes \$4,667 of a make-whole premium and \$2,078 for the write-off of capitalized debt costs.
- (e) For 2003, other income includes a \$2,222 gain related to the sale of the composite utility and decorative light poles product lines.
- (f) For 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, diluted shares of common stock outstanding include the dilutive impact of stock options and warrants and the assumed conversion of convertible subordinated debentures.
- (g) EBITDA represents net income (loss) before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a recognized term under GAAP and EBITDA does not represent net income or cash flows from operations, as these terms are defined under GAAP, and should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indicator of our operating performance or to cash flows as a measure of liquidity. Additionally, EBITDA is not intended to be a measure of free cash flow available for management or discretionary use, as such measure does not consider certain cash requirements such as capital expenditures, tax payments and debt service requirements. We present EBITDA because we believe that EBITDA provides useful information regarding our ability to service and/or incur indebtedness. EBITDA as presented herein is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. EBITDA is calculated as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Year ended December 31,					Three months ended March 31,	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2003	2004
EBITDA	\$ 40,192	\$ 53,032	\$ 17,578	\$ 41,461	\$ 51,193	\$ 12,112	\$ 25,044
Add (subtract):							
Provision for income taxes	(4,005)	(7,502)	4,271	(6,500)	(6,151)	(74)	(5,533)
Interest expense	(12,741)	(14,814)	(13,631)	(8,966)	(16,695)	(8,539)	(3,302)
Depreciation	(11,685)	(11,907)	(13,525)	(13,237)	(15,518)	(3,320)	(4,779)
Amortization of intangibles	(1,918)	(2,230)	(2,397)	(688)	(1,405)	(42)	(690)
Net income (loss)	9,843	16,579	(7,704)	12,070	11,424	137	10,740
Add (subtract):							
Gain on sale of operating division					(2,222)		
Depreciation	11,685	11,907	13,525	13,237	15,518	3,320	4,779
Amortization of intangibles	1,918	2,230	2,397	688	1,405	42	690
Amortization of deferred debt costs	123	183	286	632	3,249	2,272	604
Deferred income taxes	(6,522)	1,035	(3,298)	(2,135)	2,980	(2,008)	4,489
Long-term pension liabilities			(244)	8,828	(1,380)		
Changes in operating assets	31,716	26,820	10,671	(12,056)	1,694	271	(14,825)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 48,763	\$ 58,754	\$ 15,754	\$ 21,264	\$ 32,668	\$ 4,034	\$ 6,477

(1) Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2003 includes \$6,745 of debt extinguishment costs.

- (h) K2 computed the ratio of earnings to fixed charges by dividing earnings (earnings from continuing operations before taxes, adjusted for fixed charges from continuing operations), by fixed charges from continuing operations for the periods indicated. Fixed charges from continuing operations include (i) interest expense and amortization of debt

Table of Contents

- discount or premium on all indebtedness, and (ii) a reasonable approximation of the interest factor deemed to be included in rental expense.
- (i) For 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, the increase in balance sheet data, including total current assets, total assets, total current liabilities, long-term obligations, total debt plus off-balance sheet financing facility and shareholders' equity was primarily attributable to K2's acquisition activities during 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004.
 - (j) Years 1999, 2000 and 2001 include debt related to an accounts receivable securitization facility that qualified for off-balance sheet treatment.

S-39

Table of Contents

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations covers periods prior to the consummation of the Transactions. Accordingly, the discussion and analysis of historical periods does not reflect the significant impact that the Transactions will have on us, including, without limitation, the impact of purchase accounting, additional costs and debt service requirements. You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with Unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data, Capitalization, Selected consolidated historical financial data and the audited and unaudited historical consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference herein. This discussion contains forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 about our markets, the demand for our products and services and our future results. Actual results may differ materially from those suggested by our forward-looking statements for various reasons, including those discussed in the Risk factors and Forward-looking statements sections of this prospectus supplement. Those sections expressly qualify all subsequent oral and written forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

Overview

K2 believes that in 2003 there were two major trends in the sporting goods industry. First, the sporting goods market experienced little or no growth in wholesale sales during 2003. Second, there was a growing influence of large format sporting goods retailers and retailer buying groups as well as the consolidation of certain sporting goods retailers worldwide, all of which has resulted in a consolidation of sporting goods suppliers. Based on these market trends, K2 believes that the most successful sporting goods suppliers will be those with greater financial and other resources, including those with the ability to produce or source high-quality, low cost products and deliver these products on a timely basis, to invest in product development projects and the ability to access distribution channels with a broad array of products and brands. In addition, as the influence of large sporting goods retailers grows, we believe that these retailers will prefer to rely on fewer and larger sporting goods suppliers to help them manage the supply of products and the allocation of shelf space.

As a result of these market trends, K2 has embarked upon a program to leverage its existing operations and to complement and diversify its product offerings within the sporting goods and recreational products industries. K2 intends to implement its internal growth strategy by continuing to improve operating efficiencies, extending its product offerings through new product launches and maximizing its extensive distribution channels. In addition, K2 will seek strategic acquisitions of other sporting goods companies with well-established brands and with complementary distribution channels.

Table of Contents

During 2003 and the 2004, K2 made significant progress towards achieving its strategic objectives as follows:

K2 completed seven acquisitions during 2003, including the:

Acquisition in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction of Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, Inc., a leading marketer and manufacturer of baseball equipment, establishing K2's presence in the team sports market;

Acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Worth, Inc., a leading marketer and manufacturer of softball equipment, further establishing K2's presence in team sports; and

Acquisition in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction of Brass Eagle, Inc, a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture, marketing, and distribution of paintball products, including paintball markers, paintballs, and accessories, establishing K2's presence in the paintball market.

K2 has completed four acquisitions during 2004 to date, including the:

Acquisition in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction of Fotoball USA, Inc., a marketer and manufacturer of souvenir and promotional products, principally for team sports;

Acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Worr Game Products, Inc., and All-Cad Manufacturing, Inc., businesses engaged in the design, manufacturing, selling and distribution of paintball markers and paintball-related products and accessories;

Acquisition of substantially all of the assets of IPI Innovations, Inc., a business engaged in the design, manufacturing, selling and distribution of gun and bow mounting systems, and other products and accessories for all-terrain vehicles; and

Acquisition of Ex Officio, a division of Orvis Company, Inc. Ex Officio is engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, selling and distributing high-end travel, adventure and outdoor clothing and accessories.

The newly acquired brands along with K2's existing brands has allowed K2 to aggregate its brand strength in complementary distribution channels in a consolidating industry characterized by large format sporting goods retailers and retail buying groups.

The newly acquired brands have helped K2 balance the seasonality of its business and strengthen its customer relationships.

K2 has entered several new sports markets such as baseball, softball, paintball, lacrosse, snowshoeing and apparel, which provides K2 with additional platforms for future growth opportunities.

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

K2 has continued to leverage its China manufacturing and Asian product sourcing capabilities. During 2003 and 2004, K2 increased the capacity of its China operations and increased the size of its sourcing group to accommodate the product needs of its acquisitions and existing companies.

S-41

Table of Contents

K2 introduced a number of new products during 2003 and 2004 in the sporting goods markets as a means to drive organic growth.

K2 continued to focus on cost reduction initiatives by relocating the manufacturing of K2 branded products to K2's China facilities.

K2 established the K2 Merchandising group to improve the marketing of K2 products and strengthen K2's relationships with its retailers.

K2 completed a restructuring of its capital structure through the private placement of \$25 million of convertible subordinated debentures in February 2003, the replacement of K2's revolving credit facility with a new revolving credit facility of \$205 million and a term loan of \$20 million in March 2003, and the private placement of \$75 million of convertible subordinated debentures in June 2003. These new sources of capital replaced higher interest borrowings and provided K2 more opportunity and flexibility to make progress towards its strategic objectives.

K2 has begun to see results from its efforts reflected in its financial performance. Net sales for 2003 improved 23.4% to \$718.5 million from \$582.2 million in 2002, and net sales for the 2004 first quarter improved 76.5% to \$277.4 million from \$157.1 million in the 2003 first quarter, primarily due to the acquisitions K2 completed during 2003 and the first quarter of 2004, as well as organic growth from most of K2's existing brands. Gross profit percentage improved from 29.3% in 2002 to 30.6% in 2003, and from 30.0% in the 2003 first quarter to 31.2% in the 2004 first quarter, due in part to K2's continued cost reduction efforts. Operating income for 2003 increased to \$32.1 million, or 4.5% of net sales, as compared to operating income of \$27.3 million, or 4.7% of net sales, in 2002. Operating income for the 2004 first quarter increased to \$19.5 million, or 7.0% of net sales, as compared to operating income of \$8.8 million, or 5.6% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2003. The increase in operating income reflects higher sales volume and an improvement in gross profit percentage, partially offset by higher selling and general and administrative expenses.

The increase in selling and general and administrative expenses in 2003 was attributable to K2's acquisitions during 2003 without a corresponding full year benefit of net sales, higher pension expenses and the impact of stronger foreign currencies on translated expenses as compared to 2002.

The increase in selling and general and administrative expenses in 2004 was attributable the increase in sales volume in the 2004 first quarter, higher translated expenses of \$2.2 million as the result of stronger foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar as compared to 2003 and the timing of certain fixed selling expenses associated with recent acquisitions.

See Consolidated results of operations below for further discussion.

Matters affecting comparability

Operating Segments. As a result of recent acquisitions, beginning in the 2004 first quarter, K2 reclassified its business into the following three segments based on similar product types and distribution channels: Action Sports, Team Sports and Marine and Outdoor. The Action Sports segment includes skis, snowboards, snowshoes, in-line skates, paintball products and skateboard shoes and apparel. The Team Sports segment includes baseball and softball products and K2 Licensing & Promotion products. The Marine and Outdoor segment includes Shakespeare fishing

Table of Contents

tackle and monofilament products, as well as Stearns outdoor products. All periods have been recast to reflect these changes in the segments.

Acquisitions. K2's operating results for 2003 include the operating results for its acquisitions completed during 2003. Approximately \$113.9 million of the \$136.4 million increase in net sales for 2003, when compared to 2002, are attributable to K2's acquisitions during 2003 as discussed below. K2's operating results for the 2004 first quarter include the operating results for acquisitions completed during 2003 and 2004. The 2003 first quarter did not include the operating results of any of the businesses acquired since the acquisitions of each of these businesses (except for Rawlings) were completed subsequent to the 2003 first quarter, and Rawlings was completed on March 26, 2003. Approximately \$116.4 million of the \$120.3 million increase in net sales for the 2004 first quarter, when compared to the 2003 first quarter, are attributable to K2's acquisitions during 2003 and 2004.

Divestiture. On May 27, 2003, K2 completed the sale of the assets of its composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines, referred to as the Division, to a subsidiary of Genlyte Thomas Group LLC. The Division was sold for approximately \$20.1 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities by the buyer. The gain on sale of the Division of \$2.2 million (\$1.4 million, net of taxes) includes an estimate of the costs of disposal and amounts related to the retention of certain liabilities by K2. The division had \$7.4 million of net sales in the 2003 first quarter.

Debt Extinguishment Costs. K2's operating results for 2003 and for the 2003 first quarter include approximately \$6.7 million of debt extinguishment costs in conjunction with K2's debt refinancing activities in March 2003. K2 expensed approximately \$2.0 million (\$1.3 million, or \$.05 per diluted share, after tax) of capitalized debt costs related to the payoff of the amounts outstanding under its existing debt facilities, and an additional \$4.7 million (\$3.1 million, or \$.11 per diluted share, after tax) was paid in cash and expensed for a make-whole premium related to the prepayment of K2's \$58.9 million of secured senior notes, referred to as the Senior Notes.

Downsizing and Restructuring Activities. During 2001, K2 recorded charges to cost of products sold and general and administrative expenses for restructuring and downsizing costs of \$15.6 million and \$2.4 million, respectively. See additional discussion regarding these charges below.

Changes in Accounting Principle. Effective January 1, 2002, K2 adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 142 requires that goodwill and certain other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite useful lives are no longer amortized but are reviewed annually for impairment. SFAS No. 142 does not require retroactive restatement for all periods presented; however, it does require the disclosure of prior year effects adjusted for the elimination of amortization of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. Had K2 adopted the new goodwill accounting on the first day of 2001, amortization expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 2001 would have been lowered by approximately \$2.6 million, and the net loss for that period would have decreased by the same amount (or \$.14 per diluted share) to \$5.1 million.

Table of Contents**Consolidated results of operations**

The following table sets forth certain financial amounts, ratios and relationships calculated from the consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001:

	Fiscal year ended			2001 vs. 2002		2002 vs. 2003	
	December 31,			Increase /		Increase /	
	2001	2002	2003	(\$)	(%)	(\$)	(%)
(In thousands, except per share data)							
Net sales	\$ 589.5	\$ 582.2	\$ 718.5	\$ (7.3)	(1.2)	\$ 136.3	23.4
Gross profit	160.2	170.5	219.9	10.3	6.4	49.4	29.0
Operating income ^(a)	1.3	27.3	32.1	26.0	2000.0	4.8	17.6
Net income (loss) ^(b)	(7.7)	12.1	11.4	19.8	(257.1)	(0.7)	(5.8)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.24	55.8	\$ (0.23)	(34.3)
	2001	2002	2003				

Expressed as a percentage of net sales:

Gross margin ^(c)	27.2%	29.3%	30.6%
Selling, general and administrative expense	24.9%	23.2%	24.8%
Operating margin ^(b)	0.2%	4.7%	4.5%

- (a) Operating income for 2001 includes a \$18,000 pre-tax charge for factory closures and downsizing activities as discussed in Note 2, Charges Against Earnings, in the Notes to consolidated financial statements included and incorporated by reference herein and in Matters affecting comparability above.
- (b) Net income for 2003 includes \$6,745 (\$4,384 million net of taxes) for debt extinguishment costs as discussed in Note 7, Borrowings and Other Financial Instruments, in the Notes to consolidated financial statements included and incorporated by reference herein and in Matters affecting comparability above.
- (c) Gross Margin is defined as gross profit divided by net sales as presented in the consolidated statements of operations.

The following table sets forth certain financial amounts, ratios and relationships calculated from the Consolidated condensed statements of income for the quarters ended March 31, 2003 and 2004:

	Three month period ended		2003 vs. 2004	
	March 31,		Increase /	
	2003	2004	(\$)	(%)
(In thousands, except per share data)				
Net sales	\$ 157.1	\$ 277.4	\$ 120.3	76.6
Gross profit	47.1	86.6	39.5	83.9
Operating income	8.8	19.5	10.7	121.6
Net income ^(a)	0.1	10.7	10.6	10600.0
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26	2600.0

	2003	2004
Expressed as a percentage of net sales:		
Gross margin ^(b)	30.0%	31.2%
Selling, general and administrative expense	24.4%	24.2%
Operating margin ^(a)	5.6%	7.0%

(a) Net income for 2003 includes \$6,745 (\$4,384 million net of taxes) for debt extinguishment costs as discussed in Matters Affecting Comparability above.

(b) Gross Margin is defined as gross profit divided by net sales as presented in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income.

Table of Contents

Acquisitions and divestitures

During 2003, K2 completed a number of acquisitions and a divestiture as follows:

On March 26, 2003, K2 completed the acquisition of Rawlings, a designer, manufacturer and marketer of equipment and apparel for baseball, basketball and football, in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction. Under the terms of the merger, each outstanding share of Rawlings common stock was converted into 1.080 shares of K2 common stock. Based on the number of common shares outstanding of Rawlings, approximately 8.8 million shares of K2's common stock were issued to the Rawlings shareholders in the merger, and the aggregate purchase price of the transaction was valued at approximately \$76.8 million (excluding merger costs of approximately \$3.3 million). In connection with the merger, K2 paid off long-term and seasonal working capital debt of Rawlings of approximately \$64 million. The results of the operations of Rawlings have been included in the consolidated financial statements of K2 beginning with the date of the merger.

On September 16, 2003, K2 completed the acquisition of Worth in exchange for cash and K2 common stock. Worth, a privately held company founded in 1912, is a marketer and manufacturer of bats, balls, gloves and accessories for the softball and baseball industry. Additionally, through its deBeer division, Worth is a producer of equipment for lacrosse. Under the terms of the merger agreement, K2 acquired all of the outstanding shares of Worth common stock in exchange for approximately 0.9 million shares of K2's common stock and a cash payment of \$12.6 million, resulting in an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$27.4 million (excluding merger costs of approximately \$1.2 million). In connection with the acquisition, K2 paid off long-term and seasonal working capital debt of Worth of approximately \$15 million. The results of the operations of Worth have been included in the consolidated financial statements of K2 beginning with the date of acquisition.

On December 8, 2003, K2 completed the acquisition of Brass Eagle, a designer, manufacturer and marketer of paintball products, including paintball markers, paintballs, and accessories in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction. Under the terms of the merger, each outstanding share of Brass Eagle common stock was converted into 0.6036 shares of K2 common stock. Based on the number of common shares outstanding of Brass Eagle, approximately 4.5 million shares of K2's common stock were issued to the Brass Eagle shareholders, and the aggregate purchase price of the transaction was valued at approximately \$78.4 million (excluding merger costs of approximately \$3.4 million). The results of the operations of Brass Eagle have been included in the consolidated financial statements of K2 beginning with the date of the merger.

During 2003, K2 also completed four smaller acquisitions, two of which are reported in the Action Sports segment, one of which is reported in the Team Sports segment and one of which is reported in the Marine and Outdoor segment, for a combined total purchase price value of approximately \$16.0 million and the payoff of \$10.5 million in permanent and seasonal debt. The results of the operations of these companies have been included in the consolidated financial statements of K2 beginning with the date of the acquisitions.

On May 27, 2003, K2 completed the sale of the assets of its composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines, referred to as the Division, to a subsidiary of Genlyte Thomas Group LLC. The Division was sold for approximately \$20.1 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities by the buyer. The gain on sale of the Division of \$2.2 million (\$1.4 million, net of taxes) included an estimate of the costs of disposal and amounts related to the retention of certain liabilities by K2.

Table of Contents

During 2004, K2 has to date completed a number of acquisitions as follows:

On January 23, 2004, K2 completed the acquisition of Fotoball, a marketer and manufacturer of souvenir and promotional products, principally for team sports, in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction. Subsequent to the completion of the merger, K2 changed the name of Fotoball to K2 Licensing and Promotions, Inc. The purchase price of the Fotoball transaction was valued at approximately \$16.9 million plus estimated merger costs.

On April 19, 2004, K2 completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of Worr, and All-Cad, businesses engaged in the design, manufacturing, selling and distribution of paintball markers and paintball-related products and accessories.

On April 19, 2004, K2 completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of IPI, a business engaged in the design, manufacturing, selling and distribution of gun and bow mounting systems, and other products and accessories for all-terrain vehicles.

On May 12, 2004, K2 completed the purchase of Ex Officio, a division of Orvis Company, Inc. Ex Officio is engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, selling and distributing high-end travel, adventure and outdoor clothing and accessories.

The aggregate purchase price for Worr, All-Cad, IPI and Ex Officio was \$38.8 million, which included 630,441 shares of K2 common stock.

Downsizing and restructuring activities

Pursuant to the acquisitions made by K2 during 2003, K2 approved restructuring and exit plans related to the closure of certain facilities of the acquired companies. In accordance with EITF 95-3, *Recognition of Liabilities in Connection with a Purchase Business Combination*, K2 established reserves for employee severance, employee relocation costs and lease termination costs totaling approximately \$5.1 million. These reserves were recognized as assumed liabilities of the acquired companies. The reserves established were not individually significant to any of K2's acquisitions during 2003.

During 2001, in ongoing cost reduction moves, K2 completed the move of its remaining ski production to China, closing its Washington ski manufacturing facility. In addition, three other smaller manufacturing facilities, which serviced the Stearns and Hilton operations were shut down in Minnesota and Alabama, with most of the production also moving overseas. In addition to the factory closures, K2 experienced a substantial industry-wide slowdown of sales of small-wheeled products in 2001, necessitating a downsizing of K2's small-wheeled products operations. Consequently, the factory closures and downsizing activities resulted in 2001 charges to cost of products sold and general and administrative expenses for restructuring and downsizing costs of \$15.6 million and \$2.4 million, respectively. Approximately \$5.0 million was a charge to earnings which resulted in a cash payment with the remainder being non-cash charges. These costs were associated with the reduction of personnel, the write down of facilities and equipment, and the reduction in the net carrying value of small-wheeled products inventory.

Comparison of three-month period ended March 31, 2004 to three-month period ended March 31, 2003

Net sales of K2 for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were \$277.4 million as compared with \$157.1 million in the year-earlier period. Net income for the first quarter of 2004 was \$10.7 million,

S-46

Table of Contents

or \$.27 per diluted share, as compared with \$0.1 million, or \$.01 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2003.

Net Sales. In the Action Sports segment, net sales increased to \$84.5 million as compared to \$54.4 million in the prior year's first quarter. The increase is the result of \$25.1 million in net sales of paintball products and snowshoes (companies acquired after the 2003 first quarter), and from higher sales of skateboard shoes and ski and snowboard products. The increase in sales of skateboard shoes reflects the strong sell through of the *Adio* shoe brand and an expanded retail distribution network. In a seasonally slow quarter, the increase in snowboard sales resulted mainly from the popularity of the *Ride* brand, while ski sales benefited from the popularity of *K2* skis in the domestic and European markets.

Net sales of the Team Sports segment were \$94.1 million for the 2004 first quarter as compared to \$4.3 million in the prior year's first quarter. The increase from 2003 is the result of the acquisition of Rawlings at the end of the 2003 first quarter, Worth at the end of the 2003 third quarter and K2 Licensing & Promotions in January 2004.

In the Marine and Outdoor segment, net sales totaled \$98.8 million in the 2004 first quarter as compared with \$98.4 million in the prior year's first quarter. The 2003 first quarter included \$7.4 million of net sales related to the Division. K2 sold the assets of the Division in May 2003. The overall improvement in net sales during 2004 (excluding the 2003 first quarter net sales of the Division), resulted mainly from increased sales of *Shakespeare* fishing tackle products of \$2.2 million and *Stearns* outdoor products of \$3.4 million. Sales of *Shakespeare* fishing tackle products improved, reflecting growth in sales of *Pflueger* reels, kits and combos and marine antennas. Increased sales of *Stearns* outdoor products reflected higher demand for our rain gear and children's flotation products.

Gross profit. Gross profits for the first quarter of 2004 increased 83.9% to \$86.6 million, or 31.2% of net sales, as compared with \$47.1 million, or 30.0% of net sales, in the year ago quarter. The improvement in gross profit dollars for the quarter was attributable to the increase in first quarter sales volume and an increase in gross profit as a percentage of net sales. The improvement in the gross profit percentage was due to a more favorable product mix as compared to 2003 resulting from K2's recent acquisitions, fewer close-out sales in the current year's quarter as compared to the prior year, as well as continued reduced products costs associated with the China manufacturing facility.

Costs and Expenses. Selling expenses for the 2004 first quarter were \$42.0 million, or 15.1% of net sales, as compared with \$23.2 million, or 14.8% of net sales, in the prior year's first quarter. General and administrative expenses for the 2004 first quarter were \$25.1 million, or 9.0% of net sales, as compared with \$15.2 million, or 9.7% of net sales, in the prior year's first quarter. The increase in selling expenses in dollars and as a percentage of net sales was attributable to the increase in sales volume for the 2004 first quarter as compared to the prior year, higher translated expenses of \$1.6 million as the result of stronger foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar as compared to 2003, and the timing of certain fixed selling expenses associated with recent acquisitions that have higher sales volume in the third and fourth quarters as compared to the first quarter. The increase in general and administrative expenses in dollars for the 2004 first quarter was primarily attributable higher sales volume during the 2004 period, recent acquisitions made by K2 which resulted in additional general and administrative expenses, and higher translated expenses of \$0.6 million for the 2004 first quarter as the result of stronger foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar as compared to 2003. As a percentage of net sales,

Table of Contents

general and administrative expenses declined due to the enhanced leveraging of expenses over higher sales volume.

Operating Income. Operating income for the first quarter improved to \$19.5 million, or 7.0% of net sales, as compared to operating income of \$8.8 million, or 5.6% of net sales, a year ago. The improvement in operating income was due to the increase in sales volume and gross profit percentage in the 2004 first quarter as compared to the prior year as well as lower overall selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales due to the enhanced leveraging of expenses over higher sales volume.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$3.3 million in the 2004 first quarter as compared to \$1.8 million in the year-earlier period. The increase in interest expense for 2004 was primarily attributable to higher average borrowing levels during the year resulting from K2's acquisitions during 2003.

Debt Extinguishment Costs. In conjunction with K2's debt refinancing activities in March 2003, K2 expensed approximately \$2.0 million (\$1.3 million, or \$.07 per diluted share, after tax) in the 2003 first quarter of capitalized debt costs related to the payoff of the amounts outstanding under its existing debt facilities, and an additional \$4.7 million (\$3.1 million, or \$.17 per diluted share, after tax) was paid in cash and expensed for a make-whole premium related to the prepayment of senior notes.

Comparison of the year ended December 31, 2003 to the year ended December 31, 2002

Net sales increased to \$718.5 million from \$582.2 million in the prior year. Net income for 2003 was \$11.4 million, or \$.44 per diluted share, as compared to net income of \$12.1 million, or \$.67 per diluted share, in the prior year. Net income for 2003 included \$4.4 million, or \$.15 per diluted share, in after-tax charges for early extinguishment of debt.

Net sales. In the Action Sports segment, net sales for 2003 were \$277.6 million as compared with \$234.2 million in the prior year. The sales improvement was attributable to increased sales of snowboard products of \$5.0 million, skis of \$4.1 million, in-line skates of \$6.3 million, skateboard shoes and apparel of \$14.4 million, and the combined sales contribution of \$14.7 million from K2's acquisitions during 2003. The increase in snowboard sales resulted mainly from the popularity of the Ride brand, while ski sales benefited from the popularity of K2's skis in the domestic and European markets. Increased in-line skate sales were the result of strong demand in the European and Asian markets. The increase in skateboard shoes and apparel reflected the strong sell through of the Adio shoe brand and an expanded retail distribution network.

In the Team Sports segment group, net sales for 2003 were \$116.9 million as compared with \$19.3 million in 2002. The increase in sales was attributable to K2's acquisition activities during 2003 which contributed sales of \$99.2 million during 2003. Sales of Hilton apparel declined by \$1.6 million as the business was restructured during the year and integrated into the Rawlings operations.

In the Marine and Outdoor segment, net sales for 2003 totaled \$324.0 million as compared with \$328.7 million in 2002. The overall decline in sales was attributable to the sale of the assets of the composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines in May 2003 partially offset by increased sales of Stearns outdoor products of \$6.2 million and Shakespeare cutting line and monofilament products of \$10.5 million. Increased sales of Stearns outdoor products reflected

Table of Contents

new product introductions, and higher demand for rain gear and children's flotation products. These improvements were offset by a \$2.7 million decline in sales of Shakespeare fishing tackle products due to lower sales in the European markets.

Gross profit. Gross profit for 2003 was \$219.9 million, or 30.6% of net sales, as compared with \$170.5 million, or 29.3% of net sales in 2002. The improvement in gross profit dollars for the year was attributable to the increase in sales volume and the improvement in gross profit as a percentage of net sales. The improvement in gross profit percentage as a percentage of net sales was due to fewer close-out sales of in-line skates in 2003 as compared to 2002, continued shifting of product manufacturing and sourcing to K2's China manufacturing facility and an increase in the sales of higher margin products, particularly related to K2's acquisitions during 2003.

Costs and expenses. Selling expenses for 2003 increased to \$116.5 million, or 16.2% of net sales, as compared with \$86.4 million, or 14.8% of net sales, in 2002. The dollar and percentage increase in selling expenses was attributable to K2's acquisitions during 2003, which resulted in increased volume-related selling expenses of \$24.4 million without a corresponding full year benefit of net sales due to the timing of such acquisitions, and K2's additional investment in advertising and marketing of its brands during 2003.

General and administrative expenses for 2003 were \$61.8 million, or 8.6% of net sales, compared with \$48.4 million, or 8.3% of net sales, in 2002. The dollar and percentage increase in 2003 was attributable to K2's acquisitions during 2003, which resulted in increased expenses of \$9.6 million without a corresponding full year benefit of net sales, higher pension expenses of \$2.1 million and the impact of stronger foreign currencies on translated expenses as compared to 2002. Research and development expenses increased \$1.1 million, or 12.9%, to \$9.6 million from \$8.5 million in 2002 as the result of K2's acquisitions during 2003 which resulted in the inclusion of additional research and development expenses beginning with the date of each acquisition.

Operating income. Operating income for 2003 increased to \$32.1 million, or 4.5% of net sales, as compared to operating income of \$27.3 million, or 4.7% of net sales, in 2002. The increase in operating income reflects higher sales volume and an improvement in gross profit percentage, partially offset by higher selling and general and administrative expenses. The decline in operating income as a percentage of net sales was due to higher selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales, partially offset by higher gross profits as a percentage of net sales.

Interest expense. Interest expense for 2003 increased to \$10.0 million, compared with \$9.0 million in 2002. The increase in interest expense for 2003 was primarily attributable to higher average borrowing levels during the year resulting from K2's acquisitions during 2003, as well as approximately \$370,000 of amortization expense associated with the warrants issued on K2's \$25 million convertible subordinated debentures. These increases were partially offset by lower average interest rates on borrowings.

Debt Extinguishment Costs. In conjunction with K2's debt refinancing activities in March 2003, K2 expensed approximately \$2.0 million (\$1.3 million, or \$.05 per diluted share, after tax) of capitalized debt costs related to the payoff of the amounts outstanding under its existing debt facilities, and an additional \$4.7 million (\$3.1 million, or \$.11 per diluted share, after tax) was paid in cash and expensed for a make-whole premium related to the prepayment of K2's Senior Notes.

Other income, net. Other income increased to \$2.2 million in 2003 from \$0.3 million in 2002. Other income generally includes royalties, interest income and other miscellaneous income. In

Table of Contents

2003, other income also included a \$2.2 million gain on the sale of the composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines.

Income taxes. The effective income tax rate for 2003 and 2002 was 35.0%.

Segment information. Total segment operating profit (before interest expense, corporate expenses, the gain on the sale of the composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines, debt extinguishment costs and income taxes) improved to \$37.9 million in 2003 from \$30.6 million in 2002.

In the Action Sports segment, an operating profit of \$5.6 million was reported in 2003 as compared with an operating loss of \$7.8 million in 2002. The improvement in operating profit was attributable to the increase in sales volume (excluding the impact of acquisitions) during 2003, improved gross margins as the result of fewer close-out sales, reduced product costs from the China manufacturing facility and an increase in sales of higher margin products. The acquisitions made by K2 during 2003 in this segment did not have a significant impact on operating profit during 2003.

In the Team Sports segment, an operating loss of \$12.1 million was reported in 2003 as compared to an operating loss of \$4.4 million in 2002. The increase in the loss was attributable to a decline in corporate apparel sales, as the business was restructured during 2003, and lower gross margins on corporate apparel sales due to certain inventory reduction efforts. In addition, the operating loss increased \$4.5 million due to higher selling, general and administrative expenses from the newly acquired companies in the segment without the impact of the highest seasonal sell-ins and gross profits due to the timing of the acquisitions during 2003.

In the Marine and Outdoor segment, operating profit was \$44.4 million in 2003 as compared with an operating profit of \$42.8 million in 2002. The improvement in operating profit was attributable to reduced product costs from the China manufacturing facility and an increase in sales of higher margin products. The improvements in operating profit were partially offset by decreased operating profits resulting from the sale of the assets of the composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines in May 2003. The acquisition made by K2 during 2003 in this segment did not have a significant impact on operating profit during 2003.

Comparison of the year ended December 31, 2002 to the year ended December 31, 2001

Net sales declined to \$582.2 million in 2002 from \$589.5 million in the prior year. Net income for 2002 was \$12.1 million, or \$.67 per diluted share, as compared to a net loss of \$7.7 million, or \$.43 per diluted share, in the prior year. The net loss for 2001 included \$11.7 million, or \$.65 per diluted share, in after-tax charges for restructuring and downsizing.

Net sales. In the Action Sports segment, net sales for 2002 were \$234.2 million as compared with \$254.2 million in the prior year. The overall decline in sales was attributable to worldwide declines in snowboard and in-line skates sales of \$11.4 and \$7.0 million, respectively. The decline in snowboard sales was due to cautious ordering by retailers in the soft economy, despite growing market shares of both K2 & Ride snowboard products. Orders for in-line skates declined as retail inventories were reduced following a sharp decline in the worldwide in-line skate market. K2's position in the market has benefited from its brand, its strength as the performance skate leader coupled with the benefits of a market consolidating around a handful of brands.

Table of Contents

In the Team Sports segment, net sales for 2002 were \$19.3 million as compared with \$22.0 million in 2001. The sales decline resulted from lower sales of corporate apparel in continued sluggish market conditions.

In the Marine and Outdoor segment, net sales for 2002 totaled \$328.7 million as compared with \$313.3 million in 2001. The overall improvement in sales was due to increased worldwide sales of Shakespeare fishing tackle products of \$10.0 million and Stearns outdoor products of \$6.5 million. Shakespeare fishing tackle sales benefited from market share gains, led by higher sales of new fishing reels, Ugly Stik fishing rods, and kits and combos. Higher sales of Stearns outdoor products were the result of the increased popularity of children's flotation devices and new applications for the U.S. Navy. These improvements were partially offset by lower sales of marine antennas of \$0.8 million and monofilaments sold to the paperweaving industry of \$1.0 million.

Gross profit. Gross profit for 2002 was \$170.5 million, or 29.3% of net sales, as compared with \$160.2 million, or 27.2% of net sales in 2001. Gross profit for 2001 included charges for restructuring and downsizing of \$15.6 million (a discussion regarding an additional \$2.4 million which was charged against general and administrative expenses is included below). During 2001, K2 closed the Washington ski manufacturing facility and three other smaller manufacturing facilities in Minnesota and Alabama which serviced the Stearns and Hilton operations, with most of the production moving to China and elsewhere. In addition to the factory closures, K2 experienced an industry-wide slowdown in sales of small-wheeled products, necessitating a downsizing of K2's small-wheeled products operation. The downsizing of the small-wheeled products business, the shutdown of the domestic manufacturing facilities and additional cost reduction measures resulted in 2001 charges to cost of products sold of \$15.6 million primarily related to severance, the write down of facilities and equipment, and the reduction in the net carrying value of small-wheeled products inventory. The overall improvement in gross profit dollars and margins for 2002 was attributable to the restructuring and downsizing charges discussed above and reduced product costs obtained from selling products manufactured in China. These improvements were more than offset by a \$1.0 million adjustment in 2002 to the carrying value of the scooter inventory, and higher sales of reduced margin products, particularly in-line skates in Europe, in conjunction with K2's inventory reduction initiatives. K2's inventory reduction initiatives helped to reduce overall inventory levels by \$25.7 million from the prior year.

Costs and expenses. Selling expenses for 2002 decreased 16.7% to \$86.4 million, or 14.8% of net sales, as compared with \$103.7 million, or 17.6% of net sales, in 2001. The dollar and percentage decline was attributable to the decline in sales volume in 2002 and K2's cost reduction programs initiated during 2001.

General and administrative expenses for 2002 were \$48.4 million, or 8.3% of net sales, compared with \$43.0 million, or 7.3% of net sales, in 2001. Expenses for 2001 included downsizing charges of \$2.4 million, primarily for severance and the write down of facilities associated with the downsizing of the small-wheeled products operation. The dollar and percentage increase in 2002 was attributable to additional allowances recorded for doubtful accounts of \$4.3 million, higher insurance costs of \$1.7 million, severance expense related to the former CEO of \$1.2 million and higher pension costs of \$0.3 million. Research and development expenses declined 30.3% to \$8.5 million from \$12.2 million in 2001 as the result of K2's cost reduction initiatives.

Beginning in the 2002 first quarter, in accordance with K2's adoption of new accounting pronouncements, amortization expense of goodwill is no longer being recorded against

Table of Contents

earnings. This resulted in reduction of general and administrative expenses of approximately \$2.6 million during the current year as compared to 2001.

Operating income. Operating income for 2002 improved from \$26.0 million to \$27.3 million, or 4.7% of net sales, as compared to operating income of \$1.3 million, or 0.2% of net sales, in 2001. The 2001 period included \$18.0 million of restructuring and downsizing charges as discussed above. The improvement in earnings for the period reflects the impact of the 2001 restructuring and downsizing charges, lower selling expenses of \$17.3 million and lower research and development expenses of \$3.7 million partially offset by higher general and administrative expenses.

Interest expense. Interest expense for 2002 declined \$4.6 million, or 33.8%, to \$9.0 million. Lower average borrowings resulted in interest savings of \$2.7 million and lower average interest rates resulted in an additional \$2.0 million of savings. The average interest rate decrease was due to general interest rates declines that occurred during 2002 and a higher percentage of borrowings under K2's accounts receivable purchase facility during 2002 rather than under K2's other long-term liquidity facilities which have higher interest rates.

Other income. Other income for 2002, which includes royalties, interest income and other miscellaneous income, declined to \$0.3 million from \$0.4 million in 2001.

Income taxes. The effective income tax rate for 2002 increased to an expected rate of 35% as the result of the 2002 income from operations versus the 35.7% credit in the prior year as the result of the 2001 loss from continuing operations.

Segment information. Total segment operating profit (before interest expense, corporate expenses and income taxes) for 2002 improved to \$30.6 million from \$4.7 million in 2001. The 2001 period included \$18.0 million of restructuring and downsizing charges as discussed above of which \$15.6 million was reflected in the Action Sports segment, \$1.5 million in the Team Sports segment and \$0.9 million in the Marine and Outdoor segment.

In the Action Sports segment, an operating loss of \$7.8 million was reported in 2002 as compared with an operating loss of \$23.2 million in 2001. The decrease in the loss during 2002 was attributable to the absence of \$15.6 million in restructuring and downsizing costs incurred during 2001 as discussed above and lower selling and research and development expenses as the result of K2's cost reduction initiatives. These improvements were partially offset by increased insurance costs, higher allowances for doubtful accounts and a \$1.0 million adjustment to the carrying value of the scooter inventory.

In the Team Sports segment, an operating loss of \$4.4 million was reported in 2002 as compared with an operating loss of \$5.9 million in 2001. The decrease in the 2002 loss was due to the absence of \$1.5 million in restructuring and downsizing costs during 2001 discussed above.

In the Marine and Outdoor segment, operating profit for 2002 was \$42.8 million as compared with an operating profit of \$33.8 million in 2001. The 2002 improvement was attributable to the increase in sales volume and the absence of \$0.9 million in restructuring and downsizing costs during 2001 discussed above.

Liquidity and sources of capital

K2's operating activities provided \$32.7 million of cash in 2003 as compared to \$21.3 million during 2002. Included in 2002 was a repurchase of \$51.8 million of securitized receivables resulting from K2's replacement of a former asset securitization program. The former program

S-52

Table of Contents

accounted for the receivable transfers as sales of receivables and, accordingly, received off-balance sheet treatment. When the program was replaced, K2 repurchased the receivables previously sold under the program, resulting in the use of cash from operations. Cash from operating activities during 2003 also benefited from higher reductions in accounts receivable, partially offset by increased inventory levels, as compared to 2002.

K2's operating activities provided \$6.5 million of cash in the current year's first quarter as compared to \$4.0 million in the 2003 first quarter. The improvement in cash from operations was primarily attributable to higher net income for the 2004 first quarter as compared to the 2003 first quarter and a reduction in inventories of \$23.4 million during the 2004 first quarter as compared to the prior year's first quarter increase of \$0.9 million. These improvements were partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable during the 2004 first quarter of \$16.8 million as compared to the 2003 first quarter decrease of \$6.0 million, and a decrease in accounts payable of \$21.5 million during the 2004 first quarter as compared to the prior year first quarter increase of \$2.8 million. The improvement in net income for 2004 was attributable to K2's higher sales volume, higher gross margins and reduced selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales during the 2004 period. In addition, during 2003, K2 incurred \$6.7 million of debt extinguishment costs related to its debt refinancing activities in the 2003 first quarter.

Net cash used in investing activities in 2003 was \$41.2 million, as compared to \$9.0 million in 2002. The increase in cash used in 2003 was due to higher capital expenditures of \$12.5 million and an increase in cash used for acquisition activities during 2003 of \$37.8 million. These amounts were partially offset by \$20.1 million of proceeds received from the sale of the composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines during 2003. No material commitments for capital expenditures existed at year end.

Net cash used for investing activities was \$4.9 million in the current year's first quarter, as compared to \$1.2 million in the prior year. The increase in cash used in investing activities was due to an increase in capital expenditures of \$4.6 million partially offset by cash acquired from K2's acquisition activities during 2004. There were no material commitments for capital expenditures at March 31, 2004.

Cash provided by financing activities in 2003 was \$18.5 million as compared with cash used of \$12.4 million in 2002. The cash provided by financing activities in 2003 as compared to cash used in the prior year was due to the increase in cash used in investing activities during 2003 as compared to 2002 resulting in higher net higher borrowings of debt and an increase in stock option exercise activity of \$8.9 million.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$3.1 million in the 2004 first quarter compared with \$2.7 million of cash provided in the corresponding year-ago quarter. The cash used in financing activities in the 2004 first quarter as compared to cash provided in the prior year's quarter was due to the net payments of debt in the 2004 first quarter as compared to net borrowings in 2003, and a larger decrease in short-term bank loans in 2004.

K2's principal long-term borrowing facility is a \$205 million revolving credit facility, secured by all of K2's assets in the U.S., Canada and England. Total availability under the Facility is determined by a borrowing formula based on eligible trade receivables and inventory. The Facility is expandable to \$230 million and has a \$75 million limit for the issuance of letters of credit. The Facility expires on March 31, 2006. At March 31, 2004, there were \$92.0 million of borrowings outstanding under the Facility, \$15.5 million of outstanding letter of credit issuances (consisting of \$14.0 million of standby letters of credit and \$1.5 million of trade letters of credit which expire

Table of Contents

over the next 12 months) and \$96.2 million of available borrowing capacity. At March 31, 2004, K2 also had outstanding a \$13.3 million term loan, payable in monthly equal principal payments through March 31, 2006, \$25.0 million of 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures due March 2010 and \$75.0 million of 5.00% convertible senior debentures due June 2010. At March 31, 2004, K2 had \$5.6 million outstanding under various foreign lending arrangements.

Simultaneously with the consummation of this offering, K2's existing Facility will be amended and restated to, among other matters, provide a five year stated maturity and revolving commitments of \$250.0 million. Following the acquisition of Vökl and Marker by K2, Vökl and Marker will seek to maintain credit facilities with Bayerische Hypo-und Vereinsbank AG, Deutsche Bank AG, Commerzbank AG, and Volksbank Ried providing for aggregate borrowing capacity of approximately 42.3 million and 34.3 million, respectively, of which approximately 14.7 million and 12.9 million, respectively, was outstanding as of March 31, 2004. For more information about the existing Facility and the contemplated amendment and restatement thereof and the Vökl and Marker bank facilities, see Description of other indebtedness Revolving credit facilities.

The Facility is subject to a Material Adverse Effect clause and the cash received from receivable collections is subject to the control of the lenders via a lock-box arrangement, if average excess availability, as defined, under the Facility falls below \$50 million. K2 does not currently expect average excess availability, as defined in the Facility, to be less than \$50 million in the next twelve months. In accordance with the provisions of EITF 95-22, Balance Sheet Classifications of Borrowings Outstanding under Revolving Credit Agreements that include both a Subjective Acceleration Clause and a Lock-Box Arrangement and FASB Technical Bulletin 79-3, Subjective Acceleration Clauses in Long-Term Debt Agreements, K2 has classified approximately \$65.5 million of seasonal borrowings outstanding under the Facility at December 31, 2003 as current portion of long-term debt and the remaining balance of approximately \$26.8 million as long-term debt. As of March 31, 2004, K2 has classified approximately \$55.9 million of seasonal borrowings outstanding under the Facility as current portion of long term debt and the remaining balance of approximately \$36.1 million as long term debt.

The Facility limits K2's ability to pay cash dividends and make stock repurchases to \$1,000,000 per each fiscal year, of which the full amount was available as of March 31, 2004.

Contractual obligations

The following summarizes the outstanding borrowings and long-term contractual obligations of K2 at March 31, 2004 and the effects such obligations are expected to have on liquidity and cash flow in future periods.

(Dollars in thousands)	Total	Payment due by period			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	More than 5 years
Long-term debt	\$ 203,655	\$ 62,629	\$ 42,842	\$	\$ 98,184
Operating leases	32,831	8,051	11,878	8,951	3,951
Contingent acquisition consideration	7,500	7,500			
Total contractual cash obligations	\$ 243,986	\$ 78,180	\$ 54,720	\$ 8,951	\$ 102,135

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

K2 believes that the credit available under the Facility, together with cash flow from operations will be sufficient for K2's business needs through March 31, 2005. K2's ability to arrange debt

S-54

Table of Contents

financing from other sources, should such additional financing become necessary, could be limited by the fact that substantially all of K2's assets in the U.S., Canada and England are subject to security interests pursuant to the Facility.

Environmental matters

K2 is one of several named potentially responsible parties, a PRP, in two Environmental Protection Agency matters involving discharge of hazardous materials at certain offsite waste disposal sites in South Carolina and Michigan. Although environmental laws technically impose joint and several liability upon each PRP at each site, the extent of K2's required financial contribution to the cleanup of these sites is expected to be limited based upon the number and financial strength of the other named PRP's and the volume and types of waste involved which might be attributable to K2.

Environmental and related remediation costs are difficult to quantify for a number of reasons including the number of parties involved, the difficulty in determining the extent of the contamination, the length of time remediation may require, the complexity of environmental regulation and the continuing advancement of remediation technology. K2 accrues for liabilities of this nature when it is probable a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. At March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, 2002, K2 had recorded an estimated liability of approximately \$844,000 and \$980,000 and \$1,308,000, respectively, for environmental liabilities, most of which was established for the South Carolina matter mentioned above. The estimates are based on K2's share of the costs to remediate as provided by the PRP's consultants and in ongoing discussions with the EPA or other environmental agencies. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, however, and taking into consideration reserves provided, management does not believe these matters will have a material adverse effect on K2's financial statements.

Newly adopted accounting standards

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Boards (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 46 (FIN 46), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51. The primary objectives of this interpretation are to provide guidance on the identification of entities for which control is achieved through means other than through voting rights (variable interest entities) and how to determine when and which business enterprise (the primary beneficiary) should consolidate the variable interest entity. This new model for consolidation applies to an entity in which either (i) the equity investors (if any) do not have a controlling financial interest; or (ii) the equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance that entity's activities without receiving additional subordinated financial support from other parties. In addition, FIN 46 requires that the primary beneficiary, as well as all other enterprises with a significant variable interest in a variable interest entity, make additional disclosures. Certain disclosure requirements of Fin 46 were effective for financial statements issued after January 31, 2003.

In December 2003, the FASB issued FIN No. 46 (revised December 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (FIN 46-R) to address certain Fin 46 implementation issues. The effective dates and impact of FIN 46 and FIN 46-R are as follows:

(i) *Special purpose entities (SPE s) created prior to February 1, 2002.* K2 must apply either the provisions of FIN 46 or early adopt the provisions of FIN 46-R at the end of the first interim or annual reporting period ending after December 15, 2003.

Table of Contents

(ii) *Non-SPE s created prior to February 1, 2003.* K2 is required to adopt FIN 46-R at the end of the first interim or annual reporting period ending after March 15, 2004.

(iii) *All entities, regardless of whether a SPE, that was created subsequent to January 31, 2003.* The provisions of Fin 46 were applicable for variable interests in entities obtained after January 31, 2003. K2 is required to adopt FIN 46-R at the end of the first interim or annual reporting period ending after March 15, 2004.

The adoption of the provisions applicable to SPE s and all other variable interests obtained after January 31, 2003 did not have an impact on K2 s financial statements. K2 is currently evaluating the impact of adopting FIN 46-R applicable to Non-SPE s created prior to February 1, 2003 but does not expect a material impact.

Critical accounting policies

K2 s discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based upon K2 s consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. The preparation of these financial statements requires K2 to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities.

Discussed below are several significant accounting policies, which require the use of judgments and estimates that may materially affect the consolidated financial statements.

The estimates described below are reviewed from time to time and are subject to change if the circumstances so indicate. The effect of any such change is reflected in results of operations for the period in which the change is made. Establishment of the reserves affecting inventories and the allowance for doubtful accounts are among the most important.

Revenue recognition

K2 recognizes revenue from product sales upon shipment to its customers, which is at the point in time risk of loss is transferred to the customer, net of reserves for estimated returns. As a general matter, customers have no right of return, however returns do occur from time to time for a variety of reasons, including local business practices in one of the foreign countries in which K2 does business. Reserves for estimated returns are established based upon historical return rates and recorded as reductions of sales.

Warranty

K2 records the estimated cost of product warranties at the time sales are recognized. K2 estimates warranty obligation by reference to historical product warranty return rates, material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting the product. Should actual product warranty return rates, material usage or service delivery costs differ from the historical rates, revisions to the estimated warranty liability would be required.

Accounts receivable and allowances

Accounts receivable are the result of K2's worldwide sales activities. Although K2's credit risk is spread across a large number of customers within a wide geographic area, periodic concentrations within a specific industry occur due to the seasonality of its businesses. At

Table of Contents

March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, K2's receivables from sporting goods retailers who sell skis, skates, snowboards and bikes, amounted to 22% and 41%, respectively, of total receivables. K2 generally does not require collateral and performs periodic credit evaluations to manage its credit risk.

K2 evaluates the collectibility of accounts receivable based on a combination of factors. In circumstances where there is knowledge of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations, a specific reserve is recorded against amounts due to reduce the net recognized receivable to the amount that is reasonably believed to be collected. For all other customers, reserves are established based on historical bad debts, customer payment patterns and current economic conditions. The establishment of these reserves requires the use of judgment and assumptions regarding the potential for losses on receivable balances. If the financial condition of K2's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required resulting in an additional charge to expenses when made.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is substantially determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method, including material, labor and factory overhead. K2 records adjustments to its inventory for estimated obsolescence or diminution in market value equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value, based on market conditions from time to time. These adjustments are estimates, which could vary significantly, either favorably or unfavorably, from actual experience if future economic conditions, levels of consumer demand, customer inventory levels or competitive conditions differ from expectations. In 2001, K2 recorded a total charge of approximately \$9.3 million, relating to the write-down in the value of small-wheeled products as the result of a significant softening of the market for such products during the year, and for inventory disposals resulting from the closure of certain manufacturing facilities and an additional \$1.0 million in 2002 and \$1.2 million in 2003 relating to the small-wheeled products.

Long-lived and finite lived intangible assets

Purchased intangible assets with finite lives are amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated economic lives of the assets, ranging from one to eleven years.

Long-lived assets, such as property, plant and equipment and purchased intangible assets with finite lives are evaluated for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable in accordance with SFAS No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. K2 assesses the fair value of the assets based on the future cash flow the assets are expected to generate and recognizes an impairment loss when estimated undiscounted future cash flow expected to result from the use of the asset plus net proceeds expected from disposition of the asset (if any) are less than the carrying value of the asset. When an impairment is identified, K2 reduces the carrying amount of the asset to its estimated fair value based on a discounted cash flow approach or, when available and appropriate, comparable market values. K2 determined there were no indicators of impairment of long-lived assets as of December 31, 2003 or March 31, 2004.

K2 has evaluated the remaining useful lives of its finite-lived purchased intangible assets to determine if any adjustments to the useful lives were necessary or if any of these assets had

Table of Contents

indefinite lives and were therefore not subject to amortization. K2 determined that no adjustments to the useful lives of its finite-lived purchased intangible assets were necessary. The finite-lived purchased intangible assets consist of patents, customer contracts and customer lists, licensing agreements and tradenames/trademarks which have weighted average useful lives of approximately 8 years, 9 years, 6 years and 5 years, respectively.

Indefinite lived intangible assets

Effective January 1, 2002, K2 adopted new accounting standards on Business Combinations, and Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. In accordance with these new standards, goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are no longer amortized but instead are measured for impairment at least annually, or when events indicate that an impairment exists. As required by the new standards, the impairment tests for goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets are assessed for impairment using fair value measurement techniques. Specifically, goodwill impairment is determined using a two-step process. The first step of the goodwill impairment test is used to identify potential impairment by comparing the fair value of a K2 reporting unit with the net book value (or carrying amount), including goodwill. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired and the second step of the impairment test is unnecessary. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the fair value, the second step of the goodwill impairment test is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any. The second step of the goodwill impairment test compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination, accordingly the fair value of the reporting unit is allocated to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value of the reporting unit was the purchase price paid to acquire the reporting unit. The impairment test for other intangible assets consists of a comparison of the fair value of the intangible asset with its carrying value. If the carrying value of the intangible asset exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess.

Determining the fair value of a reporting unit under the first step of the goodwill impairment test and determining the fair value of individual assets and liabilities of a reporting unit under the second step of the goodwill impairment test is judgmental in nature and often involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions could have a significant impact on whether or not an impairment charge is recognized and also the extent of such charge. K2's estimates of fair value utilized in goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible asset tests may be based upon a number of factors, including assumptions about the projected future cash flows, discount rate, growth rate, determination of market comparables, technological change, economic conditions, or changes to K2's business operations. Such changes may result in impairment charges recorded in future periods.

The fair value of K2's reporting units was determined using a combination of the income approach and the market approach. Under the income approach, the fair value of a reporting unit is calculated based on the present value of estimated future cash flows. Future cash flows are estimated by K2 under the market approach, fair value is estimated based on market multiples of revenue or earnings for comparable companies.

Table of Contents

Based on the results of the annual impairment tests, K2 determined that no impairment of goodwill existed as of December 31, 2003. However, future goodwill impairment tests could result in a charge to earnings. K2 will continue to evaluate goodwill on an annual basis and whenever events and changes in circumstances indicate that there may be a potential impairment.

Income taxes

Income taxes are recorded using the liability method. K2 estimates actual current tax exposure together with temporary differences that result from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These temporary differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities. K2 then assesses the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and to the extent that recovery is unlikely, a valuation allowance must be established. A significant portion of K2's deferred tax assets relate to net operating loss carryforwards for both domestic and foreign purposes. The realization of these assets is based upon estimates of future taxable income. In those jurisdictions where the realization of these carryforwards is not likely, a valuation allowance has been established. If actual results are less favorable than those projected by management, additional income tax expense may be required.

Pensions

K2 sponsors several trusted noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering most of its domestic employees. Pension costs and liabilities are actuarially calculated. These calculations are based on assumptions related to the discount rate, projected compensation increases and expected return on assets. The discount rate assumption is based on the Moody's AA Effective Annual Yield rate as of December 31, 2003. The salary growth assumptions reflect long-term actual experience and future and near-term outlook. Long-term return on plan assets is determined based on historical portfolio results and management's future expectations for returns for each asset class, as well as the target asset allocation of the pension portfolio. K2 evaluates the assumptions used on a periodic basis and makes adjustments as necessary. As of December 31, 2002, K2's assumption related to the discount rate, projected compensation increases and expected return on assets was 6.75%, 4.00% and 8.50%, respectively. Due to the lower expectations of asset returns and the declining interest rate environment in 2003, K2 lowered its discount rate and expected return on assets assumptions to 6.25% and 8.25%, respectively, at December 31, 2003. A continued variance in the discount rate, expected return on plan assets and rate of compensation increase could have a significant impact on the pension costs recorded.

Due to the lower discount rate and declines in the stock market during 2001 and 2002, actual asset returns on K2's pension assets did not meet K2's assumption of 2002 and 2003 expected returns. This resulted in 2003 pension expense being higher than 2002 pension expense by approximately \$2.1 million which is reflected in the 2003 general and administrative expenses. For the 2003 year, market conditions improved which resulted in asset returns on pension assets exceeding expectations. These asset returns are estimated to result in a decrease in 2004 pension expense of approximately \$700,000. However, the decrease in the discount rate from 6.75% to 6.25% is estimated to result in an increase in 2004 pension expense of approximately \$100,000. In addition, the decrease in the expected return on assets assumption from 8.50% to 8.25% is estimated to result in an additional increase to 2004 pension expense of approximately \$100,000. Finally, as a result of the lower discount rate and lower asset returns, K2 estimates a required cash contribution of approximately \$4.0 million to the pension plans in 2004.

Table of Contents

Based on the decrease in the discount rate and lower expected asset returns, the accumulated benefit obligation of the pension plans exceeded the fair value of the plan assets by \$15.6 million at December 31, 2003. These asset shortfalls resulted in K2 recording a non-cash charge to Other Comprehensive Income, a component of K2's shareholder's equity, of \$6.8 million (\$4.4 million, net of taxes) at December 31, 2003. Based on this amount recorded, K2 had \$15.2 million, of net pension liabilities as of December 31, 2003, consisting of \$15.6, in asset shortfalls and an intangible asset for the unrecognized prior service cost of \$0.4 million. As of December 31, 2003, K2 treated \$4.0 million of the pension liability as current and \$11.2 million as long-term as K2 estimates a \$4.0 million contribution during the twelve months ended December 31, 2004.

Foreign currency translation

The functional currency for most foreign operations is the local currency. The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries have been translated into U.S. dollars. Asset and liability accounts have been translated using the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenue and expense accounts have been translated using the average exchange rate for the year. The gains and losses associated with the translation of the financial statements resulting from the changes in exchange rates from year to year have been reported in the other comprehensive income or loss account in shareholders' equity. To the extent assets and liabilities of the foreign operations are realized or the foreign operations pay back intercompany debt, amounts previously reported in other comprehensive income or loss account would be included in net income or loss in the period in which the transaction occurs. Transaction gains or losses, other than those related to intercompany accounts and investments deemed to be of a long-term nature, are included in net income or loss in the period in which they occur.

Impact of inflation and changing prices

The inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, has been relatively low in the last few years, and therefore, pricing decisions by K2 have largely been influenced by competitive market conditions. Depreciation expense is based on the historical cost to K2 of its fixed assets, and therefore, is considerably less than it would be if it were based on current replacement cost. While buildings, machinery and equipment acquired in prior years will ultimately have to be replaced at significantly higher prices, it is expected this will be a gradual process over many years.

Quantitative and qualitative disclosures of market risk

Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates can affect K2's earnings and cash flows. K2 manages its exposures to changes in foreign currency exchange rates on certain firm purchase commitments and anticipated, but not yet committed purchases, by entering into some foreign currency forward contracts. K2's risk management objective is to reduce its exposure to the effects of changes in exchange rates on the cost of products sold over quarterly time horizons. Foreign currency exchange rate movements also affect K2's competitive position, as exchange rate changes may affect business practices and/or pricing strategies of non-U.S. based competitors and may affect the profitability and pricing strategies of K2 as well. K2's foreign currency risk policies entail entering into foreign currency derivative instruments only to manage risk of currency fluctuations over a given period of time, not for speculative investments. At March 31, 2004, K2 had foreign exchange contracts with maturities of within one year to exchange various foreign currencies to dollars in the aggregate amount of \$44.5 million.

Table of Contents

Considering both the anticipated cash flows from firm purchase commitments and anticipated purchases for the next quarter and the foreign currency derivative instruments in place at year end, a hypothetical 10% weakening of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies would not materially adversely affect expected second quarter 2004 earnings or cash flows. This analysis is dependent on actual purchases during the next quarter occurring within 90% of budgeted forecasts. The effect of the hypothetical change in exchange rates ignores the effect this movement may have on other variables including competitive risk. If it were possible to quantify this competitive impact, the results could well be different than the sensitivity effects shown above. In addition, it is unlikely currencies would uniformly strengthen or weaken relative to the U.S. dollar. In reality, some currencies may weaken while others may strengthen.

K2 is also exposed to interest rate risk in connection with its borrowings under the revolving bank credit facility and term loan which bear interest at floating rates based on London Inter-Bank Offered Rate (LIBOR) or the prime rate plus an applicable borrowing margin. For the convertible subordinated debentures, interest rate changes affect the fair market value but do not impact earnings or cash flows. Conversely, for variable rate debt, interest rate changes generally do not affect the fair market value but do impact future earnings and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant.

As of March 31, 2004, K2 had \$100.0 million in principal amount of fixed rate debt represented by the convertible subordinated debentures and \$111.0 million of variable rate debt represented by borrowings under the revolving credit facility, term loan and foreign credit lines. Based on the balance outstanding under the variable rate facilities as of March 31, 2004, an immediate change of one percentage point in the applicable interest rate would have caused an increase or decrease in interest expense of approximately \$1.1 million on an annual basis. At March 31, 2004, up to \$96.2 million of variable rate borrowings were available under K2's \$205 million revolving bank credit facility. K2 may use derivative financial instruments, where appropriate, to manage its interest rate risks. However, as a matter of policy, K2 does not enter into derivative or other financial investments for trading or speculative purposes. At March 31, 2004, K2 had no such derivative financial instruments outstanding.

Table of Contents

Industry

According to industry data, manufacturers' sales of sporting goods, including sports equipment, sports apparel and athletic footwear were \$49.8 billion during 2003, essentially unchanged from 2002. In 2003, the sports equipment segment is estimated to have increased to \$17.7 billion in 2003, an increase of 1.1% from 2002.

The industry is currently characterized by a number of overall trends, including:

Consolidation The sporting goods industry is both mature and fragmented. According to industry data, the top 25 suppliers of sports equipment accounted for 29.6% of total sales during 2003. Excess supply has resulted in increased competition on both the retail and supplier side of the business. This highly competitive environment has led to ongoing consolidation within the sporting goods industry as smaller suppliers are forced to compete with larger, better-capitalized competitors in terms of both service and price. Consolidation is expected to continue as smaller industry participants need access to retail channels and improved economies of scale in manufacturing and distribution.

Retailer/supplier relationships The gap between suppliers and retailers has closed considerably in recent years. Retailers have grown increasingly more demanding of suppliers in terms of price, supply chain management, inventory control and joint-promotional activities. Retailers are increasingly demanding that suppliers assume in-store responsibilities, such as product display and other category management roles. Combined with consolidation, this is causing larger retailers to seek manufacturers capable of supplying their entire network of stores.

Channel consolidation The increasing role of large mass merchandisers such as Wal-Mart, Target and K-mart as major retailers of sporting goods equipment, recreational equipment, outdoor products and athletic apparel is expected to continue. Continued expansion by these mass merchandisers will increase their importance as key retail distribution channels. Sporting goods retailers, such as The Sports Authority with approximately 385 stores in 45 states, have created powerful national distribution chains within the industry. Other sporting goods retailers such as Hibbet's with 378 stores, Dick's Sports with 169 stores, Galyan's with 47 stores and Modell's with 105 stores, have also become major industry distribution channels for sporting goods equipment.

Population demographics According to industry data, while the core youth market of 5 to 19 year olds is expected to remain stable, the population in the U.S. age 55 and older is forecast to grow by 14%, from 66.1 million to 75.1 million between 2005 and 2010. Health concerns among older adults as well as obesity concerns among many young Americans have elevated the need for increased exercise and physical activity.

The following represents certain key data and trends related to our operations:

Action sports Many young people have taken up extreme or action sports, which include activities such as inline skating, paintball, skiing, skateboarding and snowboarding. Participation in these sports has grown more rapidly than the population as a whole and has opened up new markets for sporting goods. In particular, participation in the paintball industry has increased significantly during the past five years. According to industry data, participation in paintball has grown 11% annually between 1998 and 2003; from 5.9

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

million participants in 1998 to 9.8 million participants in 2003. Skiing, snowboarding and snow-shoeing had approximately 22 million combined participants in 1998 compared to approximately 24 million combined participants in 2002.

S-62

Table of Contents

Snowboarding remains one of the outdoor activities to achieve significant growth as the number of adult and female snowboarders has increased in recent years. In 1990, 20% of snowboarders were female; in 1998, 28%; and in 2002, 29%. About one-third of snowboarders were new to the sport in 2002, and another 31% had been involved for less than three years.

Team sports Reports from youth sports organizations and the nation's high schools indicate that participation in organized team sports is growing. A significant portion of this growth is offsetting a decline in casual sport participation. This may be due to an increase in community and other institutional forms of organized sports. According to industry data, almost 75% of American children aged 6 to 17 play a team sport. U.S. high schools field a total of 255,954 varsity teams and uncounted hundreds of thousands of junior varsity and intramural squads. Much of the growth in organized team sports has resulted from increased participation from girls and younger players. In 1990, girls represented 35% of all high school varsity athletes. In 2002, they represented 42%. In addition to creating more teams and leagues for girls, many sporting organizations have introduced or expanded programs for players aged 6 or younger. T-Ball USA estimates that more than two million young boys and girls are engaged in their programs each year.

Marine & outdoor Outdoor activities are often family experiences that are enjoyed by participants of all ages and genders. According to industry data;

more than 50 million Americans went fishing in 2002.

greater than 40 million went tent camping; and

over 38 million participated in hiking and nearly 17 million went hunting.

Fishing, in all its forms, was the top outdoor sporting activity in 2002. Although it is estimated that the total number of participants in freshwater fishing has declined since 1998, the number of frequent participants has remained stable. In 2002, 12.8 million people participated frequently (15 days) in freshwater fishing, which was relatively unchanged from 1998.

Sports apparel Based on industry data, consumers bought an estimated 24% more items of sports apparel in 2003 compared to 2001. The trend to wear sports apparel for casual use has increased the popularity of sports clothing lines. Consumers use T-shirts, golf apparel, rugby shirts, ski jackets, sweats, socks and baseball caps for both sporting activities and casual wear. The ability to innovate in terms of product technology, fashion, or other differentiating features has been a key driver of success in the apparel market. We believe this trend will continue and that significant growth will be derived from high-tech performance apparel.

We believe we participate in a stable industry with positive demographics and popular attitude trends. We believe we are well-positioned to take advantage of the ongoing structural changes within the industry's supply channel.

Table of Contents**Business****Overview**

K2 Inc. is a premier sporting goods company with a diverse portfolio of leading sporting goods brands and other recreational products. K2's highly diversified revenues are generated by products used in individual and team sports activities, including baseball, softball, fishing, water and outdoor sports activities, including alpine skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, in-line skating, mountain biking and paintball. K2's sporting goods include a number of name brand lines such as *Rawlings* and *Worth* baseball and softball products, *Shakespeare* and *Pflueger* fishing rods and reels, *Brass Eagle*, *JT* and *Viewloader* paintball products, *Stearns* personal flotation devices, *Stearns* and *Mad Dog* rainwear and outdoor products, *K2* and *Olin* alpine skis, *K2*, *Ride*, *Liquid*, *5150* and *Morrow* snowboards, boots and bindings, *TUBBS* and *Atlas* snowshoes, *K2* in-line skates and *K2* bikes. K2's other recreational products include *Planet Earth* and *Holden* apparel, *Adio* and *Hawk* skateboard shoes and *Hilton* corporate casual apparel. K2's marine and outdoor products consist primarily of *Shakespeare* monofilament line used in weed trimmers, fish line, paper mills and industrial applications, and *Shakespeare* fiberglass marine antennas and marine accessories. Founded in 1946, K2 has grown to approximately \$700 million in 2003 annual sales through a combination of internal growth and strategic acquisitions. For segment and geographic information, see Note 16, Segment Data, in the Notes to consolidated financial statements included and incorporated by reference herein.

K2 has expanded its presence in several sporting goods markets in the U.S., Europe and Japan, including skateboard shoes, fishing tackle reels and kits and combos, outdoor marine accessories, hunting accessories, snowboard apparel and ski accessories. Management believes these newer products have benefited from the brand strength, reputation, distribution, and the market share positions of other K2 products, several of which are now among the top brands in their respective markets. Our product portfolio contains some of the most widely recognized brands in their respective market segments. We believe we have leading market positions with many of our branded products based on revenue or unit sales.

Product	Brand	Market	Ranking
Alpine skis	<i>K2 and Völkl</i>	U.S.	#1
Alpine ski bindings	<i>Marker</i>	U.S.	#1
Snowboards	<i>K2, Ride, Liquid, Morrow and 5150</i>	U.S.	#1
		Worldwide	#2
Snowboard bindings	<i>K2, Ride, Liquid, Morrow and 5150</i>	U.S.	#1
Snowshoes	<i>TUBBS and Atlas</i>	U.S.	#1 and #2
Performance in-line skates	<i>K2</i>	Worldwide	#1
Paintball products	<i>Brass Eagle, JT, Viewloader and Worr Games</i>	Worldwide	#1
Baseballs and gloves	<i>Rawlings</i>	U.S.	#1
Softballs	<i>Worth</i>	U.S.	#1
Fishing kits and combos	<i>Shakespeare</i>	U.S.	#1
Fishing rods	<i>Shakespeare and Ugly Stik</i>	U.S.	#1
PFDs	<i>Stearns</i>	U.S.	#1

In order to implement its strategy for growth, K2 has embarked upon a program to leverage its existing operations and to complement and diversify its product offerings within the sporting goods and recreational products. K2 intends to implement its internal growth strategy by continuing to improve operating efficiencies, extending its product offerings through new product launches and maximizing its extensive distribution channels. In addition, K2 will seek

Table of Contents

strategic acquisitions of other sporting goods companies with well-established brands and with complementary distribution channels. K2 believes that the growing influence of large format sporting goods retailers and retailer buying groups as well as the consolidation of certain sporting goods retailers worldwide is leading to a consolidation of sporting goods suppliers. K2 also believes that the most successful sporting goods suppliers will be those with greater financial and other resources, including those with the ability to produce or source high-quality, low cost products and deliver these products on a timely basis, to invest in product development projects and to access distribution channels with a broad array of products and brands. In addition, as the influence of large sporting goods retailers grows, we believe these retailers will prefer to rely on fewer and larger sporting goods suppliers to help them manage the supply of products and the allocation of shelf space.

K2's common stock was first offered to the public in 1959 and is currently traded on the New York and Pacific Stock Exchanges (symbol: KTO).

2003 acquisitions

On March 26, 2003, K2 completed the acquisition of Rawlings in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction. Rawlings is the leading manufacturer and marketer of baseball equipment. Rawlings was founded in 1887 and has since become a tradition in team sports equipment and uniforms. Under the brand name, we provide competitive team sports equipment; apparel and accessories for baseball, basketball, football, soccer and volleyball; and licensed Major League Baseball, Minor League Baseball NCAA baseball and National Federation of State High School Association retail products. We believe that Rawlings is the number one U.S. manufacturer of baseballs and baseball gloves based on 2003 sales, and that Rawlings gloves are used by more Major League Baseball players than all other brands combined. Since 1977, we have been the exclusive supplier of baseballs to Major League Baseball, and, in 2003, we became the exclusive supplier of baseballs to Minor League Baseball and the official helmet supplier to Major League Baseball. Under the *Rawlings* brand, we sell 30 different models of basketballs in both the youth and adult markets. *Rawlings* recently introduced its patented *Ten*TM basketball, which uses ten panels to improve handling, grip, control and shooting. *Rawlings* is the official supplier of basketballs to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships. Our marketing efforts are supported by endorsements from several major professional athletes, including Álex Rodríguez, Randy Johnson, Tracy McGrady and Michael Vick. Rawlings is included in K2's team sports segment.

On September 16, 2003, K2 completed the acquisition of all of the outstanding capital stock of Worth in exchange for cash and K2 common stock. With our *Worth* brand, we are a leading supplier of softball products with leading market positions in aluminum bats and softballs. *Worth* products are widely used across NCAA Division I fast pitch programs. The *Worth* softball is the official softball of all Canadian major associations and *Worth* softball bats are the official softball bats of the U.S. Specialty Sports Association. Since 1912, *Worth* has been a leader in softball technology and we believe it was the first company to introduce an aluminum bat, the first to introduce a graphite bat and one of the first to introduce a titanium bat. Worth is included in K2's team sports segment.

On December 16, 2003, K2 completed the acquisition of Brass Eagle, Inc., referred to herein as Brass Eagle, in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction. Brass Eagle is a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture, marketing, and distribution of paintball

Table of Contents

products, including paintball markers, paintballs, and accessories. Brass Eagle is included in K2's Action Sports segment.

During 2003, K2 also completed four smaller acquisitions; two are reported in the Action Sports segment, one within the team sports segment and one within the Marine and Outdoor segment.

2004 acquisitions

On January 23, 2004, K2 completed the acquisition of Fotoball USA, Inc., referred to herein as Fotoball, a marketer and manufacturer of souvenir and promotional products, principally for team sports, in a stock-for-stock exchange offer/merger transaction. The results of the operations of Fotoball were included in the consolidated financial statements of K2 beginning with the date of the merger. Subsequent to the completion of the merger, K2 changed the name of Fotoball to K2 Licensing & Promotions, Inc. K2 Licensing & Promotions, Inc. is included in K2's team sports segment.

On April 19, 2004, K2 completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of Worr Game Products, Inc., and All-Cad Manufacturing, Inc., businesses engaged in the design, manufacturing, selling and distribution of paintball markers and paintball-related products and accessories. Worr will be included within the Action Sports segment.

On April 19, 2004, K2 completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of IPI Innovations, Inc., a business engaged in the design, manufacturing, selling and distribution of gun and bow mounting systems, and other products and accessories for all-terrain vehicles. IPI will be included within the Action Sports segment.

On May 12, 2004, K2 completed the purchase of Ex Officio, a division of Orvis Company, Inc. Ex Officio is engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, selling and distributing high-end travel, adventure and outdoor clothing and accessories.

The aggregate purchase price for Worr Game Products, Inc., All-Cad Manufacturing, Inc., IPI Innovations, Inc. and Ex Officio was \$38.8 million, which included 630,441 shares of K2 common stock.

Sale of operating division

On May 27, 2003, K2 completed the sale of the assets of its composite utility and decorative light poles and related product lines, referred to as the Division, to a subsidiary of Genlyte Thomas Group LLC. The Division was sold for approximately \$20.1 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities by the buyer.

K2 classifies its business into three segments based on similar product types, consisting of action sports products, team sports products and marine and outdoor products.

Table of Contents**Action sports products**

Net sales for action sports products were \$277.6 million in 2003, \$234.2 million in 2002 and \$254.2 million in 2001 and \$84.5 million for the 2004 first quarter. The following table lists K2's principal action sports products and brand names under which they are sold.

Product	Brand Name
Alpine skis	<i>K2 and Olin</i>
Snowboards and accessories	<i>K2, Ride, Morrow, 5150 and Liquid</i>
Snowshoes and accessories	<i>TUBBS, Atlas and Little Bear</i>
In-line skates	<i>K2</i>
Mountain and BMX bikes	<i>K2</i>
Paintball markers, paintballs and accessories	<i>Brass Eagle, Viewloader and JT</i>
Skateboard apparel	<i>Planet Earth and Adio</i>
Snowboard apparel	<i>Planet Earth and Holden</i>
Skateboard shoes	<i>Adio and Hawk</i>

Alpine skis. K2 sells its alpine skis under the names *K2* and *Olin* in the three major ski markets of the world—the U.S., Europe and Japan. While participation rates for alpine skiing have been relatively flat during the past several years, K2 believes that industry retail sales have declined in the worldwide market during the same period. In particular, K2 believes poor weather conditions in certain markets, the high cost of skiing, the opportunity to participate in alternative activities such as snowboarding, and the increased use of rental or demo skis further contributed to a decline in retail sales. *K2* skis, however, have benefited in recent years from their increasing popularity among retail purchasers, resulting from recent innovations including performance enhancing *MOD* technology, gender specific skis, attractive graphics and creative marketing.

K2 and *Olin* skis are manufactured by K2 primarily in its facility in China. The skis and accessories, including helmets and ski poles, are sold to specialty retail shops and sporting goods chains in the U.S. by independent sales representatives and in Europe and Japan through independent and Company-owned distributors. *K2* and *Olin* alpine skis are marketed to skiers ranging from beginners to top racers to meet the performance, usage and terrain requirements of the particular consumer.

From a pricing perspective, K2 positions the brands in the mid-level and premium price points, reflecting the quality of materials used in construction and the continual incorporation of technological innovations. To assist in its marketing efforts, K2 sponsors well-known professional and amateur skiers.

Snowboards and accessories. K2 sells snowboards, boots, bindings and snowboard outerwear under the *K2, Ride, Morrow, 5150* and *Liquid* brands. Accessories, including backpacks for carrying snowboards and other gear when hiking into the back country and snowboard apparel are being marketed under the *K2* and *Ride* brands. Growth in retail sales in the snowboard market has slowed, resulting in fewer, larger, better capitalized brands. K2 manufactures most of its own snowboards in its manufacturing facility in China. K2 believes its manufacturing capability and ability to innovate provide a competitive advantage. Like its alpine skis, *K2* snowboards are of high quality and have innovative features.

K2's snowboard brands are sold to specialty retail shops and sporting goods chains in the U.S. by independent sales representatives and in Europe and Japan through independent and Company-

Table of Contents

owned distributors. Like *K2* skis, *K2, Ride* and *Morrow* snowboard products are marketed using youthful and energetic advertising, and K2 sponsors well-known professional and amateur snowboarders.

In-line skates. K2 introduced its *K2* soft boot in-line skates in 1994. Although the worldwide market underwent several years of growth, it has declined in recent years with the sharpest decline occurring in 2001, resulting in a consolidation of brands.

K2's in-line skates target the enthusiast and are priced at the mid to upper end of the industry's price points. *K2* skates are attractive and of high quality and have innovative features such as a soft mesh and leather upper designed for improved comfort, with a rigid plastic cuff for support. K2's skates incorporate several innovations, including K2's soft boot skate with no laces. The patented product line is designed for performance as well as superior comfort and support. K2 also sells women's-specific skates and adjustable-size, soft boot skates for children.

K2 in-line skates are manufactured to its specifications and are primarily assembled by a third party vendor in China. They are sold to specialty retail shops and sporting goods chains in the U.S. by independent sales representatives and in Europe and Japan through independent and Company-owned distributors.

Mountain and BMX bikes. K2 distributes high quality full-suspension mountain bikes, front suspension mountain bikes, road bikes and BMX bikes and accessories under the *K2* name in the U.S. and internationally. K2's mountain bikes provide performance and comfort with shock absorbing elements for front and rear wheels or front wheels only, which improves climbing ability and decreases rider fatigue and off-road vibration.

The bikes are manufactured and assembled by third party vendors. The bikes are marketed by an in-house marketing staff and are sold by independent sales representatives to independent bicycle dealers and other K2 retailers in the U.S. and through distributors internationally.

Paintball products. Brass Eagle designs and distributes throughout the U.S. a full line of paintball markers with a variety of performance characteristics. There are three primary classifications of paintball markers: pump action, semi-automatic and ultra high performance paintball markers. Brass Eagle currently offers all three types of paintball markers under its *Brass Eagle, JT* and *Viewloader* brand names to the mass merchant, sporting goods and specialty markets, as appropriate. To assist in its marketing efforts, Brass Eagle and JT sponsor key professional paintball teams. Paintball markers are generally sourced by Brass Eagle in Asia from third party suppliers. *Brass Eagle, JT* and *Viewloader* products are sold directly by Brass Eagle and through independent sales representatives to mass merchandisers, sporting goods retailers and to specialty shops and paintball venues in the U.S., as well as through independent distributors in Europe.

Paintballs are made of a gelatinous material; the paint is non-toxic, biodegradable and washable. Paintballs are manufactured using an encapsulation process in the company's manufacturing facilities in the U.S., requiring special equipment and certain technical knowledge. Brass Eagle sells its paintballs in multiple colors in packages ranging in size from 100 to 2,000 balls.

Brass Eagle markets a broad product line of paintball accessories complementary to its paintball markers and paintballs. These accessory products include goggle systems, paintball loaders, cleaning squeegees, and refillable CO₂ tanks. Goggle systems, a

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

requirement for safe paintball play, are a primary component of Brass Eagle's accessory product line. The goggle systems are designed to provide full face, eye and ear protection.

S-68

Table of Contents

Skateboard and snowboard apparel and skateboard shoes. Skateboard and snowboard apparel and skateboard shoes are sold in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Japan. Suppliers, primarily located in Asia, manufacture these products to K2's specifications. Independent sales representatives sell the products to retailers in the U.S. and Canadian markets and through Company-owned and independent distributors in Europe and Asia. K2's skateboard shoes are designed with significant assistance from a group of well-known professional skateboarders. With favorable demographic trends, skateboarding has been enjoying a significant resurgence in popularity, principally among pre-teen and early teen boys. Skateboard shoes are marketed under the *Adio* and *Hawk* brand names, and models are named after the specific skateboarder who aided in the design. The *Hawk* brand of shoes has been designed and introduced in cooperation with Tony Hawk, the best known professional skateboarder in the world.

Team sports products

Net sales for team sports products were \$116.9 million in 2003, \$19.3 million in 2002 and \$22.0 million in 2001 and \$94.1 million for the 2004 first quarter. The following table lists K2's principal team sports products and brand names under which they are sold.

Product	Brand Name
Baseballs, softballs, bats, gloves, softballs, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, team sports apparel and accessories	<i>Rawlings and Worth</i>
Corporate casuals	<i>Hilton</i>

Baseball and softball. We believe that Rawlings is a leading supplier of baseball equipment in North America and, through its licensee, in Japan. Rawlings' products in this area include baseball gloves, baseballs, softballs, batter's helmets, catcher's and umpire's protective equipment, aluminum and wood baseball bats, batter's gloves and miscellaneous accessories. Rawlings is a major supplier to professional, collegiate, interscholastic and amateur organizations worldwide, and is also the official baseball supplier to Major League Baseball, Minor League Baseball and NCAA, as well as the official helmet supplier to Major League Baseball. In addition, Rawlings' products are endorsed by college coaches, sports organizations and numerous athletes, including more than 350 Major League Baseball players. Rawlings products are manufactured principally in Asia and Costa Rica.

Worth is a leading supplier of softball products with market leading positions in collegiate and amateur slow pitch and fast pitch softball. *Worth* products are widely used in NCAA Division I fast pitch softball programs and is the official softball of all Canadian major associations and the official softball and softball bat of the U.S. Specialty Sports Association. *Worth* products include aluminum softball bats, softballs, softball gloves and miscellaneous accessories. *Worth* products are manufactured principally in the U.S.

Rawlings and Worth products are sold directly by K2 and through independent sales representatives to mass merchandisers and sporting goods retailers in the U.S. as well as through independent distributors in Europe and Japan.

Basketball, football, soccer and volleyball. Rawlings sells 30 different models of basketballs, including full-grain, composite and synthetic leather and rubber basketballs for men and women in both the youth and adult markets. Rawlings recently introduced its patented *Ten* basketball which uses ten panels to improve handling, grip, control and shooting. Rawlings is the official

Table of Contents

supplier of basketballs to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships.

Team sports apparel. Rawlings has been selling team uniforms for approximately 100 years. Rawlings believes it has growth opportunities in its current team apparel business, as well as in the larger active wear apparel market.

Corporate casuals. K2 manufactures and distributes shirts, jackets and other apparel under the *Hilton* brand name. The products are sold in the U.S. to corporate buyers or advertising specialty distributors, embroiderers and screen printers who in turn sell imprinted items, including garments, principally to corporate buyers. *Hilton* apparel, which is sourced from offshore vendors, is sold through catalogs, by a direct sales force and by independent sales representatives.

Marine and outdoor products

Net sales for marine and outdoor products were \$324.0 million in 2003, \$328.7 million in 2002 and \$313.3 million in 2001 and \$98.8 million for the 2004 first quarter. The following table lists K2's principal marine and outdoor products and the brand names under which they are sold.

Product

Fishing rods, reels and fishing kits and combos
Active water and outdoor sports products
Monofilament line
Marine radio antennas

Brand Name

Shakespeare, Ugly Stik and Pflueger
Stearns and Mad Dog
Shakespeare
Shakespeare

Fishing rods, reels and fishing kits and combos. K2 sells fishing rods, reels and fishing kits and combos throughout the world. We believe Shakespeare's *Ugly Stik* models have been the best selling fishing rods in the U.S. over the past 20 years. The success of these fishing rods has allowed K2 to establish a strong position with retailers and mass merchandisers, thereby increasing sales of new rods, reels and kits and combos and allowing K2 to introduce new products such as the expansion of its *Pflueger* product line and licensed children's kits and combos. *Shakespeare* rods and reels are manufactured principally in China. *Shakespeare* products are sold directly by K2 and through independent sales representatives to mass merchandisers and sporting goods retailers in the U.S., Europe and Australia and through independent and company-owned distributors in Europe and Australia.

Active water and outdoor sports products. K2 sells *Stearns* flotation vests, jackets and suits (personal flotation devices), cold water immersion products, wet suits, waders, outdoor products, rainwear and inflatable and towable water products and *Mad Dog* hunting accessories in the U.S. and in certain foreign countries. In the U.S., occupants of boats are required by law either to wear or have available personal flotation devices meeting U.S. Coast Guard standards. *Stearns* personal flotation devices are manufactured to such standards and are subject to rigorous testing for certification by Underwriters Laboratories. *Stearns* manufactures most of its personal flotation devices in the U.S., manufactures certain components in China and sources its other products from Asia. *Stearns* products are sold principally through an in-house sales department and independent sales representatives to mass merchandisers, specialty shops and chain stores and to the off-shore oil industry, commercial fishermen and other commercial users through independent sales representatives.

Table of Contents

Monofilament line. Nylon and polyester monofilament line is manufactured in the U.S. and the U.K. and sold by K2 in a variety of diameters, tensile strengths and softness. Monofilament is used in various applications including the manufacture of woven mats for use by paper producers in the U.S., Europe and South America, as fishline and for use as line in weed trimmers in the U.S. and is sold directly to paperweavers, directly to retailers of fishline and distributors of cutting line and to others through independent sales representatives. Monofilament sold in Europe for woven mats is manufactured primarily in K2's U.K. facility. *Shakespeare* monofilament also manufactures various products for industrial applications.

Marine radio antennas. K2 manufactures fiberglass radio antennas in the U.S. and in China for marine, citizen band and military application under the *Shakespeare* name. The products are sold primarily in the U.S. K2 also distributes marine accessories under the *Shakespeare* name which are manufactured in Asia to K2's specifications. An in-house sales department and independent sales representatives sell the antennas, radios and other marine accessories to specialty marine dealers.

Technical apparel

Following our acquisition of Marmot, we will create a new Technical Apparel platform consisting of our *Marmot* and *Ex Officio* lines.

Marmot is the industry leader in premium-priced, high performance outdoor apparel and equipment. Marmot designs, manufactures, markets and distributes technical apparel and equipment including outerwear, rainwear, skiwear, gloves, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents and related accessories sold under the *Marmot* brand name. Outdoor professionals and enthusiasts associate the *Marmot* brand with best-in-class high-performance, high-technology apparel and equipment. Marmot has been the gear of choice on thousands of the most challenging expeditions and pursuits, including numerous treks to the highest summits on all seven continents. Marmot has continued to strengthen its brand image by heavily investing in product development, which has produced a steady stream of new and innovative products.

Competition

K2's competition varies among its business lines. The sporting goods markets and recreational products markets are generally highly competitive, with competition centering on product innovation, performance and styling, price, marketing and delivery. Competition in these products (other than for active wear) consists of a relatively small number of large producers, some of whom have greater financial and other resources than K2. A relatively large number of companies compete for sales of active wear. While K2 believes its well-recognized brand names, low cost China manufacturing and sourcing base, established distribution channels and reputation for developing and introducing innovative products have been key factors in the successful introduction of its sporting goods and other recreational products, there are no significant technological or capital barriers to entry into the markets for many sporting goods and other recreational products. These markets face competition from other leisure activities, and sales of leisure products are affected by economic conditions, weather patterns and changes in consumer tastes, which are difficult to accurately predict.

K2 believes certain of its marine and outdoor products compete based on product quality, service and delivery. However, certain of K2's marine and outdoor products are, in most instances,

Table of Contents

subject to price competition, ranging from moderate in marine antennas and monofilament line to intense for commodity-type products. Certain of our competitors in the Marine and Outdoor segment have greater financial and other resources than K2.

Manufacturing, foreign sourcing and raw materials

K2 believes that for the products within its core categories, it is of strategic importance to develop the capability to source and manufacture high-quality, low cost products. As a result, K2 currently manufactures products in the People's Republic of China, including most of its fishing rods and reels, snowboards, skis, shells for flotation devices, batting helmets and certain marine antennas. Additionally, K2 currently purchases in-line skates, baseball gloves, paintball markers and other products from a few vendors in China. Certain other products are sourced from various vendors in Asia, Latin America and Europe. The remaining products are manufactured by K2 in the U.S., Costa Rica and the United Kingdom.

K2 has not experienced any substantial difficulty in obtaining raw materials, parts or finished goods inventory for its businesses, although the cost of certain raw materials has fluctuated. Certain components and finished products, however, are manufactured or assembled abroad and therefore could be subject to interruption as a result of local unrest, currency exchange fluctuations, increased tariffs, trade difficulties and other factors. Timely supply of sporting goods products from K2's factories and suppliers in The People's Republic of China is dependent on uninterrupted trade with China. Should there be an interruption in trade with China, it could have a significant adverse impact on K2's business, results of operations or financial position. Additionally, the gross margins on K2's products manufactured or sourced in the U.S. or in Asia and distributed in Europe will depend on the relative exchange rates between the U.S. dollar, the Chinese yuan and the Euro.

K2 has not experienced any substantial difficulty in obtaining raw materials for its marine and outdoor products, although the cost of certain raw materials has fluctuated throughout the year.

Seasonality and cyclical; backlog

Sales of K2's sporting goods are generally highly seasonal and in many instances are dependent on weather conditions, although K2 has reduced this seasonality overall by acquiring a number of companies in 2003. This seasonality causes K2's financial results to vary from quarter to quarter, and K2's sales and earnings are usually lower in the fourth quarter. In addition, the nature of K2's baseball, softball, paintball, ski, snowboard, bike, in-line skate, fishing and water sports products businesses requires that, in anticipation of the selling season for these products, it make relatively large investments in inventory. The primary selling season, in the case of baseball and softball runs from January through April, paintball runs from September through November, skis and snowboards runs from August through December, bikes runs from October through April, in-line skates runs primarily from October through May and fishing tackle and water sports products runs primarily from January through June. Relatively large investments in receivables consequently exist during and after such seasons. The rapid delivery requirements of K2's customers for its products also result in investment in significant amounts of inventory. K2 believes another factor in its level of inventory investment is the shift by certain of its sporting goods customers from substantial purchases of pre-season inventories to deferral of deliveries until the products' retail seasons and ordering based on rates of sale.

Table of Contents

Sales of our products depend largely on general economic conditions including the amount of discretionary income available for leisure activities, consumer confidence and favorable weather conditions. Sales of K2's monofilament products are dependent to varying degrees upon economic conditions in the container and paper industries, and are subject to threat from vertical integration and consolidation among its customers.

Because of the nature of many of K2's businesses, backlog is generally not significant.

Customers

K2 believes that its customer relationships are excellent. Wal-Mart accounted for over 15% of K2's net sales for the 12 months ended March 31, 2004.

Research and development

Consistent with K2's business strategy of continuing to develop innovative brand name products and improving the quality, cost and delivery of products, K2 maintains decentralized research and development departments at several of its manufacturing centers, which are engaged in product development and the search for new applications and manufacturing processes. Expenditures for research and development activities totaled approximately \$9.6 million in 2003, \$8.5 million in 2002, \$12.2 million in 2001 and \$3.7 million for the 2004 first quarter and were expensed as a part of general and administrative expenses in the year incurred.

Environmental factors

K2 is one of several named potentially responsible parties, a PRP, in two Environmental Protection Agency matters involving discharge of hazardous materials at certain offsite waste disposal sites in South Carolina and Michigan. Although environmental laws technically impose joint and several liability upon each PRP at each site, the extent of K2's required financial contribution to the cleanup of these sites is expected to be limited based upon the number and financial strength of the other named PRP's and the volume and types of waste involved which might be attributable to K2.

Environmental and related remediation costs are difficult to quantify for a number of reasons including the number of parties involved, the difficulty in determining the extent of the contamination, the length of time remediation may require, the complexity of environmental regulation and the continuing advancement of remediation technology. K2 accrues for liabilities of this nature when it is probable a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. At March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, K2 had recorded an estimated liability of approximately \$844,000 and \$980,000, respectively, for environmental liabilities, most of which was established for the South Carolina matter mentioned above. The estimates are based on K2's share of the costs to remediate as provided by the PRP's consultants and in ongoing discussions with the EPA or other environmental agencies. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, however, and taking into consideration reserves provided, management does not believe these matters will have a material adverse effect on K2's financial statements.

Employees

K2 had approximately 3,700, 3,500 and 2,000 employees at March 31, 2004, December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. K2 believes its relations with employees generally have been good.

S-73

Table of Contents**Patents and intellectual property rights**

While product innovation is a highly important factor for K2 and many of K2's innovations have been patented, K2 does not believe the loss of any one patent would have a material effect on its financial position, cash flows or results of operations. Certain of its brand names, such as *Rawlings*, *Worth*, *Shakespeare*, *Ugly Stik*, *Pflueger*, *Adio*, *Stearns*, *Mad Dog*, *K2*, *Olin*, *Ride*, *Morrow*, *Liquid*, *5150*, *TUBBS*, *Atlas*, *Brass Eagle*, *Viewloader*, *JT* and *Adio* are believed by K2 to be well-recognized by consumers and therefore important in the sales of these products.

Properties

The table below provides information with respect to the principal production and distribution facilities utilized by K2 for operations as of December 31, 2003.

Location	Type of facility	Owned facilities		Leased facilities	
		No. of locations	Square footage	No. of locations	Square footage
Action Sports					
Arkansas	Distribution	1	14,000		
California	Distribution and production			4	99,000
Colorado	Distribution and production			1	40,000
Illinois	Distribution	1	6,000		
Missouri	Distribution and production			2	281,000
Mississippi	Production			1	13,000
Vermont	Distribution and production			1	20,000
Washington	Distribution and production	1	165,000	1	146,000
Foreign	Distribution and production			19	335,000
		<u>3</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>934,000</u>
Team Sports					
Alabama	Production	2	160,000		
Illinois	Distribution			1	85,000
Missouri	Distribution and production			2	462,000
New York	Production	1	81,000		
Pennsylvania	Distribution			1	6,000
Tennessee	Distribution and production	4	264,000		
Foreign	Distribution and production	1	54,000	1	18,000
		<u>8</u>	<u>559,000</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>571,000</u>
Marine Outdoor					
Minnesota	Distribution and production	1	278,000	2	88,000
South Carolina	Distribution and production	2	400,000	3	121,000
Foreign	Distribution and production	2	48,000	8	1,162,000

The corporate headquarters of K2 is located in approximately 19,000 square feet of leased office space in Carlsbad, California. The terms of K2's leases range from one to eight years, and many are renewable for additional periods. The termination of any lease expiring during 2004 would not have a material adverse effect on K2's operations.

S-74

Table of Contents

K2 believes, in general, its plants and equipment are adequately maintained, in good operating condition and are adequate for K2's present needs. K2 regularly upgrades and modernizes its facilities and equipment and expands its facilities to meet production and distribution requirements.

Legal proceedings

Certain of K2's products are used in relatively high risk recreational settings and from time to time K2 is named as a defendant in lawsuits asserting product liability claims relating to its sporting goods products. To date, none of these lawsuits has had a material adverse effect on K2, and K2 does not expect any lawsuit now pending to have such an effect. K2 maintains product liability, general liability and excess liability insurance coverage. No assurances can be given that such insurance will continue to be available at an acceptable cost to K2 or that such coverage will be sufficient to cover one or more large claims, or that the insurers will not successfully disclaim coverage as to a pending or future claim.

K2 is one of several named potentially responsible parties, a PRP, in two Environmental Protection Agency matters involving discharge of hazardous materials at certain offsite waste disposal sites in South Carolina and Michigan. Although environmental laws technically impose joint and several liability upon each PRP at each site, the extent of K2's required financial contribution to the cleanup of these sites is expected to be limited based upon the number and financial strength of the other named PRP's and the volume and types of waste involved which might be attributable to K2.

Environmental and related remediation costs are difficult to quantify for a number of reasons including the number of parties involved, the difficulty in determining the extent of the contamination, the length of time remediation may require, the complexity of environmental regulation and the continuing advancement of remediation technology. K2 accrues for liabilities of this nature when it is probable a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. At March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, K2 had recorded an estimated liability of approximately \$844,000 and \$980,000, respectively, for environmental liabilities, most of which was established for the South Carolina matter mentioned above. The estimates are based on K2's share of the costs to remediate as provided by the PRP's consultants and in ongoing discussions with the EPA or other environmental agencies. The ultimate outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, however, and taking into consideration reserves provided, management does not believe these matters will have a material adverse effect on K2's financial statements.

K2 is involved in lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings, including those identified above, consisting of product liability, patent, commercial, employment and environmental matters, which arise in the ordinary course of business. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies, K2 makes a provision for a liability when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. K2 believes that it has adequate provisions for such matters. K2 reviews these provisions at least quarterly and adjusts these provisions to reflect the impacts of negotiations, settlements, rulings, advice of legal counsel, and other information and events pertaining to a particular legal matter. Litigation is inherently unpredictable. However, K2 believes that it has valid defenses with respect to legal matters pending against it. Nevertheless, it is possible that cash flows or results of operations could be materially affected in any particular period by the unfavorable resolution of one or more of these contingencies.

Table of Contents

The acquisitions

Völkl and Marker

Völkl and Marker Acquisition Agreements. On June 15, 2004, we entered into a Stock and Loan Purchase Agreement among K2, Clarence S.à.r.l., a Luxembourg limited liability company and indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of K2, referred to as Clarence, Cavoma L.P., a Cayman Island limited partnership and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of K2, referred to as Cavoma, and the stockholders of Völkl. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, K2, through its subsidiaries, will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Völkl together with certain notes payable by Völkl to one of its stockholders for a purchase price consisting of 32,374,696 in cash and 1,394,864 shares of K2 common stock. Concurrently with the execution of the Völkl acquisition agreement, we entered into a Stock and Loan Purchase Agreement among K2, Clarence, Cavoma, Tecnica S.p.A., referred to as Tecnica, and the stockholders of Marker. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, K2, through its subsidiaries, will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Marker together with certain notes payable by Marker to its stockholders for a purchase price consisting of 20,035,085 in cash and 426,209 shares of K2 common stock.

The shares of K2 common stock to be issued in the Völkl and Marker transactions will be issued in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act, and, accordingly, the shares may not be resold into the U.S. for a period of one year following the closing, and thereafter may only be sold in compliance with the restrictions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. In addition, the shares will be subject to a lock up agreement prohibiting the sale or transfer of such shares by the former Völkl and Marker stockholders for a period of 18 months following the closing.

In the acquisition agreements for both Völkl and Marker, K2, Clarence, Cavoma and the stockholders of Völkl and Marker, respectively, have made customary representations and warranties and have made certain other customary agreements. The acquisition agreements also contain certain covenants applicable to the operations of Völkl and Marker following the closing, including a restriction on K2's ability to make distributions out of retained earnings of Völkl and Marker generated prior to March 31, 2004. The Völkl and Marker stockholders will indemnify K2 and its subsidiaries for breaches of representations and warranties, transaction expenses in excess of an agreed upon amount, pre-closing taxes, certain environmental matters and certain other matters, all subject to limitations specified in the acquisition agreements. K2, Clarence and Cavoma have also agreed to indemnify the Völkl and Marker stockholders for any breaches of their representations and warranties subject to specified limitations. A portion of the purchase price in each transaction (consisting of cash and shares of K2 common stock) will be placed in escrow to serve as a source of recovery for indemnity claims, if any, by K2 and for other matters.

The consummation of the Völkl and Marker acquisitions are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of a number of conditions, including among other customary conditions, as well as obligations to be undertaken at the time of closing:

approvals required by, and the expiration of the waiting periods under, applicable competition regulations;

the concurrent consummation of the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker;

the absence of any material adverse change with respect to the Völkl or Marker businesses;

Table of Contents

the consummation of this offering and/or other financings sufficient to fund the purchase price in the acquisitions;

the execution of employment and non-competition agreements by specified persons; and

the receipt of consents to the transaction under certain material agreements.

In connection with the Völkl and Marker acquisition agreements on June 18, 2004, we entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement among K2, Tecnica, Tecnica U.S.A. Corp., a New Hampshire corporation, and Völkl Sports America Corporation, a New Hampshire corporation. Pursuant to that stock purchase agreement, K2 will acquire 60% of the issued and outstanding shares of Völkl Sports America from Tecnica for cash. K2 will simultaneously acquire the remaining 40% interest through the acquisition of Völkl, which currently holds such interest. The consummation of this transaction is conditional upon the closings under the Völkl and Marker acquisition agreements.

The closing of the Völkl and Marker acquisitions is not contingent upon the closing of the Marmot acquisition, and the closing of the Marmot acquisition is not contingent upon the closing of the Völkl and Marker acquisitions. We expect that the Völkl and Marker acquisitions will close by mid-July, 2004.

An amount equal to the net proceeds of the offering of the notes, together with other funds, will initially be placed into an escrow account, so that the total escrowed funds are sufficient to pay a special mandatory redemption price, when and if due. If the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are consummated by August 11, 2004, then all of the escrowed funds will be released from the escrow account to fund a portion of the consideration for the consummation of such acquisitions. In the event that the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are not consummated on or prior to August 11, 2004, we will be required to redeem the notes, in whole but not in part, on or prior to August 13, 2004, at a redemption price in cash equal to 101.0% of the principal amount of the notes on the special redemption date plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the special redemption date.

Völkl and Marker Businesses. Founded in 1889, Völkl is a well established and recognized brand in the worldwide alpine ski market. In the 1970 s, Völkl succeeded in becoming the first ski manufacturer to use carbon fibers in manufacturing skis, an innovation that made Völkl skis both lighter and faster than the standard skis at that time. Currently, Völkl skis are popular among skiers of all classes and by many professional skiers throughout the world. In 1997, Völkl introduced its P20 Race Carver ski, which again set a new standard in terms of design and handling innovation. In 1998, Völkl began producing snowboards under its own brands, Völkl and Radair.

Marker was founded by Mr. Hannes Marker in 1952 and since then Marker has gained worldwide recognition for its patented ski-bindings. Sales of Marker ski bindings have grown over the years and the brand currently enjoys a number one market position in the U.S. in sales.

Hans Dieter Clevin, Völkl s main shareholder, and Tecnica joined together to purchase Marker in 1999. Through this joint venture with Tecnica, Völkl gained the benefits of cooperation in R&D, distribution and marketing. Völkl began to create ski systems combining its skis with Marker bindings, which have been very well received in the high-end segment of the market and which have led to further product innovations in enhanced integration of the ski-binding system. The

Table of Contents

Völkl /Marker partnership has enabled Völkl to establish itself as the leader in the U.S. in ski system sales, growing from an estimated 3% of the market based on 2000 sales to 43% based on 2003 sales. Additionally, the owners of Marker have been able to leverage the strength of the Marker brand and technology by partnering with other ski manufacturers, including K2, to provide integrated ski systems to the marketplace, further strengthening the Marker market position.

We believe Völkl and Marker have established leading market positions around the world, including in Germany, Italy, Canada, Spain, Switzerland and the U.S.

Völkl Sports America is the exclusive distributor of Völkl and Marker products in North America.

Marmot

Marmot Acquisition Agreement. On June 2, 2004, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger among K2, Maca Acquisition, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of K2, Marmot and certain of Marmot's stockholders. Pursuant to the merger agreement, Marmot will be merged into Maca Acquisition, with Maca Acquisition surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of K2. In the merger, K2 will pay an aggregate of \$83,782,000, half in cash and half in shares of K2 common stock, valued based on the 30-day average price of K2 common stock as of the third day prior to the consummation of the merger, for all of the outstanding capital stock of Marmot. In addition, K2 will assume all of Marmot's debt in connection with the merger. K2 has also agreed to assume all options to purchase Marmot common stock that have not been exercised as of the consummation of the merger.

In the merger agreement, K2 and Marmot have made customary representations and warranties and have made certain other customary agreements. The Marmot stockholders will indemnify K2 for breaches of representations and warranties, Marmot transaction expenses, pre-closing taxes and certain intellectual property matters, all subject to limitations specified in the merger agreement. K2 has also agreed to indemnify the Marmot stockholders for any breaches of its representations and warranties subject to specified limitations.

The consummation of the Marmot acquisition is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions, among other customary conditions:

the expiration of applicable waiting periods under antitrust regulations;

the execution of employment and non-competition agreements by specified employees of Marmot;

the receipt of opinions regarding the tax treatment of the transaction; and

the receipt of consents to the transaction under material agreements.

Edgar Filing: K2 INC - Form 424B3

Marmot Business. Founded in 1974, Marmot designs, manufactures, markets and distributes technical apparel and equipment including outerwear, rainwear, skiwear, gloves, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents and related accessories sold under the Marmot brand name.

Marmot competes in the \$7 billion worldwide technical outdoor market, which is among the fastest-growing segments of the sporting goods industry. Through innovative design, technically advanced materials and premium pricing, Marmot has become an industry leader in premium, high performance outdoor apparel and equipment.

S-78

Table of Contents

The closing of the Marmot acquisition is not contingent upon the closing of the Völkl and Marker acquisitions, and the closing of the Völkl and Marker acquisitions are not contingent upon the closing of the Marmot acquisition. We expect that the Marmot acquisition will close on or about July 1, 2004.

S-79

Table of Contents**Management**

Our directors and executive officers are set forth below. The Board of Directors is divided into three classes, each having a three year term, with only one class being elected each year. Our executive officers are appointed by the Board of Directors annually and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Position
Richard J. Heckmann	60	Chairman of the Board, Director, Class 1, and Chief Executive Officer
Wilford D. Godbold, Jr.	66	Director, Class 2
Jerry E. Goldress	73	Director, Class 3
Robert E. Hernreich	59	Director, Class 1
Lou L. Holtz	67	Director, Class 2
Stewart M. Kasen	64	Director, Class 1
Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.	59	Director, Class 3
Dan Quayle	57	Director, Class 3
Edward F. Ryan	47	Director, Class 3
J. Wayne Merck	44	President and Chief Operating Officer
John J. Rangel	50	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Dudley W. Mendenhall	49	Senior Vice President Finance
Monte H. Baier	36	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
David Y. Satoda	38	Vice President and Director of Taxes
Thomas R. Hillebrandt	42	Corporate Controller
Diana C. Crawford	36	Director of Financial Reporting

Richard J. Heckmann has been Chief Executive Officer of K2 since October 2002 and Chairman of the Board of Directors of K2 since April 2000. Mr. Heckmann has been a director of MPS Group, Inc. since April 2003, and served as a director of Philadelphia Suburban Corporation from August 2000 through February 2002, United Rentals, Inc. from October 1997 through May 2002, Waste Management Inc. from January 1994 through January 1999 and Station Casinos, Inc. from April 1999 through March 2001. Mr. Heckmann retired as Chairman of Vivendi Water, an international water products group of Vivendi S.A., a worldwide utility and communications company with headquarters in France, in June 2001. Mr. Heckmann was Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Filter Corporation, a worldwide provider of water and wastewater treatment systems and services, from 1990 to 1999. Vivendi acquired US Filter on April 29, 1999. He has served as the associate administrator for finance and investment of the Small Business Administration in Washington, DC and was the founder and Chairman of the board of Tower Scientific Corporation.

Wilford D. Godbold, Jr. is a private investor and a member of the Board of Directors since 1998. He retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of ZERO Corporation, which provides packaging and climate control products to the telecommunications, instrumentation and data processing markets, where he served in that position from 1984 to August 1998. For the two prior years, he served as chief operating officer of ZERO Corporation. From 1966 through 1982, he practiced law as an attorney with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Los Angeles, serving as a Partner from 1973, where his focus was acquisitions, mergers and public financings. Mr. Godbold serves as a member of the board of directors of Sempra Energy, the subsidiaries of which include Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Co. He also serves

Table of Contents

as a director of Ceradyne Inc., a manufacturer of technical ceramics, and served as a Trustee of The Wellness Community, a provider of free psychological and social help to people with cancer, until March 2004.

Jerry E. Goldress has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 1996 and has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Grisanti, Galef and Goldress, Inc., a corporate turnaround management firm, since 1981. As a corporate turnaround manager, Mr. Goldress provides assistance to businesses in financial difficulty and, as such, has frequently been appointed a director and an executive officer of such businesses. In this capacity, Mr. Goldress has served as president or chief executive officer of numerous manufacturing, distribution and retail organizations. He is a member of the board of directors of the Alamo Group, a manufacturer of industrial mowing equipment. Mr. Goldress is also Chairman of the Board of Frontier Insurance Group, Inc., a specialty property casualty insurance carrier, and Rockford Corporation, a manufacturer of car stereo equipment.

Robert E. Hernreich has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 2000. Mr. Hernreich is an owner of the Sacramento Kings of the National Basketball Association. Mr. Hernreich has been President of Remonov Capital, Inc., since August 1992, and Vice-President of Remonov & Company, Inc., since November 1996. Both are private investment firms. From November 1989 through June 1996, Mr. Hernreich was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sigma Broadcasting Company, formerly Arkansas largest television and radio operator, and from January 1988 through September 1990, Mr. Hernreich was Chairman of U.S. Repeating Arms, maker of Winchester sporting firearms. Mr. Hernreich is a member of the board of directors of The Eagle Valley Land Trust, the Snowboard Outreach Society, The Youth Foundation of Vail, and a member of the board of trustees of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Hernreich is also a former member of the board of directors of Ride, Inc.

Lou L. Holtz has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 2001. Mr. Holtz is the head football coach of the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the University of South Carolina in 1999, Mr. Holtz held various coaching positions, including 11 seasons at the University of Notre Dame from 1986 to 1996, two seasons at the University of Minnesota from 1984 to 1985, seven seasons at the University of Arkansas from 1977 to 1983, four seasons at the University of North Carolina from 1972 to 1975 and three seasons at William and Mary from 1969 to 1971. Mr. Holtz spent 1976 as the head coach of the New York Jets of the National Football League. Mr. Holtz is a noted motivational speaker and is the author of the New York Times best-selling book, *The Fighting Spirit*.

Stewart M. Kasen has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 1997. Mr. Kasen has been the President of S&K Famous Brands, Inc., since April 2002, and served as a director of S&K Famous Brands, Inc., since March 2002. He served as President of Schwarzschild Jewelers from September 2001 to April 2002. He retired as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Factory Card Outlet Corp. where he served in that position from May 1998 to October 1999, and prior to that he served as its Chairman from 1997. In April 1996, he retired as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Best Products Co., Inc., a catalog showroom chain of retail stores and nationwide mail order services. He was also its president and chief executive officer from 1991 to 1996 and its president and chief operating officer from 1989 to 1991. Prior to joining Best Products, Co., Inc., Mr. Kasen served in various capacities in two divisions of Carter Hawley Hale Stores over a 24-year period, including President and Chief Executive Officer of Emporium, from 1987 to 1989, and Thalhimers, from 1984 to 1987. Mr. Kasen is a member of the board of directors of Markel Corporation, a specialty insurance underwriter,

Table of Contents

the Singer Company, a manufacturer of consumer sewing machines, and Department 56, a marketer of collectibles and specialty giftware.

Alfred E. Osborne, Jr. has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 1999. Dr. Osborne is the Senior Associate Dean in the UCLA Anderson School of Management, a position he assumed in July 2003. He has been employed as a professor since 1972 and has served the school in various capacities over the years. Currently, he also serves as the Faculty Director of the Harold Price Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at UCLA, which he founded 16 years ago. Dr. Osborne is a member of the Board of Directors of Nordstrom, Inc. and Equity Marketing, Inc. Dr. Osborne also serves as a trustee of the WM Group of Funds and is a director of First Pacific Advisors Capital, Crescent and New Income Funds. Dr. Osborne was educated at Stanford University, where he earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, an MBA in Finance, an MA in Economics and a Ph.D. in Business Economics.

Dan Quayle has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 2001. Mr. Quayle served as a congressman, senator and the 44th Vice President of the United States. Upon leaving office, he co-founded Circle Investors in 1993 which has been sold. He has authored three books including Standing Firm, which was on the New York Times bestseller list for 15 weeks. He continues to be an active public speaker. Currently, he is Chairman of Cerberus Global Investments, LLC, a New York investment fund. In addition to K2, he is a member of the board of directors of Aozora Bank in Tokyo, Japan.

Edward F. Ryan has been a member of the Board of Directors of K2 since 2003. Mr. Ryan has served as the President of Entrepreneurial Financial Resources, Inc., a collection of manufacturing companies since 1998 and was the Chief Executive Officer and President of Code 3/Public Safety Equipment Inc. from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Ryan is also a former member of the board of directors of Rawlings, which K2 acquired in March 2003. Pursuant to the agreement and plan of merger to acquire Rawlings, K2 agreed that its Board of Directors would expand the class of Directors of K2 expiring in 2005 by one board member and that K2 would fill such vacancy by a nominee named by the board of directors of Rawlings.

J. Wayne Merck has been President and Chief Operating Officer of K2 since November 2003. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of K2 from October 2002. He served as Executive Vice President of Operations of K2 from July 2000, Vice President of K2 from January 1996 and President of Shakespeare Composites & Electronics, a division of Shakespeare, a wholly-owned subsidiary of K2 from June 1996. Mr. Merck served as President of K2's former business, Anthony Pools, from February 1994 to June 1996.

John J. Rangel, a CPA, has been Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of K2 since April 2003. Prior to that, he served as Senior Vice President-Finance of K2 since 1988, and Corporate Controller from 1985 to 1988.

Dudley W. Mendenhall is Senior Vice President Finance of K2. Prior to joining K2 in April 2003, he was Managing Director of Ernst & Young's west coast Corporate Finance Group from March 2001. From January 1990 through March 2001, Mr. Mendenhall held a number of executive positions at Banc of America: from January 1996 to March 2001, as Managing Director and Group Head of the entertainment and media industry group in Los Angeles and New York; from June 1993 to December 1995, as Managing Director of the Corporate Finance Group; and from January 1990 to June 1993, as Managing Director of the Leverage Finance Group.

Table of Contents

Monte H. Baier is Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of K2. Prior to joining K2 in April 2003, he was Associate General Counsel at Asia Global Crossing from April 2000. From 1995 through April 2000, Mr. Baier was as an Associate in the New York law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. Mr. Baier received a juris doctor degree from the New York University School of Law.

David Y. Satoda has been a Vice President of K2 since May 2001 and Director of Taxes since joining K2 in August 2000. Prior to that time, Mr. Satoda was a Senior Manager with Ernst & Young LLP, an international auditing and tax consulting firm for more than five years.

Thomas R. Hillebrandt has been Corporate Controller of K2 since May 2004. Prior to joining K2, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Fotoball, a publicly held souvenir and promotional products company, since July 2001 and was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Fotoball from July 2000 through May 2001. Fotoball was acquired by K2 in January 2004. From August 1998 through July 2000, Mr. Hillebrandt served as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of ChatSpace, Inc., a privately held Internet software and services company.

Diana C. Crawford has been Director of Financial Reporting of K2 since May 2004. Ms. Crawford was Corporate Controller of K2 from July 1999 through May 2004 and Secretary from December 2000 through May 2003. Prior to joining K2, she was Controller of Kent H. Landsberg Company from 1996 to 1999 and an Audit Manager with Ernst & Young LLP from 1990 to 1996.

Table of Contents**Principal stockholders**

The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of June 24, 2004 by:

- each person who is known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock;
- each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table;
- each member of our board of directors; and
- all members of our board of directors and executive officers as a group.

To our knowledge, each of the holders of common stock listed below has sole voting and investment power as to the shares of common stock owned, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Number of shares of common stock ^(a)	Percentage of total common stock (%) ^(b)
5% Stockholders		
k1 Ventures Limited ^(c)	2,864,871 ^(d)	8.0
Dimensional Fund Advisors ^(c)	2,142,304 ^(e)	6.0
Directors		
Wilford D. Godbold, Jr.	37,000	0.1
Jerry E. Goldress	38,500	0.1
Richard J. Heckmann	219,632	0.6
Robin E. Herrnreich	60,150	0.2
Lou L. Holtz	30,000	0.1
Stewart M. Kasen	38,000	0.1
Alfred E. Osborne, Jr.	52,000	0.2
Dan Quayle	31,000	0.1
Edward F. Ryan	64,794	0.2
Executive Officers^(f)		
J. Wayne Merck	128,282	0.4
John J. Rangel	310,327	0.9
Dudley W. Mendenhall	5,000	*
David G. Cook	113,484	0.3
All directors and executive officers as a group ^(g)	1,439,719	3.9

(a) Includes the following shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof: Wilford D. Godbold, Jr. 36,000 shares; Jerry E. Goldress 37,000 shares; Richard J. Heckmann 51,500 shares; Robin E. Herrnreich 35,000 shares; Lou Holtz 30,000 shares; Stewart M. Kasen 36,500 shares; Alfred E. Osborne, Jr. 35,000 shares; Dan Quayle 30,000 shares; Edward F. Ryan 20,000 shares; J. Wayne Merck 120,000 shares; John J. Rangel 258,000 shares; Dudley W. Mendenhall 4,000 shares; David G. Cook 70,000 shares; and all directors and officers as a group 963,829 shares. The above include options granted on January 5, 2004 and May 13, 2004 to Mr. Godbold, Mr. Goldress, Mr. Herrnreich, Mr. Holtz, Mr. Kasen, Dr. Osborne, Mr. Quayle and Mr. Ryan under the directors' compensation plan, which was effective as of January 1, 2000. These options, which are exercisable at the market price at the date of grant, vest immediately. With the exception of the shares referred to in the preceding sentence and the shares allocated to the accounts of Mr. Heckmann (32 shares), Mr. Merck (1,982 shares), Mr. Rangel (8,412 shares) and Mr. Cook (3,840 shares), and all directors and officers as a group (19,402 shares), under K2's Employee Stock Ownership Plan, each of the named persons has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by him.

(b) The shares subject to options described in note (a) for each individual were deemed to be outstanding for purposes of calculating the percentage owned by such individual.

Table of Contents

- (c) The address for k1 Ventures Limited is 23 Church Street #10-01/02, Capital Square Singapore 049481, and the address for Dimensional Fund Advisors is 1299 Ocean Avenue, 11th Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401.
 - (d) Based on the most recently filed Form 13G of k1 Ventures Limited dated February 21, 2003 and information drawn from a subsequent transaction between k1 Ventures Limited and K2 in June 2003.
 - (e) Based on the most recently filed Form 13G of Dimensional Fund Advisors dated February 6, 2004.
 - (f) Executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table (other than Mr. Heckmann, whose securities holdings are listed above).
 - (g) The address for each member of our board of directors and for each of the executive officers is c/o K2 Inc., 2051 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad, CA 92009.
- * Less than .1%

S-85

Table of Contents

Certain relationships and related party transactions

Reimbursement agreement

In October 2003, K2 entered into a Reimbursement Agreement with its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Heckmann, for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Mr. Heckmann in the operation of his private plane when used for K2 business. The Reimbursement Agreement is effective for expenses incurred by Mr. Heckmann for K2 business purposes since September 3, 2003. During 2003, K2 paid a total of approximately \$214,000 pursuant to this reimbursement agreement related to expenses incurred by Mr. Heckmann.

Convertible subordinated debentures

Ambassador Steven J. Green, a director of K2 until May 12, 2004, is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of k1 Ventures Limited, a Singapore-based investment company, which in February 2003 purchased \$25 million of convertible subordinated debentures and five-year warrants to purchase an additional 524,329 shares of K2 common stock. In connection with the acquisition of the convertible subordinated debentures, K2 agreed that so long as \$12.5 million in aggregate principal amount of these debentures is outstanding, the holders of the debentures have the right to appoint one member to the Board of Directors, subject to approval of the Board. In June 2003, at a time when Ambassador Green was a member of the Board, in consideration for an amendment to permit the issuance of \$75 million of convertible debentures, the five-year warrants were repriced to a reduced exercise price and the noteholders were issued three-year warrants to purchase 243,260 additional shares of K2 common stock. In connection with the amendment to the exercise price of the five-year warrants, a Black-Scholes option valuation model was used to calculate the additional fair market value related to the repricing of the five-year warrants. Based on a risk free interest rate of 2.13%, K2's stock volatility of 35%, and the remaining term of the original five years, K2 assigned an additional fair market value of \$267,000 to the repricing of the five-year warrants. K2 also assigned a fair market value of \$358,000 to the three-year warrants based on a risk free interest rate of 1.46%, K2's stock volatility of 35%, and the three year term. The Board of Directors was made aware of the potential conflict of interest prior to approving the transactions with k1 Ventures Limited, and Ambassador Green did not participate in the vote for the approval of this amendment.

Table of Contents

Description of other indebtedness

Revolving credit facilities

On March 25, 2003, K2 entered into a three-year, \$205.0 million revolving credit facility, which we refer to as the Facility, expiring on March 25, 2006 with several banks and other financial institutions. The Facility is expandable to \$230.0 million subject to certain conditions. The Facility has a \$75.0 million limit for the issuance of letters of credit. As of March 31, 2004, we had \$92.0 million of borrowings under our Facility and available borrowings of \$96.2 million. Borrowings under the Facility are secured by substantially all of K2's U.S. assets and the stock of K2's Canadian and United Kingdom subsidiaries.

Actual borrowing availability under the Facility is based on K2's trade receivable and inventory levels in the U.S., Canada and England, subject to eligibility criteria and defined advance rates. Borrowings under the Facility bear interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 0.00% to 1.00% per year, or LIBOR plus 2.00% to 3.00% per year, and the Facility has an unused commitment fee of 0.375% per year. In addition to the Facility, K2 also maintains a three-year \$20.0 million term loan from certain banks participating in the Facility bearing interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus 1.50% to 2.50% per year, or LIBOR plus 3.50% to 4.50% per year.

Simultaneously with the consummation of this offering, we will amend and restate our Facility. Among other things, the proposed terms would give the amended Facility a new five-year term and increase the amount available to us from \$205.0 million to \$250.0 million (with an option to expand the Facility to \$350.0 million subject to certain conditions, including the consent of the lenders increasing their commitment thereunder). The proposed terms of the amended Facility also would provide for the issuance of letters of credit under the Facility up to a sublimit of \$100.0 million.

We expect that borrowings under the amended Facility will continue to be secured by substantially all of K2's U.S. assets and the stock of K2's Canadian and United Kingdom subsidiaries, and actual borrowing availability under the amended Facility will also continue to be based on K2's trade receivable and inventory levels in the U.S., Canada and England, subject to eligibility criteria and defined advance rates.

We expect that borrowings under the amended Facility will bear interest at an initial rate equal to the prime rate plus 0.50% per year, or LIBOR plus 2.00% per year, with an unused commitment fee of 0.375% per year. There would be no term loan under the amended Facility.

Following the acquisition of Vökl and Marker by K2, Vökl and Marker will seek to maintain credit facilities with Bayerische Hypo-und Vereinsbank AG, Deutsche Bank AG, Commerzbank AG, and Volksbank Ried providing for aggregate borrowing capacity of approximately 42.3 million and 34.3, respectively, of which 14.7 million and 12.9 million, respectively, was outstanding as of March 31, 2004. The Vökl facilities are secured by all or substantially all of the assets of Vökl and its subsidiaries. The Marker facilities are secured by all or substantially all of the assets of Marker and its subsidiaries. The Vökl and Marker bank facilities have varying stated interest rates and maturity dates. In addition to the foregoing bank facilities, Vökl holds a 95% interest in a special purpose entity that owns a Vökl manufacturing facility. This special purpose entity had borrowings of approximately 1.4 million outstanding as of March 31, 2004 secured by manufacturing facility and the underlying real estate.

Table of Contents

At March 31, 2004, K2 had \$5.6 million outstanding under various other existing foreign lending arrangements.

7.25% convertible subordinated debentures

At March 31, 2004, K2 also had \$25.0 million of 7.25% convertible subordinated debentures due March 2010, referred to as the 7.25% Debentures. The 7.25% Debentures are convertible into 2,097,315 shares of K2 common stock at a conversion price of \$11.92 per share. Pursuant to the agreement for these debentures, the noteholders received warrants, referred to as the Warrants, to purchase 243,260 and 524,329 additional shares of K2's common stock at exercise prices of \$13.14 and \$11.92 per share, respectively, exercisable within the three and five year period ending February 14, 2006 and February 14, 2008, respectively. K2 assigned a total fair market value of \$2,303,000 to the Warrants. At March 31, 2004, the aggregate unamortized fair market value of \$1,816,000 is reflected as a reduction of the face amount of the 7.25% Debentures on K2's balance sheet which is being amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method through the exercise periods, thereby increasing the carrying value of the debentures.

5.0% convertible senior debentures

At March 31, 2004, K2 also had \$75 million of 5.00% convertible senior debentures due June 2010, referred to as the 5.0% Debentures. The 5.0% Debentures are convertible into 5,706,458 shares of K2 common stock at a conversion price of \$13.143 per share. The debentures are redeemable by K2 in whole or in part at K2's option on or after June 15, 2008 at a redemption price of 101.429% beginning on June 15, 2008 and ending on June 14, 2009, and at 100.714% beginning on June 15, 2009 and ending on June 14, 2010.

Senior notes

Concurrent with the consummation of this offering, we expect to issue \$200.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2014. The notes will bear an annual interest rate of 7³/₈%. Prior to the release of the funds from the escrow account, the notes will be our senior secured obligations. From and after the release discussed below of the funds from the escrow account, the notes will be our senior unsecured obligations guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all of our existing and future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee our other indebtedness. Although we expect the notes offering to be consummated simultaneously with this offering, this offering is not conditioned upon the consummation of the notes offering.

An amount equal to the net proceeds of the offering of the notes, together with additional amounts, will initially be placed into an escrow account, so that the total escrowed funds are sufficient to pay a special mandatory redemption price, when and if due. If the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are consummated by August 11, 2004, then all of the escrowed funds will be released from the escrow account to us to provide partial consideration for the consummation of the acquisitions. In the event that the acquisitions of Völkl and Marker are not consummated on or prior to August 11, 2004, we will be required to redeem the notes, in whole but not in part, on or prior to August 13, 2004, at a redemption price in cash equal to 101.0% of the principal amount of the notes on the special redemption date plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the special redemption date.

Table of Contents

If we experience a change of control, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. In connection with certain asset dispositions, we may be required to use the proceeds from those asset dispositions to:

repay senior indebtedness;

make acquisitions or invest in additional assets; and/or

make an offer to purchase the notes at 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase if such proceeds are not otherwise used within 360 days to repay indebtedness, other than subordinated indebtedness, or to make acquisitions or invest in additional assets.

The indenture governing the notes will, among other things, restrict our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to: