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Form 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarter Ended October 30, 2004

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-8578

McRae Industries, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

56-0706710

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

400 North Main Street

Mt. Gilead, North Carolina 27306

(Address of principal executive offices)

Telephone Number (910) 439-6147

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Common Stock, \$1 Par Value Class A: 1,942,553 shares as of December 15, 2004.

Common Stock, \$1 Par Value Class B: 823,446 shares as of December 15, 2004.

McRae Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

McRae Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	October 30, 2004	July 31, 2004
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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,447	\$ 2,463
Accounts and notes receivable, net	12,503	11,270
Inventories	10,973	14,810
Assets held for sale from discontinued operations		11,622
Income tax receivable	15	676
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	453	271
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Total current assets	34,391	41,112
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Property and equipment, net	3,298	3,342
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Other assets:		
Notes receivable	33	36
Real estate held for investment	1,444	1,422
Goodwill	362	362
Cash surrender value of life insurance	2,220	2,220
Trademarks	1,049	1,049
Other	5	5
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Total other assets	5,113	5,094
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	\$ 42,802	\$ 49,548
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

McRae Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	October 30, 2004	July 31, 2004
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Notes payable, banks current portion	\$ 58	\$ 621
Accounts payable	2,707	4,672
Accrued employee benefits	691	524
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	571	865
Income taxes payable	528	
Liabilities held for sale from discontinued operations		4,587
Other	985	1,049
Total current liabilities	5,540	12,318
Notes payable, banks, net of current portion	517	3,082
Shareholders equity:		
Common stock:		
Class A, \$1 par; Authorized 5,000,000 shares; Issued and outstanding, and 1,943,543 shares, respectively	1,943	1,943
Class B, \$1 par; Authorized 2,500,000 shares; Issued and outstanding, and 824,956 shares, respectively	825	825
Additional paid-in capital	791	791
Retained earnings	33,186	30,589
Total shareholders equity	36,745	34,148
	\$ 42,802	\$49,548

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McRae Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	October 30, 2004	November 1, 2003
Net revenues	\$ 20,434	\$ 16,023
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of revenues	15,842	12,007
Research & development	304	340
Selling, general and administrative	3,076	2,411
Other expense (income), net	(54)	(28)
Interest expense	22	10
Total costs and expenses	19,190	14,740
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and minority interest	1,244	1,283
Provision for income taxes	437	462
Minority shareholder's interest in earnings of subsidiary	—	(2)
Net earnings from continuing operations	807	823
Discontinued operations:		
Income (loss) from operations of discontinued business	(438)	(421)
Income tax benefit	170	160
Estimated gain on disposal of business, net of income tax expense of \$1,376,000 in fiscal 2004	2,174	—
Net earnings	\$ 2,713	\$ 562
Net earnings per common share- basic:		
Earnings from continuing operations	\$.29	\$.29
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	.69	(.09)
Net earnings	\$.98	\$.20

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Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	<u>2,768,499</u>	<u>2,768,499</u>

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

McRae Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	October 30, 2004	November 1, 2003
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,868	\$ 640
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales of assets	4	1
Purchase of trade names and other assets	(22)	(8)
Capital expenditures	(101)	(53)
Net collections of long-term receivables	3	15
Net cash used in investing activities	(116)	(45)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal repayments of notes payable	(3,128)	(142)
Dividends paid	(116)	(115)
Net cash used in financing activities	(3,244)	(257)
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	9,475	(616)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,983	(278)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,464	3,835
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$10,447	\$3,557

Note: Non-cash operating activities excluded from this statement of cash flows include accounts receivable, (\$894,000), accounts payable, \$221,000, and income tax provision \$1,206,000, related to the sale of our office products business.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements

McRae Industries, Inc. and Subsidiaries
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

NOTE A BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In addition, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended October 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending July 30, 2005. The interim condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the Company's July 31, 2004 audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the McRae Industries, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on December 23, 2004.

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year's financial statements to conform with the current year's presentation. In particular, our office products business, which was sold on September 9, 2004, has been recorded as a discontinued operation for all periods in this report.

NOTE B INVENTORIES

The components of inventory consist of the following (in thousands):

	October 30, 2004	July 31, 2004
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Raw materials	\$ 2,272	\$ 3,883
Work-in-process	1,036	2,385
Finished goods	7,665	8,542
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	\$10,973	\$14,810
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NOTE C SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On December 9, 2004, the Company declared a cash dividend of \$.08 per share on its Class A Common Stock payable on December 30, 2004 to shareholders of record on December 20, 2004.

NOTE D DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On September 9, 2004, McRae Industries, Inc. entered into a definitive agreement under which it sold substantially all the assets of its McRae Office Solutions, Inc. subsidiary to Connected Office Products, Inc. (COPI). COPI is a subsidiary of TOPAC U.S.A., Inc., which is headquartered in Irvine, California, and operates a network of wholly owned subsidiaries involved in the sales, service, and distribution of office products. Under the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement, COPI purchased substantially all of the assets of McRae Office Solutions, Inc. for \$11,000,000 subject to adjustment based on the net book value of the acquired assets as of August 28, 2004. Based on the Company's post-closing calculation of the net book value of the acquired assets, the Company expects an approximately \$206,000 reduction in the purchase price. The purchaser is in the process of reviewing the calculation of this adjustment and it is subject to change depending on the parties' final agreement on the amount of the adjustment.

Net revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, which consisted of only one month of operations, amounted to \$1.3 million as compared to \$5.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The net loss from operations for the first quarters of fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2004 amounted to \$268,000 and \$261,000, respectively, net of income tax benefit.

The estimated gain on the sale of the office products business assets totaled approximately \$2.2 million net of a \$1.4 million tax provision.

NOTE E SUMMARY OF BUSINESS SEGMENTS

	Three Months Ended	
	October 30, 2004	November 1, 2003
(In thousands)		
Net revenues from continuing operations		
Bar Code	\$ 2,802	\$ 2,256
Military Boots	11,516	8,321
Western/Work Boots	6,089	5,879
Eliminations/Other	27	(433)
	<u>20,434</u>	<u>16,023</u>
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations		
Bar Code	(454)	(363)
Military Boots	931	1,484
Western/Work Boots	613	13
Eliminations/Other	154	149
	<u>1,244</u>	<u>1,283</u>
Provision for income taxes	437	462
Minority shareholder's interest		(2)
	<u>807</u>	<u>823</u>
Net earnings from continuing operations	807	823
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax expense (benefit) of \$1,206,000 and (\$160,000), respectively	1,906	(261)
	<u>2,713</u>	<u>562</u>
Net earnings	\$ 2,713	\$ 562
	October 30, 2004	July 31, 2004
Assets		
Bar Code	\$ 5,262	\$ 4,810
Military Boots	9,021	12,902

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Western/Work Boots	13,905	13,396
Eliminations/Other	14,614	18,440
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	\$42,802	\$ 49,548
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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the attached unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, and with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004, filed with the SEC on December 23, 2004, including the financial information and management's discussion and analysis contained therein. As discussed in the Form 10-K/A, including the Introductory Note thereto and in Note 15 to financial statements therein, we filed the Form 10-K/A to restate our financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004 included in our Form 10-K originally filed by us on October 29, 2004. The restatement corrected compilation errors in our military boot operation's year-end physical inventory. Refer to Note 15 in the notes to the financial statements included in the Form 10-K/A for a complete description and quantification of the restatement.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our timely preparation of financial reports and related disclosures requires us to use estimates and assumptions that may cause actual results to be materially different from our estimated results. Specifically, we use estimates when accounting for depreciation, amortization, useful lives for intangible assets, and asset valuation allowances (including those for bad debts, inventory, and deferred income tax asset valuation allowances). Our most critical accounting policies include the following:

Intangible Assets

We determine the utility of goodwill and trademarks based on estimated future cash flows and test for impairment in accordance with applicable accounting pronouncements. We estimate future cash flows based on historical performance and our knowledge of known factors likely to impact future cash flows.

Inventories

Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost or market value. We regularly review inventory quantities on hand and record a provision for excess and obsolete inventory based primarily on our estimated forecast and demand requirements for the next twelve months. Actual demand and market conditions may be different from those projected by our management.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue under our current boot contract when the boots are inspected and accepted by the Government's Quality Assurance Representative (QAR), thereby transferring ownership to the Government. Pursuant to the contract, the boots become Government-owned property after inspection and acceptance by the QAR. The boots are transferred and stored in our warehouse, which is a designated storage facility approved by the Government, and accounted for as bill and hold sales in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements.

Income Taxes

As part of the process of preparing our consolidated financial statements, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves us estimating our actual current exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items, such as leasing activity, allowances, and depreciation, for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and

liabilities, which are

included within our consolidated balance sheet. We must then assess the likelihood that our deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income and to the extent we believe that recovery is not likely, we must establish a valuation allowance. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance or increase this allowance in a period, we must include an expense within the tax provision in the statement of operations. Significant management judgment is required in determining our provision for income taxes, our deferred tax assets and liabilities, and any valuation allowance recorded against our net deferred tax assets. In the event that actual results differ from these estimates or we adjust these estimates in future periods, we may need to establish an additional valuation allowance, which could materially impact our financial position and results of operations.

FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY

Our cash and cash equivalents at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2005 totaled \$10.4 million as compared to \$2.5 million reported for the end of fiscal 2004. Working capital amounted to \$28.9 million at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$28.8 million at July 31, 2004.

Currently, we have two lines of credit with a bank totaling \$4.75 million, all of which was available at October 30, 2004. One credit line totaling \$1.75 million (which is restricted to one hundred percent of the outstanding accounts receivable due from the U.S. Government) expires in January 2005. The \$3.0 million credit line expires in November 2005. We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, cash generated from operations, and the available lines of credit will be sufficient to meet our capital requirements for fiscal 2005. Our contractual commitments for fiscal 2005 are approximately \$178,000.

Selected cash flow data for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and 2004 are presented below (in thousands of dollars):

	For the Quarters Ended	
	October 30, 2004	November 1, 2003
Source (Use) of Cash		
Operating activities:		
Net earnings adjusted for depreciation and amortization	\$ 951	\$ 951
Accounts receivable	(399)	(1,579)
Inventories	3,837	1,942
Accounts payable	(2,186)	(292)
Income taxes	(15)	(357)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,868	640

Net cash provided by operating activities for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 amounted to approximately \$1.9 million. Net earnings from continuing operations, as adjusted for depreciation and amortization, provided cash totaling approximately \$951,000. Accounts receivable used approximately \$339,000 of cash primarily due to the timing of customer payments from seasonally higher first quarter sales in the western and work boot business. This increase in accounts receivable was partially offset by reduced receivables in the military boot and bar code businesses resulting from the timing of customer payments as first quarter sales trailed higher fourth quarter sales. Inventory reductions primarily attributable to lower military boot inventory as the U. S. Government eased the surge requirement for military boots and higher than anticipated demand for western and work boot products provided approximately \$3.8 million of cash. The bar code business used approximately \$250,000 of cash to build inventory related to the production of the new bar code product. Accounts payable balances fell by approximately \$2.2 million primarily as a result of the timing of vendor payments in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 for heavy inventory investment in the military and western boot businesses ordered in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004.

Capital expenditures were approximately \$101,000 primarily for equipment to produce the new bar code product.

Our debt service used approximately \$3.15 million of cash for principal and interest payments primarily to pay off the \$3.1 million note for the western and work boot business. Dividends paid during the first quarter amounted to nearly \$116,000.

Military boot sales to the U.S. Government are expected to decrease for this fiscal year as a result of completion of the surge requirement. This decrease in military boot sales may have a significant impact on the Company's liquidity.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not currently utilize any off-balance sheet financing arrangements and do not anticipate doing so in the future.

FIRST QUARTER FISCAL 2005, COMPARED TO FIRST QUARTER FISCAL 2004

Consolidated net revenues from continuing operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 totaled \$20.4 million as compared to \$16.0 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This increase in net revenues is primarily attributable to the continued high demand for military combat boots for the U.S. Government and improved sales in the bar code and western and work boot business.

Consolidated gross profit from continuing operations for fiscal 2005 increased to \$4.6 million over the \$4.0 million reported in fiscal 2004. This growth in gross profit is primarily the result of higher net revenues and higher margins on imported western and work boots.

Consolidated research and development from continuing operations for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 totaled \$304,000, down from \$340,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004 primarily attributable to lower expenditures necessary to complete the new bar code product.

Consolidated selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses from continuing operations totaled \$3.1 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$2.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This increase in SG&A expenses was primarily the result of higher sales commissions, group health insurance costs, and professional fees associated primarily with compliance costs incurred to assess and improve our internal control over financial reporting as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related SEC rules. As a percentage of net revenues from continuing operations, SG&A expenditures increased slightly from 15.0% for the first quarter of fiscal 2004 to 15.2% for the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

As a result of the above, consolidated earnings from continuing operations remained steady at approximately \$1.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and 2004.

Bar Code Business

Net revenues for the bar code business totaled \$2.8 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$2.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This growth in net revenues resulted primarily from increased sales of system hardware, ribbons, and label sales as a result of an improved market for these products.

Gross profit amounted to \$721,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$681,000 for the same period of fiscal 2004. This increase in gross profit was primarily the result of increased net revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

SG&A and research and development costs were \$1.2 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$1.0 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This increase in SG&A costs is primarily the result of higher group health insurance and professional fees. As a percentage of net revenues, SG&A expenditures decreased from 43.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2004 as compared to 42.9% for the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

As a result of the above, the bar code business loss from operations totaled \$451,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to an operating loss of \$366,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Military Boot Business

Net revenues for the military boot business for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 totaled \$11.5 million as compared to \$8.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This growth in net revenues was primarily attributable to increased military boot requirements for the U.S. Government (the Government).

Gross profit totaled approximately \$1.8 million for the first quarter of both fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2004. As a percentage of net revenues, gross profit fell from 21.8% for the first quarter of fiscal 2004 to 15.7% for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, primarily the result of lower per unit selling prices under the new Contract awarded to us on September 30, 2003 and higher per unit manufacturing costs due to lower production levels in the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

SG&A expenses for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 increased to \$805,000 over the \$334,000 reported in the same period for fiscal 2004. This increase was primarily the result of increased health insurance costs and professional fees due in part to an increased allocation of overhead expenses due to the sale of our McRae Office Solutions business.

As a result of the above, the military boot business earnings from operations amounted to approximately \$1.0 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$1.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

On September 30, 2004, the Government exercised the first year option under the Contract awarded on September 30, 2003. This option provides for a minimum and maximum boot requirement of 276,460 pair and 1,077,552 pair, respectively. Currently, the Government has not provided any specific quantities to be purchased or definite delivery dates, which has required us to lower current production levels.

Western and Work Boot Business

Net revenues for the western and work boot business for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 totaled \$6.1 million as compared to \$5.9 million reported for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Gross profit for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was \$2.1 million, an increase from the \$1.5 million reported for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This 40.0% increase was primarily attributable to higher margins associated with the shift from manufacturing to importing our western and work boots.

SG&A expenses for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 amounted to \$1.4 million as compared to \$1.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This slight increase is a result of increased sales commissions, advertising, and office supplies, which were offset by lower professional fees and bad debt expenses.

As a result of the above, operating profit for the western and work boot business increased to \$747,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$146,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Discontinued Operations

On September 9, 2004, McRae Industries, Inc. entered into a definitive agreement under which it sold substantially all the assets of its McRae Office Solutions, Inc. subsidiary to Connected Office Products, Inc. (COPI). COPI is a subsidiary of TOPAC U.S.A., Inc., which is headquartered in Irvine, California, and operates a network of wholly owned subsidiaries involved in the sales, service, and distribution of office products. Under the terms of the Asset Purchase Agreement, COPI purchased substantially all of the assets of McRae Office Solutions, Inc. for \$11,000,000 subject to adjustment based on the net book value of the acquired assets as of August 28, 2004. Based on the Company's post-closing calculation of the net book value of the acquired assets, the Company expects an approximately \$206,000 reduction in the purchase price. The purchaser is in the process of reviewing the calculation of this adjustment and it is subject to change depending on the parties' final agreement of the amount of the adjustment.

Net revenues for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, which consisted of only one month of operations, amounted to \$1.3 million as compared to \$5.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The net loss from operations for the first

quarters of fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2004 amounted to \$268,000 and \$261,000, respectively, net of income tax benefit.

The estimated gain on the sale of the office products business assets totaled approximately \$2.2 million net of a \$1.4 million tax provision.

IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

There were no accounting standards issued for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 that were applicable to us.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to historical information, this Annual Report includes certain forward-looking statements as such term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those projected, estimated, assumed or anticipated in any such forward-looking statements include: the effect of competitive products and pricing, risks unique to selling goods to the Government (including variation in the Government's requirements for our products and the Government's ability to terminate its contracts with vendors), loss of key customers, acquisitions, supply interruptions, additional financing requirements, our expectations about future Government orders for military boots, loss of key management personnel, our ability to successfully develop new products and services, and the effect of general economic conditions in our markets.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes related to the aggregate \$4.75 million lines of credit and a term loan through our military boot business (the term loan through our wholly owned subsidiary, Dan Post Boot Company was paid off in September 2004). As of October 30, 2004, there was no outstanding indebtedness under the lines of credit and approximately \$386,000 was outstanding on a term loan. We do not buy or sell derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. Borrowings under these credit facilities described above bear interest at rates based upon the Prime Rate or the Prime Rate less a margin of one-half percent offered by the applicable lender. We have not entered into any swap agreements or engaged in any other hedging activities with respect to this variable rate indebtedness. A 10% increase in the interest rates under these credit facilities would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$1,600 (assuming that our aggregate borrowings under the credit facilities averaged \$377,000 during a fiscal year).

ITEM 4. DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participations of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Finance, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Finance have concluded that, except as discussed below, these disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported, within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. It should be noted that in designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. We have designed our disclosure controls and procedures to reach a level of reasonable assurance of achieving desired control objectives and, based on the evaluation described above, our Chief Executive

Officer and Vice President of Finance concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at reaching that level of reasonable assurance, except as discussed below.

In connection with the audit of our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004, our independent auditors informed us that they had discovered significant deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting that in the aggregate constituted material weaknesses under standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. These deficiencies, which were noted across all of the Company's operating divisions, are generally the result of incompatible duties, undocumented controls, lack of monitoring controls and the lack of an internal audit function. Additionally, the discovery of compilation errors in the military boot operation's fiscal 2004 year-end inventory required us to restate our financial statements as of July 31, 2004 and for the fiscal year then ended included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K originally filed by us on October 29, 2004. Upon completion by our independent auditors of their review of the accounting for inventory in our financial statements as previously reported for fiscal 2004, our independent auditors informed us that in their view there were material internal control weaknesses related to the compilation of the Company's inventory.

Certain of these internal control weaknesses may also constitute deficiencies in the Company's disclosure controls. We have performed substantial additional procedures in an effort to ensure that these internal control deficiencies do not lead to further material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements. We have initiated corrective actions to address these internal control deficiencies, and will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and internal controls and procedures on an ongoing basis, taking corrective action as appropriate.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the first quarter of fiscal 2005 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. However, during the second quarter of fiscal 2005 we initiated certain corrective actions to address certain of the internal control deficiencies that have been identified, including several relating to our accounting for inventory at our military boot operation.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

While from time to time we are engaged in litigation incidental to our business, we are not currently party to any material legal proceedings.

Items 2, 3, 4, and 5.

These items are not applicable and have been omitted.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Form S-14, Registration No. 2-85908).

- 3.2 Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to the registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended August 1, 1987).
 - 3.3 Restated Bylaws of the registrant effective May 29, 2001. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended July 28, 2001).
 - 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification for D. Gary McRae, President and CEO (Filed herein). Page 19-20.
 - 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification for Marvin G. Kiser, Sr., Vice President of Finance (Filed herein). Page 21-22.
 - 32.1 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350), for D. Gary McRae, President and CEO (Filed herein) Page 23.
 - 32.2 Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350), for Marvin G. Kiser, Sr., Vice President of Finance (Filed herein). Page 24.
- (b) On September 9, 2004, we filed a Form 8-K to report the sale of our McRae Office Solutions unit to Connected Office Products, Inc. pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement among McRae Industries, Inc., McRae Office Solutions, Inc., TOPAC U.S.A., Inc., and Connected Office Products, Inc.

SIGNATURES

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

McRae Industries, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: December 23,
2004

By: /s/ D. Gary McRae

D. Gary McRae
President and CEO
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: December 23,
2004

By: /s/ Marvin G. Kiser, Sr.

Marvin G. Kiser, Sr.
(Principal Accounting Officer)