

FSI INTERNATIONAL INC

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended **November 27, 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: **0-17276**

**FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**MINNESOTA**

**41-1223238**

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

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

**3455 Lyman Boulevard, Chaska, Minnesota**

**55318**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**952-448-5440**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

☒ **YES**      ☐ **NO**

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

☒ **YES**      ☐ **NO**

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

**Common Stock, no par value    29,945,000 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2004**

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PART I. ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

NOVEMBER 27, 2004 AND AUGUST 28, 2004

(unaudited)

(in thousands)

ASSETS

	November 27, 2004	August 28, 2004
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,155	\$ 29,524
Restricted cash	6,048	6,037
Marketable securities	6,632	6,647
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,095 and \$1,286, respectively	19,759	18,487
Trade accounts receivable from affiliates	743	3,785
Inventories	32,187	27,378
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5,949	5,568
Total current assets	91,473	97,426
Property, plant and equipment, at cost	94,566	96,095
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(64,035)	(65,177)
	30,531	30,918
Investment in affiliate	8,173	7,744
Other intangibles, net	2,187	2,057
Deposits and other assets	1,652	1,652
	\$ 134,016	\$ 139,797

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See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
NOVEMBER 27, 2004 AND AUGUST 28, 2004

(continued)  
(unaudited)  
(in thousands)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	November 27, 2004	August 28, 2004
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 7,115	\$ 9,470
Accrued expenses	15,319	15,854
Customer deposits	90	255
Deferred profit	3,190	2,358
Deferred profit with affiliates	86	738
 Total current liabilities	 25,800	 28,675
 Long-term liabilities	 750	 750
 Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value; 9,700 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding.		
Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, no par value; 300 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding.		
Common stock, no par value; 50,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding, 29,945 and 29,942 shares, respectively.	226,087	226,078
Accumulated deficit	(124,739)	(121,463)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,118	5,757
 Total stockholders' equity	 107,466	 110,372
	 \$ 134,016	 \$ 139,797

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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## FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
 FOR THE QUARTERS ENDED NOVEMBER 27, 2004 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2003  
 (unaudited)  
 (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	November 27, 2004	November 29, 2003
Sales (including sales to affiliates of \$1,796 and \$1,322, respectively)	\$ 19,445	\$ 22,491
Cost of goods sold	9,037	11,996
Gross profit	10,408	10,495
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,466	8,307
Research and development expenses	5,422	5,540
Operating loss	(3,480)	(3,352)
Interest expense	(15)	(13)
Interest income	125	80
Other income, net	42	1,999
Loss before income taxes	(3,328)	(1,286)
Income taxes	6	13
Loss before equity in earnings of affiliate	(3,334)	(1,299)
Equity in earnings of affiliate	58	284
Net loss	\$ (3,276)	\$ (1,015)
Net loss per common share Basic and diluted	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.03)
Weighted average common shares	29,943	29,656
Weighted average common and potential common shares	29,943	29,656

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.





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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 FOR THE QUARTERS ENDED NOVEMBER 27, 2004 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2003  
 (unaudited)  
 (in thousands)

	November 27, 2004	November 29, 2003
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (3,276)	\$ (1,015)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Gain on marketable securities		(1,972)
Depreciation	982	1,579
Amortization	380	566
Equity in earnings of affiliate	(58)	(284)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	1,770	(187)
Inventories	(4,809)	781
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(381)	(449)
Trade accounts payable	(2,355)	483
Accrued expenses	(535)	(236)
Customer deposits	(165)	
Deferred profit	181	(542)
Net cash used in operating activities	(8,266)	(1,276)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(596)	(371)
Sales of marketable securities		2,559
Investment in license fee	(510)	
Investment in affiliate	(490)	
Decrease in deposits and other assets		182
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(1,596)	2,370
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase in restricted cash	(11)	(2,657)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	9	7
Net cash used in financing activities	(2)	(2,650)
Effect of exchange rate on cash	495	245
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(9,369)	(1,311)

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	29,524	32,191
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 20,155	\$ 30,880

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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**FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(unaudited)**

**(1) Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Description of Business*

FSI International, Inc. ( the Company ) is a global supplier of surface conditioning equipment (process equipment used to etch and clean organic and inorganic materials from the surface of a silicon wafer), technology and support services for microelectronics manufacturing. The Company s broad portfolio of batch and single-wafer cleaning products includes process technologies for immersion (a method used to clean silicon wafers by immersing the wafer in multiple tanks filled with process chemicals), spray (sprays chemical mixtures, water and nitrogen in a variety of sequences on to the microelectronic substrate), vapor (utilizes gas phase chemistries to selectively remove sacrificial surface films) and CryoKinetic (a momentum transfer process used to remove non-chemically bonded particles from the surface of a microelectronic device). The Company s support services programs provide product and process enhancements to extend the life of installed FSI equipment.

The Company announced the winding down of its Microlithography business in March 2003 and transitioned the Microlithography business to a POLARIS® Systems and Services ( PSS ) product line to focus on supporting the more than 300 installed POLARIS® Systems. With the Company s focus on being a leading surface conditioning technology supplier, the Company recently integrated many of the functions of its PSS product group with its Surface Conditioning business.

The Company s customers include microelectronics manufacturers located throughout North America, Europe, Japan and the Asia Pacific region.

*Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements*

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared by the Company without audit and reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, except as disclosed in the notes) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented. The statements have been prepared in accordance with the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission but omit certain information and footnote disclosures necessary to present the statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year. These consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and footnotes to the financial statements included in the Company s Annual 10-K Report for the fiscal year ended August 28, 2004, previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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*Revenue Recognition*

The Company recognizes revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the purchase price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. If the Company's equipment sales involve sales to its existing customers who have previously accepted the same type(s) of equipment with the same type(s) of specifications, the Company accounts for the product sale as a multiple element arrangement. The Company recognizes the equipment revenue upon shipment and transfer of title. The other elements may include installation and training. Equipment installation revenue is valued based on estimated service person hours to complete installation and published or quoted service labor rates and is recognized when the labor has been completed. Training revenue is valued based on published training class prices and is recognized when the customers complete the training classes or when a customer-specific training period has expired. The published or quoted service labor rates and training class prices are rates actually charged and billed to the Company's customers.

All other product sales with customer specific acceptance provisions are recognized upon customer acceptance. Future revenues may be negatively impacted if the Company is unable to meet customer-specific acceptance criteria. Revenue related to spare parts sales is recognized upon shipment. Revenue related to maintenance and service contracts is recognized ratably over the duration of the contracts.

Timing and amount of revenue recognized is dependent on the mix of revenue recognized upon shipment versus acceptance and for revenue recognized upon acceptance, it is dependent upon when customer specific criteria are met.

*Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)*

Other comprehensive income (loss) pertains to revenues, expenses, gains and losses that are not included in net income (loss), but rather are recorded directly in stockholders' equity. For the first quarters of fiscal 2005 and 2004, other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of foreign currency translation adjustments and unrealized holding gains on investments.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

All highly liquid investments purchased with an original effective maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

*Marketable Securities*

The Company classifies its marketable equity securities as available-for-sale and carries these securities at amounts that approximate fair market value.

Upon completion of the termination of the distribution agreements with Metron Technology in fiscal 2003, the Company's ownership in Metron Technology was reduced from approximately 21% to 17%. As a result, the Company began to account for its investment in Metron Technology as a marketable equity security available-for-sale and carry the investment at fair market value per the closing price of Metron Technology's stock as reported on the NASDAQ.



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During the first quarter of fiscal 2004, the Company sold 627,000 shares of Metron Technology stock and its ownership in Metron Technology was approximately 12% as of November 27, 2004. The Company recorded gains of approximately \$2.0 million related to the sales of the 627,000 shares of Metron Technology stock during the first quarter of fiscal 2004 which are classified as a component of other income, net in the consolidated statement of operations.

On August 16, 2004, Metron Technology entered into a Stock and Asset Purchase Agreement ( Purchase Agreement ) with Applied Materials, Inc. ( Applied ). On December 14, 2004, Applied acquired the worldwide operating subsidiaries and business of Metron Technology. Applied paid approximately \$84,567,000 in cash to Metron Technology upon closing on December 14, 2004. In connection with the consummation of the asset sale to Applied, Metron Technology changed its name to Nortem N.V. ( Nortem ) and began the liquidation process. According to Nortem, shareholders of Nortem will receive two or more liquidating distributions. The aggregate amount of the distributions is expected to be in the range of approximately \$4.70 to \$4.79 per share (depending on the tax attributes of the shareholders). The initial distribution is currently expected to be made in the first two months of calendar 2005 and the final cash distribution would be made when all liabilities of Nortem have been satisfied, which is currently expected to be within six months following the closing. The amount and timing of the above-described distributions are dependent upon a variety of factors, including the timing of winding up Nortem's business and dissolving, and the costs, expenses and time involved in satisfying Nortem's current liabilities and obligations and those incurred by Nortem following the closing of the asset sale. In connection with the final cash distribution to its shareholders, Nortem also expects to conclude its business, delist its shares from the NASDAQ and be dissolved and liquidated. As of November 27, 2004, the Company owned approximately 1.5 million shares of Nortem. As of November 27, 2004, the fair market value of the Company's investment in Nortem was \$6,632,000, including unrealized holding gains of \$5,228,000. The fair market value of Nortem is subject to fluctuations. The highest and lowest stock price of Nortem per day, as reported by the NASDAQ, ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.51 per share during the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

*Trade Accounts Receivable*

Trade accounts receivable are recorded net of an allowance for doubtful accounts.

*Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The Company makes estimates of the uncollectibility of accounts receivable. Management specifically analyzes accounts receivable and analyzes historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness, current economic trends and changes in customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts receivable are charged off after management determines that they are uncollectible.

*Inventories*

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost, determined by the first in, first out method, or market value. The Company records reserves for inventory shrinkage and for potentially excess, obsolete and slow moving inventory. The amounts of these reserves are based upon historical loss trends, inventory levels, physical inventory and cycle count adjustments, expected product lives, forecasted sales demand and recoverability.



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(unaudited)***Property, Plant and Equipment*

Building and related costs are carried at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over a five to 30-year period. Leasehold improvements are carried at cost and amortized over a three- to five-year period or the term of the underlying lease, whichever is shorter. Equipment is carried at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over its estimated economic life. Principal economic lives for equipment are one to seven years. Software developed for internal use is amortized over three to five years beginning when the system is placed in service. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred; significant renewals and improvements are capitalized.

*Valuation of Long-Lived and Intangible Assets*

The Company assesses the impairment of identifiable intangibles and long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

The Company amortizes intangible assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated economic lives which range from two to nine years. The estimated aggregate amortization of intangible assets for the next five years is: \$403,000 in the last nine months of fiscal 2005; \$538,000 in fiscal 2006; \$538,000 in fiscal 2007; \$537,000 in fiscal 2008, \$163,000 in fiscal 2009 and \$8,000 in the first quarter of fiscal 2010.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2005, the Company entered into a license agreement with its affiliate, m FSI LTD. The corresponding license fee of \$510,000 was recorded to intangibles and is being amortized over five years.

If the Company determines that the carrying value of intangibles and long-lived assets may not be recoverable, the Company measures any impairment based on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined by management to be commensurate with the risk inherent in the current business model or another valuation technique. Net intangible assets and long-lived assets amounted to \$42.5 million as of November 27, 2004.

The Company has no intangible assets with indefinite useful lives. Intangible assets as of November 27, 2004 and August 28, 2004 consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<b>November 27, 2004</b>		
	<b>Gross Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>Net Carrying Amount</b>
Patents	4,285	2,591	1,694
License fees	510	17	493
	<b>\$ 4,795</b>	<b>\$ 2,608</b>	<b>\$ 2,187</b>

  

	<b>August 28, 2004</b>		
	<b>Gross Carrying</b>	<b>Accumulated</b>	<b>Net Carrying</b>



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	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amortization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Developed technology	\$ 9,150	\$ 8,896	\$ 254
Patents	4,285	2,482	1,803
	\$ 13,435	\$ 11,378	\$ 2,057

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Intangible assets were reviewed for impairment during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, and were deemed not impaired. The Company will continue to review intangible assets for impairment whenever events or change in circumstances indicated that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

The Company routinely considers whether indicators of impairment of its property and equipment assets are present. If such indicators are present, the Company determines whether the sum of the estimated undiscounted cash flows attributable to the asset in question is less than its carrying value. If less, an impairment loss is recognized based on the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. Fair value is determined by discounted estimated future cash flows, appraisals or other methods deemed appropriate. If the asset determined to be impaired is to be held and used, the Company recognizes an impairment charge to the extent the present value of anticipated net cash flows attributable to the asset is less than the asset's carrying value.

*Investment in Affiliate*

The Company's investment in affiliate consists of a 49% interest in m FSI LTD ( m FSI ). This investment is accounted for by the equity method utilizing a two-month lag due to the affiliate's year end.

The Company defers recognition of the profit on sales to its affiliate which remain in the affiliate's inventory based on the Company's ownership percentage of the affiliate.

The book value of the Company's long-term investment in affiliate is reviewed for other than temporary impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

*Income Taxes*

Deferred income taxes are provided in amounts sufficient to give effect to temporary differences between financial and tax reporting. The Company accounts for tax credits as reductions of income tax expense in the year in which such credits are allowable for tax purposes.

*Product Warranty*

The Company, in general, warrants new equipment manufactured by the Company to the original purchaser to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one to two years, depending upon the product or customer agreement. Provision is made for the estimated cost of maintaining product warranties at the time the product is sold. Special warranty reserves are also accrued for major rework campaigns.

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Warranty provisions, claims and changes in estimates for the quarters ended November 27, 2004 and November 29, 2003 are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>November 27, 2004</b>	<b>November 29, 2003</b>
Beginning balance	\$ 4,575	\$ 5,201
Warranty provisions	203	240
Warranty claims	(103)	(319)
Changes in estimates	(384)	
Ending Balance	\$ 4,291	\$ 5,122

*Foreign Currency Translation*

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates. Operating results for investees and foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars using the average or actual rates of exchange prevailing during the period. The foreign currency translation adjustment is included in the accumulated other comprehensive income account in stockholders' equity.

*Net Loss Per Common Share*

Basic loss per common share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted loss per common share is computed using the treasury stock method to compute the weighted average number of common stock outstanding assuming the conversion of potential dilutive common shares. Net loss per share does not include the effect of common stock equivalents as their inclusion would be antidilutive. The number of shares excluded from the computation of net loss per share was 3,746,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and 3,511,000 for the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

*Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*

The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The Company did not engage in any hedging activities during the first quarter of fiscal 2005 or the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



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(unaudited)***Employee Stock Plans*

In accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, the Company elected to continue to apply the provisions of Accounting Principles Board's Opinion No. 25 (APB No. 25),

Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations in accounting for its employee stock option and stock purchase plans and therefore is not required to recognize compensation expense in connection with these plans as long as the quoted market price of the Company's stock at the date of grant equals the amount the employee must pay to acquire the stock. Companies that continue to use APB No. 25 are required to present in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, on an annual basis, the pro forma effects on reported net income and earnings per share as if compensation expense had been recognized based on the fair value of options granted. With the adoption of SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure, the Company began reporting this information on a quarterly basis in the third quarter of fiscal 2003.

The Company has adopted the disclosure-only provisions of SFAS No. 123 but applies APB No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for its plans. Accordingly, compensation cost for stock options is measured as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the Company's stock at the date of the grant over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. The Company recognized no compensation expense in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 or the first quarter of fiscal 2004 under APB No. 25.

If the Company had elected to recognize compensation cost for the stock option plan and employee stock purchase plan based on the fair value at the grant dates for awards under those plans, consistent with the method prescribed by SFAS No. 123, net loss and net loss per common share would have been changed to the pro forma amounts indicated below (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	<b>Quarters Ended</b>	
	<b>November 27, 2004</b>	<b>November 29, 2003</b>
Net loss		
As reported	\$ (3,276)	\$ (1,015)
Add: stock-based employee compensation expense recognized in statements of operations		
Less: stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method	(679)	(834)
Pro forma net loss	\$ (3,955)	\$ (1,849)
Net loss per common share:		
Basic as reported	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.03)
Basic pro forma	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.06)
Diluted as reported	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.03)
Diluted pro forma	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.06)



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(unaudited)**

The fair value of stock options used to compute pro forma net loss and net loss per common share disclosures is the estimated value at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	Quarters Ended	
	November 27, 2004	November 29, 2003
Stock Options:		
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%
Expected volatility	71.5%	72.8%
Risk-free interest rate	3.4%	3.2%
Expected life (in years)	5.2	5.0

There were no Employees Stock Purchase Plan shares granted during the first quarter of fiscal 2005 or the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The weighted average grant date fair value, based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, for options granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was \$2.49 per share and for options granted in the first quarter of fiscal 2004 was \$3.31 per share.

*New Accounting Pronouncements*

In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 151, Inventory Costs. This statement requires that items such as idle facility expense, excessive spoilage, double freight and rehandling costs be recognized as current period charges. In addition, this statement requires that the allocation of fixed production overheads to the cost of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. This statement is effective for inventory costs incurred beginning in the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2006. The Company's management is currently evaluating the impact of this statement.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS 123R, Share-Based Payment: an amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 95. This statement requires companies to recognize in the statement of operations the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees. This statement is effective beginning in the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2006. The Company's management is currently evaluating the impact of this statement.

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(unaudited)****(2) Inventories**

Inventories are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	November 27, 2004	August 28, 2004
Finished products	\$ 3,807	\$ 5,621
Work-in-process	16,174	10,807
Subassemblies	823	797
Raw materials and purchased parts	11,383	10,153
	\$ 32,187	\$ 27,378

**(3) Supplementary Cash Flow Information**

The following summarizes supplementary cash flow items (in thousands):

	Quarters Ended November 27, 2004	November 29, 2003
Interest paid, net	\$ 15	\$ 13

**(4) Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Other comprehensive income (loss) pertains to revenues, expenses, gains and losses that are not included in the net loss but rather are recorded directly in stockholders' equity. For the quarters ended November 27, 2004 and November 29, 2003, other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the foreign currency translation adjustment and unrealized holding gains in investments and amounted to (in thousands):

	Quarters Ended November 27, 2004	November 29, 2003
Net loss	(\$3,276)	(\$1,015)
Items of other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation	376	748
Unrealized holding gains on investments	(15)	(865)



Comprehensive loss	(\$2,915)	(\$1,132)
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**Table of Contents****FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(unaudited)****(5) Segment Information**

The Company has two segments, Surface Conditioning ( SC ) and POLARIS® Systems and Services ( PSS ), formerly the Microlithography Division.

The SC segment markets and supports equipment that uses wet, vapor, cryogenic and other chemistry techniques to clean, strip or etch the surfaces of silicon wafers. The PSS segment provides POLARIS® customers with service, support, upgrade and refurbishment programs which enable customers to maximize the useful life for their POLARIS® systems. General corporate expenses were allocated equally to the segments.

	Quarters Ended	
	November 27, 2004	November 29, 2003
Sales to external customers:		
SC	\$ 17,320	\$ 12,626
PSS	2,125	9,865
Total	\$ 19,445	\$ 22,491
Segment gross profit:		
SC	\$ 9,044	\$ 4,531
PSS	1,364	5,964
Total	\$ 10,408	\$ 10,495
Segment operating income (loss):		
SC	\$ (242)	\$ (3,884)
PSS	(3,238)	532
Total segment operating loss	(3,480)	(3,352)
Other income (expense), net	152	2,066
Income taxes	6	13
Equity in earnings of affiliates	58	284
Net loss	\$ (3,276)	\$ (1,015)
Capital expenditures:		
SC	\$ 160	\$ 344
PSS		
Corporate	436	27
Total capital expenditures	\$ 596	\$ 371

Depreciation expense:		
SC	\$ 829	\$ 1,209
PSS	153	370
Total depreciation expense	\$ 982	\$ 1,579
Amortization expense:		
SC	\$ 380	\$ 566
PSS		
Total amortization expense	\$ 380	\$ 566

	As of	
	November	August 28,
	27,	2004
	2004	2004
Identifiable assets:		
SC	\$ 73,510	\$ 71,263
PSS	9,906	10,129
Corporate	50,600	58,405
Total assets	\$ 134,016	\$ 139,797

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**(6) Litigation**

In fall 1995, pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase and Shareholder Agreement dated November 30, 1990 between Eric C. Hsu and Semiconductor Systems, Inc. ( SSI ) (the Shareholder Agreement ) and in connection with Mr. Hsu's termination of his employment with SSI in August 1995, the former shareholders of SSI purchased the shares of SSI common stock then held by Mr. Hsu. In April 1996, FSI acquired SSI, and SSI became a wholly owned subsidiary of FSI. In October 1996, Eric C. and Angie L. Hsu (the plaintiffs ) filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Southern Division, against SSI and the former shareholders of SSI. The plaintiffs alleged that such purchase breached the Shareholder Agreement and violated the California Corporations Code, breached the fiduciary duty owed plaintiffs by the individual defendants and constituted fraud.

In September and October 2000, certain of Mr. Hsu's claims were tried to a jury in Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland, California. At the conclusion of the trial, the jury found that SSI breached the Shareholder Agreement between it and Mr. Hsu and that the damages that resulted were approximately \$2.4 million. In addition, each of the individual defendant shareholders was found liable for conversion and damages of \$4.2 million were awarded. Certain individual defendants were also found to have intentionally interfered with Mr. Hsu's prospective economic advantage and damages of \$3.2 million were awarded. Finally, several individual defendants and SSI were found to have violated certain provisions of the California Corporation Code and damages of \$2.4 million were awarded.

In proceedings subsequent to the trial, the Court determined that plaintiffs are entitled to an award against SSI of prejudgment interest on the breach of contract damages (approximately \$2.4 million) at 10 percent per annum from October 1996. In addition, the Court awarded plaintiffs approximately \$127,000 in costs and approximately \$1.8 million in attorneys' fees against SSI and the individual defendants. On November 16, 2001, the court signed its final judgment reflecting the jury's awards, interest, attorneys' fees and costs assessed against each of the defendants.

Following the entry of judgment, SSI and the other defendants filed post-trial motions seeking reduction in the jury's damage awards and/or a new trial. The court denied these post-trial motions and there was no reduction in damages against SSI. Mr. Hsu was awarded an additional \$431,000 for attorneys' fees and expenses incurred since the judgment was rendered in November 2001. The total judgment against SSI together with post judgment interest and attorneys' fees as of November 27, 2004 aggregated approximately \$7.8 million.

SSI and the individual defendants have filed an appeal on a variety of grounds, and the Company posted an appeal bond on behalf of SSI and defendants in the amount of \$8.3 million. As part of the posting of the bond, the Company entered into a letter of credit in the amount of \$5.2 million with a surety company. This letter of credit is collateralized with restricted cash of the same amount.

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The Company, on behalf of SSI, has made a claim with respect to the lawsuit under the escrow created at the time of the Company's acquisition of SSI. The escrow was established to secure certain indemnification obligations of the former shareholders of SSI. The escrow consists of an aggregate of 250,000 shares of FSI Common Stock paid to the former shareholders of SSI as consideration in the acquisition. The former shareholders have agreed to hold FSI and SSI harmless from any claim arising out of any securities transactions between SSI and the shareholders or former shareholders of SSI. The indemnification obligations of the individual SSI shareholders are capped at approximately \$4.2 million in the aggregate. Any shares in the escrow returned to FSI to satisfy any indemnification obligations will be valued at \$12.125 per share, the per-share price of FSI common stock at the time of the SSI acquisition.

Given the escrowed shares and the additional indemnification by the individual SSI shareholders, along with the Company's litigation reserve, the Company believes it has adequately provided for this potential liability. However, there is considerable uncertainty as to the ultimate resolution of this matter and the respective liability, if any, of SSI. The Company will continue with its appeal process and defense. The court of appeals has scheduled an oral argument on the appeal on January 25, 2005.

In September 1995, CFM Technologies, Inc. and CFMT, Inc. (collectively "CFM") filed a complaint in United States District Court for the District of Delaware against YieldUP, now known as SCD Mountain View, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. CFM filed an additional complaint against YieldUP in United States District Court for the District of Delaware on December 30, 1998.

On January 3, 2001, Mattson Technology, Inc. ("Mattson") completed the merger of the semiconductor equipment division of Steag Electronic Systems AG and CFM and established its wet products division. With the merger completed, Mattson assumed responsibility for the two suits CFM filed against YieldUP. Then, on March 17, 2003, SCP Global Technologies ("SCP") acquired the wet product division of Mattson, including CFMT, Inc., and assumed responsibility for the two lawsuits.

On February 19, 2004, the Company and SCP announced that they settled the two patent infringement lawsuits pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. In an effort to settle these lawsuits, the Company acknowledged the validity and enforceability of the patents, but disputed that any of its products infringed upon the claims of the patents.

The Company agreed to pay SCP \$4.0 million for a release from past infringement claims and a prospective license under all four patents asserted against the Company in the two lawsuits. The release applies to all purchasers of the Company's products containing its Surface Tension Gradient ("STG") technology. The prospective license applies to all end-user customers of the Company's products subject to certain limitations. In addition, the Company agreed to supply SCP customers, at a pre-established price, its rinse/dry kits to implement its STG® technology for certain applications.

The Company made an initial payment of \$2.5 million on March 1, 2004 and will make additional payments of \$750,000 on both the first and second anniversaries of the effective date of the settlement agreement. As a result, the Company recorded a \$3.4 million charge to operations in its second quarter of fiscal 2004. The Company had previously recorded a \$0.6 million charge to operations associated with this litigation.



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**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The information in this report, except for the historical information contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is subject to the safe harbor created by that statute. Typically, we identify forward-looking statements by use of an asterisk \*. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as expects, anticipates, intends, may, should, plans, seeks, estimates, could, would, or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. These statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include, but not limited to, the amount and timing of distributions expected from Nortem N.V. and the anticipated gain on the initial Nortem N.V. distribution, expected orders, revenues, net income and net cash used for operating activity for the second quarter of fiscal 2005; the timing and terms of any sale of the Allen, Texas facility; the change in industry conditions; order delays or cancellations; general economic conditions; changes in customer capacity requirements and demand for microelectronics; the extent of demand for our products and our ability to meet demand; global trade policies; worldwide economic and political stability; our successful execution of internal performance plans; the cyclical nature of our business; volatility of the market for certain products; performance issues with key suppliers and subcontractors; the transition to 300mm products; the level of new orders; the timing and success of current and future product and process development programs; the success of our affiliated distributor in Japan; the success of our direct distribution organization; the success of negotiations with the potential buyer of the Allen, Texas facility, including reaching an agreement on a number of significant terms such as price, payment terms, indemnity and lease terms; legal proceedings; and the potential impairment of long-lived assets; as well as other factors listed from time to time in our SEC reports including, but not limited to, the Risk Factors included in this report. Readers also are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements as actual results could differ materially. We undertake no duty to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this report.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements and footnotes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report.

**Industry**

There has been a softening in industry conditions during the past several quarters, as semiconductor manufacturers managed through the inventory build-up that occurred during the summer and fall of 2004. Factory utilization rates have dropped below the 85 percent capital reinvestment level. However, certain leading edge device manufacturers are cautiously adding capacity to meet their anticipated 2005 increase in leading edge device demand.

Based upon the latest Gartner Group forecast, demand for wafer fab equipment in calendar 2004, when the final numbers are published, is expected to have increased by more than 60 percent when compared to 2003.\* The calendar 2004 increase was partially driven by the limited spending by device manufacturers on new capacity in calendar 2001 and 2002.

From a historical perspective, it is unrealistic to anticipate significant growth in semiconductor equipment demand in a year following a year of growth in excess of 50 percent. Therefore, for planning purposes, we anticipate that total demand for semiconductor equipment will be flat to slightly down in calendar 2005.\* Stronger than anticipated economic growth would have a favorable impact on the industry outlook.\*





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We do not believe that semiconductor manufacturers significantly over-built this cycle.\* We believe that if the global economic recovery continues in calendar 2005, the top semiconductor suppliers in the world will begin to add advanced 300mm capacity in an effort to reduce their per device manufacturing cost and meet leading edge device demand.\* Given our successful delivery of products to many of these customers, we expect to participate through the receipt of orders when the spending re-accelerates.\* In addition, we believe that our broader applications capability and product placements at the top spenders position us to grow faster than the market segments that we serve.\*

**Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission guidance, those material accounting policies that we believe are the most critical to an investor's understanding of our financial results and condition and require complex management judgment are discussed below.

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are as follows:

revenue recognition;

valuation of long-lived and intangible assets; and

estimation of valuation allowances and accrued liabilities, specifically product warranty, inventory reserves, allowance for doubtful accounts and assessment of the probability of the outcome of current litigation.

*Revenue Recognition*

We recognize revenue when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the purchase price is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. If our equipment sales involve sales to our existing customers who have previously accepted the same type(s) of equipment with the same type(s) of specifications, we account for the product sales as a multiple element arrangement. We recognize the equipment revenue upon shipment and transfer of title. The other multiple elements also include installation and training. Equipment installation revenue is valued based on estimated service person hours to complete installation and published or quoted service labor rates and is recognized when the labor has been completed. Training revenue is valued based on published training class prices and is recognized when the customers complete the training classes or when a customer-specific training period has expired. The published or quoted service labor rates and training class prices are rates actually charged and billed to our customers.

All other product sales with customer specific acceptance provisions are recognized upon customer acceptance. Future revenues may be negatively impacted if we are unable to meet customer-specific acceptance criteria. Revenue related to spare part sales is recognized upon shipment. Revenue related to maintenance and service contracts is recognized ratably over the duration of the contracts.

Timing and amount of revenue recognized is dependent on the mix of revenue recognized upon shipment versus acceptance and for revenue recognized upon acceptance, it is dependent upon when customer specific criteria are met.

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*Valuation of Long-Lived and Intangible Assets*

We assess the impairment of identifiable intangibles and long-lived assets at least annually, and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

If we determine that the carrying value of intangibles and long-lived assets may not be recoverable, we measure any impairment based on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined by our management to be commensurate with the risk inherent in our current business model or another valuation technique. Net intangible assets and long-lived assets amounted to \$42.5 million as of November 27, 2004.

Intangible assets were reviewed for impairment as of August 28, 2004, and were deemed not impaired. We will continue to review intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis or as we deem necessary. See Note 3 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our fiscal 2004 annual report on Form 10-K for a discussion of the impairment of our investment in our affiliate, Nortem N.V., formerly known as Metron Technology.

*Product Warranty Estimation*

We record a liability for warranty claims at the time of sale. The amount of the liability is based on the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, anticipated releases of new products and other factors. The warranty periods for new equipment manufactured by us typically range from one to two years. Special warranty reserves are also accrued for major rework campaigns. Although management believes the likelihood to be relatively low, claims experience could be materially different from actual results because of the introduction of new, more complex products; a change in our warranty policy in response to industry trends; competition or other external forces; manufacturing changes that could impact product quality; or as yet unrecognized defects in products sold.

*Inventory Reserves Estimation*

We record reserves for inventory shrinkage and for potentially excess, obsolete and slow moving inventory. The amounts of these reserves are based upon historical loss trends, inventory levels, physical inventory and cycle count adjustments, expected product lives, forecasted sales demand and recoverability. Results could be materially different if demand for our products decreased because of economic or competitive conditions, length of the industry downturn, or if products become obsolete because of technical advancements in the industry or by us.

*Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Estimation*

Management must make estimates of the uncollectibility of our accounts receivable. The most significant risk is the risk of sudden unexpected deterioration in financial condition of a significant customer which is not considered in the allowance. Management specifically analyzes accounts receivable and analyzes historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness, current economic trends and changes in our customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Results could be materially impacted if the financial condition of a significant customer deteriorated and related accounts receivable are deemed uncollectible. Accounts receivable are charged off after management determines that they are uncollectible.

**Table of Contents***Litigation Liability Estimation*

Management's current estimated range of liability related to some of the pending litigation is based on claims for which our management can estimate the amount and range of loss. We have recorded the minimum estimated liability related to those claims, where there is a range of loss and no estimate within the range is better than the other estimates. Because of the uncertainties related to both the amount and range of loss on the pending litigation, management is not always able to make a reasonable estimate of the liability that could result from an unfavorable outcome. As additional information becomes available, we will assess the potential liability related to our pending litigation and revise our estimates. Such revisions in our estimates of the potential liability could materially impact our results of operations and financial position.

**FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL 2005 COMPARED WITH FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL 2004****The Company**

The following table sets forth for the fiscal quarter indicated, certain income and expense items as a percent of our total sales.

	<b>Percent of Sales</b>	
	<b>November 27, 2004</b>	<b>November 29, 2003</b>
<b>First quarter ended:</b>		
Sales	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of goods sold	46.5	53.3
Gross profit	53.5	46.7
Selling, general and administrative	43.5	37.0
Research and development	27.9	24.6
Operating loss	(17.9)	(14.9)
Other income, net	0.8	9.2
Losses before income taxes	(17.1)	(5.7)
Income taxes		0.1
Equity in earnings of affiliate	0.3	1.3
Net loss	(16.8%)	(4.5%)

**Sales Revenues and Shipments**

Sales revenues decreased 14 percent to \$19.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$22.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. Sales revenues for our Surface Conditioning ( SC ) products increased from \$12.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$17.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005. The increase in SC product revenues was primarily due to an increase in SC shipments from \$12.8 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$17.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005. Sales revenues for POLARIS Systems and Services ( PSS ) products decreased from \$9.9 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$2.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005. The decrease in the PSS revenue was primarily due to our transformation, beginning in March 2003, from the

microlithography business to a POLARIS® Systems and Services product group.

Shipments in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 decreased to \$19.6 million from \$20.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004. SC shipments were \$17.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$12.8 million in the prior year period. The increase in SC shipments was primarily due to an increase in bookings from \$9.0 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 to \$17.9 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004 related to improved industry conditions in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004 as compared to the prior year same period. PSS shipments decreased to \$2.2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 from \$7.8 million in the prior year period. The decrease in PSS shipments was primarily due to our exit from the resist processing market.

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Based upon our revenue recognition policy, certain shipments to customers are not recognized until customer acceptance, therefore depending on timing of shipments and customer acceptances, there are time periods where shipments may exceed sales revenue.

International sales were \$13.3 million, representing 68% of total sales during the first quarter of fiscal 2005, and \$8.1 million, representing 36% of total sales, during the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The increase in international sales was primarily due to increased sales in Europe.

Deferred revenue was approximately \$7.0 million as of November 27, 2004. Deferred profit of \$3.3 million as of November 27, 2004, as reported on the consolidated balance sheet, reflected deferred revenue less deferred cost of goods sold.

We currently expect second quarter revenues to be between \$23 and \$26 million.\* A portion of this expected revenue is subject to us receiving purchase orders or obtaining timely acceptance from our customers, including gaining acceptance for several evaluation systems that are now being qualified by customers. Also, in the existing industry environment, customers could request delivery delays or cancel orders. We anticipate that a significant portion of our second quarter revenues will be based on orders from Asian customers.\*

## **Gross Profit**

Our gross profit margin fluctuates due to a number of factors, including the mix of products sold, as spare parts and service revenues generally have higher margins; the proportion of international sales, as international sales generally have lower margins due to pricing pressures, and utilization of manufacturing capacity.

Gross profit as a percentage of sales was 53.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and was 46.7% for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The increase in margins was primarily related to product mix. The first quarter of fiscal 2005 margins were also favorably impacted by \$0.4 million of changes in warranty estimates primarily related to improvements in the rate of warranty claims.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2005, we had no significant sales of PSS inventory that had previously been written down to zero. During the first quarter of fiscal 2004, we had sales of PSS inventory with an original cost of \$1.2 million that had previously been written down to zero. This was primarily due to sales revenues generated from unanticipated PSS spare parts and upgrades sales. Our gross margin as a percentage of sales in the first quarter of fiscal 2004 would have been 41.1% if we had included the original cost of the PSS inventory that had been written down to zero. Gross margin including the original cost of the PSS inventory that had been written down to zero is not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). Our management believes that the presentation of gross margin including the original cost of the PSS inventory that had been written down to zero provides a useful analysis of our ongoing operating trends and helps investors compare our operating performance period over period.

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The following is a reconciliation of our first quarter fiscal 2004 gross margin calculated in accordance with GAAP to our first quarter fiscal 2004 gross margin before the impact of the sales of PSS inventory that had previously been written down to zero (in thousands):

	First Quarter Ended November 29, 2003 (GAAP)	% of Sales	Adjustment	First Quarter Ended November 29, 2003 (Non-GAAP)	% of Sales
Sales	\$ 22,491			\$ 22,491	
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ 11,996		\$ 1,245 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13,241	
Gross Margin	\$ 10,495	46.7%		\$ 9,250	41.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Original cost of PSS inventory sold that had previously been written down to zero.

We will continue to try to sell the impaired inventory to our customers as spares, refurbished systems and upgrades to existing systems. If unsuccessful, some of the items will be disposed of. Any significant sales of the impaired inventory will be disclosed. Gross margins will be higher if inventory carried at a reduced cost is sold.

Gross profit margins are expected to decrease to 44% to 46% of revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2005, due to both a foreign/domestic sales mix and product mix shift compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2005.\*

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses**

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased from \$8.3 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$8.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005. The increase was related to salary expense increases associated with the reinstatement of the fiscal 2002 pay cuts in January 2004, additional travel costs of service personnel as we focus on gaining acceptance for the evaluation systems previously placed at customers facilities and an increase in professional fees related to Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 compliance work. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in depreciation related to our SAP system being fully depreciated in fiscal 2004 and the reversal in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 of a tax abatement accrual previously recorded.

Based upon our current operations, we expect the dollar amount of selling, general and administrative expenses in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 to be in the range of \$8.8 to \$9.0 million as we continue to focus on supporting product evaluations in process at our customers facilities.\*

**Research and Development Expenses**

Research and development expenses were \$5.4 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and \$5.5 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The majority of our research and development investment is focused on expanding the applications capabilities of our products, supporting customer evaluations and expanding our product portfolio.

Based upon current operations and the engineering resources required to support evaluation tool placements and new product and process development initiatives, research and development expenses for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 are expected to be in the range of \$5.4 to \$5.6 million.\*

**Other Income (Expense), Net**

Other income (expense), net was approximately \$152,000 of income for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 as compared to \$2.1 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. In the first quarter of fiscal 2004, we recorded a \$2.0 million gain on the sale of approximately 627,000 shares of Metron Technology common stock.

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As of November 27, 2004, we owned 1.5 million of Metron Technology common stock at a cost basis of \$0.94 per share or \$1.4 million. On November 27, 2004, we carried this investment as a marketable security valued at \$6.6 million. On December 14, 2004, Applied Materials closed on the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Metron Technology. In connection with the consummation of the asset sale to Applied Materials, Metron Technology changed its name to Nortem N.V. We anticipate receiving approximately \$7.0 million in cash distributions over the next six months as Nortem is liquidated.\* We anticipate receiving an initial distribution from Nortem related to the liquidation of Nortem in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 and we expect to record a gain of \$4.0 to \$5.0 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2005, depending upon the amount of the initial distribution.\* See Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements of this quarterly report for further discussion in regard to Applied Materials acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Nortem.

Interest income for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 is expected to be between \$50,000 to \$75,000, given our current cash position and the anticipated interest rates.\*

## **Income Tax**

Our deferred tax assets on the balance sheet as of November 27, 2004 have been fully reserved for with a valuation allowance. We do not expect to significantly reduce our valuation allowance until we are consistently profitable on a quarterly basis.\*

We have net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$134.7 million, which will begin to expire in fiscal 2011 through fiscal 2023 if not utilized. Of this amount, approximately \$15.0 million is subject to Internal Revenue Code Section 382 limitations on utilization. This limitation is approximately \$1.4 million per year.

Tax legislation has been enacted to repeal certain export tax incentives that we have qualified for in the past. The legislation also includes provisions that allow for a deduction for qualified production activities. These provisions will not impact our tax rate in the near term due to the full valuation allowance. The longer term impact will depend on the level of our profitability and the mix of earnings between domestic and foreign.

## **Equity in Earnings of Affiliate**

The equity in earnings of affiliate was approximately \$58,000 of income for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, compared to approximately \$284,000 of income for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. The decrease related to m FSI LTD's operations.

We expect to report equity in earnings of affiliate between \$200,000 to \$300,000 in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 due to the expected financial performance of m FSI LTD in their second quarter.\*

## **Net Income**

Assuming that we can achieve the expected revenues, gross margin, operating expenses, gain on the sale of Nortem stock and affiliate earning levels, we expect to report a net income of approximately \$1.0 to \$2.0 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2005.\*



**Table of Contents****Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our cash, restricted cash and cash equivalents were approximately \$26.2 million as of November 27, 2004, a decrease of \$9.4 million from the end of fiscal 2004. The decrease in cash, restricted cash, and cash equivalents was due primarily to \$8.3 million of net cash used for operations, \$1.0 million of investments in affiliate and a license fee, and \$0.6 million of property, plant and equipment acquisitions. The decreases were net of \$0.5 million of positive currency impact.

Marketable securities were approximately \$6.6 million as of November 27, 2004, and as of the end of fiscal 2004.

Accounts receivables will fluctuate quarter to quarter depending on individual customers' timing of ship dates, payment terms and cash flow conditions. Accounts receivable decreased \$1.8 million from the end of fiscal 2004. The decrease in trade accounts receivable related primarily to the decline in shipments from \$26.7 million in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$19.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

Inventory increased approximately \$4.8 million to \$32.2 million at November 27, 2004 as compared to \$27.4 million at the end of fiscal 2004. The majority of the increase in inventory was in work-in-process inventory related primarily to customer-requested shipment delays and anticipated second quarter shipments. Inventory reserves were \$17.8 million at November 27, 2004, and \$19.7 million at the end of fiscal 2004. The decrease related primarily to disposals of obsolete PSS product line inventory.

As of November 27, 2004, our current ratio was 3.5 to 1.0, and working capital was \$65.7 million. We did not have any outstanding loans with our affiliates and had no lines of credit or guarantees of affiliates as of November 27, 2004.

The following table provides aggregate information about our contractual payment obligations and the periods in which payments are due (in thousands):

		Payments due by period			
		Less than 1	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
<b>Contractual Obligations:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Year</b>			
Operating Lease Obligations	\$ 1,593	\$ 806	\$ 590	\$ 197	\$
Purchase Obligations	5,410	5,410			
Other Long-Term Liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	4,354	1,104	1,250	500	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,357</b>	<b>\$ 7,320</b>	<b>\$ 1,840</b>	<b>\$ 697</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>

<sup>(1)</sup>Other long-term liabilities represent payments related to a patent litigation settlement and minimum royalty payments or discounts granted under a license agreement.

As discussed in Note 5 of the Notes to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements and in Part II of this report, we have outstanding litigation regarding the Hsu matter. The total judgment against SSI together with post judgment interest as of November 27, 2004 aggregated approximately \$7.8 million. SSI and the individual defendants have filed an appeal on a variety of grounds. In the third quarter of fiscal 2002, we posted an appeal bond on behalf of SSI and defendants in the amount of \$8.3 million. As part of the posting of the bond, we entered into a letter of credit in the amount of \$5.2 million with a surety company. This letter of credit is collateralized with restricted cash of

approximately the same amount. As of November 27, 2004, we had guarantees of \$288,000 related to auto leases, VAT and payroll requirements in Europe. These guarantees were collateralized with \$275,000 of restricted cash. The total balance of restricted cash as of November 27, 2004 was \$6.0 million.

In accordance with our Israel distribution agreement with Metron Technology, if we give notice of a termination other than because of a breach of the agreement by Metron Technology, we are obligated to

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repurchase spare parts in Metron Technology's inventory. The balance of spare parts in Metron Technology's inventory as of November 27, 2004 was approximately \$127,000. We believe that our obligation to repurchase this inventory was eliminated when Applied Materials acquired substantially all of the Metron Technology assets on December 14, 2004.

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment were \$0.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and \$0.4 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004. We expect capital expenditures to be less than \$1.0 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2005.\* Depreciation and amortization for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 is expected to be between approximately \$1.3 and \$1.5 million.\*

During the first quarter of fiscal 2005, we entered into a non-binding letter of intent to sell our facility in Allen, Texas and sublease back a portion of the space. We expect to close on this transaction in the second quarter of fiscal 2005.\* We believe that this facility has a market value of \$12 to \$15 million,\* and we carried the building and property, plant and equipment on the balance sheet at a value of approximately \$8.0 million on November 27, 2004.

At the second quarter expected run rate, we anticipate using between \$2.5 and \$3.5 million of net cash for operations in the second quarter of fiscal 2005.\* The cash usage is expected to be primarily for the purchase of inventory required for the anticipated placement of additional evaluation systems, an increase in accounts receivable from an expected increase in shipments in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 and for working capital and general corporate purposes.\* We believe that with existing cash, cash receipts, cash equivalents, marketable securities and internally generated funds, there will be sufficient funds to meet our currently projected working capital requirements, and to meet other cash requirements through at least fiscal 2005.\* We believe that success in our industry requires substantial capital to maintain the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities as they arise. One of our strategic objectives is, as market and business conditions warrant, to consider divestitures, investments or acquisitions of businesses, products or technologies particularly those that are complementary to our SC business. We may fund such activities with additional equity or debt financing. The sale of additional equity or debt securities, whether to maintain flexibility or to meet strategic objectives, could result in additional dilution to our shareholders.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 151, Inventory Costs. This statement requires that items such as idle facility expense, excessive spoilage, double freight and rehandling costs be recognized as current period charges. In addition, this statement requires that the allocation of fixed production overheads to the cost of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. This statement is effective for inventory costs incurred beginning in our first quarter of fiscal 2006. Our management is currently evaluating the impact of this statement.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS 123R, Share-Based Payment: an amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 95. This statement requires companies to recognize in the income statement the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees. This statement is effective beginning in our first quarter of fiscal 2006. Our management is currently evaluating the impact of this statement.

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**RISK FACTORS**

Our business faces significant risks. The risks described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial also may impair our business operations. If any of the events or circumstances described in the following risks occurs, our business, operating results or financial condition could be materially adversely affected. The following risk factors should be read in conjunction with the other information and risks set forth in this report.

**Because our business depends on the amount that manufacturers of microelectronics spend on capital equipment, downturns in the microelectronics industry may adversely affect our results.**

The microelectronics industry experiences periodic downturns, which may have a negative effect on our sales and operating results. Our business depends on the amounts that manufacturers of microelectronics spend on capital equipment. The amounts they spend on capital equipment depend on the existing and expected demand for semiconductor devices and products that use semiconductor devices. When a downturn occurs, some semiconductor manufacturers experience lower demand and increased pricing pressure for their products. As a result, they are likely to purchase less semiconductor processing equipment and have sometimes delayed making decisions to purchase capital equipment. In some cases, semiconductor manufacturers have canceled or delayed orders for our products. Typically, the semiconductor equipment industry has experienced more pronounced decreases in net sales than the semiconductor industry as a whole.

We, along with others in the semiconductor equipment industry, have recently experienced a downturn in orders for new equipment as well as delays in or cancellations of existing orders. We cannot predict the extent and length of the current softening in the industry. In addition:

the semiconductor equipment industry may experience other, possibly more severe and prolonged, downturns in the future;

any future recovery of the microelectronics industry may not result in an increased demand by semiconductor manufacturers for capital equipment or our products; and

the semiconductor equipment industry may not improve in the near future or at all.

**Failure of our products to gain market acceptance would adversely affect our financial condition.**

We believe that our growth prospects depend upon our ability to gain customer acceptance of our products and technology, particularly 300mm products. Market acceptance of products depends upon numerous factors, including:

compatibility with existing manufacturing processes and products;

ability to displace incumbent suppliers or processes or tools of record;

perceived advantages over competing products; and

the level of customer service available to support such products.

Moreover, manufacturers often rely on a limited number of equipment vendors to meet their manufacturing equipment needs. As a result, market acceptance of our products may be affected adversely to the extent potential customers utilize a competitor's manufacturing equipment. There can be no assurance that sales of new products will remain constant or grow or that we will be successful in obtaining broad market acceptance of our systems and technology.



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We expect to spend a significant amount of time and resources to develop new systems and enhance existing systems. In light of the long product development cycles inherent in our industry, we will make these expenditures well in advance of the prospect of deriving revenue from the sale of any new systems. Our ability to commercially introduce and successfully market any new systems is subject to a wide variety of challenges during this development cycle, including start-up bugs, design defects and other matters that could delay introduction of these systems to the marketplace. In addition, since our customers are not obligated by long-term contracts to purchase our systems, our anticipated product orders may not materialize or orders that do materialize may be canceled. As a result, if we do not achieve market acceptance of new products, we may not be able to realize sufficient sales of our systems in order to recoup research and development expenditures. The failure of any of our new products, for example the MAGELLAN®, to achieve market acceptance would harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations and cash flows.

### **If we do not continue to develop new products, we will not be able to compete effectively.**

Our business and results of operations could decline if we do not develop and successfully introduce new or improved products that the market accepts. The technology used in microelectronics manufacturing equipment and processes changes rapidly. Industry standards change constantly and equipment manufacturers frequently introduce new products. We believe that microelectronics manufacturers increasingly rely on equipment manufacturers like us to:

design and develop more efficient manufacturing equipment;

design and implement improved processes for microelectronics manufacturers to use; and

make their equipment compatible with equipment made by other equipment manufacturers.

To compete, we must continue to develop, manufacture, and market new or improved products that meet changing industry standards. To do this successfully, we must:

select appropriate products;

design and develop our products efficiently and quickly;

implement our manufacturing and assembly processes efficiently and on time;

make products that perform well for our customers;

market and sell our products effectively; and

introduce our new products in a way that does not unexpectedly reduce sales of our existing products.

### **Product or process development problems could harm our results of operations.**

Our products are complex, and from time to time have defects or bugs that are difficult and costly to fix. This can harm our results of operations in the following ways:

we may incur substantial costs to ensure the functionality and reliability of products early in their life cycle;

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repeated defects or bugs can reduce orders, increase manufacturing costs, adversely impact working capital and increase service and warranty expenses; and

we may require significant lead times between product introduction and commercialization.

As a result, we may have to write off inventory and other assets related to products and could lose customers and revenue. There is no assurance that we will be successful in preventing product and process development problems that could potentially harm our results of operations.

**It may be difficult for us to compete with stronger competitors resulting from industry consolidation.**

In the past several years, we have seen a trend toward consolidation in the microelectronics equipment industry. We expect the trend toward consolidation to continue as companies seek to strengthen or maintain their market positions in a rapidly changing industry. We believe that industry consolidations may result in competitors that are better able to compete. This could have a significant negative impact on our business, operating results, and financial condition.

**Future acquisitions may dilute our shareholders' ownership interests and have other adverse consequences.**

Because of consolidations in the semiconductor equipment industry we serve and other competitive factors, our management will seek to acquire additional product lines, technologies, and businesses if suitable opportunities develop. Acquisitions may result in the issuance of our stock, which may dilute our shareholders' ownership interests and reduce earnings per share. Acquisitions also may increase debt levels and the related goodwill and other intangible assets, which could have a significant negative effect on our financial condition and operating results. In addition, acquisitions involve numerous risks, including:

difficulties in absorbing the new business, product line, or technology;

diversion of management's attention from other business concerns;

entering new markets in which we have little or no experience; and

possible loss of key employees of the acquired business.

**Because of the volatility of our stock price, the ability to trade FSI shares may be adversely affected and our ability to raise capital through future equity financing may be reduced.**

Our stock price has been volatile in the past and may continue to be so in the future. In the first quarter of fiscal 2005, our stock price ranged from \$3.86 to \$5.56 per share and in fiscal 2004, our stock price ranged from \$4.01 to \$9.24 per share.

The trading price of our common shares is subject to wide fluctuations in response to various factors, some of which are beyond our control, including factors discussed elsewhere in this report and the following:

failure to meet the published expectations of securities analysts for a given period;

changes in financial estimates by securities analysts;

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press releases or announcements by, or changes in market values of, comparable companies;

additions or departures of key personnel; and

involvement in or adverse results from litigation.

The prices of technology stocks, including ours, have been particularly affected by extreme fluctuations in price and volume in the stock market generally. These broad stock market fluctuations may have a negative effect on our future stock price.

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been brought against a company following periods of volatility in the market price of its securities. In the future we could be the target of this type of litigation. Securities litigation may result in substantial costs and divert management's attention and resources, which can seriously harm our business.

**Because our quarterly operating results are volatile, our stock price could fluctuate.**

In the past, our operating results have fluctuated from quarter to quarter and are likely to do so in the future. These fluctuations may have a significant impact on our stock price. The reasons for the fluctuations in our operating results, such as sales, gross profits, and net income, include:

*The Timing of Significant Customer Orders and Customer Spending Patterns.* During industry downturns, our customers may ask us to delay or even cancel the shipment of equipment orders. Delays and cancellations may adversely affect our operating results in any particular quarter if we are unable to recognize revenue for particular sales in the quarter in which we expected those sales.

*The Timing of New Product and Service Announcements By Us or Our Competitors.* New product announcements by us and our competitors could cause our customers to delay a purchase or to decide to purchase products of one of our competitors which would adversely affect our revenue and, therefore, our results of operations. New product announcements by others may make it necessary for us to reduce prices on our products or offer more service options, which could adversely impact operating margins and net income.

*The Mix of Products Sold and the Market Acceptance of Our New Product Lines.* The mix of products we sell varies from period to period, and because margins vary among or within different product lines, this can adversely affect our results of operations. If we fail to sell our products which generate higher margins, our average gross margins may be lower than expected. If we fail to sell our new product lines, our revenue may be lower than expected.

*General Global Economic Conditions or Economic Conditions in a Particular Region.* When economic conditions in a region or worldwide worsen, customers may delay or cancel their orders. There also may be an increase in the time it takes to collect payment from our customers or even outright payment defaults. This can negatively affect our cash flow and our results.

As a result of these factors, our future operating results are difficult to predict. Further, we base our current and future expense plans in significant part on our expectations of our longer-term future revenue. As a result, we expect our expense levels to be relatively fixed in the short-run. An unanticipated decline in revenue for a particular quarter may disproportionately affect our net income in that quarter. If our revenue is below our projections, then our operating results will also be below expectations. Any one of the factors we list above, or a combination of them, could adversely affect our quarterly results of operations, and consequently may cause a decline in our share price.



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**Because of our ownership position in m FSI, LTD., adverse results of m FSI LTD could adversely affect our results.**

The profits or losses of our affiliate, m FSI LTD., can also significantly affect our financial results. As of November 27, 2004, we had a 49% interest in m FSI LTD. If this affiliate loses the business of a significant company for which it distributes or sells products, loses a significant customer, or otherwise became less financially viable, it could have a negative effect on our financial condition.

**Changes in demand caused by fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates may reduce our international sales.**

Almost all of our direct international sales are denominated in U.S. dollars. Nonetheless, changes in demand caused by fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates may affect our international sales. Sales for m FSI LTD are denominated in yen. As a result, U.S. dollar/yen exchange rates may affect our equity interest in m FSI LTD's earnings.

m FSI sometimes engages in so-called hedging or risk-reducing transactions to try to limit the negative effects that the devaluation of foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar could have on operating results. m FSI LTD will do so if a sale denominated in a foreign currency is sufficiently large to justify the costs of hedging. To hedge a sale, m FSI LTD typically will commit to buy U.S. dollars and sell the foreign currency at a given price at a future date. If the customer cancels the sale, m FSI LTD may be forced to buy U.S. dollars and sell the foreign currency at market rates to meet its hedging obligations and may incur a loss in doing so. To date, the hedging activities of m FSI have not had any significant negative effect on us.

Because we assumed direct sales, service and applications support and logistics responsibilities for our products in Europe and the Asia Pacific region starting in March 2003, we incur labor, service and other expenses in foreign currencies. As of November 27, 2004, we had not entered into any hedging activities and our foreign currency transaction loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was insignificant. We intend to evaluate various hedging activities and other options to minimize fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates. There is no assurance that we will be successful in minimizing foreign exchange rate risks and such failure may reduce our international sales or negatively impact our operating results.

**Because of the need to meet and comply with numerous foreign regulations and policies, the potential for change in the political and economic environments in foreign jurisdictions and the difficulty of managing business overseas, we may not be able to sustain our historical level of international sales.**

We operate in a global market. In the first quarter of fiscal 2005, approximately 68% of our sales revenue derived from sales outside of the United States. In fiscal 2004, approximately 47% of our sales revenue derived from sales outside the United States. In fiscal 2003, approximately 38% of our sales revenue derived from sales outside the United States. In fiscal 2002, approximately 29% of our sales revenue derived from sales outside the United States. We expect that international sales will continue to represent a significant portion of total sales. Sales to customers outside the United States involve a number of risks, including the following:

imposition of government controls;

compliance with U.S. export laws and foreign laws;

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political and economic instability;

trade restrictions;

changes in taxes and tariffs;

longer payment cycles;

difficulty of administering business overseas; and

general economic conditions.

In particular, the Japanese and Asia Pacific markets are extremely competitive. The semiconductor device manufacturers located there are very aggressive in seeking price concessions from suppliers, including equipment manufacturers like us.

We seek to meet technical standards imposed by foreign regulatory bodies. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to comply with those standards in the future. Any failure by us to design products to comply with foreign standards could have a significant negative impact on us.

**Because of the significant financial resources needed to offer a broad range of products, to maintain customer service and support and to invest in research and development, we may be unable to compete with larger, better established competitors.**

The microelectronics equipment industry is highly competitive. We face substantial competition throughout the world. We believe that to remain competitive, we will need significant financial resources to offer a broad range of products, to maintain customer service and support, and to invest in research and development. We believe that the microelectronics industry is becoming increasingly dominated by large manufacturers who have the resources to support customers on a worldwide basis. Some of our competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing, and customer-support capabilities than us. Large equipment manufacturers have or may enter the market areas in which we compete. In addition, smaller, emerging microelectronics equipment companies provide innovative technology. We expect that our competitors will continue to improve the design and performance of their existing products and processes. We also expect them to introduce new products and processes with better performance and pricing. We cannot guarantee that we will continue to compete effectively in the United States or elsewhere. We may be unable to continue to invest in marketing, research and development and engineering at the levels we believe necessary to maintain our competitive position. Our failure to make these investments could have a significant negative impact on our business, operating results and financial condition.

**Because we do not have long-term sales commitments with our customers, if these customers decide to reduce, delay or cancel orders or choose to deal with our competitors, then our results will be adversely affected.**

If our significant customers, including IBM or Texas Instruments, reduce, delay, or cancel orders, then our operating results could suffer. Our largest customers have changed from year to year, however, sales to our top five customers accounted for approximately 46% of total sales in fiscal 2004, 59% of total revenues in fiscal 2003 and 53% of total revenues in fiscal 2002. Texas Instruments accounted for 16% of total sales in fiscal 2004, 24% of total sales in fiscal 2003 and 29% of total revenues in fiscal 2002. IBM accounted for approximately 14% of total sales in fiscal 2003 and 11% of total revenues in fiscal 2002. We currently have no long-term sales commitments with any of our customers.



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Instead, we generally make sales under purchase orders. Our backlog at August 28, 2004 was \$20.1 million, of which 52% was comprised of orders from two customers. All orders are subject to cancellation or delay by the customer.

**Our backlog may not result in future net sales.**

We schedule the production of our systems based in part upon order backlog. Due to possible customer changes in delivery schedules and cancellations of orders, our backlog at any particular date is not necessarily indicative of actual sales for any succeeding period. In addition, while we evaluate each customer order on a case by case basis to determine qualification for inclusion in backlog, there can be no assurance that amounts included in backlog ultimately will result in future sales. A reduction in backlog during any particular period, or the failure of our backlog to result in future sales, could harm our business.

**Because we depend upon our management and technical personnel for our success, the loss of key personnel could place us at a competitive disadvantage.**

Our success depends to a significant extent upon our management and technical personnel. The loss of a number of these key persons could have a negative effect on our operations. Competition is high for such personnel in our industry in all of our locations. We periodically review our compensation and benefit packages to ensure that they are competitive in the marketplace and make adjustments or implement new programs for that purpose, as appropriate. We cannot guarantee that we will continue to attract and retain the personnel we require to continue to grow and operate profitably.

**Our employment costs in the short-term are to a large extent fixed, and therefore any unexpected revenue shortfall could adversely affect our operating results.**

Our operating expense levels are based in significant part on our headcount, which generally is driven by longer-term revenue goals. For a variety of reasons, particularly the high cost and disruption of lay-offs and the costs of recruiting and training, our headcount in the short-term is, to a large extent, fixed. Accordingly, we may be unable to reduce employment costs in a timely manner to compensate for any unexpected revenue or gross margin shortfall, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

**Because our intellectual property is important to our success, the loss or diminution of our intellectual property rights through legal challenge by others or from independent development by others, could adversely affect our business.**

We attempt to protect our intellectual property rights through patents, copyrights, trade secrets, and other measures. However, we believe that our financial performance will depend more upon the innovation, technological expertise, and marketing abilities of our employees than on such protection. In connection with our intellectual property rights, we face the following risks:

our pending patent applications may not be issued or may be issued with more narrow claims;

patents issued to us may be challenged, invalidated, or circumvented;

rights granted under issued patents may not provide competitive advantages to us;

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foreign laws may not protect our intellectual property rights; and

others may independently develop similar products, duplicate our products, or design around our patents.

As is typical in the semiconductor industry, we occasionally receive notices from others alleging infringement claims. We have been involved in patent infringement litigation in the past and we could become involved in similar lawsuits or other patent infringement claims in the future. We cannot guarantee the outcome of such lawsuits or claims, which may have a significant negative effect on our business or operating results.

**We are currently exposed to various risks related to legal proceedings or claims.**

We currently are, and in the future, may be, involved in legal proceedings or claims regarding patent infringement, intellectual property rights, contracts and other matters. These legal proceedings and claims, whether with or without merit, could be time-consuming and expensive to prosecute or defend, and could divert management's attention and resources. There can be no assurance regarding the outcome of current or future legal proceedings or claims. If we are not able to resolve a claim, negotiate a settlement of the matter, obtain necessary licenses on commercially reasonable terms and/or successfully prosecute or defend its position, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

**Our sales cycle is long and unpredictable, which could require us to incur high sales and marketing expenses with no assurance that a sale will result.**

Sales cycles for some of our products can run as long as 12 to 18 months. As a result, we may not recognize revenue from efforts to sell particular products for extended periods of time. We believe that the length of the sales cycle may increase as some current and potential customers centralize purchasing decisions into one decision-making entity. We expect this may intensify the evaluation process and require us to make additional sales and marketing expenditures with no assurance that a sale will result.

**Changes to financial accounting standards may affect our reported results of operations.**

We prepare our financial statements to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ). The GAAP are subject to interpretation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and various bodies formed to interpret and create appropriate accounting policies. A change in those policies can have a significant effect on our reported results and may even affect our reporting of transactions completed before a change is announced.

Accounting policies affecting many other aspects of our business, including rules relating to purchase accounting for business combinations, revenue recognition, in-process research and development charges, employee stock purchase plans and stock option grants, have recently been revised or are under review. Changes to those rules or the questioning of our current accounting practices may have a material adverse effect on our reported financial results or on the way we conduct business. In addition, our preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires that we make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of those assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement and the recorded amounts of expenses during the reporting period. A change in the facts and circumstances surrounding those estimates could result in a change to our estimates and could impact our future operating results.

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**We do not intend to pay dividends.**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain any future earnings for funding growth and, therefore, do not expect to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Our cash flows and earnings are subject to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates due to investments in foreign-based affiliates. As of November 27, 2004, our investments in affiliate included a 49% interest in m FSI LTD, which operates in Japan. We also own a 12% interest in Nortem N.V. (formerly known as Metron Technology) which operates mainly in Europe, Asia Pacific and the United States. We denominate all U.S. export sales in U.S. dollars. Our investment in Nortem is currently accounted for as marketable securities and is subject to market fluctuations related to the stock price. During the first quarter of fiscal 2005, Nortem's stock price ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.51. See Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements of this quarterly report for information on the purchase of the assets of Metron Technology by Applied Materials and the anticipated cash distributions to FSI.

Because we assumed direct sales, service and applications support and logistics responsibilities for our products in Europe and the Asia Pacific region starting in March 2003, we have and will continue to incur labor, service and other expenses in foreign currencies. As a result, we may be exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rate risks.\* As of November 27, 2004, we had not entered into any hedging activities and our foreign currency transaction loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was insignificant. We are currently evaluating various hedging activities and other options to minimize these risks.

We do not have significant exposure to changing interest rates as all material outstanding debt was repaid on September 3, 1999. We do not undertake any specific actions to cover our exposure to interest rate risk and we are not party to any interest rate risk management transactions. The impact on loss before income taxes of a 1% change in short-term interest rates would be approximately \$328,000 based on cash, restricted cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balances as of November 27, 2004.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.



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FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

**ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings**

We generate minor amounts of liquid and solid hazardous waste and use licensed haulers and disposal facilities to ship and dispose of such waste. In the past, we have received notice from state or federal enforcement agencies that we are a potentially responsible party ( PRP ) in connection with the investigation of several hazardous waste disposal sites owned and operated by third parties. In each matter, we have elected to participate in settlement offers made to all *de minimis* parties with respect to such sites. The risk of being named a PRP is that if any of the other PRP s are unable to contribute its proportionate share of the liability, if any, associated with the site, those PRP s that are financially able could be held financially responsible for the shortfall.

There has and continues to be substantial litigation regarding patent and other intellectual property rights in the microelectronics industry. Commercialization of new products or further commercialization of our current products could provoke claims of infringement by third parties. In the future, litigation may be necessary to enforce patents issued to us, to protect trade secrets or know-how owned by us or to defend us against claimed infringement of the rights of others and to determine the scope and validity of our proprietary rights. Any such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of effort by us, which by itself could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and operating results. Further, adverse determinations in such litigation could result in our loss of proprietary rights, subject us to significant liabilities to third parties, require us to seek licenses from third parties or prevent us from manufacturing or selling one or more products, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Certain of our product lines are intended for use with hazardous chemicals. As a result, we are notified by our customers from time to time of incidents involving our equipment that have resulted in a spill or release of a hazardous chemical. In some cases it may be alleged that we or our equipment are at fault. There can be no assurance that any future litigation resulting from such claims would not have a material adverse effect on our business or financial results.

In fall 1995, pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase and Shareholder Agreement dated November 30, 1990 between Eric C. Hsu and SSI (the Shareholder Agreement ) and in connection with Mr. Hsu s termination of his employment with SSI in August 1995, the former shareholders of SSI purchased the shares of SSI common stock then held by Mr. Hsu. In October 1996, Eric C. and Angie L. Hsu (the plaintiffs ) filed a lawsuit in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Southern Division, against Semiconductor Systems, Inc. ( SSI ), our wholly owned subsidiary that was acquired in April 1996, and the former shareholders of SSI. The plaintiffs alleged that such purchase breached the Shareholder Agreement and violated the California Corporations Code, breached the fiduciary duty owed plaintiffs by the individual defendants and constituted fraud.

In September and October 2000, certain of Mr. Hsu s claims were tried to a jury in Alameda County Superior Court in Oakland, California. At the conclusion of the trial, the jury made the following findings. The jury found that SSI breached the Shareholder Agreement between it and Mr. Hsu and that the damages that resulted were approximately \$2.4 million. In addition, each of the individual defendant shareholders was found liable for conversion and damages of \$4.2 million were awarded. Certain individual defendants were also found to have intentionally interfered with Mr. Hsu s prospective economic advantage and damages of \$3.2 million were awarded. Finally, several individual defendants and SSI were found to have violated certain provisions of the California Corporation Code and damages of

\$2.4 million were awarded.

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In proceedings subsequent to the trial, the Court determined that plaintiffs are entitled to an award against SSI of prejudgment interest on the breach of contract damages (approximately \$2.4 million) at 10 percent per annum from October 1996. In addition, the Court awarded plaintiffs approximately \$127,000 in costs and approximately \$1.8 million in attorneys' fees against SSI and the individual defendants. On November 16, 2001, the court signed its final judgment reflecting the jury's awards, interest, attorneys' fees and costs assessed against each of the defendants.

Following the entry of judgment, SSI and the other defendants filed post-trial motions seeking reduction in the jury's damage awards and/or a new trial. The court denied these post-trial motions and there was no reduction in damages against SSI. Hsu was awarded an additional \$431,000 for attorneys' fees and expenses incurred since the judgment was rendered in November 2001. The total judgment against SSI together with post judgment interest and attorneys' fees as of November 27, 2004 aggregated approximately \$7.8 million.

SSI and the individual defendants have filed an appeal on a variety of grounds and we posted an appeal bond on behalf of SSI and defendants in the amount of \$8.3 million. As part of the posting of the bond, we entered into a letter of credit in the amount of \$5.2 million with a surety company. This letter of credit was collateralized with restricted cash of approximately the same amount.

We, on behalf of SSI, have made a claim with respect to the lawsuit under the escrow created at the time of our acquisition of SSI. The escrow was established to secure certain indemnification obligations of the former shareholders of SSI. The escrow consists of an aggregate of 250,000 shares of our common stock paid to the former shareholders of SSI as consideration in the acquisition. The former shareholders have agreed to hold us and SSI harmless from any claim arising out of any securities transactions between SSI and the shareholders or former shareholders of SSI. The indemnification obligations of the individual SSI shareholders are capped at approximately \$4.2 million in the aggregate. Any shares in the escrow returned to us to satisfy any indemnification obligations will be valued at \$12.125 per share, the per-share price of our common stock at the time of the SSI acquisition.

Given the escrowed shares and the additional indemnification by the individual SSI shareholders, along with our litigation reserve, we believe we have adequately provided for this potential liability.\* However, there is considerable uncertainty as to the ultimate resolution of this matter and the respective liability, if any, of SSI. We will continue with our appeal process and our defense. The court of appeals has scheduled an oral argument on the appeal on January 25, 2005.

In September 1995, CFM Technologies, Inc. and CFMT, Inc. (collectively "CFM") filed a complaint in United States District Court for the District of Delaware against YieldUP, now known as SCD Mountain View, Inc., our wholly owned subsidiary. CFM filed an additional complaint against YieldUP in United States District Court for the District of Delaware on December 30, 1998.

On January 3, 2001, Mattson Technology, Inc. ("Mattson") completed the merger of the semiconductor equipment division of Steag Electronic Systems AG and CFM and established its wet products division. With the merger completed, Mattson assumed responsibility for the two suits CFM filed against YieldUP. Then, on March 17, 2003, SCP Global Technologies ("SCP") acquired the wet product division of Mattson, including CFMT, Inc., and assumed responsibility for the two lawsuits.

On February 19, 2004, FSI and SCP announced that they settled the two patent infringement lawsuits pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. In an effort to settle these lawsuits, we acknowledged the validity and enforceability of the patents, but disputed that any of our products infringed upon the claims of the patents.

We agreed to pay SCP \$4.0 million for a release from past infringement claims and a prospective license under all four patents asserted against us in the two lawsuits. The release applies to all purchasers of our products containing its Surface Tension Gradient ( STG® )

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technology. The prospective license applies to all end-user customers of our products subject to certain limitations. In addition, we agreed to supply SCP customers, at a pre-established price, our rinse/dry kits to implement its STG® technology for certain applications.

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**ITEM 2. Change in Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

None

**ITEM 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities**

None

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

None

**ITEM 5. Other Information**

None

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FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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**SIGNATURE**

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.

FSI INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
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[Registrant]

DATE: January 6, 2005

By: /s/ Patricia M. Hollister  
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Patricia M. Hollister,  
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