UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM	8-K
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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report:

April 27, 2005 (Date of earliest event reported)

RAYOVAC CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Wisconsin (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-13615 (Commission File No.) 22-2423556 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Six Concourse Parkway, Suite 3300, Atlanta, Georgia 30328 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(770) 829-6200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)							
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)							
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))							
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240 13e-4(c))							

Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

Following the completion of its acquisition of United Industries Corporation ("United") on February 7, 2005, Rayovac Corporation ("Rayovac") filed certain financial information relating to United and The Nu-Gro Corporation ("Nu-Gro"), a wholly owned subsidiary of United. Additional information regarding the acquisition can be found in Rayovac's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 11, 2005 and in the amendment thereto on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on April 19, 2005.

Attached hereto as exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by reference, are consolidated financial statements of United and subsidiaries at December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004. Attached hereto as exhibit 99.2, and incorporated herein by reference, are unaudited consolidated financial statements of Nu-Gro and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2004 and 2003 and September 30, 2003 and for the three and six month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. Attached hereto as exhibit 99.3, and incorporated herein by reference, are consolidated financial statements of Nu-Gro and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended. The financial statements of Nu-Gro attached hereto differ from those filed with Rayovac's amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A, filed with the SEC on April 19, 2005, only in that the notes to the financial statements attached hereto include, as footnotes 12 and 23, respectively, separate information regarding Nu-Gro's domestic subsidiaries, as of the date of this filing, which are guarantors of certain Rayovac indebtedness. Attached hereto as exhibit 99.4, and incorporated herein by reference, is unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information as of January 2, 2005 and for the three month period then ended.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

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99.3	Audited consolidated financial statements of The Nu-Gro Corporation and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended.
99.4	Unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information as of January 2, 2005 and for the three month period then ended.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: April 27, 2005 RAYOVAC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Randall J. Steward

Name: Randall J. Steward

tle: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-59086) and Form S-8 (Nos. 333-39239, 333-41815, 333-42443, 333-68250 and 333-117567) of Rayovac Corporation of our report dated March 30, 2005 relating to the financial statements of United Industries Corporation and its subsidiaries, which appears in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Rayovac Corporation dated April 27, 2005.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP St. Louis, Missouri April 26, 2005

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the use in this Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 27, 2005 of Rayovac Corporation of our report dated October 24, 2003, except as to note 24, which is as of April 30, 2004, relating to the consolidated financial statements of The Nu-Gro Corporation and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended. We also consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (No. 333-59086), Forms S-8 (Nos. 333-39239, 333-41815, 333-42443, 333-68250, and 333-117567) and Form S-4 (No. 333-110290) of Rayovac Corporation of our report dated October 24, 2003, except as to note 24, which is as of April 30, 2004, relating to the consolidated financial statements of The Nu-Gro Corporation and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended attached hereto.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Ernst & Young LLP Chartered Accountants Kitchener, Canada, April 27, 2005.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholder of United Industries Corporation and Subsidiaries:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, of cash flows, and of changes in stockholders' equity (deficit) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Industries Corporation and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2004 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

St. Louis, Missouri March 30, 2005

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands, except share data)

	December 31,				
		2004		2003	
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,357	\$	11,413	
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$5,564 and \$2,753 as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively		85,432		29,890	
Inventories		196,466		96,795	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		19,612		15,141	
Total current assets		309,867		153,239	
Property, plant and equipment, net		101,882		37,153	
Deferred tax asset		104,287		186,562	
Goodwill		266,712		6,221	
Intangible assets, net		268,039		86,872	
Other assets, net		23,230		9,897	
Total assets	\$	1,074,017	\$	479,944	
LIADH ITIES AND STOCKHOLDEDS, EQUITY	_		_		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:					
Current maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligation	\$	6,709	\$	1,349	
Short-term borrowings under revolving credit facility	ψ	21,025	Φ	1,545	
Accounts payable		65,734		29,774	
Accrued expenses		50,185		39,574	
Actived expenses		30,103		33,374	
Total current liabilities		143,653		70,697	
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Long-term debt, net of current maturities		863,556		387,657	
Capital lease obligation, net of current maturities		3,170		3,191	
Other liabilities		4,575		3,256	
Total liabilities		1,014,954		464,801	
					
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock (no shares and 37,600 shares of \$0.01 par value Class A issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2004 and 2003,					
respectively; 40,000 shares authorized)		-		-	
Common stock (\$0.01 par value Class A and Class B shares authorized, issued and outstanding were each 51.5 million, 39.0 million and					
36.0 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2004 and 43.6 million, 33.2 million and 33.2 million, respectively, as of December 31,					
2003)		782		665	
Treasury stock (3.1 million shares and 9,569 shares each of Class A and Class B as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, at cost)		(24,469)		(96)	
Warrants and options		11,745		11,745	
Additional paid-in capital		241,126		210,908	
Accumulated deficit		(171,481)		(179,738)	
Common stock subscription receivable		-		(22,534)	
Common stock repurchase option		-		(2,636)	
Common stock held in grantor trusts		(3,417)		(2,847)	
Loans to executive officer		(215)		(324)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		4,992		-	
Total stockholders' equity		59,063		15,143	

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBISIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Dollars in thousands)

V	Dadad	December	21

	2004 2003		2002		
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS:					
Net sales	\$	739,300	\$ 536,146	\$	479,990
Operating costs and expenses:					
Cost of goods sold		499,036	328,238		305,644
Selling, general and administrative expenses		183,164	139,042		113,162
Total operating costs and expenses		682,200	 467,280		418,806
Total operating costs and expenses		002,200	 407,200		410,000
Operating income		57,100	68,866		61,184
Interest expense		48,516	38,237		33,811
Interest income		333	2,024		1,401
Income before income tax expense (benefit)		8,917	 32,653		28,774
Income tax expense (benefit)		(2,188)	(82,851)		3,438
Net income		11,105	 115,504		25,336
Preferred stock dividends		2,782	7,650		6,880
Net income available to common stockholders	\$	8,323	\$ 107,854	\$	18,456
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:					
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Net income	\$	11,105	\$ 115,504	\$	25,336
Other comprehensive income:					
Gain (loss) on interest rate swaps, net of tax of \$120		-	-		513
Gain on foreign currency translation, net of tax of \$3,454		5,636	-		-
Gain (loss) on derivative hedging instruments, net of tax of \$395, \$20 and \$20, respectively		(644)	 32		(32)
Comprehensive income	\$	16,097	\$ 115,536	\$	25,817

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBISIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollars in thousands)

Year Ended December 31,

2004 2003 2002 Cash flows from operating activities: \$ 11,105 \$ 115,504 \$ 25,336 Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:

Depreciation and amortization

Amortization and write-off of deferred financing fees 34,480 4,692 10,240 3,280 16,645 Amontzation and write-ori or deterred mancing rees
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)
Gain on sale of aircraft
Stock-based compensation for shares held in grantor trusts
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions and disposition:
Accounts receivable
Inventories (6.143)(84,065)3.055 (1,497) 570 (9,421) (10,954) (1,159) (507) 3,091 (12,861) 26,579 (19,894) 32,285 (8,170) Prepaid expenses 6,330 (3,283) Other assets
Accounts payable
Accrued expenses (2,609) (21,267) 8,042 (13,885) 7,723 Accrued facilities and organizational rationalization costs Other operating activities, net (1,942) (2,424) (3,216) (3,715) 1,319 Net cash flows provided by operating activities 59,137 17,265 38,215 Cash flows from investing activities:
Purchases of property, plant and equipment
Payments for acquisition of United Pet Group, Inc., net of cash acquired
Payments for acquisition of The Nu-Gro Corporation, net of cash acquired
Payments for WPC Brands acquisition, net of cash acquired
Payments for Schultz merger, net of cash acquired
Purchase of facilities and equipment from U.S. Fertilizer
Payments received from Bayer
Proceeds from sale of aircraft
Proceeds from sale of WPC non-core product lines (16,028) (370,781) (11,674) (6,450) (146,416)(19,500) (38,300) (4,000) 5,301 2,787 Proceeds from sale of WPC non-core product lines 4,204 Net cash flows used in investing activities (525,137) (7,470)(68,250) Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes Proceeds from borrowings on senior credit facility Proceeds from issuance of common stock Payments received for common stock subscription receivable 86,275 90,000 17,500 2,500 656,025 282 5,000 Exercise of common stock repurchase option (treasury stock)
Payments received on loans to executive officer
Payments for repurchase of senior subordinated notes (1,500)48 109 (3,100) (178,142) 80 (38,308) Repayment of borrowings on senior credit facility Repayment of debt assumed in Schultz merger Payments for capital lease obligations Payments for debt issuance costs (98,236) (20,662) (405) (4,700) (3,985) (587) (14,922) (57,557) (2.924)Payments for repurchase of preferred stock and accrued dividends
Payments for treasury stock, other than repurchase option
Change in book cash overdraft (96) 1,506 (5,620) 8,856 Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities 475,784 (8,700)40,353 Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents (12,840)Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year 10,318 (3,056) 11,413 10,318 Cash and cash equivalents, end of year \$ 8,357 \$ 11,413 \$ 10,318 Noncash financing activities: Debt assumed in Nu-Gro acquisition 26,654 22,873 Bayer transactions for treasury stock --Retirement of preferred stock 37,665 _ _ Execution of capital lease for aircraft 3,525 Preferred stock dividends accrued 2,783 7,650 6,880 Common stock issued related to Bayer agreements 30,720 Debt assumed in Schultz merger 20,662 Common stock issued in Schultz merger 6,000

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) (Dollars in thousands)

	Nonv	ss A oting ed Stock	Class A		Class Nonvo Common	ting	Treasur	y Stock	Warrants	& Options	Additional	Accum-	Common Stock	Common Stock	Common Stock Held in			Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amoun	t Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	ulated Deficit	Subscr. Receivable	Repurch. Option	Grantor Trusts	Officer	Inc. (Loss)	Equity (Deficit)
Balance at January 1, 2002	37,600	\$ -	27,721,000	\$ 278	27,721,000	\$ 278	- 5	5 -	10,100 \$	11,745	152,943	\$ (306,048)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,700)	\$ (400) \$	\$ (513) \$	
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,336	-	-	-	-	-	25,336
Issuance of common stock for Schultz acquisition																		
and related financing	-	-	2,290,000	24	2,290,000	24					22,866							22,914
Issuance of common stock	-	-	60,000		60,000	-	-	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	600
Issuance of common stock			2.072.000	20	2.072.000	30					20.420		(27 221)	(2.626)				F22
to Bayer Amendment to Bayer	-	-	3,072,000	30	3,072,000	30	-	-	-	-	30,430	-	(27,321)	(2,636)	-	-	-	533
agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,641	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,641
Proceeds for subscription																		
receivable Preferred stock dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,880)	1,560	-	-	-	-	1,560 (6,880)
Loan to executive officer			_									(0,000)	-		_	(52)	-	(52)
Payment on loan to																(32)		(32)
executive officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	-	48
Realized loss on interest rate																	540	540
swap, net of taxes Changes in fair value of	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	513	513
derivative hedging																		
instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(32)	(32)
		-																
Balance at December 31,																		
2002	37,600	-	33,143,000		33,143,000	332	-	-	10,100	11,745	210,480	(287,592)	(25,761)	(2,636)	(2,700)	(404)	(32)	(96,236)
Net income Issuance of common stock	-	-	14,731	-	14,731	-	-	-	-	-	147	115,504	-	-	(147)	-	-	115,504
Proceeds for subscription	-	-	14,/31	-	14,/31	-	-	-	-	-	14/	-	-	-	(14/)	-	-	-
receivable, net of																		
interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,227	-	-	-	-	3,227
Preferred stock dividends Payment on loan to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,650)	-	-	-	-	-	(7,650)
executive officer	_	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	80	_	80
Stock option exercise	-	-	45,000	1	45,000	1	-	-	-	-	179	-	-	-	-	-	-	181
Tax benefit of stock option											100							400
exercise Purchase of treasury stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,138	(96)	-	-	102	-	-	-	-	-	-	102 (96)
Changes in fair value of							13,130	(30)										(30)
derivative hedging																		
instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	32
		-																
Balance at December 31,	27.000		22 202 721	222	22 202 724	222	10 120	(0.0)	10 100	11 745	210.000	(170 720)	(22.52.4)	(2.626)	(2.047)	(22.4)		15 144
2003 Net income	37,600	-	33,202,731	333	33,202,731	333	19,138	(96)	10,100	11,745	210,908	(179,738) 11,105	(22,534)	(2,636)	(2,847)	(324)	-	15,144 11,105
Issuance of common stock	-	-	5,833,334	58	5,833,334	58	-	-	-	-	69,884	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,000
Exercise of common stock																		
repurchase option	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,144,000	(24,373)	-	-	(2,636)	(2.702)	22,534	2,636	-	-	-	(1,839)
Preferred stock dividends Payment on loan to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,783)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,783)
executive officer	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	109	_	109
Repurchase of preferred																		
Stock	(37,600)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(37,600)	(65)	-	-	-	-	-	(37,665)
Change in value of grantor trusts	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	570	_	_	_	(570)	_	_	_
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3/0)	-	5,636	5,636
Changes in fair value of																		
derivative hedging instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(644)	(644)
Balance at December 31,		¢	20.020.005	¢ 201	20.020.005	¢ 201	C 162 120 1	(24.400)	10 100 0	11 745 (241 120	¢ (171 401)	¢	¢	¢ (2.447)	¢ (24E)	t 4000 t	F0.003
2004		\$ -	39,036,065	ə 391	39,036,065	ə 391	0,103,138	\$ (24,469)	10,100 \$	11,745	241,126	\$ (171,481)	a -	\$ -	\$ (3,417)	\$ (215) \$	\$ 4,992 \$	59,063

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except where indicated)

Note 1—Description of Business

Under its three operating divisions, which own and license a wide variety of brand names, United Industries Corporation (the Company) manufactures and markets broad product lines in the lawn and garden, household and the pet supplies industries. Its largest operating division, Spectrum Brands, is comprised of a number of leading lawn and garden care and household products, including dry, granular lawn fertilizers, lawn fertilizer combination and lawn control products, herbicides, water-soluble and controlled-release garden and indoor plant foods, plant care products, potting soils and other growing media products, grass seed and indoor and outdoor insecticide and insect repellent products. Spectrum Brands represents the Company's largest business segment, referred to as U.S. Home & Garden, and its brands include, among others, Spectracide[®], Garden Safe[®] and Real-Kill[®] in the controls category, Sta-Green®, Vigoro®, Schultz™ and Bandini® in the lawn and garden, fertilizer and growing media categories, and Hot Shot®, Cutter® and Repel® in the household category.

The Company's Canadian operating division, The Nu-Gro Corporation (Nu-Gro), manufactures and markets a number of lawn and garden and household products similar to the U.S. Home & Garden products, which are sold primarily throughout Canada, and a variety of controlled-release nitrogen products and fertilizer technology, which are sold primarily throughout the United States, with some sales in Canada and other countries. Nu-Gro represents the Company's smallest business segment, referred to as Canada, and its brands include, among others, Wilson®, So-Green®, Greenleaf® and Green Earth® in the lawn and garden categories, and IB Nitrogen®, Nitroform®, Nutralene®, S.C.U.® and Organiform® in the fertilizer technology category.

The products of the Company's U.S. Home & Garden and Canada segments are targeted toward consumers who want products and packaging that are comparable or superior to, and sold at lower prices than, premium-priced brands, while its opening price point brands are designed for cost-conscious consumers who want quality products. The home and garden products of both segments are marketed to mass merchandisers, home improvement centers, hardware, grocery and drug chains, nurseries and garden centers.

The Company's pet supplies operating division, United Pet Group, Inc. (UPG), manufactures and markets a diverse portfolio of branded pet supplies. UPG represents the Company's second largest business segment, referred to as Pet, and its brands include, among others, Marineland®, Perfecto®, Instant Ocean® and Regent® in the aquatics category and 8in-1®, Nature's Miracle®, Dingo®, Lazy Pet®, Wild Harvest® and One Earth® in the specialty pet category. UPG's products are sold primarily in the United States through mass merchandisers, large chain pet retailers, smaller independent pet retailers, national and regional grocery chains and consumer catalogs and websites.

As described in more detail in Note 15, the basis of the Company's segmentation has been modified since December 31, 2003 to accommodate the acquisitions of Nu-Gro and UPG (see Note 3).

Note 2—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated during consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets

and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Such investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market value.

Accounts Receivable

The Company records a reserve against accounts receivable for accounts deemed to be uncollectible, product returns from customers and other customer deductions.

Inventories

Inventories are reported at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using a standard costing system that approximates the first-in, first-out method and includes raw materials, direct labor and overhead. An allowance for obsolete or slow-moving inventory is recorded based on the Company's analysis of inventory levels and future sales forecasts. In the event that estimates of future usage and sales differ from actual results, the allowance for obsolete or slow-moving inventory may be adjusted. For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, amounts recorded to cost of goods sold for obsolete or slow-moving inventory included an increase of \$1.5 million, a decrease of \$0.2 million and an increase of \$3.1 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the allowance for obsolete or slow-moving inventory was \$7.1 million and \$5.6 million, respectively.

Capitalized Software Costs

Capitalized software costs are included in equipment and leasehold improvements in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Once the underlying assets are placed into service, costs are amortized using the straight-line method over periods of related benefit, generally ranging from three to five years. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company had \$10.7 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, in unamortized capitalized software costs related primarily to the Company's enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementation, including capitalized internal costs of \$1.3 million and \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The Company placed certain modules of the ERP system into service and began recognizing amortization expense thereon in the fourth quarter of 2003. Related amortization expense was \$1.6 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Expenditures for property, plant and equipment and those that substantially increase the useful lives of assets are capitalized and recorded at cost. Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are expensed as incurred. When equipment is retired or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any related gains or losses are reflected in results of operations. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over management's estimate of the useful lives of the related assets. Machinery and equipment are depreciated over periods ranging from three to twelve years. Office furniture and equipment are depreciated over periods ranging from five to ten years. Buildings are depreciated over forty years. Transportation equipment is depreciated over periods ranging from three to ten years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the related asset, which generally range from five to thirty-nine years. Property held under capital lease is amortized over the term of the lease.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company has acquired intangible assets or made acquisitions in the past that resulted in the recording of goodwill or intangible assets. Under generally accepted accounting principles, goodwill is not amortized and is

subject to impairment testing at least annually. The Company also evaluates the recoverability of goodwill and intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Such events or changes in circumstances could include such factors as changes in technological advances, fluctuations in the fair value of such assets or adverse changes in customer relationships or vendors. Recoverability is evaluated by brand and product type, which represent the reporting unit components within the Company's operating segments (see Note 15). If a review using current market rates, discounted or undiscounted cash flows, as applicable, and other methods indicates that the carrying value of goodwill or other intangible assets are not recoverable, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to estimated fair value. No impairments existed as of December 31, 2004 and 2003.

Long-Lived Assets

The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets, including equipment and leasehold improvements, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If a review indicates that the carrying value of an asset is not recoverable based on its undiscounted future cash flows, a loss is recognized for the difference between its fair value and carrying value. No impairments existed as of or during the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company periodically uses interest rate, foreign currency and commodity price derivative hedging instruments to reduce fluctuations in cash flows. Using these agreements, the Company agrees to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed and variable amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional amount or index. Derivative hedging instruments are recorded at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets as assets or liabilities, as applicable. The Company does not enter into derivatives or other hedging arrangements for trading or speculative purposes (see Note 13).

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when title and risk of loss transfer to the customer. Net sales represent gross sales less any applicable customer discounts from list price, customer returns and promotion expense through cooperative programs with retailers. The provision for customer returns is based on historical sales returns and analysis of credit memo and other relevant information. If the historical or other data used to develop these estimates do not properly reflect future returns, net sales may require adjustment. Sales reductions related to returns were \$13.6 million, \$15.1 million and \$7.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Amounts included in accounts receivable reserves for product returns were \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Promotion Expense

The Company advertises and promotes its products through national and regional media. Products are also advertised and promoted through cooperative programs with retailers. Advertising and promotion costs are expensed as incurred, although costs incurred during interim periods are expensed ratably in relation to revenues. Management develops an estimate of the amount of costs that have been incurred by the retailers under cooperative programs based on an analysis of specific programs offered to them and historical information. Actual costs incurred may differ significantly from estimates if factors such as the level of participation and success of the retailers' programs or other conditions differ from expectations. Promotion expense, including cooperative programs with customers, is recorded as a reduction of sales.

Research and Development

The Company's research and development activities focus on applied research using the strength and knowledge of its active ingredient suppliers and strategic active ingredient partners but also include the development of new products, new methods of delivery and identification of shifts in consumer needs and

preferences. Research and development costs are expensed as incurred and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Research and development costs were \$2.2 million, \$2.4 million and \$2.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Shipping and Handling Costs

Certain shipping and handling costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. These costs primarily comprise personnel and other general and administrative costs associated with the Company's distribution facilities and, to a lesser extent, some costs related to goods shipped between the Company's facilities. These costs were \$30.6 million, \$21.5 million and \$15.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The remaining shipping and handling costs, including supplies received from vendors, are included in cost of goods sold in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. All revenues billed to customers for freight on goods purchased from the Company are recorded in net sales.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock options issued to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and applies the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," and SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation—Transition and Disclosure, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123." Under APB No. 25 and related interpretations, compensation expense is recognized using the intrinsic value method for the difference between the exercise price of the options and the estimated fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant (see Note 16).

SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the Company determined stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method. The following table presents net income, as reported, stock-based compensation expense that would have been recorded using the fair value method and pro forma net income that would have been reported had the fair value method been applied:

	Year Ended December 31,							
	 2004		2003		2002			
Net income, as reported	\$ 11,105	\$	115,504	\$	25,336			
Stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method, net of tax	1,550		1,421		2,709			
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Pro forma net income	\$ 9,555	\$	114,083	\$	22,627			

Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such amounts are recovered or settled. Management judgment is required to determine income tax expense, deferred tax assets and any related valuation allowance and deferred tax liabilities. The Company will establish a valuation allowance if it determines that it is more likely than not that some portion or all of its deferred tax assets will not be realized. Changes in the valuation allowance are included in the Company's consolidated statements of operations as income tax expense or benefit, as appropriate (see Note 18).

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk consist principally of trade accounts receivable. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers'

financial condition. The Company is dependent on three customers for the majority of its sales. The U.S. Home & Garden segment sells primarily to The Home Depot, Lowe's and Wal*Mart, while sales to these customers are less significant for the other two segments.

Net sales to these customers, as a percentage of total net sales, were:

	Year I	Year Ended December 31,				
	2004	2003	2002			
The Home Depot	25%	32%	33%			
Lowe's	18%	20%	23%			
Wal*Mart	26%	19%	18%			
Total	69%	71%	74%			

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As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, these three customers were responsible for 38% and 53% of accounts receivable, respectively.

Supplemental Cash Flow Information

For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, the Company paid interest of \$43.6 million, \$32.3 million and \$32.4 million, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, the Company paid income taxes of \$3.2 million, \$1.0 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior years' amounts to conform to the current year presentation.

Note 3—Acquisitions and Disposition

United Pet Group, Inc.

On July 30, 2004, the Company and a wholly-owned subsidiary completed a merger of the subsidiary with and into United Pet Group, Inc. (UPG), a privately owned manufacturer and marketer of premium-branded pet supplies. As a result of the merger, UPG and its subsidiaries became wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. The total purchase price included cash consideration of \$370.8 million, including transaction costs of \$5.0 million and the assumption of \$113.3 million of outstanding debt and equity obligations, which were immediately repaid by the Company at closing. The purchase price also includes contingent payments of up to \$6.0 million based on sales of a certain product line of UPG's. The transaction has been accounted for as an acquisition using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the results of operations of UPG have been included in the Company's results of operations from July 30, 2004, the date of acquisition. The Company financed the transaction with proceeds generated from amending and increasing its credit agreement by \$250.0 million, including the addition of a \$75.0 million second lien term loan (see Note 10), with \$70.0 million of proceeds from the issuance of 5.8 million shares each of the Company's Class A voting and Class B nonvoting common stock to affiliates of Thomas H. Lee Partners, the Company's largest shareholder, Banc of America Securities LLC and certain UPG selling shareholders (see Note 12) and the remainder from cash balances. The acquisition was executed in an attempt to further diversify the Company's product offerings, mitigate the effects of seasonality trends, decrease dependence on certain of its largest customers and expand the opportunity for future growth.

The purchase price was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values. The Company allocated \$140.2 million of the purchase price to identifiable intangible assets and \$192.8 million

to goodwill for consideration paid in excess of the total fair value of identifiable assets acquired, which is not deductible for tax purposes. The acquired identifiable intangible assets consist primarily of trade names, which are currently being amortized using the straight-line method over periods ranging from fifteen to forty years, with the exception of certain trade names deemed to have indefinite lives, and to customer relationships, which are currently being amortized using the straight-line method over periods ranging from ten to fifteen years. Trade names deemed to have indefinite lives include Marineland®, Instant Ocean®, Perfecto®, 8 in 1® and St. Aubrey® due to their long marketing history and management's plans to strengthen and expand their use indefinitely into the future. In addition, the Company increased the value of inventory acquired from UPG by \$6.0 million to reflect estimated fair value on the date of acquisition, which was fully amortized in cost of goods sold commensurate with related subsequent sales activity during 2004. The Company also increased the value of property, plant and equipment acquired from UPG by \$2.0 million to reflect estimated fair value on the date of acquisition, which is currently being depreciated using the straight-line method over varying periods, the average of which is approximately 10 years.

The purchase price allocation is based on a valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed by an independent third-party valuation firm.

The following table summarizes the purchase price calculation and the estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of July 30, 2004, the date of acquisition:

	Ju	ly 30, 2004
Purchase price:		
Cash and liabilities assumed	\$	365,747
Transaction costs		5,034
Total purchase price	\$	370,781
Allocation of purchase price:		
Assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$	27,615
Inventories		46,920
Other current assets		7,842
Property, plant and equipment		24,902
Goodwill		192,808
Trade names		90,200
Customer relationships		22,213
Patents		27,806
Other assets		2,350
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		(11,637)
Accrued expenses		(12,308)
Deferred income taxes		(47,930)
		
Total purchase price	\$	370,781

The Nu-Gro Corporation

On April 30, 2004, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the outstanding common shares of The Nu-Gro Corporation (Nu-Gro), a lawn and garden products company then incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada. As a result of the acquisition, Nu-Gro and its subsidiaries became wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. The total purchase price included cash consideration of \$146.4 million, including \$5.0 million of related acquisition costs and the assumption of \$26.7 million of outstanding debt, which was immediately repaid by the Company at closing. The transaction was financed with proceeds from the Company's New Senior Credit

Facility (see Note 10). The acquisition was executed in an attempt to expand the Company's reach throughout North America, broaden its product offerings and customer base, vertically integrate certain of its operations, including gaining access to advanced fertilizer technologies, and to achieve economies of scale and synergistic efficiencies.

The transaction was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, the results of operations have been included in the consolidated financial statements from April 30, 2004, the date of acquisition. The purchase price was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values. The Company allocated \$48.7 million of the purchase price to identifiable intangible and other assets and \$47.4 million to goodwill for consideration paid in excess of the total fair value of identifiable assets acquired, based on valuations obtained from an independent third-party appraisal firm, which is not deductible for tax purposes. The acquired identifiable intangible assets consist primarily of trade names, which are currently being amortized using the straight-line method over periods ranging from fifteen to forty years, with the exception of certain trade names deemed to have indefinite lives, and to customer relationships, which are currently being amortized using the straight-line method over periods ranging from five to ten years. Trade names deemed to have indefinite lives include Nitroform®, IB Nitrogen® and S.C.U.® due to their long marketing history and management's plans to strengthen and expand their use indefinitely into the future. In addition, the Company increased the value of inventory acquired from Nu-Gro by \$5.2 million to reflect estimated fair value on the date of acquisition, which was fully amortized in cost of goods sold commensurate with related subsequent sales activity during the second quarter of 2004.

The purchase price allocation is based on a valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed by an independent third-party valuation firm.

The following table summarizes the purchase price calculation and the estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of April 30, 2004, the date of acquisition:

	A	april 30, 2004
Purchase price:		
Cash and liabilities assumed	\$	141,402
Transaction costs		5,014
Total purchase price	\$	146,416
Allocation of purchase price:		
Assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$	54,134
Inventories		39,456
Other current assets		3,503
Property, plant and equipment		31,675
Goodwill		47,356
Trade names		30,020
Customer relationships		18,700
Other assets		1,058
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(32,743)
Short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt		(22,211)
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		(5,703)
Deferred income taxes		(18,829)
Total purchase price	\$	146,416

With the acquisitions of Nu-Gro and UPG, the Company has become subject to foreign currency translation gains and losses, as UPG purchases certain inventory components using the Euro and the Canadian

dollar is the functional currency of Nu-Gro's Canadian subsidiaries. For translation of the Canadian subsidiaries' financial statements, assets and liabilities are translated at the period-end exchange rate, while statement of operations accounts are translated at average exchange rates monthly. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders' equity. Transaction gains or losses on intercompany balances with Nu-Gro that are designated as foreign currency transactions are recorded monthly in cost of goods sold or selling, general and administrative expenses, as applicable, in the consolidated statement of operations. Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the prevailing exchange rate on the transaction date.

Pro Forma Results of Operations (unaudited)

The following table presents the Company's unaudited consolidated results of operations on a pro forma basis, as if the Nu-Gro and UPG acquisitions had occurred on January 1, 2004 and 2003, as applicable:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2004		2003			
\$	948,867	\$	923,313			
	8,445		131,732			

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information presented herein is not necessarily indicative of the consolidated results of operations or financial position that would have resulted had the acquisitions been completed at the beginning of or as of the periods presented, nor is it indicative of the results of operations in future periods or the future financial position of the combined companies. In addition, pro forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2003 includes a \$104.1 million adjustment to fully release the valuation allowance previously established against the Company's deferred tax asset, resulting in higher net income than the Company has historically reported in prior years.

WPC Brands Disposition

During May 2003, the Company consummated the sale of all of the non-core product lines acquired in the December 2002 acquisition of WPC Brands. The product lines sold included, among others, water purification tablets, first-aid kits and fish attractant products. Total assets and operating results associated with the product lines sold were not significant to the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations. No gain or loss was recorded as the sale price was approximately equal to the net book value of the assets and liabilities included in the sale.

Note 4—Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	Dece	mber 31,
	2004	2003
Components and packaging	\$ 40,841	\$ 34,619
Raw materials	29,243	-
Finished goods	132,630	67,794
Allowance for obsolete and slow-moving inventory	(6,248)	(5,618)
Total inventories	\$ 196,466	\$ 96,795

Note 5—Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment consist of the following:

	Decer	nber 31,
	2004	2003
Machinery and equipment	\$ 65,763	\$ 39,024
Office furniture, equipment and capitalized software	35,545	30,183
Land and buildings	23,925	114
Transportation equipment	4,873	6,418
Leasehold improvements	6,714	3,157
	136,820	78,896
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(34,938)	(41,743)
Total property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 101,882	\$ 37,153

During the first quarter of 2003, the Company recorded a write-off of leasehold improvements related to leased office space that was exited in 2003 and disposed of certain equipment related to a manufacturing facility previously closed during 2002 with an aggregate gross historical cost of \$10.3 million. No gain or loss was recognized in connection with the write-off and disposal as the assets were fully depreciated. For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, depreciation expense was \$14.5 million, \$7.4 million and \$8.4 million, respectively.

Aircraft Replacement

In February 2004, the Company executed a capital lease agreement for the use of an aircraft for \$3.5 million. In April 2004, the Company closed an agreement that was executed in March 2004 to sell the aircraft it replaced in February 2004. The carrying value of the aircraft sold was \$1.2 million and proceeds from the sale were \$2.8 million. Accordingly, after related expenses of \$0.1 million, the Company recorded a \$1.5 million gain on sale, which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2004. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the costs of aircraft held under capital lease, including taxes and closing costs, were \$3.8 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, and related accumulated amortization was \$0.3 million and \$4.4 million, respectively.

Note 6—Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill and intangible assets consist of the following:

		December 31, 2004						Decen	iber 31, 2003	3									
	Amortization Period in Years	Gross Carrying Value		Carrying		Carrying		Carrying			Accumulated Amortization		Net Carrying Value		Gross Carrying Value		Accumulated Amortization		Net arrying Value
Intangible assets:																			
Trade names (finite)	5-40	\$	112,465	\$	(8,203)	\$	104,262	\$	61,548	\$	(2,958)	\$	58,590						
Trade names (indefinite)	indefinite		71,642		-		71,642		-		-		-						
Customer relationships	5-10		80,013		(20,189)		59,824		31,196		(8,566)		22,630						
Patents	10-20		27,806		(914)		26,892		-		-		-						
Supply agreements	3-10		2,907		(173)		2,734		5,694		(380)		5,314						
Other intangible assets	6 mos-25 yrs		4,248		(1,562)		2,685		604		(266)		338						
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Total intangible assets		\$	299,081	\$	(31,042)		268,039	\$	99,042	\$	(12,170)		86,872						
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Goodwill							266,712						6,221						
Total goodwill and intangible assets, net						\$	534,751					\$	93,093						

At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company performed an impairment analysis of its goodwill. No impairment charges resulted from these analyses. The Company has and will continue to test goodwill for impairment annually, in the fourth quarter of each year, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances.

Intangible assets include trade names, customer relationships, supply agreements and other intangible assets, which were valued at acquisition through independent appraisals, where material, or using other valuation methods. Finite lived intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over periods ranging from six months to forty years, or three to ten years in the case of the supply agreements, the period in which their economic benefits are expected to be utilized.

The following table presents goodwill allocations, and changes in the carrying value of goodwill by segment, for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003:

										Goodwill by Segment							
		ade mes		istomer itionships	Patent	s	Supply Agreements	In	Other tangible Assets		. Home Garden	(Canada		Pet		Total
Goodwill and intangible assets at December 31, 2002	\$ (64,025	\$	-	\$ -		\$ 5,694	\$	5,401	\$	28,612	\$	-	\$	-	\$	103,732
Purchase price reallocation for Schultz		2,317		24,896	-		-		(4,797)		(19,774)		-		-		2,642
Purchase price reallocation for WPC Brands		(4,794)		6,300	-		-		- '		(2,617)		-		-		(1,111)
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Goodwill and intangible assets at December 31, 2003	(51,548		31,196	-		5,694		604		6,221		-		-		105,263
Intangible assets acquired and reclassified	12	22,559		48,817	27,80	06	(2,787)		3,644		-		-		-		200,039
Goodwill recorded		-		-	-		` - '				16,274		51,409		192,808		260,491
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Goodwill and intangible assets at December 31, 2004	18	34,107		80,013	27,80	06	2,907		4,248	\$	22,495	\$	51,409	\$	192,808		565,793
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Accumulated amortization		(8,203)		(20,189)	(9:	14)	(173)		(1,562)								(31,042)
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Goodwill and intangible assets, net at December 31, 2004	\$ 17	75,909	\$	59,824	\$ 26,89	92	\$ 2,734	\$	2,685							\$	534,751

Customer Agreement

On February 12, 2004, the Company and its largest customer executed a licensing, manufacturing and supply agreement (the Agreement). Under the Agreement, the Company will license certain of its trademarks and be the exclusive manufacturer and supplier for certain products branded with such trademarks from January 1, 2004, the effective date of the Agreement, through December 31, 2008 or such later date as is specified in the Agreement. Provided the customer achieves certain required minimum purchase volumes and other conditions during such period, and the manufacturing and supply portion of the Agreement is extended for an additional three-year period as specified in the Agreement, the Company will assign the trademarks to the customer not earlier than May 1, 2009, but otherwise within thirty days after the date upon which such required minimum purchase volumes are achieved. The carrying value of such trademarks as of February 12, 2004 was approximately \$16.0 million. If the customer fails to achieve the required minimum purchase volumes or meet other certain conditions, assignment may occur at a later date, if certain conditions are met. In addition, as a result of executing the Agreement, the Company has modified the trademarks' initial amortization period of forty years and will record amortization in a manner consistent with projected sales activity over five years, because the Company believes the customer will achieve all required conditions by May 2009. For the year ended December 31, 2004, amortization expense was \$2.7 million.

For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, aggregate amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$20.0 million, \$9.3 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. The following table presents estimated amortization expense for intangible assets during each of the next five years (see Note 23):

Year Ended December 31,	Amount
2005	\$ 22,859
2006	22,767
2007	18,966
2008	17,202
2009	13,269

Note 7—Other Assets

Other assets consist of the following:

	Decem	er 31,			
	2004	2003			
Deferred financing fees	\$ 26,973	\$ 23,841			
Accumulated amortization	(8,013)	(14,948)			
Deferred financing fees, net	18,960	8,893			
Other	4,270	1,004			
Total other assets, net	\$ 23,230	\$ 9,897			

As described in Note 10, during the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company recorded deferred financing fees of \$10.0 million in connection with the execution of its New Senior Credit Facility on April 30, 2004 and wrote-off \$1.7 million of deferred financing fees in connection with the repayment of obligations under its Prior Senior Credit Facility. Furthermore, the Company recorded deferred financing fees of \$5.0 million in connection with the amendment of its New Senior Credit Facility on July 30, 2004. These deferred financing fees were being amortized over the term of the New Senior Credit Facility.

In connection with its issuance of 97/8% Series C senior subordinated notes in March 2003 and subsequent registration of and exchange for 97/8% Series D senior subordinated notes in June and July 2003 (see Note 10), the Company recorded \$2.2 million of deferred financing fees which are being amortized over the term of the notes through April 1, 2009. In connection with the repayment of a portion of its outstanding obligations under the Senior Credit Facility in March 2003, using proceeds from the issuance of such notes, the Company recorded a write-off of \$1.3 million of previously deferred financing fees. In connection with the prepayments on Term Loan B of \$23.3 million in June 2003 and \$20.0 million in September 2003, the Company recorded a write-off of \$0.5 million of previously deferred financing fees. Both of these charges were included in interest expense in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Note 8—Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

	Dec	ember 31,
	2004	2003
Advertising and promotion	\$ 14,412	\$ 9,605
Interest	11,347	6,219
Preferred stock dividends	-	17,111
Compensation and related benefits	9,346	4,103
Commissions	511	459
Workers' compensation	2,200	179
Income taxes payable	2,403	-
Freight	2,271	1,152
Other	7,695	746
Total accrued expenses	\$ 50,185	\$ 39,574

As of December 31, 2004, the Company had a book overdraft balance of \$8.9 million, representing checks written by the Company and drawn against its bank balances but not yet reported by its lenders as borrowings against the revolving credit facility. Such balance has been reclassified to accounts payable and changes during 2004 are reflected as a financing activity in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

Note 9—Charge for Facilities and Organizational Rationalization

During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company recorded an \$8.5 million charge related to facilities, product line and organizational rationalization, which primarily affected its Lawn and Garden segment results. The components of the charge included \$2.7 million for obsolete inventory primarily related to the discontinuance of its Spectracide Pro® product line and damaged product from the warehouse consolidation and move, which was recorded in costs of goods sold, \$2.1 million for severance costs associated with an early voluntary retirement program that was offered to 85 employees during December 2001, a \$3.5 million charge during the fourth quarter of 2001 related to the warehouse consolidation project, primarily attributable to facility exit costs and resultant duplicate rent payments in 2002 and \$0.2 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses. Cash flows from operating activities affected by this charge were \$1.9 million and \$3.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The following table presents amounts charged against the facilities and organizational rationalization accrual:

	Facilities Rationalization	Facilities Severance Rationalization Costs	
Balance at January 1, 2002	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,658	\$ 5,158
Payments against the accrual	(1,937	7) (1,279)	(3,216)
			
Balance at December 31, 2002	1,563	379	1,942
Payments against the accrual	(1,403	379)	(1,782)
Reversal of the accrual	(160	-	(160)
Balance at December 31, 2003	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Payments against the accrual Balance at December 31, 2002 Payments against the accrual Reversal of the accrual	(1,93) 1,563 (1,403 (160	7) (1,279) - ————————————————————————————————————	(3,2 1,94 (1,78 (16

During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company recorded \$1.8 million against the accrual, which represented final costs to complete the facilities and organizational rationalization plan. Upon completion of the plan, approximately \$0.2 million in unnecessary costs remained in the accrual which were fully reversed and recorded as a reduction of selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Note 10-Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations, consists of the following:

		2004		2003
New Senior Credit Facility:				
Term Loan	\$	506,617	\$	-
Canadian Loan		55,900		-
Revolving Credit Facility		21,025		-
Second Lien Term Loan		74,625		
Prior Senior Credit Facility:				
Term Loan B		-		152,368
Revolving Credit Facility		-		-
Senior Subordinated Notes:				
97/8% Series B Senior Subordinated Notes		-		3,100
97/8% Series D Senior Subordinated Notes, including unamortized premium of \$0.9 million and \$1.1 million,				
respectively		232,819		232,985
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Total long-term debt		890,986		388,453
Less current maturities		(27,430)		(796)
Total long-term debt, net of current maturities	\$	863,556	\$	387,657

Senior Credit Facility in Effect Prior to April 30, 2004

The senior credit facility, as amended as of March 14, 2003, in effect prior to April 30, 2004 (the Prior Senior Credit Facility), with Bank of America, N.A., Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was terminated and all obligations outstanding thereunder were repaid on April 30, 2004. The Prior Senior Credit Facility consisted of (1) a \$90.0 million revolving credit facility; (2) a \$75.0 million term loan facility (Term Loan A), which was repaid in full during the year ended December 31, 2003; and (3) a \$240.0 million term loan facility (Term Loan B).

The Prior Senior Credit Facility agreement contained affirmative, negative and financial covenants. Affirmative and negative covenants placed restrictions on, among other things, levels of investments, indebtedness, insurance, capital expenditures and dividend payments. The financial covenants required the maintenance of certain financial ratios at defined levels. As of and during the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, as applicable, the Company was in compliance with all covenants. Under the Prior Senior Credit Facility agreement, interest rates on the revolving credit facility and Term Loan B ranged from 1.50% to 4.00% plus LIBOR, or other base rate as provided in the Prior Senior Credit Facility agreement, depending on certain financial ratios. LIBOR was 1.16% as of December 31, 2003. The interest rate applicable to Term Loan B was 5.12% as of December 31, 2003. Unused commitments under the revolving credit facility were subject to a 0.5% annual commitment fee.

The Prior Senior Credit Facility agreement allowed the Company to make prepayments in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty. During the four months ended April 30, 2004, the Company made principal payments of \$152.4 million to fully repay Term Loan B, which primarily represented optional principal prepayments. During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company made principal payments of \$28.3 million to fully repay Term Loan A and \$69.6 million on Term Loan B, which primarily represented optional principal prepayments. The optional principal prepayments were made from operating cash flows and proceeds from the New Senior Credit Facility described below and allowed the Company to remain several quarterly payments ahead of the regular payment schedule. In connection with these prepayments, the Company recorded write-offs of deferred financing fees totaling \$1.7 million and \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

The Prior Senior Credit Facility was secured by substantially all of the Company's properties and assets and by substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company's current domestic subsidiaries. The carrying amount of the Company's obligations under the Prior Senior Credit Facility approximated fair value because the interest rates were based on floating interest rates identified by reference to market rates.

New Senior Credit Facility in Effect as of April 30, 2004

In conjunction with the closing of the acquisition of Nu-Gro, on April 30, 2004, the Company entered into a new \$510.0 million senior credit facility (the New Senior Credit Facility) with Bank of America, N.A., Banc of America Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., Citicorp North America, Inc. and certain other lenders to retire the indebtedness under its Prior Senior Credit Facility and execute a new senior credit facility at more favorable rates, to provide funds for the Nu-Gro acquisition, to repurchase all of its outstanding preferred stock, along with accrued but unpaid dividends thereon, and for general working capital purposes. The New Senior Credit Facility consists of (1) a \$125.0 million U.S. dollar denominated revolving credit facility; (2) a \$335.0 million U.S. dollar denominated term loan facility; and (3) a Canadian dollar denominated term loan facility valued at U.S. \$50.0 million. Subject to the terms of the New Senior Credit Facility agreement, the revolving loan portion of the New Senior Credit Facility matures on April 30, 2010, and the term loan obligations under the New Senior Credit Facility mature on April 30, 2011. The term loan obligations are to be repaid in 28 consecutive quarterly installments and commenced on June 30, 2004, with a final installment due on March 31, 2011. All of the loan obligations are subject to mandatory prepayment upon certain events, including sales of certain assets, issuances of indebtedness or equity or from excess cash flow. The New Senior Credit Facility agreement also allows the Company to make voluntary prepayments, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty.

The New Senior Credit Facility agreement contains affirmative, negative and financial covenants that are more favorable than those of the Prior Senior Credit Facility. The negative covenants place restrictions on, among other things, levels of investments, indebtedness, capital expenditures and dividend payments that the Company may make or incur. The financial covenants require the maintenance of certain financial ratios at defined levels. Under the New Senior Credit Facility agreement, interest rates on the new revolving credit facility can range from 1.75% to 2.50% plus LIBOR, or from 0.75% to 1.50% plus a base rate, subject to adjustment and depending on certain financial ratios. As of December 31, 2004, the term loans were subject to interest rates equal to 2.50% plus LIBOR or 1.50% plus a base rate, as provided in the New Senior Credit Facility agreement. LIBOR was 2.56% as of December 31, 2004. The weighted average interest rate applicable to the Company's outstanding borrowings under its New Senior Credit Facility was 4.80% as of December 31, 2004. Unused commitments under the new revolving credit facility are subject to a 0.5% annual commitment fee. Unused availability under the new revolving credit facility was \$97.9 million as of December 31, 2004, which is reflective of outstanding borrowings of \$21.0 million and \$11.1 million of standby letters of credit pledged as collateral (see Note 11). The New Senior Credit Facility is secured by substantially all of the Company's properties and assets and substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company's current and future domestic subsidiaries. The carrying amount of the Company's obligations under the New Senior Credit Facility approximate fair value because the interest rates are based on floating interest rates identified by reference to market rates.

In connection with the closing of the Nu-Gro acquisition, Bank of America, N.A., Canada Branch, separately loaned the Company Cdn \$110.0 million for structuring purposes, which loan was repaid on April 30, 2004.

Amendment to New Senior Credit Facility in Effect as of July 30, 2004

On July 30, 2004, in connection with the closing of and to partially fund its merger with UPG, the Company amended and restated the credit agreement related to the New Senior Credit Facility to increase the revolving credit facility from \$125.0 million to \$130.0 million, increase the U.S. term loan from \$335.0 million to \$510.0 million, add a \$75.0 million second lien term loan and leave the Canadian term loan of U.S. \$50.0 million unchanged for a total New Senior Credit Facility, as amended, of \$765.0 million. Subject to the terms of the New Senior Credit Facility agreement, as amended, the second lien term loan is to be repaid in 29 consecutive quarterly installments commencing on September 30, 2004, with a final installment due on September 30, 2011, and matures on October 31, 2011. Interest on the second lien term loan accrues at 4.50% plus LIBOR or 3.5% plus a base rate, subject to adjustment and depending on certain financial ratios. The second lien term loan is subject to affirmative, negative and financial covenants. The Company incurred \$5.0 million in costs related to the amendment, which were recorded as deferred financing fees and are being amortized over the remaining term of the New Senior Credit Facility. The amendment did not change any other key terms or existing covenants of the New Senior Credit Facility.

Senior Subordinated Notes

In November 1999, the Company issued \$150.0 million in aggregate principal amount of $9^{7/8}$ % Series B senior subordinated notes (the Series B Notes) due April 1, 2009. Interest accrued at a rate of $9^{7/8}$ % per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. As described in more detail below, as of December 31, 2004, there were no Series B Notes outstanding.

In March 2003, the Company issued \$85.0 million in aggregate principal amount of $9^{7/8}$ % Series C senior subordinated notes (the Series C Notes) due April 1, 2009. Interest accrued at a rate of $9^{7/8}$ % per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1. As described in more detail below, as of December 31, 2004, there were no Series C Notes outstanding.

In May 2003, the Company registered \$235.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 9 7/8% Series D senior subordinated notes (the Series D Notes and collectively with the Series B Notes and Series C Notes, the Senior Subordinated Notes), with terms substantially similar to the Series B Notes and Series C Notes, with the

United States Securities and Exchange Commission and offered to exchange the Series D Notes for up to 100% of the Series B Notes and Series C Notes. The exchange offering closed in July 2003, resulting in \$85.0 million, or 100%, of the Series C Notes being exchanged and \$146.9 million, or 98%, of the Series B Notes being exchanged. On April 14, 2004, the Company repurchased all of the remaining Series B Notes outstanding, together with accrued interest and repurchase premium of 4.938%, for \$3.3 million. As of December 31, 2004, \$232.8 million of the Series D Notes, including unamortized premium, were outstanding and no Series B Notes or Series C Notes were outstanding.

The fair value of the Senior Subordinated Notes was \$242.3 million and \$242.1 million as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, based on their quoted market price on such dates. The fair value at December 31, 2004 reflects the repurchase of all outstanding Series B Notes in April 2004, as previously described. In accordance with the indentures that govern them, the Senior Subordinated Notes are full and unconditionally and jointly and severally guaranteed by the Company's wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries (see Note 21).

Debt Covenants

The Company's agreements that govern the New Senior Credit Facility and the Senior Subordinated Notes contain a number of significant covenants that could restrict or limit the Company's ability to:

- incur more debt;
- pay dividends, subject to financial ratios and other conditions;
- make other distributions;
- issue stock of subsidiaries;
- make investments;
- repurchase stock;
- create subsidiaries:
- create liens;
- enter into transactions with affiliates:
- merge or consolidate; and
- transfer and sell assets.

The ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond the Company's control. The breach of any of these covenants will result in a default under the applicable debt agreement or instrument and could trigger acceleration of repayment under the applicable agreements. Any default under such agreements might adversely affect the Company's growth, financial condition, results of operations and the ability to make payments on indebtedness or meet other obligations. As of and during the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Prior Senior Credit Facility, the New Senior Credit Facility and the Senior Subordinated Notes in effect as of such dates.

Aggregate Future Principal Payments

As described in Note 23, in connection with the acquisition of the Company by Rayovac Corporation in February 2005, all outstanding indebtedness under the Company's New Senior Credit Facility as of December 31, 2004 was paid in full immediately subsequent to closing the transaction and all outstanding Senior Subordinated Notes will be repurchased in April 2005. Therefore, no aggregate future principal payment information is presented herein.

Note 11—Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to certain guarantees and financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, such as standby letters of credit and indemnifications, which are not reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company had \$11.1 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, in standby letters of credit pledged as collateral to support the lease of its primary distribution facility in St. Louis, a U.S. customs bond, certain product purchases, various workers' compensation obligations and transportation equipment. These agreements mature at various dates through December 2005 and may be renewed as circumstances warrant. Such financial instruments are valued based on the amount of exposure under the instruments and the likelihood of performance being required. In the Company's past experience, no claims have been made against these financial instruments nor does management expect the exposure to material losses resulting there from to be anything other than remote. As a result, the Company determined such agreements do not have significant value and has not recorded any related amounts in its accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The Company is the lessee under a number of equipment and property leases. It is common in such commercial lease agreements for the Company to agree to indemnify the lessor for the value of the property or equipment leased should it be damaged during the course of the Company's operations. The Company expects that any losses that may occur with respect to the leased property would be minimal. As a result, the Company determined such indemnifications do not have significant value and has not recorded any related amounts in its accompanying consolidated financial statements for such remote loss exposure.

The Company is the lessee of several operating facilities from Rex Realty, Inc., a company owned by certain of the Company's stockholders and operated by a former executive and past member of its Board of Directors, and several other operating leases with other stockholders and former owners of acquired companies. The operating leases expire at various dates through December 31, 2010. The Company has options to terminate the leases on an annual basis by giving advance notice of at least one year. The Company also leases a portion of its operating facilities from Rex Realty, Inc. under a sublease agreement expiring on December 31, 2005 with minimum annual rentals of \$0.7 million. The Company has two five-year options to renew this lease, beginning January 1, 2006. Rent expense under these leases was \$3.4 million, \$1.2 million and \$2.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The Company is obligated under additional operating leases for other operations and the use of warehouse space. The leases expire at various dates through January 31, 2015. Five of the leases provide for as many as five options to renew for five years each. Aggregate rent expense under these leases was \$12.5 million, \$7.2 million and \$3.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The following table presents future minimum lease payments due under operating and capital leases as of December 31, 2004:

Year Ended December 31,		Operati				
		Affiliate				apital Jease
2005	\$	2,354	\$	10,381	\$	457
2006		2,392		10,654		457
2007		1,629		8,789		457
2008		1,134		7,922		457
2009		873		6,788		457
Thereafter		886	_	21,316		1,913
Total minimum lease payments	\$	9,268	\$	65,850		4,197
Less amount representing interest						(723)
Present value of net minimum lease payments					\$	3,474

Contingencies

The Company is involved from time to time in routine legal matters and other claims incidental to its business. When it appears probable in management's judgment that the Company will incur monetary damages or other costs in connection with such claims and proceedings, and such costs can be reasonably estimated, liabilities are recorded in the consolidated financial statements and charges are recorded to results of operations. Management believes it is remote the resolution of such routine matters and other incidental claims will have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Note 12—Stockholders' Equity

Bayer Transactions

On June 14, 2002, the Company consummated a transaction with Bayer Corporation and Bayer Advanced, L.L.C. (together referred to herein as Bayer), which allows the Company to gain access to certain Bayer active ingredient technologies through a Supply Agreement and to perform certain merchandising services for Bayer through an In-Store Service Agreement. In consideration for the Supply and In-Store Service Agreements, and in exchange for the promissory notes previously issued to Bayer by U.S. Fertilizer, the Company issued to Bayer 3,072,000 shares of Class A voting common stock valued at \$15.4 million (collectively representing approximately 9.3% of the Company's fully-diluted common stock) and recorded \$0.4 million of related issuance costs. The Company reserved for the entire face value of the promissory notes due from U.S. Fertilizer, as the Company did not believe the notes were collectible and an independent third party valuation did not ascribe any significant value to them. The independent third party valuation also indicated that value should be ascribed to the repurchase option, which is reflected in stockholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003.

Under the terms of the agreements, Bayer was required to make payments to the Company, which total \$5.0 million annually through June 15, 2009, the present value of which equaled the value assigned to the common stock subscription receivable as of June 14, 2002, which is reflected in stockholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2003. The common stock subscription receivable was to be repaid by Bayer in 28 quarterly installments of \$1.25 million, the first of which was received at closing on June 17, 2002. The difference between the value ascribed to the common stock subscription receivable and the installment payments received has been recorded as interest income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.

The value of the Supply Agreement has been and is being amortized to cost of goods sold over the period in which its economic benefits are expected to be utilized, which was initially anticipated to be over a three to five-year period. The Company has been amortizing the obligation associated with the In-Store Service Agreement to revenues over the seven-year life of the agreement, the period in which its obligations were originally expected to be fulfilled. However, in December 2002, the Company and Bayer amended the In-Store Service Agreement to reduce the scope of services provided by approximately 80%. As a result, the Company reduced its obligation under the In-Store Service Agreement accordingly and reclassified \$3.6 million to additional paid-in capital to reflect the increase in value of the In-Store Service Agreement.

On October 22, 2003, the Company gave notice to Bayer regarding the termination of the In-Store Service Agreement, as amended. Upon termination, which became effective on December 21, 2003, the Company was relieved of its obligation to perform merchandising services for Bayer. Accordingly, the remaining liability of \$0.7 million on the date of termination was recognized in selling, general and administrative expenses as a benefit in the consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003.

Following the termination of the In-Store Service Agreement, on December 22, 2003, the Company exercised its option to repurchase all outstanding common stock previously issued to Bayer. Bayer disputed the Company's interpretation of a related agreement (the Exchange Agreement) as to the calculation of the repurchase

price. As a result, the Company and Bayer entered negotiations to determine an agreed upon repurchase price based on equations included in the Exchange Agreement and other factors. The Company commenced an arbitration proceeding against Bayer to resolve the dispute on January 30, 2004. However, the Company and Bayer reached a negotiated settlement of the dispute on February 23, 2004, pursuant to which Bayer agreed to deliver all of its shares of the Company's common stock to the Company in exchange for a cash payment of \$1.5 million, cancellation of \$22.5 million in remaining payments required to be made in connection with the common stock subscription receivable and forgiveness of interest related to such payments of \$0.3 million.

The Company recorded treasury stock of \$24.4 million, based on the consideration given to Bayer, reduced the common stock subscription receivable by \$22.5 million, the remaining balance on the date of repurchase, and reversed the common stock repurchase option of \$2.6 million, as a result of its exercise, and recorded a corresponding amount to additional paid-in capital. As a result of this transaction, both parties agreed that the Exchange Agreement and In-Store Service Agreement are fully terminated, with the exception of certain provisions contained therein that expressly survive termination, and that the Supply Agreement shall remain in full force and effect according to its terms. Under the terms of the Supply Agreement, any remaining balance at January 30, 2009 is unconditionally and immediately payable to the Company by Bayer regardless of whether the Company purchases ingredients under the Supply Agreement.

Based on the independent third party valuation as of June 14, 2002, the original transaction date, the Company assigned a fair value of \$30.7 million to the transaction components recorded in connection with the common stock issued to Bayer. The following table presents the values of these components as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and December 31, 2003 based on such valuation and as a result of the activities and transactions previously described, net of amortization and excluding accrued interest:

	-	De	ecember	ember 31,		
Description		2004		2003		
Common stock subscription receivable	\$	-	\$	22,534		
Supply Agreement		-		5,314		
Repurchase option		-		2,636		
In-Store Service Agreement		-		-		
	-					
	\$	-	\$	30,484		

Bayer recently sent notice to the Company purporting to terminate the Supply Agreement, effective August 17, 2004, as well as \$5.2 million, the remaining amount due under the Supply Agreement. The Company responded by notifying Bayer that it did not have a right to terminate. The parties were in agreement that the amount due in the event of termination at that time was \$5.2 million, including \$0.5 million of accrued interest. The outcome of the Company's disagreement with Bayer concerning termination of the Supply Agreement is expected to be finalized during 2005 and is not expected to have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Issuance of Common Stock

As described in Note 3, in connection with, and to partially fund, its acquisition of UPG, on July 30, 2004, the Company issued 5.8 million shares each of its Class A voting and Class B nonvoting common stock to affiliates of Thomas H. Lee Partners, its largest stockholder, Banc of America Securities LLC and certain UPG selling stockholders for proceeds of \$70.0 million.

Repurchase of Preferred Stock

In conjunction with the financing activities described in Note 10, on April 30, 2004, the Company repurchased all 37,600 shares of its outstanding Class A nonvoting preferred stock for \$57.6 million, including \$19.9 million for all accrued dividends thereon. Such repurchase resulted in a reduction of additional paid-in capital of \$37.7 million.

Exercise of Stock Options

During the second quarter of 2003, stock options for 45,000 shares each of Class A and Class B common stock were exercised at a price of \$2.00 per share (per share dollars not in thousands). In connection with this transaction, the related stockholder surrendered 9,569 shares each of Class A and Class B common stock to the Company, valued at less than \$0.1 million in the aggregate based on the estimated fair value per share as determined by the Company's Board of Directors on the date of surrender, to satisfy income tax withholding requirements. The Company recorded the transaction as treasury stock, which is presented as a reduction of stockholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2004 and 2003.

Note 13—Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

In the normal course of business, the Company is exposed to fluctuations in raw materials prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Company has established policies and procedures that govern the management of these exposures through the use of derivative hedging instruments. The Company's objective in managing its exposure to such fluctuations is to decrease the volatility of earnings and cash flows associated with changes in certain raw materials prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. To achieve this objective, the Company periodically enters into derivative instrument agreements with values that change in the opposite direction of anticipated cash flows. Derivative instruments related to forecasted transactions are considered to hedge future cash flows, and the effective portion of any gains or losses is included in accumulated other comprehensive income until earnings are affected by the variability of cash flows. Any remaining gain or loss is recognized currently in results of operations.

The Company formally documents, designates and assesses the effectiveness of any transactions that receive hedge accounting treatment. The cash flows of derivative hedging instruments utilized by the Company are generally expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting cash flows attributable to fluctuations in the cash flows of the hedged risk. Changes in the fair value of agreements designated as derivative hedging instruments are reported as either an asset or liability in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets with the associated unrealized gains or losses reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income. As of December 31, 2004, the Company had sixteen outstanding agreements representing derivative instruments designated as hedges against forecasted purchases of granular urea and diamnonium phosphates, materials used in the production of fertilizer, with maturity dates ranging through September 2005 and an aggregate contract value upon execution of \$11.0 million. Such derivative hedging instruments had an unrealized loss, net of tax, of \$0.6 million as of December 31, 2004, which is included in accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of such date. Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income, which were subsequently reclassified into cost of goods sold for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, were insignificant. No such amounts for raw materials purchases were reclassified during the year ended December 31, 2002. Although derivative hedging instruments were used for forecasted purchases of granular urea throughout 2003, no such instruments were outstanding as of December 31, 2003.

The Company also utilized one foreign currency forward agreement during 2004, designated as a hedge against exchange rate fluctuations of the Euro and used to purchase certain components from European suppliers. The agreement matured in December 2004 and had an aggregate loss of less than \$0.1 million as of December 31, 2004. No such derivative hedging instruments were used as hedges against exchange rate fluctuations during 2003.

If it becomes probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur, any gains or losses in accumulated other comprehensive income will be recognized in results of operations. The Company has not incurred any material gains or losses for hedge ineffectiveness or due to excluding a portion of the value from measuring effectiveness. The Company has not generally entered into derivatives or other hedging arrangements for trading or speculative purposes but may consider doing so in the future if strategic circumstances warrant, and its bank covenants and bond indentures permit, such transactions. While management expects its derivative hedging instruments to manage the Company's exposure to the potential fluctuations described above, no assurance can

be provided that such instruments will be effective in fully mitigating exposure to these risks, nor can assurance be provided that the Company will be successful in passing on pricing increases to its customers.

The following table summarizes the Company's derivative hedging instruments and related unrealized gain (loss) as of December 31, 2004 only, as no such instruments were outstanding as of December 31, 2003 (amounts not in thousands):

Number of Contracts	Maturity Date	Notional Amount in Tons	Weighed Average Contract Price	UĮ	ontract Value oon Effective ontract Date	ontract Value December 31, 2004	Ga	nrealized in (Loss) at cember 31, 2004
4	January 2005	12,000	\$ 237.75	\$	2,853,000	\$ 2,671,642	\$	(181,358)
4	February 2005	14,000	241.71		3,384,000	3,164,978		(219,022)
4	March 2005	12,000	243.50		2,922,000	2,720,703		(201,297)
1	April 2005	3,000	245.00		735,000	682,302		(52,698)
1	July 2005	1,500	215.00		322,500	325,875		3,375
1	August 2005	1,500	215.00		322,500	325,500		3,000
1	September 2005	2,000	215.00		430,000	434,000		4,000
16	•	46,000		\$	10,969,000	\$ 10,325,000	\$	(644,000)

As of December 31, 2003, the Company had no outstanding derivative hedging instruments but had purchase agreements to effectively fix 29% of its 2004 urea purchases. The average purchase price of the Company's purchase agreements as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 was approximately \$238 and \$185 per ton (amounts not in thousands), respectively. While management expects these agreements to manage the Company's exposure to such price fluctuations, no assurance can be provided that the agreements will be effective in fully mitigating exposure to these risks, nor can assurance be provided that the Company will be successful in passing on pricing increases to its customers.

As of December 31, 2004, the Company had 14 commitments to purchase various fertilizer raw materials, including urea and diammonium phosphates at prices yet to be determined through December 2005, with an aggregate purchase price estimated to be between \$18.0 million and \$20.0 million. Similar commitments existed, with determinable prices, for purchases of granular urea as of December 31, 2003 and are presented in the following table (amounts not in thousands):

Number of Commitments	Expected Purchase Month	Commitment Amount in Tons	Weighted Average Purchase Price	Com	e of Purchase nmitment on nitment Date
6	January 2004	13,477	\$ 187.98	\$	2,533,406
7	February 2004	5,300	182.83		968,999
7	March 2004	5,000	183.00		915,000
6	April 2004	2,900	185.17		536,993
26		26,677		\$	4,954,398

Note 14—Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company has estimated the fair value of its financial instruments as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 using available market information or other appropriate valuation methods. Considerable judgment, however, is required in interpreting data to develop estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company would realize in a current market exchange.

The carrying amounts of cash, accounts payable and other current assets and liabilities approximate fair value because of the short maturity of such instruments. The Company's Senior Credit

Facility bears interest at current market rates and, thus, carrying value approximates fair value as of December 31, 2004 and 2003. The Company is exposed to interest rate volatility with respect to the variable interest rates of the Senior Credit Facility. The estimated fair values of the Company's Senior Subordinated Notes of \$242.3 million and \$242.1 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 are based on quoted market prices.

Note 15—Segment Information

As of December 31, 2004, the Company reported its operating results using three reportable business segments: U.S. Home & Garden (represents 74% of 2004 net sales), Canada (represents 11% of 2004 net sales) and Pet (represents 15% of 2004 net sales). The basis of the Company's segmentation was modified since December 31, 2003 to accommodate the acquisitions of Nu-Gro and UPG. The Company's previously existing segments at December 31, 2003 have been combined into the new U.S. Home & Garden segment. This change represents the only reclassifications of 2003 segment information to achieve comparability of financial information for the periods presented herein. The acquisition of Nu-Gro represents the second reportable segment, named Canada, and the acquisition of UPG represents the third reportable segment, named Pet.

Segments were established primarily by operating division, which represents the operating structure of the Company and the basis upon which management, including the Chief Executive Officer who is the chief operating decision-maker of the Company, reviews and assesses the Company's financial performance.

The following table presents selected financial segment information in accordance with SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in Note 2, as applicable. The segment financial information presented below includes comparative periods prepared on a basis consistent with the current year presentation. Operating results have been presented for the Canada segment since April 30, 2004, the date Nu-Gro was acquired, and for the Pet segment since July 30, 2004, the date UPG was acquired.

	Ye	Year Ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2002	
Net sales:				
U.S. Home & Garden	\$ 544,004	\$ 536,146	\$ 479,990	
Canada	80,931	-	-	
Pet	114,365	-		
Total net sales	739,300	536,146	479,990	
Operating costs and expenses:				
Cost of goods sold	499,036	328,238	305,644	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	183,164	139,042	113,162	
oching, general and administrative expenses		155,042	113,102	
Total operating costs and expenses	682,200	467,280	418,806	
Operating in some (less) has accompate				
Operating income (loss) by segment: U.S. Home & Garden	49,760	68,866	61,184	
Canada	(2,024)	-	01,104	
Pet	9,364	<u>-</u>	-	
16.				
Total operating income	57,100	68,866	61,184	
Interest expense	48,516	38,237	33,811	
Interest income	333	2,024	1,401	
Income before income tax expense (benefit)	8,917	32,653	28,774	
Income tax expense (benefit)	(2,188)	(82,851)	3,438	
Net income	\$ 11,105	\$ 115,504	\$ 25,336	
On anothing managine				
Operating margin: U.S. Home & Garden	9.1%	12.8%	12.7%	
Canada	-2.5%	12.0%	12.7%	
Pet	-2.370 8.2%	_	_	
Total operating margin	7.7%	12.8%	12.7%	
Total operating margin	7.770	12.070	12.7 /0	

Operating income represents earnings before interest expense, interest income and income tax expense (benefit). Operating income is the measure of profitability used by management to assess the Company's financial performance. Operating margin represents operating income as a percentage of net sales.

The majority of the Company's sales are conducted with customers in the United States. As a percentage of total net sales for the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company's net sales in the United States were 89%, net sales in Canada were 9%, and remaining international sales were less than 2%. No single item comprised more than 10% of the Company's net sales.

As of December 31, 2004, approximately 6% of the Company's total assets were located in Canada while the remaining assets were located in the United States. The following table presents segment information with respect to certain of the Company's balance sheet information by segment:

		As of December 31,					
Balance Sheet Information:	2004	2	2003	2002			
U.S. Home & Garden:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 42,4	41 \$	37,153	\$ 34,218			
Capital expenditures (year-to-date)	11,6	37	11,674	10,450			
Depreciation and amortization (year-to-date)	24,3	ô4	16,645	10,240			
Goodwill	22,4	95	6,221	28,612			
Total assets	512,3	90	479,944	386,003			
Canada:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	34,2	62	-	-			
Capital expenditures (year-to-date)	2,4	66	-	-			
Depreciation and amortization (year-to-date)	4,8	53	-	-			
Goodwill	51,4	09	-	-			
Total assets	112,7	47	-	-			
Pet:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	25,1	79	-	-			
Capital expenditures (year-to-date)	1,8	75	-	-			
Depreciation and amortization (year-to-date)	5,2	63	-	-			
Goodwill	192,8	08	-	-			
Total assets	448,8	30	-	-			
Total:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	101,8	32	37,153	34,218			
Capital expenditures (year-to-date)	16,0	28	11,674	10,450			
Depreciation and amortization (year-to-date)	34,4	30	16,645	10,240			
Goodwill	266,7	12	6,221	28,612			
Total assets	1,074,0	17	479,944	386,003			

Note 16—Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has granted stock options to eligible employees, officers and directors pursuant to various stock option plans administered by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. The plans provide for an aggregate of 11,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued in the form of Class A voting common stock, Class B nonvoting common stock or a combination thereof. The options to purchase shares of common stock have a maximum life of ten years and are subject to time and performance-based vesting schedules, which generally range from two to ten years. If certain performance targets are met, the maximum vesting period could be shortened to four years. Options are generally granted with an exercise price equal to or greater than the estimated fair value of the Company's common stock on the grant date and expire ten years thereafter. After termination of employment, unvested options are forfeited immediately, within thirty days or within one year, as provided under the plans.

On November 1, 2004, the Board of Directors adopted a resolution to provide for additional shares of common stock that may be issued, bringing the total number of shares available for issuance under the plans to 11,000,000 shares.

The following table presents a summary of activity for options of the plans (amounts not in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,

	200)4	200	3	
	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
Options outstanding, beginning of year	5,795,082	\$ 2.83	5,760,000	\$ 2.75	
Granted	2,159,000	5.99	198,000	5.00	
Exercised	-	-	(90,000)	2.00	
Forfeited	(409,869)	2.80	(72,918)	3.43	
Options outstanding, end of year	7,544,213	3.74	5,795,082	2.83	
Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	7.38		7.44		
Options exercisable, end of year	3,868,788	2.83	3,650,691	2.78	
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$ 2.14		\$ 1.52		

The following table presents information about stock options outstanding and exercisable as of December 31, 2004 (amounts not in thousands):

	(Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
Range of Exercise Prices	Number of Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Av Ex	eighted verage xercise Price
\$2.00 to \$3.25	4,205,546	6.22	\$ 2.27	3,087,468	6.25	\$	2.34
\$4.00 to \$5.00	1,184,667	7.18	4.83	781,320	6.86		4.74
\$5.15 to \$6.00	2,154,000	9.75	5.99	-	-		-
	7,544,213	7.38	3.74	3,868,788	6.38		2.83

As of December 31, 2004, 3,455,787 shares were available for future grants and 3,868,788 shares were vested and exercisable under the Plan.

SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the Company determined stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method, as presented in Note 2. The fair value of options granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and the following weighted average assumptions for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003: expected volatility of zero, risk-free interest rate of 4.42% and 3.61%, respectively, dividend yield of zero and an expected life of ten years. The Company's employee stock options have characteristics different than those of traded options and changes in the input assumptions can materially affect the estimate of fair value. In addition, pro forma amounts are presented for disclosure purposes only and may not be representative of pro forma net income which may be obtained in the future. For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the related vesting periods.

Note 17—Employee Benefit Plans

The Company and certain of its subsidiaries have 401(k) savings plans for substantially all employees with six months or more of continuous service. The 401(k) plans allow participants to defer a portion of eligible compensation on a tax-deferred basis. Under provisions of the 401(k) plans, the Company provides a match on a portion of the employee's contribution. The plans provide for vesting over varying periods based on the underlying plan agreements. For the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, the Company's matching contributions amounted to \$1.7 million, \$1.0 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

The Company also sponsors two deferred compensation plans for certain members of its senior management team. The plans are administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The plans provide for the establishment of grantor trusts for the purpose of accumulating funds to purchase shares of the Company's common stock for the benefit of the plan participants. One plan allows participants to contribute an unlimited amount of earnings to the plan while the other provides for contributions of up to 20% of a participant's annual bonus. The Company does not provide matching contributions to these plans and has the right, under certain circumstances, to repurchase shares held in the grantor trusts. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the value of common stock held in the grantor trusts was \$3.4 million and \$2.8 million, respectively.

Note 18—Income Taxes

Income tax expense (benefit) consists of the following:

		Year Ended December 31,					
	2004	2004 2		2	2002		
Current:							
Federal	\$	- \$	216	\$	-		
State and local	2	,774	998		383		
Foreign	1	,181 —— —	-		-		
Total current	3	,955	1,214		383		
				_			
Deferred:							
Federal	(1	,591)	18,132		9,252		
State and local	((603)	1,940		1,938		
Foreign	(3	,949)	-		-		
Valuation allowance reduction		-	(104,137)		(8,135)		
			<u> </u>				
Total deferred	(6	,143)	(84,065)		3,055		
Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$ (2	,188) \$	(82,851)	\$	3,438		

The following table presents a reconciliation of income tax expense using the statutory rate of 35% and income tax expense (benefit):

	Year Ended December 31,					
		2004		2003		2002
Statutory tax expense	\$	3,121	\$	11,429	\$	10,071
Tax effect of:						
Return to provision adjustment		(3,630)		-		-
Valuation allowance reduction		(1,479)		(104,137)		(8,135)
Interest expense on Canadian loan		(1,019)		-		-
Non-deductible intangible asset amortization		-		2,925		-
State and local taxes, net of federal tax benefit		424		1,909		845
Gain on sale of assets		-		678		-
Nondeductible expenses and other		395		4,345		657
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Total income tax expense (benefit)	\$	(2,188)	\$	(82,851)	\$	3,438

The following table presents the components of the net deferred tax asset:

	Dece	December 31,		
	2004		2003	
eferred tax assets:				
Goodwill and other intangible assets for recapitalization	\$ 120,369	\$	151,705	
Net operating loss carryforwards	46,683		35,762	
Co-op advertising	3,269		3,747	
Inventories	2,274		2,135	
Deferred compensation	1,298		1,082	
Other, net	6,497		2,574	
				
Gross deferred tax assets	180,390		197,005	
Valuation allowance	-		-	
otal deferred tax assets	180,390		197,005	
eferred tax liabilities:		_		
Equipment and leasehold improvements	(10,124)		(2,216)	
Goodwill and other intangible assets	(54,381)		-	
Other, net	(84)		(10)	
Total deferred tax liabilities	(64,589)		(2,226)	
Net deferred tax asset	\$ 115,801	\$	194,779	

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The temporary differences resulting in tax assets for goodwill primarily represent the step-up in tax basis due to the Company's recapitalization in 1999 while maintaining historical basis for financial reporting purposes. This benefit is available to be utilized through 2014.

Based on historical levels of income and the length of time required to utilize its deferred tax assets, the Company originally established a 50% valuation allowance against the tax deductible goodwill deduction that was created in 1999 in connection with the recapitalization of the Company and for certain net operating loss carryforwards that were generated in 1999 through 2003. The valuation allowance was based on management's estimates of future taxable income by jurisdiction in which the deferred tax assets were expected to be recoverable. During the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company determined that it was more likely than not that it would fully utilize its deferred tax assets and that it was no longer necessary to maintain a valuation allowance. Accordingly, the Company reversed \$104.1 million of the valuation allowance, which is included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003. The remaining valuation allowance of \$1.5 million was reversed in the year ended December 31, 2004. For the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, the valuation allowance was reduced by \$104.1 million and \$8.1 million, respectively. In addition, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards of \$126.6 million and \$94.1 million, respectively. If not utilized, the net operating loss carryforwards will begin to expire in 2019.

The following table presents the current and non-current components of the net deferred tax asset:

		December 31,				
	_	2004		2003		
Current (prepaid expenses and other current assets)	\$	11,514	\$	8,217		
Non-current		104,287		186,562		
	\$	115,801	\$	194,779		

Note 19—Unaudited Quarterly Financial Information

The tables below present selected historical quarterly financial information for the Company. This information is derived from unaudited quarterly financial statements of the Company and includes, in the opinion of management, only normal and recurring adjustments that the Company considers necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such periods.

Year Ended December 31, 2004

	First	Second		Third		Fourth		Total	
Net sales	\$ 182,703	\$	239,835	\$	171,040	\$	145,722	\$	739,300
Gross profit	69,295		83,978		47,529		39,462		240,264
Operating income (loss)	29,314		34,194		(858)		(5,550)		57,100
Net income (loss)	12,387		17,333		(8,457)		(10,158)		11,105

Due to the seasonal nature of the Company's business, net sales in the first and second quarters typically exceed net sales in the third and fourth quarters.

Note 20—Related Party Transactions

Professional Services Agreement

The Company has a professional services agreement with THL Equity Advisors IV, L.L.C. and Thomas H. Lee Capital, L.L.C., both affiliates of the Thomas H. Lee Partners, L.P., which indirectly owns UIC Holdings, L.L.C., the majority owner of the Company. The professional services agreement has a term of three years, beginning January 20, 1999, and automatically extends for successive one-year periods thereafter, unless either party gives thirty days notice prior to the end of the term. Under the terms of the agreement, THL Equity Advisors IV, L.L.C. receives \$62.5 thousand per month for management and other consulting services provided to the Company and reimbursement of any related out-of-pocket expenses. During each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004, the Company paid \$0.75 million under this agreement, which is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Stockholders Agreement

The Company has entered into a stockholders agreement with UIC Holdings, L.L.C. and certain other stockholders. Under the agreement, the Class A common stockholders are required to vote their shares of common stock for any sale or reorganization that has been approved by the Board of Directors or a majority of the stockholders. The stockholders agreement also grants the stockholders the right to effect the registration of their common stock for sale to the public, subject to certain conditions and limitations. If the Company elects to register any of its securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the stockholders are entitled to notice of such registration, subject to certain conditions and limitations. Under the stockholders agreement, the Company is responsible to pay costs of the registration effected on behalf of the stockholders, other than underwriting discounts and commissions.

Recapitalization Agreement

The recapitalization agreement with UIC Holdings, L.L.C., which the Company entered into in connection with its recapitalization in 1999, contains customary provisions, including representations and warranties with respect to the condition and operations of the business, covenants with respect to the conduct of the business prior to the recapitalization closing date and various closing conditions, including the continued accuracy of the representations and warranties. In general, these representations and warranties expired by April 15, 2000. However, representations and warranties with respect to tax matters will survive until thirty days after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations; representations with respect to environmental matters

expired December 31, 2003. Representations and warranties with respect to ownership of stock do not expire. The total consideration paid to redeem the Company's common stock is subject to adjustments based on the excess taxes of previous stockholders arising from the Company's Section 338(h)(10) election under the IRS tax code.

Pursuant to the recapitalization agreement, and in consideration of payments received thereunder, certain former executives agreed that for a period ending on the fourth anniversary of the recapitalization closing date not to own, control, participate or engage in any line of business in which the Company is actively engaged or any line of business competitive with it anywhere in the United States and any other country in which it conducts business at the date of recapitalization closing. In addition, each of these former executives has agreed that for a period ending on the fourth anniversary of the recapitalization closing date not to contact, approach or solicit for the purpose of offering employment to or hiring any person employed by the Company during the four-year period.

Pursuant to the recapitalization, the Company redeemed a portion of its common stock held by certain stockholders and UIC Holdings, L.L.C. which were purchased by certain members of senior management. In the recapitalization, certain executives collectively received an aggregate of \$4.0 million in cash. In addition, \$2.7 million was used to purchase 540,000 shares of common stock through grantor trusts for the benefit of said executives, which is reflected as a reduction of stockholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Loans to Chief Executive Officer

On September 28, 2001, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Robert L. Caulk, the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, for \$400,000 which was scheduled to mature on September 28, 2006 (the 2001 Loan). On March 8, 2002, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Mr. Caulk for \$51,685 on March 8, 2007 (the 2002 Loan). The purpose of both loans was to allow Mr. Caulk to purchase shares of the Company's common and preferred stock. Each loan accrued interest at LIBOR on its effective date which was subsequently adjusted on each loan's respective anniversary date. The interest rate in effect for the 2002 Loan was 1.18% as of December 31, 2003. The interest rate in effect for the 2001 Loan was 2.01% and 1.08% as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Interest on both loans was payable annually, based on outstanding accrued amounts on December 31 of each year. Principal payments on both loans were based on 25% of the gross amount of each annual bonus awarded to Mr. Caulk and were immediately payable, except that principal payments on the 2002 Loan were immediately payable only if all amounts due under the 2001 Loan were fully paid. Any unpaid principal and interest on both loans was due upon maturity. The outstanding principal balance for the 2001 Loan was \$215,000 and \$274,000 as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The 2002 Loan was repaid in full during 2004. The loans are reflected as a reduction of stockholders' equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Leases With Employees, Stockholders and Former Executive and Member of the Board of Directors

As described in more detail in Note 11, the Company leases several of its operating facilities from certain employees and also from Rex Realty, Inc., a company that is owned by stockholders who owned, in the aggregate, approximately 5% of the Company's common stock as of December 31, 2004 and is operated by a former executive and past member of the Board of Directors.

Note 21—Financial Information for Guarantor Subsidiaries

The Company's Senior Subordinated Notes are unconditionally and jointly and severally guaranteed by all of the Company's existing subsidiaries. The Company's subsidiaries were 100% owned by the Company. The consolidating financial information below is presented as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004, and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements for presentation of such information. The Company believes that separate financial statements

concerning each guarantor subsidiary would not be material to investors and that the information presented herein provides sufficient detail to determine the nature of the aggregate financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the guarantor subsidiaries. The guarantor subsidiaries' information presented herein represents the Company's domestic subsidiaries, including the UPG subsidiaries and U.S. subsidiaries of Nu-Gro, while the non-guarantor subsidiaries' financial information represents the Company's foreign subsidiaries, which are comprised only of the Canadian subsidiaries of Nu-Gro.

The Company's investment in subsidiaries is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Earnings of the subsidiaries are reflected in the respective investment accounts of the parent company accordingly. The investments in subsidiaries and all intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. Various assumptions and estimates were used to establish the financial statements of such subsidiaries for the information presented herein.

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

		Parent		Guarantor Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries Subsidiaries				Consolidated		
ASSETS	_		_							
Current assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	5,769	\$	885	\$	1,703	\$	-	\$	8,357
Accounts receivable, net		33,075		39,347		13,010		-		85,432
Inventories		77,198		80,148		39,120		-		196,466
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		10,685		6,326		2,601			_	19,612
Total current assets		126,727		126,706		56,434		-		309,867
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Equipment and leasehold improvements, net		37,223		33,658		31,001				101,882
Investment in subsidiaries		490,917		-		-		(490,917)		-
Intercompany assets		105,907		28,986		(86,075)		(48,818)		-
Deferred tax asset		190,500		(74,304)		(11,909)		-		104,287
Goodwill		5,616		225,087		36,009		-		266,712
Intangible assets, net		35,386		197,696		34,957		-		268,039
Other assets, net	_	19,795	_	1,547		1,888	_		_	23,230
Total assets	\$	1,012,071	\$	539,376	\$	62,305	\$	(539,735)	\$	1,074,017
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY										
Current liabilities:										
Current maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	\$	6,709	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,709
Short-term borrowings		21,025		-		-		-		21,025
Accounts payable		30,102		26,517		9,115		-		65,734
Accrued expenses		24,636	_	19,632		5,917		-	_	50,185
Total current liabilities		82,472		46,149		15,032		-		143,653
	_		_		_		_			
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		863,556		-		-		-		863,556
Capital lease obligations, net of current maturities		3,170		-		-		-		3,170
Other liabilities		3,811		328		436		-		4,575
Intercompany liabilities	_	<u>-</u>		48,818		-	_	(48,818)	_	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities		953,008		95,296		15,468		(48,818)		1,014,954
Commitments and contingencies	_								_	
Stockholders' equity:										
Common stock		782		-		-		-		782
Treasury stock		(24,469)		-		-		-		(24,469)
Warrants and options		11,745		-		-		-		11,745
Investment from parent		-		449,417		46,859		(496,276)		-
Additional paid-in capital		241,126		-		-		-		241,126
Accumulated deficit		(171,481)		(5,321)		(5,674)		10,995		(171,481)
Common stock held in grantor trusts		(3,417)		-		-		-		(3,417)
Loans to executive officer		(215)		-		-		-		(215)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	_	4,992	_	(16)		5,652		(5,636)		4,992
Total stockholders' equity	_	59,063		444,080		46,837		(490,917)		59,063
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,012,071	\$	539,376	\$	62,305	\$	(539,735)	\$	1,074,017

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

	_			uarantor bsidiaries	Eliminations		Consolidated	
ASSETS								
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,132	\$	281	\$	_	\$	11.413
Accounts receivable, net	Ψ	25,548	Ψ	4,342	Ψ	_	Ψ	29,890
Inventories		56,677		40,118		_		96,795
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		14,989		152		-		15,141
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Total current assets		108,346		44,893		-		153,239
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Equipment and leasehold improvements, net		32,641		4,512		-		37,153
Investment in subsidiaries		18,950		-		(18,950)		-
Intercompany assets		82,982		10,768		(93,750)		-
Deferred tax asset		186,542		20		-		186,562
Goodwill		-		6,221		-		6,221
Intangible assets, net		46,554		40,318		-		86,872
Other assets, net		5,059		4,838		-		9,897
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Total assets	\$	481,074	\$	111,570	\$	(112,700)	\$	479,944
	_		_		_			
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY								
Current liabilities:								
Current maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligation	\$	1,349	\$	_	\$		\$	1,349
Accounts payable	Ψ	23,024	Ψ	6,750	Ψ	_	Ψ	29,774
Accrued expenses		36,686		2,888		_		39,574
rectued expenses				2,000	_			55,574
Total current liabilities		61,059		9,638		_		70,697
Total Current Monace		01,000		2,000				7 0,007
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		387,657		_		_		387,657
Capital lease obligation, net of current maturities		3,191		-		-		3,191
Other liabilities		3,256		-		-		3,256
Intercompany liabilities		10,768		82,982		(93,750)		-
	_		-					
Total liabilities		465,931		92,620		(93,750)		464,801
					_			
Commitments and contingencies								
Stockholders' equity:								
Preferred stock		-		-		-		-
Common stock		665		-		-		665
Treasury stock		(96)		-		-		(96)
Warrants and options		11,745		-		-		11,745
Investment from parent				27,925		(27,925)		-
Additional paid-in capital		210,908		-		-		210,908
Accumulated deficit		(179,738)		(8,975)		8,975		(179,738)
Common stock subscription receivable		(22,534)		-		-		(22,534)
Common stock repurchase option		(2,636)		-		-		(2,636)
Common stock held in grantor trusts		(2,847)		-		-		(2,847)
Loans to executive officer		(324)				-		(324)
Total stockholders' equity		15,143		18,950		(18,950)		15,143
Total Stockholders equity		15,145		10,930		(10,930)		13,143
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	481,074	\$	111,570	\$	(112,700)	\$	479,944
Total Mathiaes and Stockholders equity	Ψ	-01,07-4	Ψ	111,570	Ψ	(112,700)	Ψ	473,344

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 475,708	\$ 331,106	\$ 64,421	\$ (131,935)	\$ 739,300
Operating costs and expenses:					
Cost of goods sold	299,222	252,367	57,943	(110,496)	499,036
Selling, general and administrative expenses	115,026	77,698	11,879	(21,439)	183,164
Total operating costs and expenses	414,248	330,065	69,822	(131,935)	682,200
					
Operating income	61,460	1,041	(5,401)	-	57,100
Interest expense	45,637	(162)	3,041	-	48,516
Interest income	333	-	-	-	333
					
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	16,156	1,203	(8,442)	-	8,917
Income tax expense (benefit)	3,432	(2,852)	(2,768)	-	(2,188)
Equity loss in subsidiaries	1,619	-	-	(1,619)	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 11,105	\$ 4,055	\$ (5,674)	\$ 1,619	\$ 11,105

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 442,147	\$ 193,275	\$ (99,276)	\$ 536,146
Operating costs and expenses:				
Cost of goods sold	256,675	169,275	(97,712)	328,238
Selling, general and administrative expenses	104,758	35,848	(1,564)	139,042
Total operating costs and expenses	361,433	205,123	(99,276)	467,280
Operating income (loss)	80,714	(11,848)	-	68,866
Interest expense	37,667	570	-	38,237
Interest income	2,024	-	-	2,024
				
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	45,071	(12,418)	-	32,653
Income tax benefit	(77,869)	(4,982)	-	(82,851)
Equity (income) loss in subsidiaries	7,436	-	(7,436)	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 115,504	\$ (7,436)	\$ 7,436	\$ 115,504

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

		Parent		Guarantor Subsidiaries		ninations	Consolidate	
Net sales	\$	435,001	\$	54,716	\$	(9,727)	\$	479,990
Operating costs and expenses:								
Cost of goods sold		265,928		46,514		(6,798)		305,644
Selling, general and administrative expenses		105,964		10,127		(2,929)		113,162
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Total operating costs and expenses		371,892		56,641		(9,727)		418,806
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Operating income (loss)		63,109		(1,925)		-		61,184
Interest expense		33,804		7		-		33,811
Interest income		1,401		-		-		1,401
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Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)		30,706		(1,932)		-		28,774
Income tax expense (benefit)		3,830		(392)		-		3,438
Equity (income) loss in subsidiaries		1,540		-		(1,540)		-
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Net income (loss)	\$	25,336	\$	(1,540)	\$	1,540	\$	25,336
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UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

		Parent				Guarantor osidiaries			Consolidated	
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Net income (loss)	\$	11,105	\$	4,055	\$	(5,674)	\$	1,619	\$	11,105
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:										
Depreciation and amortization		12,577		17,732		4,171		-		34,480
Amortization and write-off of deferred financing fees		4,692								4,692
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)		(6,143)		-		-		-		(6,143)
Gain on sale of aircraft		(1,497)		-		-		-		(1,497)
Stock-based compensation for shares held in grantor trusts		570		-		-		-		570
Equity (income) loss in subsidiaries		1,619		-		-		(1,619)		-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions and disposition:										
Accounts receivable		212,235		(35,005)		(13,010)		(131,935)		32,285
Inventories		(39,516)		(40,030)		(39,120)		110,496		(8,170)
Prepaid expenses		15,105		(6,174)		(2,601)		-		6,330
Other assets		(4,011)		3,290		(1,888)		-		(2,609)
Accounts payable		(50,149)		19,767		9,115		-		(21,267)
Accrued expenses		(14,619)		16,744		5,917		-		8,042
Other operating activities, net		(20,884)		329		436		21,439		1,319
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities		121,083		(19,292)		(42,654)		-		59,137
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Cash flows from investing activities:										
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(16,028)		-		-		-		(16,028)
Payments for acquisition of United Pet Group, Inc., net of cash acquired		(370,781)		-		-		-		(370,781)
Payments for acquisition of The Nu-Gro Corporation, net of cash acquired		(146,416)		-		-		-		(146,416)
Payments received from Bayer		5,301		-		-		-		5,301
Proceeds from sale of aircraft		2,787				-		-		2,787
Net cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities		(525,137)		-		-		-		(525,137)
Cash flows from financing activities					-					
Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from borrowings on senior credit facility		656,025								656,025
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		70,000		-		-		-		70,000
Exercise of common stock repurchase option (treasury stock)		(1,500)		-		-		-		(1,500)
Payments received on loans to executive officer		109		-		-		-		109
Payments for repurchase of senior subordinated notes		(3,100)		-		-		-		(3,100)
Repayment of borrowings on senior credit facility		(178,142)								(178,142)
Payments for capital lease obligations		(3,985)								(3,985)
Payments for debt issuance costs		(14,922)								(14,922)
Payments for repurchase of preferred stock and accrued dividends		(57,557)		_		- -		_		(57,557)
Change in book cash overdraft		8,856								8,856
Other financing and intercompany activities		(64,253)		19,896		44,357		-		-
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Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities		411,531		19,896		44,357		-		475,784
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(12,840)	_			_		_	_	(12.840)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		(5,363)		604		1,703				(3,056)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		11,132		281		-		-		11,413
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	5,769	\$	885	\$	1,703	\$		\$	8,357
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UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries		Elim	nations	Cor	solidated
Cash flows from operating activities:							
Net income (loss)	\$ 115,504	\$ (7,43	6)	\$	7,436	\$	115,504
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flows from (used in) operating activities:							
Depreciation and amortization	5,676	10,96	9		-		16,645
Amortization and write-off of deferred financing fees	5,358	-			-		5,358
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	(84,829)	76	4		-		(84,065)
Equity (income) loss in subsidiaries	7,436	-			(7,436)		-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from disposition:							
Accounts receivable	89,367	48	7		(99,276)		(9,421)
Inventories	(108,632)	(3	4)		97,712		(10,954)
Prepaid expenses	(2,813)	1,65	4		-		(1,159)
Other assets	(3,517)	3,01	.0		-		(507)
Accounts payable	12,074	(8,98)	3)		-		3,091
Accrued expenses	(9,865)	(2,99	6)		-		(12,861)
Facilities and organizational rationalization costs	(1,942)	-			-		(1,942)
Other operating activities, net	(6,252)	2,26	4		1,564		(2,424)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	17,566	(30	1)		-		17,265
Cash flows from investing activities:							
Purchases of equipment and leasehold improvements	(11,674)	-			-		(11,674)
Proceeds from sale of WPC non-core product lines	4,204	<u>-</u>			-		4,204
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(7,470)		_		-		(7,470)
Cash flows from financing activities:							
Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	86,275	-			-		86,275
Proceeds from borrowings on revolver	40,000	-			-		40,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	282	-			-		282
Payments received for common stock subscription receivable	5,000	-			-		5,000
Payments received on loans to executive officer	80	-			-		80
Repayment of borrowings on term debt	(98,236)	-			-		(98,236)
Repayment of borrowings on revolver	(40,000)	-			-		(40,000)
Payments for capital lease obligation	(587)	-			-		(587)
Payments for debt issuance costs	(2,924)	-			-		(2,924)
Payments for treasury stock	(96)	-			-		(96)
Change in cash overdraft	1,506	-			-		1,506
Other financing and intercompany activities	(455)	45	5		-		-
Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	(9,155)	45	55		-	_	(8,700)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	941	15	4		-		1,095
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	10,191	12			-	_	10,318
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 11,132	\$ 28	1	\$	-	\$	11,413

UNITED INDUSTRIES CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Parent	Guarantor Parent Subsidiaries		Consolidated
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$ 25,336	\$ (1,540)	\$ 1,540	\$ 25,336
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash flows from operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	7,991	2,249	-	10,240
Amortization of deferred financing fees	3,280	-	-	3,280
Deferred income tax expense	3,055	-	-	3,055
Equity (income) loss in subsidiaries	1,540	-	(1,540)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable	12,726	23,580	(9,727)	26,579
Inventories	(5,383)	(21,309)	6,798	(19,894)
Prepaid expenses	(3,054)	(229)	-	(3,283)
Other assets	5,995	-	-	5,995
Accounts payable	(9,331)	(4,554)	-	(13,885)
Accrued expenses	5,175	2,548	-	7,723
Facilities and organizational rationalization costs	(3,216)	-	_	(3,216)
Other operating activities, net	(6,644)	-	2,929	(3,715)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	37,470	745	-	38,215
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of equipment and leasehold improvements	(965)	(5,485)	-	(6,450)
Purchase of facilities and equipment from U.S. Fertilizer	(4,000)	-	-	(4,000)
Payments for Schultz merger, net of cash acquired	(38,300)	-	-	(38,300)
Payments for WPC Brands acquisition, net of cash acquired	(19,500)	-	-	(19,500)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(62,765)	(5,485)	<u>-</u>	(68,250)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from additional term debt	90,000	-	-	90,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	17,500	_	_	17,500
Payments received for common stock subscription receivable	2,500	-	-	2,500
Payments received on loans to executive officer	48	_	_	48
Repayment of borrowings on term debt	(14,858)	-	-	(14,858)
Repayment of debt assumed in Schultz merger	(= 1,000)	(20,662)	_	(20,662)
Repayment of borrowings on revolver	(23,450)	(20,002)	_	(23,450)
Payments for capital lease obligation	(405)	_	_	(405)
Payments for debt issuance costs	(4,700)	_	_	(4,700)
Change in cash overdraft	(5,620)	_	_	(5,620)
Other financing and intercompany activities	(25,529)	25,529	-	-
Net cash flows provided by financing activities	35,486	4,867	-	40,353
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	10,191	127	-	10,318
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		-	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 10,191	\$ 127	\$ -	\$ 10,318

Note 22—Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In December 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 46R, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities and Interpretation of ARB No. 51." This interpretation, which replaces FIN 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities," clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements," to certain entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support. This interpretation is required in financial statements for periods ending after March 15, 2004 for those companies that have yet to adopt the provisions of FIN 46. The Company has no variable interest entities and, therefore, adoption of FIN 46R did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" (SFAS 123R). SFAS 123R requires recognizing compensation costs related to share-based payment transactions, including previously issued unvested awards outstanding upon adoption of the statement, primarily based on the grant-date fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. In addition, liability awards are re-measured based on their fair value each reporting period until settled. Management is currently evaluating the impact of adoption in 2005.

The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Act), which was signed into law on October 22, 2004, allows a special one-time dividends received deduction on the repatriation of certain foreign earnings. The FASB issued Staff Position No. FAS 109-2 in December 2004 which requires recording related taxes if, and when, an entity decides to repatriate foreign earnings subject to the Act. The Company is evaluating the provisions of the Act.

Note 23—Subsequent Events

On January 3, 2005, the Company entered into an agreement to have all of its equity interests acquired by Rayovac Corporation (Rayovac), a publicly-held consumer products company with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. In connection with the acquisition, which was consummated on February 7, 2005, the Company's shareholders received 13.75 million shares of Rayovac common stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share, and cash consideration of \$70.0 million. All outstanding shares of the Company's common stock and other equity interests were subsequently retired.

Also in connection with the transaction, Rayovac assumed all of the Company's outstanding indebtedness, which totaled approximately \$973.8 million as of the closing date of the acquisition. Immediately subsequent to closing, all indebtedness outstanding under the Company's New Senior Credit Facility and \$221.7 million of outstanding senior subordinated notes were repaid by Rayovac.

In addition, at the closing date, the previously described stockholders agreement was terminated and the \$0.2 million balance outstanding under the 2001 Loan to the Company's Chief Executive Officer was repaid in full. Furthermore, under a separate agreement but coincident with closing, the previously described professional services agreement was terminated.

On January 31, 2005, a subsidiary of the Company acquired FIRSTRAX, Inc. (FIRSTRAX) for a purchase price of approximately \$23 million, subject to final adjustments. Headquartered in Aliso Viejo, CA, FIRSTRAX designs, markets and sells a comprehensive line of housing, portable crates, bedding, toys and other specialty pet products.

On March 15, 2005, Rayovac, through a subsidiary of the Company, entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Tetra Holding GmbH (Tetra) for a purchase price of approximately €415 million, subject to final adjustments. Headquartered in Melle, Germany, Tetra manufactures, distributes and markets a comprehensive line of foods, equipment and care products for fish and reptiles, along with accessories for home aquariums and ponds. The transaction is subject to regulatory review and other customary closing conditions and is expected to close in the second calendar quarter of 2005.

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Unaudited

As at	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Sept. 30
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2004	2003	2003
ACCETTO	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Cash	3,190	5,991	16,974
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$626 and \$337 as at March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and \$415 at September 30, 2003	54,824	48,539	22,605
Inventories [note 3]	55,323	41,400	36,308
Prepaid and other expenses	1,788	2,219	1,852
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	115,125	98,149	77,739
Investment in equity accounted investee	1,460		879
Property, plant and equipment [note 4]	39,242	38,892	37,517
Trademarks	6,379	6,741	6,320
Goodwill	9,904	8,426	8,278
TOTAL ASSETS	172,110	152,208	130,733
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT			
Bank indebtedness [note 5]	22,783	17,203	_
Accounts payable	22,848	18,382	12,076
Accrued liabilities [note 6]	9,029	11,342	9,261
Income taxes payable	816	1,283	1,914
Current portion of long-term debt [note 5]	5,225	6,008	5,617
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	60,701	54,218	28,868
Long-term debt [note 5]	8,101	11,389	9,744
Deferred income taxes	2,662	2,208	2,679
TOTAL LIABILITIES	71,464	67,815	41,291
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital [note 7]			
Common stock, 17,275,042 issued and outstanding, unlimited authorized at March 31, 2004 (16,020,792 issued and outstanding at March 31,			
2003)(16,128,692 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2004 (10,020,792 issued and outstanding at March 31, 2004)	40,063	29,096	29,734
Warrants	_	1,288	1,288
Retained earnings	63,870	54,469	61,146
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,287)	(460)	(2,726)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	100,646	84,393	89,442
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	172,110	152,208	130,733
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THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Unaudited

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three M	Months	hs Six Months	
For the three and six months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$ except per share data]	2004	2003	2004	2003
	<u> </u>	\$	\$	\$
NET SALES	56,313	54,355	83,370	84,897
Cost of sales, excluding depreciation	42,861	40,925	63,832	64,764
	13,452	13,430	19,538	20,133
EXPENSES				
Sales, administration and marketing	5,630	5,120	10,517	9,650
Depreciation and amortization	1,389	1,320	2,710	2,664
Interest on long-term debt	216	288	448	589
Interest - other	152	186	155	180
Other income	(62)		(127)	
	7,325	6,914	13,703	13,083
Income before income taxes	6,127	6,516	5,835	7,050
Income tax expense	2,273	2,296	2,143	2,530
NET INCOME	3,854	4,220	3,692	4,520
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE [note 8]				
Basic	0.23	0.27	0.22	0.28
Diluted	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.28
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING				
Basic	16,798	15,917	16,463	15,906
Diluted	17,086	16,105	16,814	16,091
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
	Three M	Months	Six Mo	onths
For the three and six months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2004	2003	2004	2003
	<u> </u>	\$	\$	\$
Net income	3,854	4,220	3,692	4,520
Other comprehensive income:				
Currency gains/(losses) on U.S. translated subsidiaries	222	(1,853)	(561)	(1,990)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	4,076	2,367	3,131	2,530

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Unaudited

		Months	
For the six months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2004	2003	
	\$	\$	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	3,692	4,520	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows used in operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	2,710	2,664	
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(65)	_	
Changes in non-cash working capital items [note 9]	(34,610)	(28,782)	
CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(28,273)	(21,598)	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(6,118)	(1,340)	
Acquisitions [note 10]	(8,504)	(1,419)	
Investment in equity accounted investee	(580)	(_, :)	
Proceeds on sales of property, plant and equipment	1,000	_	
CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(14,202)	(2,759)	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Bank indebtedness	22,783	17,203	
Issuance of common shares for cash	9,041	460	
Dividends	(968)	_	
Repayment of long-term debt	(2,035)	(2,227)	
CACH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	20.024	15 400	
CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	28,821	15,436	
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(130)	(769)	
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NET DECREASE IN CASH DURING PERIOD	(13,784)	(9,690)	
Cash, beginning of period	16,974	15,681	
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CASH, END OF PERIOD	3,190	5,991	
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION			
Interest paid	603	769	
Receipt of mortgage receivable for sale of facility	1,200	_	
Issuance of promissory note payable for acquisition	_	300	
Income taxes paid	3,271	3,644	
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Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Company (The Nu-Gro Corporation and its subsidiaries) manufactures and sells packaged consumer and commercial lawn and garden products including fertilizers, grass seed, soils, herbicides, rodenticides and insecticides. Nu-Gro's brand names include CIL®, Wilson®, Vigoro®, Pickseed®, So-Green®, Plant-Prod®, Greenleaf® and Green Earth®. Through its subsidiaries in Canada and the U.S., the Company produces and distributes controlled release nitrogen raw material to the fertilizer industry worldwide.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts and balances of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures typically included in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements have been condensed or omitted for this report. As such, this report should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the year ended September 30, 2003.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are unaudited. In the opinion of management, such statements include all adjustments, which consist of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for fair presentation of the results for the periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. Because our products are used primarily in the spring and summer seasons, our business is highly seasonal. As a result, results for the three and six months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 are not indicative of annual results. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for stock options issued to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and applies the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," and SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation—Transition and Disclosure, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123." Under APB No. 25 and related interpretations, compensation expense is recognized using the intrinsic value method for the difference between the exercise price of the options and the estimated fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Consideration received by the Company on the exercise of stock options is credited to share capital.

SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the Company determined stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method. The fair value of options granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

The following table presents net income, as reported, stock-based compensation expense that would have been recorded using the fair value method and pro forma net income that would have been reported had the fair value method been applied:

	Three I	Months	Six M	onths
For the three and six months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$ except per share data]	2004	2003	2004	2003
Net income, as reported	3,854	4,220	3,692	4,520
Stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method, net of tax	(13)	(25)	(26)	(50)
Pro forma net income	3,841	4,195	3,666	4,470
As reported – basic EPS	0.23	0.27	0.22	0.28
As reported –diluted EPS	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.28
Pro forma basic EPS	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.28
Pro forma diluted EPS	0.23	0.26	0.22	0.28

3. INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003	September 30, 2003
Raw materials and packaging	14,420	14,453	12,166
Bulk fertilizer	11,171	7,360	11,035
Packaged goods	32,550	22,211	14,855
Allowance for obsolete and slow-moving inventory	(2,818)	(2,624)	(1,748)
	55,323	41,400	36,308

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

March 31, 2004 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	Net Book Value
Land	1,861	_	1,861
Buildings and leasehold improvements	24,846	6,518	18,328
Machinery and equipment	33,471	15,625	17,846
Print plates	1,236	686	550
Computer software/hardware	2,804	2,147	657
			
	64,218	24,976	39,242

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

March 31, 2003 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	Net Book Value
Land	1,350		1,350
Buildings and leasehold improvements	22,356	5,637	16,719
Machinery and equipment	33,114	13,115	19,999
Print plates	1,117	601	516
Computer software/hardware	2,169	1,861	308
	60,106	21,214	38,892
			
September 30, 2003 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	Net Book Value
	1,302	Depreciation/	
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]		Depreciation/	Value
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Land	1,302	Depreciation/ Amortization	1,302
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Land Buildings and leasehold improvements	1,302 20,955	Depreciation/ Amortization — — 5,964	1,302 14,991
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Land Buildings and leasehold improvements Machinery and equipment	1,302 20,955 32,688	Depreciation/ Amortization 5,964 14,214	1,302 14,991 18,474
Land Buildings and leasehold improvements Machinery and equipment Print plates	1,302 20,955 32,688 1,283	Depreciation/ Amortization	1,302 14,991 18,474 534

For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 and the year ended September 30, 2003, depreciation and amortization expense on property, plant and equipment was \$1,287,000, \$1,194,000 and \$4,867,000, respectively. Depreciation and amortization expense on property, plant and equipment for the six months ended March 31, 2004 is \$2,501,000 [\$2,425,000 for the six months ended March 31, 2003].

On November 14, 2003, the Company sold its Tillsonburg facility for \$2,200,000 consisting of \$1,000,000 in cash and a mortgage receivable for \$1,200,000.

On December 18, 2003, the Company purchased the Brantford facility it previously leased. The purchase price was \$4,500,000 including land, building and machinery and equipment.

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

5. BANK INDEBTEDNESS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003	September 30, 2003
Term bank loans payable in monthly principal installments of \$274 [\$333 in 2003], plus interest at rates ranging from 6.20% to 6.81%. The loans mature at dates ranging from April 2005 to November 2005. A \$7.0 million	44 207	14.672	12,020
first mortgage of lease and a general security agreement has been provided as collateral. Term bank loans payable in monthly principal installments of \$65 plus interest at bank prime rate plus 0.25% [0.25% to 0.75% in 2003]. The term loans mature at dates ranging from April 2004 to December 2004. A	11,387	14,673	13,030
general security agreement has been provided as collateral.	1,939	2,724	2,331
Current portion	13,326 5,225	17,397 6.008	15,361 5,617
Current portion			
	8,101	11,389	9,744

The Company has available to it an operating line of \$35,500,000 Canadian [or U.S. equivalent] at an interest rate of bank prime [3.75% at March 31, 2004 (4.75% at March 31, 2003; 4.50% at September 30, 2003)] for Canadian dollar borrowings and U.S. base rate [4.00% at March 31, 2004 (4.25% at March 31, 2003; 4.00% at September 30, 2003)] for U.S. dollar borrowings. As at March 31, 2004, \$20,170,000 of the operating line was being utilized [\$20,619,000 as at March 31, 2003; \$0 as at September 30, 2003]. The bank indebtedness amounts on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets include certain amounts for outstanding checks, partially offset by positive cash balances at the Canadian subsidiaries. Collateral for the bank revolving operating lines of credit includes a general assignment of all inventories and accounts receivable as presented on the consolidated financial statements less potential priorranking claims. The facility is due and payable on demand from the bank and the bank may terminate this facility at any time, without notice or demand.

6. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003	September 30, 2003
Customer programs	4,520	5,125	3,635
Freight	954	585	1,213
Salaries and benefits	1,207	1,743	2,645
Other	2,348	3,889	1,768
	9,029	11,342	9,261

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

7. SHARE CAPITAL

Changes in share capital are as follows:

	March 31, 2004		March 31, 2003	
Six months ended	Number of Shares/Warrants			Cdn \$
		[000's]		[000's]
COMMON SHARES				
Balance, beginning of period	16,128,692	29,734	15,893,292	28,631
Issued pursuant to existing warrants	1,144,350	10,323	100,000	380
Issued pursuant to existing stock options	2,000	6	27,500	85
Balance, end of period	17,275,042	40,063	16,020,792	29,096
WARRANTS				
Balance, beginning of period	1,180,000	1,288	1,280,000	1,293
Warrants exercised	(1,144,350)	(1,249)	(100,000)	(5)
Warrants expired	(35,650)	(39)	_	_
Balance, end of period	_	_	1,180,000	1,288
Total balance, end of period		40,063		30,384

On or prior to February 21, 2004, 1,144,350 outstanding warrants were exercised for total consideration of \$9,035,000. A total of 35,650 warrants were not exercised and expired on February 22, 2004.

The following table presents the maximum number of common shares that would be outstanding if all instruments outstanding at March 31, 2004 were exercised:

Common shares	17,275,042
Stock options	283,900
	17,558,942

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

8. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three 1	Three Months		Six Months	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share available to common stockholders (000's Cdn \$)	\$ 3,854	\$ 4,220	\$ 3,692	\$ 4,520	
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares outstanding (000's)	16,798	15,917	16,463	15,906	
Effect of dilutive securities (000's):					
Warrants	_	1	_	_	
Employee stock options	288	187	352	184	
Dilutive potential common shares (000's)	288	188	352	184	
Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions (000's)	17,086	16,105	16,814	16,091	
Earnings per share (Cdn \$)					
Basic	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.28	
Diluted	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.28	

9. CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL ITEMS

		lonths
For the three and six months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2004	2003
Increase in accounts receivable	(29,230)	(27,930)
Increase in inventories	(14,041)	(7,000)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid and other expenses	103	(324)
Increase in accounts payable	9,885	4,324
(Decrease) increase in accrued liabilities	(232)	3,167
Decrease in income taxes payable	(1,095)	(1,019)
	(34,610)	(28,782)

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

10. ACQUISITIONS

a) On November 3, 2003, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities of Greenleaf Products Inc., Later Chemicals Ltd. and Midpoint Products Inc. to complement the portfolio of products and to provide customers with efficiencies in terms of sales contracts, product offering, customer service training, supply chain management and in-store merchandising. Operating results from the acquired businesses were recorded from the date of acquisition. The cash purchase price of \$8,504,000 was allocated as follows:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	\$
Accounts receivable	3,194
Inventories	5,134
Goodwill	1,675
Trademarks	500
Property, plant and equipment	219
Accounts payable	(2,218)
	8,504

As a result of these acquisitions, assuming the acquisitions had taken effect at the beginning of the period, a pro forma consolidated statement of income for the six months ended March 31, 2004 would have reported higher sales of \$1,185,000 and lower net income of \$175,000. Pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share would have decreased by \$0.01 to \$0.21.

b) On October 10, 2002, the Company acquired the Canadian consumer water-soluble fertilizer business of Plant Products Co. Ltd. The purchase price of \$1,719,000 was allocated as follows:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	<u> </u>
Inventories	969
Property, plant and equipment	200
Trademarks	50
Goodwill	500
	1,719
Funded By:	
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	\$
Cash	1,419
Promissory note payable	300
	1,719

11. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has three reportable segments: consumer products, professional products and fertilizer raw material.

The consumer products segment comprises a variety of fertilizer, soil and pesticide products primarily for the retail lawn and garden industry in Canada. The professional products segment comprises a variety of fertilizer and pesticide products primarily for the golf and professional industry in Canada. The fertilizer raw material segment represents the manufacture and distribution of controlled release nitrogen raw material to the fertilizer industry worldwide. Segments were established primarily by product type and the customer base which represents the basis upon which management, including the Chief Executive Officer who is the chief operating decision maker of the Company, reviews and assesses the Company's financial performance. Segment profit is the primary measure of profitability used by management to assess the Company's financial performance.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Company accounts for inter-segment sales as if the sales were to third parties, that is, at current market prices.

March 31, 2004 and 2003

		JMER UCTS	PROFESS PRODU		FERTILIZER RAW MATERIAL		TOTAL	
Three months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Sales to external customers	31,539	22,505	3,271	5,221	21,503	26,629	56,313	54,355
Inter-segment sales	_	_	_	_	2,826	952	2,826	952
Segment profit	6,351	4,881	839	1,091	4,567	5,664	11,757	11,636
Sales, administration and marketing							5,630	5,120
Income before income taxes							6,127	6,516
Components comprising segment profit:								
Depreciation and amortization	612	519	108	100	669	701	1,389	1,320
Interest expense	251	314	50	71	67	89	368	474
Other (income)	_	_	_	_	(62)	_	(62)	_
Income tax expense (recovery)	766	734	(13)	(107)	1,520	1,669	2,273	2,296
Total assets	95,417	70,564	28,690	27,501	48,003	54,143	172,110	152,208
Capital expenditures:								
Excluding business acquisitions	942	484	_	226	_	_	942	710
Business acquisitions	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Additions to trademarks	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Additions to goodwill	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Six months and at March 21	CONSU		PROFESS PRODU		FERTIL RAV MATEI	W	тота	AL
Six months ended March 31 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]					RAV	W	TOTA	AL 2003
	PROD	UCTS	PRODU	JCTS	MATEI	W RIAL		
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2004	2003	2004	2003	RAY MATEI 2004	W RIAL 2003	2004	2003
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit	2004	2003	2004 9,512	2003 13,987	2004 33,672	2003 42,459	2004 83,370	2003
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales	2004 40,186	2003 28,451	2004 9,512	2003 13,987	2004 2004 33,672 3,339	2003 42,459 4,223	83,370 3,339	2003 84,897 4,223
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit	2004 40,186	2003 28,451	2004 9,512	2003 13,987	2004 2004 33,672 3,339	2003 42,459 4,223	83,370 3,339 16,352	84,897 4,223 16,700
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[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit:	2004 40,186 — 7,215	2003 28,451 — 5,496	9,512 	2003 13,987 — 3,064	2004 33,672 3,339 6,671	2003 42,459 4,223 8,140	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835	84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit: Depreciation and amortization	2004 40,186 — 7,215	2003 28,451 — 5,496	9,512 	2003 13,987 — 3,064	2004 33,672 3,339 6,671	WRIAL 2003 42,459 4,223 8,140	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835 2,710	2003 84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050 2,664
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit: Depreciation and amortization Interest expense	2004 40,186 — 7,215 1,035 349	2003 28,451 — 5,496	9,512 — 2,466	2003 13,987 — 3,064 413 189	2004 33,672 3,339 6,671 1,341 136	WRIAL 2003 42,459 4,223 8,140 1,412 165	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835 2,710 603	2003 84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050 2,664 769
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit: Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Other (income)	2004 40,186 — 7,215 1,035 349	2003 28,451 — 5,496 839 415	9,512 	2003 13,987 — 3,064 413 189 —	33,672 3,339 6,671 1,341 136 (462)	2003 42,459 4,223 8,140 1,412 165	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835 2,710 603 (527)	2003 84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050 2,664 769
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit: Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Other (income) Income tax expense (recovery)	2004 40,186 7,215 1,035 349 234	2003 28,451 — 5,496 839 415 — 257	9,512 	2003 13,987 — 3,064 413 189 — (101)	2004 33,672 3,339 6,671 1,341 136 (462) 1,881	2003 42,459 4,223 8,140 1,412 165 — 2,374	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835 2,710 603 (527) 2,143	2003 84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050 2,664 769 — 2,530
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit: Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Other (income) Income tax expense (recovery) Total assets	2004 40,186 7,215 1,035 349 234	2003 28,451 — 5,496 839 415 — 257	9,512 	2003 13,987 — 3,064 413 189 — (101)	2004 33,672 3,339 6,671 1,341 136 (462) 1,881	2003 42,459 4,223 8,140 1,412 165 — 2,374	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835 2,710 603 (527) 2,143	2003 84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050 2,664 769 — 2,530
[In Thousands, Cdn \$] Sales to external customers Inter-segment sales Segment profit Sales, administration and marketing Income before income taxes Components comprising segment profit: Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Other (income) Income tax expense (recovery) Total assets Capital expenditures:	2004 40,186 7,215 1,035 349 234 95,417	2003 28,451 — 5,496 839 415 — 257 70,564	9,512 	2003 13,987 — 3,064 413 189 — (101) 27,501	2004 33,672 3,339 6,671 1,341 136 (462) 1,881	2003 42,459 4,223 8,140 1,412 165 — 2,374	2004 83,370 3,339 16,352 10,517 5,835 2,710 603 (527) 2,143 172,110	2003 84,897 4,223 16,700 9,650 7,050 2,664 769 — 2,530 152,208

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Additions to goodwill

Unaudited March 31, 2004 and 2003

12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES

Rayovac Corporation's Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 and Senior Subordinated Notes due 2015 are guaranteed by all of the Company's U.S. based subsidiaries. The Company's U.S. based subsidiaries are 100% owned by the Company. The consolidated financial information, which follows, has been prepared in accordance with the requirements for presentation of such information. The Company believes that separate financial statements concerning each guarantor subsidiary would not be material to investors and that the information presented herein provides sufficient detail to determine the nature of the aggregate financial position and results of operations of the guarantor subsidiaries. The guarantor subsidiaries' information presented herein represents the Company's U.S. subsidiaries while the non-guarantor subsidiaries' financial information represents the Company's Canadian entities.

The parent company's investment in guarantor subsidiaries is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Earnings of the guarantor subsidiaries are reflected in the respective investment accounts of the parent company. The investments in guarantor subsidiaries and all intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited

As at March 31, 2004	Non- Guarantor Parent and Subsidiaries	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In Thousands, Cdn \$)	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
CURRENT				
Cash	_	3,190	_	3,190
Accounts receivable	43,701	11,123	_	54,824
Inventories	49,979	5,344	_	55,323
Prepaid and other expenses	1,602	186	_	1,788
Intercompany receivables	<u> </u>	7,100	(7,100)	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	95,282	26,943	(7,100)	115,125
Investment in equity accounted investee	1,460	_	_	1,460
Investment in guarantor subsidiaries	30,997	_	(30,997)	
Property, plant and equipment	36,801	2,441	_	39,242
Trademarks	4,235	2,144	_	6,379
Goodwill	8,279	1,625	<u> </u>	9,904
TOTAL ASSETS	177,054	33,153	(38,097)	172,110
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
CURRENT				
Bank indebtedness	22,783	_	_	22,783
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	27,508	4,369	_	31,877
Income taxes payable	348	468	_	816
Current portion of long-term debt	5,225	_	_	5,225
Intercompany payables	7,100	_	(7,100)	_
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	62,964	4,837	(7,100)	60,701
Long-term debt	8,101			8,101
Deferred income taxes	2,056	606	_	2,662
TOTAL LIABILITIES	73,121	5,443	(7,100)	71,464
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Share capital				
Common stock	40,063	_	_	40,063
Retained earnings	63,870	29,950	(29,950)	63,870
Investment from parent	_	1,047	(1,047)	_
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(3,287)		(3,287)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	103,933	27,710	(30,997)	100,646
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	177,054	33,153	(38,097)	172,110

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

Unaudited

For the six months ended March 31, 2004	Non- Guarantor Parent and Subsidiaries	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In Thousands, Cdn \$)	\$	\$	\$	\$
NET SALES	64,110	20,711	(1,451)	83,370
Cost of sales, excluding depreciation	48,467	16,816	(1,451)	63,832
	15,643	3,895	_	19,538
EXPENSES				
Sales, administration and marketing	9,055	1,462	_	10,517
Depreciation and amortization	2,360	350	_	2,710
Interest on long-term debt	448	_	_	448
Interest—other	173	(18)	_	155
Other income	(127)	_	_	(127)
	11,909	1,794		13,703
Income before income taxes	3,734	2,101		5,835
Income tax expense	1,366	777	_	2,143
Equity (income) in subsidiaries	(1,324)	_	1,324	_
NET INCOME	3,692	1,324	(1,324)	3,692

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On April 30, 2004, the Company's publicly held shares (Toronto Stock Exchange listed "NU") were tendered to a subsidiary of United Industries Corporation of St. Louis, MO ("United") under the Arrangement Agreement dated March 1, 2004 and amended March 19, 2004 in exchange for \$11.00 per share at which time the Company became a 100% owned subsidiary of United. Prior to the exchange of shares for cash, a dividend of \$0.12 per share was paid to shareholders of record on April 30, 2004. On the date of tender, all outstanding bank debt was repaid in full and credit facilities described in note 5 were cancelled.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Directors of The Nu-Gro Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of **The Nu-Gro Corporation and Subsidiaries (the "Company")** as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

On October 24, 2003, except as to Note 20[b], which is as of November 3, 2003, we reported separately to the shareholders of the Company on the consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 and for the years then ended, audited in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards and prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Accountants

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Kitchener, Canada, October 24, 2003

(except as to note 24 which is as of April 30, 2004).

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As at September 30

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	16,974	15,681
Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$415 and \$518 as at September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively [note 3]	22,605	21,278
Inventories [note 5]	36,308	33,817
Prepaid and other expenses	1,852	1,975
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	77,739	72,751
Investment in equity accounted investee	879	
Property, plant and equipment [note 6]	37,517	40,066
Trademarks [note 7]	6,320	7,123
Goodwill [note 8]	8,278	8,071
TOTAL ASSETS	130,733	128,011
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	12,076	14,182
Accrued liabilities [note 10]	9,261	8,175
Income taxes payable	1,914	2,397
Current portion of long-term debt [note 11]	5,617	6,655
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	28,868	31,409
Long-term debt [note 11]	9,744	12,970
Deferred income taxes [note 15]	2,679	2,230
TOTAL LIABILITIES	41,291	46,609
Commitments [notes 17 & 18]		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Share capital [note 12]		
Common stock, 16,128,692 issued and outstanding, unlimited authorized at September 30, 2003 (15,893,292 issued and outstanding at September 30,		
2002).	29,734	28,533
Warrants	1,288	1,391
Retained earnings	61,146	49,948
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income [note 13]	(2,726)	1,530
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	89,442	81,402
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	130,733	128,011

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Years ended September 30

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

[In Thousands, Cdn \$, except for earnings per share]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
NET SALES	193,474	174,665
Cost of sales, excluding depreciation	147,033	130,280
	46,441	44,385
EXPENSES		
Sales, administration and marketing	21,160	20,211
Depreciation and amortization [notes 6 & 7]	5,305	5,402
Equity investment income [note 4]	_	(60)
Interest on long-term debt	1,105	1,361
Interest – other	280	624
	27,850	27,538
Income before income taxes	18,591	16,847
Income taxes [note 15]	6,592	6,040
NET INCOME	11,999	10,807
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE [note 14]		
Basic	0.75	0.72
Diluted	0.74	0.71
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
W	\$	\$
Net income	11,999	10,807
Other comprehensive income:	/4.0 = 0	100
Currency gains/(losses) on U.S. translated subsidiaries	(4,256)	160
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	7,743	10,967

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Years ended September 30

	Common Stock		Warrants			Accumulated Other	Total	
[In thousands, Cdn \$]	Shares	Amounts	Shares	Amounts	Retained Earnings	Comprehensive (Loss)/Income	Shareholders' Equity	
	#	\$	#	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Balance at September 30, 2001	13,706,292	15,738	200,000	206	39,141	1,370	56,455	
Issuance of common stock and warrants	2,187,000	12,795	1,180,000	1,288	_	_	14,083	
Warrants exercised	_	_	(100,000)	(103)	_	_	(103)	
Net income	_	_	_	_	10,807	_	10,807	
Gain on translation of foreign operations	_	_	_	_	_	160	160	
Balance at September 30, 2002	15,893,292	28,533	1,280,000	1,391	49,948	1,530	81,402	
Issuance of common stock	235,400	1,201	_	_	_	_	1,201	
Warrants exercised	_	_	(100,000)	(103)	_	_	(103)	
Net income	_	_	_	_	11,999	_	11,999	
Dividends	_	_	_	_	(801)	_	(801)	
(Loss) on translation of foreign operations	_	_	_	_	_	(4,256)	(4,256)	
Balance at September 30, 2003	16,128,692	29,734	1,180,000	1,288	61,146	(2,726)	89,442	

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Years ended September 30

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	s	s
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Ť	
Net income	11,999	10,807
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	5,305	5,402
Equity investment income	-	(60)
Deferred income taxes	449	427
Changes in non-cash working capital items [note 16]	(6,652)	7,784
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	11,101	24,360
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(2,688)	(3,725)
Investment in joint venture	(879)	
Acquisitions [note 4[c]]	(1,419)	(361)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(4,986)	(4,086)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Bank indebtedness	_	(15,264)
Issuance of common shares and warrants for cash [note 12]	1,098	13,680
Dividends	(801)	_
Repayment of long-term debt	(4,264)	(5,034)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(3,967)	(6,618)
EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(855)	68
NET INCREASE IN CASH DURING YEAR	1,293	13,724
Cash, beginning of year	15,681	1,957
CASH, END OF YEAR	16,974	15,681
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION		
Interest paid	1,385	1,985
Issuance of promissory note payable for acquisition	_	300
Income taxes paid	6,961	3,149

September 30, 2003 and 2002

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The Company (The Nu-Gro Corporation and its subsidiaries) manufactures and sells packaged consumer and commercial lawn and garden products including fertilizers, grass seed, soils, herbicides, rodenticides and insecticides. Nu-Gro's brand names include CIL®, Wilson®, Vigoro®, Pickseed®, So-Green®, Plant-Prod®, Greenleaf® and Green Earth®. Through its subsidiaries in Canada and the U.S., the Company produces and distributes controlled release nitrogen raw material to the fertilizer industry worldwide.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared by management in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. The consolidated financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, its wholly owned Canadian subsidiaries SCU Nitrogen Inc., Wilson Laboratories Inc., Nu-Gro IP Inc., EroGreen Seeds Inc., Mor-Pac Limited, and its wholly-owned U.S. subsidiaries, Nu-Gro America Corp., Nu-Gro Technologies Inc., and IB Nitrogen Inc.

The purchase accounting method has been used to account for all acquisitions and the results of operations of businesses acquired are included only from the effective date of their respective acquisitions. Intercompany balances and transactions, including profits in inventories, are eliminated during consolidation. The purchase price for each acquisition was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values.

During fiscal 2003, the Company entered into a joint venture agreement with Agronomic Growth Industries. The Company's 50% interest in this joint venture, The Nu-Spec Corporation, is accounted for using the equity method, which separately records the net investment in the investee including debt, equity and accumulated earnings on the balance sheet, and separately records the Company's proportionate share of the investee's income/loss on the consolidated statements of income.

During fiscal 2002, the Company purchased the remaining 50% interest in Mor-Pac Limited (note 4[b]).

USE OF ESTIMATES

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

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Company considers all highly liquid temporary cash investments, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and market value with cost being determined on the first-in, first-out basis. Finished goods cost includes an applicable share of direct labor and manufacturing expenses. Market value is net realizable value for packaged goods and is replacement cost for raw materials, packaging and bulk fertilizer. An allowance for obsolete or slow-moving inventory is recorded based on the Company's analysis of inventory levels and future sales forecasts. In the event that estimates of future usage and sales differ from actual results, the allowance for obsolete or slow-moving inventory may be adjusted.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, which includes capitalized interest incurred during the construction period. Depreciation and amortization is provided on the straight-line basis over the expected lives of the assets commencing when the asset is available for use or in the case of leasehold improvements, the lease term, if shorter, using the following useful lives:

Buildings and leasehold improvements10 –20 yearsMachinery and equipment5 – 10 yearsPrint plates3 yearsComputer software/hardware3 years

Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are expensed as incurred. When equipment is retired or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any related gains or losses are reflected in results of operations.

LONG-LIVED ASSETS

The Company evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets, including equipment and leasehold improvements, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If a review indicates that the carrying value of an asset is not recoverable based on its undiscounted future cash flows, a loss is recognized for the difference between its fair value and carrying value.

TRADEMARKS

Trademarks are carried at cost. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over 20 years, which is the expected asset life.

GOODWILL

The Company has acquired or made acquisitions in the past that resulted in the recording of goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price consideration over the fair value of net assets of acquired businesses. Under generally accepted accounting principles in effect prior to fiscal 2002, these assets were amortized over their estimated useful lives, and were tested periodically to determine if they were recoverable from operating earnings over their useful lives. Beginning effective October 1, 2001, goodwill is no longer amortized and is subject to impairment testing at least annually. The Company also evaluates the recoverability of goodwill for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Such events or changes in circumstances could include such factors as changes in technological advances, fluctuations in the fair value of such assets or adverse changes in customer relationships or vendors. Recoverability is evaluated by the reporting unit components within the Company's operating segments (see Note 21 [A]). If a review using current market rates, discounted or undiscounted cash flows, as applicable, and other methods indicates that the carrying value of goodwill is not recoverable, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to estimated fair value. No impairments existed as of September 30, 2003 and 2002. Prior to fiscal 2002, goodwill was amortized using the straight-line method over 20 years and recorded as part of depreciation and amortization in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are accounted for under the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such amounts are recovered or settled.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

The financial statements of the Company's foreign operations, which are considered self-sustaining, are translated into Canadian dollars as follows:

- Assets and liabilities at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheet date.
- · Revenue and expense items at rates of exchange approximating the average rates of exchange for the year.

Exchange gains and losses arising on translation of the accounts of the foreign operations are deferred and taken to the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at exchange rates in effect at the related transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Resulting exchange gains or losses are included in the consolidated statements of income.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is recognized when title and risk of loss transfers to the customer, which occurs upon shipment. Net sales represent gross sales less any applicable customer discounts from list price, customer returns and customer rebate programs.

SHIPPING EXPENSE

All revenues billed to customers for freight on goods purchased from the Company are recorded in net sales. Shipping and handling costs, which include freight out, distribution personnel, and warehousing and transfer costs, are included in cost of sales and amounted to \$15,346,000 [\$14,596,000 in 2002].

ADVERTISING EXPENSE

The Company advertises and promotes its products through national and regional media. Advertising and promotion costs are expensed as incurred, although costs incurred during interim periods are generally expensed ratably in relation to revenues. Advertising and promotion costs are included in sales, administration and marketing on the consolidated statements of income and were \$4,779,000 and \$4,796,000 for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Company has a stock-based compensation plan, which is described in note 12 [d]. The stock options are granted with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the shares on the day of grant of the options. The Company accounts for stock options issued to employees in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and applies the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," and SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation—Transition and Disclosure, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123." Under APB No. 25 and related interpretations, compensation expense is recognized using the intrinsic value method for the difference between the exercise price of the options and the estimated fair value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Consideration received by the Company on the exercise of stock options is credited to share capital.

SFAS No. 123 requires pro forma disclosure of the impact on earnings as if the Company determined stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method. The fair value of options granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following table presents net income, as reported, stock-based compensation expense that would have been recorded using the fair value method and pro forma net income and pro forma earnings per share that would have been reported had the fair value method been applied:

[In Thousands, except earnings per share, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Net income, as reported	11,999	10,807
Stock-based compensation expense using the fair value method, net of tax	(50)	(100)
Pro forma net income	11,949	10,707
As reported – basic EPS	0.75	0.72
As reported – diluted EPS	0.74	0.71
Pro forma basic EPS	0.75	0.71
Pro forma diluted EPS	0.74	0.70

EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution of securities by adding other common stock equivalents in the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, if dilutive, and is calculated using the treasury stock method.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company's accounts receivable relate primarily to product sales to a range of customers in Canada and United States. Credit limits, credit evaluation and account monitoring procedures are utilized to minimize the risk of loss. Allowance for doubtful account reserves are based on managements' review of current overdue receivables, discussion with customers, credit trade references and historical payment patterns. Sales to geographic regions and to a major customer are presented in note 21[B].

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying values of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and income taxes payable approximate fair values due to the immediate or short-term maturities of these financial instruments. The fair value of obligations under long-term debt, calculated at the present value of future contractual payments of principal and interest, discounted at the current market rates of interest available to the Company for debt instruments with similar terms and maturity, is disclosed in note 11.

4. ACQUISITIONS

a) On October 10, 2002, the Company acquired the Canadian consumer water soluble fertilizer business of Plant Products Co. Ltd. to complement the portfolio of products and to provide customers with efficiencies in terms of sales contracts, product offering, customer service, training, supply chain management and in-store merchandising. The purchase price of \$1,719,000 is allocated, based on estimated fair values, as follows:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	\$
	
Inventories	969
Property, plant and equipment	200
Trademarks	50
Goodwill	500
	1,719
Funded By:	
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	\$
Cash	1,419
Promissory note payable	300
	1,719

The non-interest bearing promissory note payable was due and payable in full on or before May 31, 2003. The note was paid in May 2003.

The acquired goodwill that was deductible for tax purposes was \$500,000.

b) In June 2002, the Company acquired the remaining 50% interest in Mor-Pac Limited and the remaining 30% interest in EroGreen Seeds Inc. Previously, Mor-Pac was accounted for using the equity method. Both companies are now wholly owned subsidiaries and are fully consolidated as at September 30, 2002. The amounts paid on these transactions amounted to \$250,000 and was allocated, based on estimated fair values, as follows:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	\$
	-
Property, plant and equipment	720
Goodwill	250
Net working capital	(231)
Assumption of debt	(489)
	-
	250

The purchase price was financed by the issuance of a promissory note payable in the amount of \$180,000, payable in annual installments of \$60,000 over three years, bearing interest at 5% and cash consideration of \$70,000.

As a result of these acquisitions, assuming the acquisitions had occurred at the beginning of the period, a pro forma consolidated statement of income for fiscal 2002 would have reported higher sales of \$1,216,000 and higher net income of \$60,000. Pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share would have remained unchanged. For fiscal 2003, 100% of the results of operations of the acquired entities are included in the consolidated statement of income.

The goodwill on these transactions is not deductible for tax purposes.

c) Cash used in acquisition activities is comprised of the following:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Purchase of certain assets of Plant Products Co. Ltd.	1,419	_
Purchase of equity interest in EroGreen Seeds Inc.	_	70
Payment of Nutralene and Nitroform additional consideration	_	291
	1,419	361

5. INVENTORIES

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	•	•
Raw materials and packaging	12,166	12,786
Bulk fertilizer	11,035	8,463
Packaged goods	14,855	14,463
Allowance for obsolete and slow-moving inventory	(1,748)	(1,895)
	36,308	33,817

6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

2003 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$
Land	1,302	_	1,302
Buildings and leasehold improvements	20,955	5,964	14,991
Machinery and equipment	32,688	14,214	18,474
Print plates	1,283	749	534
Computer software/hardware	2,293	2,058	235
Assets held for sale	2,334	353	1,981
	60,855	23,338	37,517

Assets held for sale include the Tillsonburg, Ontario property, plant and equipment. These assets form part of the professional products segment. No impairment has been recorded as proceeds exceeded book value at the date of disposition in November 2003 (note 24[c]).

2002 [In Thousands, Cdn \$]	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation/ Amortization	Net Book Value
	<u> </u>	\$	\$
Land	1,353	_	1,353
Buildings and leasehold improvements	22,068	5,096	16,972
Machinery and equipment	34,737	13,810	20,927
Print plates	1,489	1,005	484
Computer software/hardware	2,014	1,684	330
	61,661	21,595	40,066

Depreciation and amortization expense on property, plant and equipment is \$4,867,000 [\$4,945,000 in 2002].

7. TRADEMARKS

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trademarks	8,544	9,078
Less accumulated amortization	2,224	1,955
NET BOOK VALUE	6,320	7,123

During the year, trademark additions amounted to \$50,000 [\$0 in 2002]. Amortization expense on trademarks is \$438,000 [\$457,000 in 2002]. The following table presents estimated amortization expense for trademarks during each of the next five years:

	Fiscal year		Cdn \$
			[000's]
	2004		424
	2005		424
	2006		424
	2007		424
	2008		424
8. GOO	DWILL		
	[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
		\$	\$
	NET BOOK VALUE	8,278	8,071

During the year, goodwill additions amounted to \$500,000 [\$250,000 in 2002].

9. AVAILABLE LINE OF CREDIT

The Company has available to it an operating line of \$35,500,000 Canadian [or U.S. equivalent] at an interest rate of bank prime [4.50% at September 30, 2003 (4.50% at September 30, 2003)] for Canadian dollar borrowings and U.S. base rate [4.00% at September 30, 2003 (4.75% at September 30, 2002)] for U.S. dollar borrowings. There was no balance outstanding on the operating line of credit as at September 30, 2003 [\$0 as at September 30, 2002]. Collateral for the bank revolving operating lines of credit includes a general assignment of all inventories and accounts receivable as presented on the consolidated financial statements less potential prior-ranking claims. The facility is due and payable on demand from the bank and the bank may terminate this facility at any time, without notice or demand. Covenant compliance is discussed in note 11.

10. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	<u> </u>	\$
Customer programs	3,635	3,136
Freight	1,213	1,006
Salaries and benefits	2,645	2,470
Other	1,768	1,563
	9,261	8,175

11. LONG-TERM DEBT

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Term bank loans payable in monthly principal installments of \$274 [\$333 in 2002], plus interest at rates ranging from 6.20% to 6.81%. The loans mature at dates ranging from April 2005 to November 2005. A \$7.0 million first mortgage of lease and a general security agreement		
has been provided as collateral.	13,030	18,101
Term bank loans payable in monthly principal installments of \$65 plus interest at bank prime rate plus 0.25% [0.25% to 0.75% in 2002]. The term loans mature at dates ranging from December 2003 to December 2004. A general security agreement has been provided as collateral.	2,331	1,524
	15,361	19,625
Current portion	5,617	6,655
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	9,744	12,970

The aggregate fair value of the long-term debt is estimated at \$15,677,000 at September 30, 2003 (\$20,000,000 at September 30, 2002) based on the discounted future cash flows using current market rates of interest available for debt instruments with similar terms.

The principal repayments on long-term debt are as follows:

Fiscal year	<u>Cdn \$</u>
2004	[000's] 5,617
2005	5,310
2004 2005 2006	4,434
	15,361

The term bank loans and line of credit agreement (referred to as the "Credit Facilities") contain restrictive affirmative, negative and financial covenants. Affirmative and negative covenants place restrictions on among other things, levels of investment, indebtedness, insurance, capital expenditures and dividend payments. The financial covenants require the maintenance of certain financial ratios at defined levels, measured monthly and quarterly. As of and during the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, the Company was in compliance with all covenants

12. SHARE CAPITAL

(A) AUTHORIZED

The authorized capital of the Company consists of an unlimited number of non-voting preferred shares issuable in series and an unlimited number of common shares.

(B) CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL

	2003	2003		2003 2002)2	
	Number of Shares/Warrants	Cdn \$	Number of Shares/Warrants	Cdn \$			
		[000's]		[000's]			
COMMON SHARES							
Balance, beginning of year	15,893,292	28,533	13,706,292	15,738			
Equity issue	_	_	2,000,000	12,037			
Issued pursuant to existing stock options and warrants	235,400	1,201	187,000	758			
Balance, end of year	16,128,692	29,734	15,893,292	28,533			
WARRANTS							
Balance, beginning of year	1,280,000	1,391	200,000	206			
Warrants issued on equity issue	_	_	1,180,000	1,288			
Warrants exercised	(100,000)	(103)	(100,000)	(103)			
Balance, end of year	1,180,000	1,288	1,280,000	1,391			
Total balance, end of year		31,022		29,924			

The following table presents the maximum number of common shares that would be outstanding if all instruments outstanding at September 30, 2003 were exercised:

16,128,692
1,180,000
285,900
17,594,592

As at October 24, 2003, there is no change to the number of common shares, warrants, or stock options outstanding.

(C) EQUITY ISSUE

On February 21, 2002, the Company issued 2,000,000 units at \$7.00/unit for gross proceeds of \$14.0 million (\$13,325,000 net of after tax issuance costs). Each unit consisted of one (1) common share and one-half (1/2) warrant. Each full warrant entitles the holder to purchase an additional common share at \$8.00 during the twenty-four (24) month period subsequent to purchase of the units. Net cash proceeds on the equity issue amounted to \$13,025,000 after all agent fees (which included the granting of 180,000 additional warrants on similar terms except that 120,000 warrants, with a fair value of \$1.46 on the grant date, can be exercised at \$7.00 per share). Fair value of warrants granted for the \$8.00 exercise price was determined by using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model resulting in a value of \$1.05 per warrant.

(D) STOCK OPTIONS

Stock options have been granted to certain senior employees and directors of the Company for the purchase of common shares with vesting occurring on a graduated basis up to a seven-year period. Stock options outstanding expire at various dates up to 2007. As at September 30, 2003 there are 285,900 options outstanding; 257,568 of which are vested. There are no shares available for future grants under the plan. A summary of option activity is shown below:

Options Outstanding	Number	Exercise Price Cdn \$ Range	Weighted Average Exercise Price Cdn \$
Balance, September 30, 2001	510,000	2.90 - 6.45	4.29
			-
Granted during year	25,000	6.00	6.00
Exercised during year	(87,000)	2.90 - 3.55	3.21
Forfeited during year	(16,000)	3.55	3.55
Balance, September 30, 2002	432,000	2.90 - 6.45	4.63
Exercised during year	(135,400)	3.55 - 6.40	5.34
Forfeited during year	(10,700)	3.55 - 6.00	5.08
Balance, September 30, 2003	285,900	2.90 - 6.45	4.28

The weighted average characteristics of options outstanding and exercisable as at September 30, 2003 are as follows:

		Options Outstanding		(Options Exercisable	
Range of Exercise Price Cdn \$	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Life in Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price Cdn \$	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Life in Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price Cdn \$
2.90 – 3.55	162,500	2.7	3.03	152,500	2.8	2.99
5.50 – 6.45	123,400	2.1	5.94	105,068	2.0	5.89
TOTAL	285,900	2.4	4.28	257,568	2.5	4.17

(E) WARRANTS

There are 1,180,000 warrants outstanding; 120,000 are exercisable at \$7.00 until February 21, 2004 and 1,060,000 are exercisable at \$8.00 until February 21, 2004. During each of the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, 100,000 warrants were exercised at \$3.75 per share.

13. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Other accumulated comprehensive income arises on the translation of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities of self-sustaining foreign operations. The decrease in the balance during the year is predominately due to the decrease in the U.S. exchange rate in 2003 compared to 2002.

14. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	2003	2002
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share available to common stockholders (000's Cdn \$)	\$ 11,999	\$ 10,807
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares outstanding (000's)	15,971	15,023
Effect of dilutive securities (000's):		
Warrants	8	46
Employee stock options	181	213
Dilutive potential common shares (000's)	189	259
Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions (000's)	16,160	15,282
Earnings per share (Cdn \$)		
Basic	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.72
Diluted	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.71

Excluded from the calculations above are anti-dilutive warrants. In total 1,060,000 warrants [1,060,000 warrants in 2002] were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation.

15. INCOME TAXES

The Company's provision for income taxes is comprised of:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Income before income taxes - Canada	12,166	8,784
Income before income taxes - US	6,425	8,063
Income before income taxes	18,591	16,847
Income taxes at combined Canadian federal and provincial rates of 37% in 2003 [39% in 2002]	6,901	6,494
Increase (decrease) in income taxes applicable to:	-7	-, -
Foreign tax rate differential	(18)	(140)
Manufacturing and processing deduction	(85)	(410)
Large corporations tax	73	50
Benefit of tax loss carryforward	(245)	_
Other items	(34)	46
	6,592	6,040
Represented by:		
Current income taxes:		
Canadian federal	2,552	2,257
Canadian provincial	1,978	1,543
U.S. federal	1,394	1,573
U.S. State and local	219	240
Total current income taxes	6,143	5,613
Total Current income taxes	0,143	3,013
Deferred income taxes:		
Canadian federal	315	259
Canadian provincial	161	133
U.S. federal	(24)	31
U.S. State and local	(3)	4
Total deferred income taxes	449	427
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	6,592	6,040

The Company's deferred income tax expense is comprised of the following timing differences:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	308	802
Trademarks	(380)	299
Financing costs	53	(240)
Other	468	(434)
TOTAL	449	427

The tax effects of the temporary differences that give rise to the liability for deferred income taxes are as follows:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Property, plant and equipment	2,273	1,702
Trademarks	350	454
Financing costs	(187)	(240)
Inventories	249	249
Other	(6)	65
TOTAL	2,679	2,230

16. CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL ITEMS

The changes in operating assets and liabilities consist of:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Increase in accounts receivable	(2,915)	(224)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(2,758)	3,063
Increase in prepaid and other expenses	(39)	(135)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(1,892)	2,129
Increase in accrued liabilities	1,180	60
(Decrease) increase in income taxes payable	(228)	2,891
NET CHANGE IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL ITEMS	(6,652)	7,784

17. OPERATING LEASES

The minimum annual lease payments under operating leases for rental of buildings, machinery and equipment over the next five years in aggregate are as follows:

Fiscal year	Cdn \$
	[000's]
2004	605
2005	266
2006	191
2007	122
2008	97
TOTAL FUTURE MINIMUM LEASE PAYMENTS	1,281

For the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, aggregate operating rental expense was \$850,000 and \$650,000, respectively.

18. COMMITMENTS

The Company has entered into several supply agreements, some of which require the purchase of a specified minimum amount of raw materials. The agreements have varying terms extending to 2009. The current minimum annual amount of purchases is approximately \$7,500,000 as at September 30, 2003.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties are measured at the exchange amount, and are presented below:

[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002
	\$	\$
Transactions with Oakwest Corporation Limited, a shareholder of the Company:		
Consulting fees paid during the year	72	72
Transactions with Mor-Pac Limited, to date control acquired:		
Purchases of packaged products during the period	_	1,176

20. BUSINESS INTERRUPTION INSURANCE PROCEEDS

In fiscal 2001, the Company's primary supplier of urea was shutdown due to a major malfunction of its manufacturing equipment. As a result of the loss of this supplier and the inability to source the high-grade urea elsewhere, a business interruption insurance claim was initiated. In fiscal 2002, the amounts received and recorded as a reduction in cost of sales was \$700.000.

21. SEGMENT INFORMATION

(A) OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Company has three reportable segments: consumer products, professional products and fertilizer raw material.

The consumer products segment comprises a variety of fertilizer, soil and pesticide products primarily for the retail lawn and garden industry in Canada. The professional products segment comprises a variety of fertilizer and pesticide products primarily for the golf and professional industry in Canada. The fertilizer raw material segment represents the manufacture and distribution of controlled release nitrogen raw material to the fertilizer industry worldwide. Segments were established primarily by product type and the customer base which represents the basis upon which management, including the Chief Executive Officer who is the chief operating decision maker of the Company, reviews and assesses the Company's financial performance. Segment profit is the primary measure of profitability used by management to assess the Company's financial performance.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. The Company accounts for inter-segment sales as if the sales were to third parties, that is, at current market prices.

	CONSUMER PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS PRODUCTS					TOTAL		
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$	s	\$	\$	\$
Sales to external customers	74,825	62,670	38,895	34,250	79,754	77,745	193,474	174,665
Intersegment sales	_	_	_	_	9,926	7,284	9,926	7,284
Segment profit	14,387	11,329	8,906	7,579	16,458	18,150	39,751	37,058
Sales, administration and marketing							21,160	20,211
Income before income taxes							18,591	16,847
Components comprising segment profit:								
Depreciation and amortization	1,673	1,639	850	908	2,782	2,855	5,305	5,402
Interest expense	748	799	353	450	284	736	1,385	1,985
Income tax expense	1,374	748	851	501	4,367	4,791	6,592	6,040
Total assets	52,541	45,792	30,121	24,760	48,071	57,459	130,733	128,011
Capital expenditures:								
Excluding business acquisitions	1,702	1,266	672	547	314	1,912	2,688	3,725
Business acquisitions	200	_	_	720	_	_	200	720
Additions to trademarks	50	_	_	_	_	_	50	_
Additions to goodwill	500	250	_	_	_	_	500	250

(B) GEOGRAPHIC

The following geographic information is presented based on location for property, plant and equipment, corporate jurisdiction for trademarks and goodwill, and in the case of sales, the location of the customer.

	CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		CANADA		U.S	i.	ОТН	ER	TOTA	AL
[In Thousands, Cdn \$]	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002																																																		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$																																																		
Sales to external customers	111,887	95,967	75,820	71,522	5,767	7,176	193,474	174,665																																																		
Property, plant and equipment	34,725	36,121	2,792	3,945	_	_	37,517	40,066																																																		
Trademarks	4,026	4,233	2,294	2,890	_	_	6,320	7,123																																																		
Goodwill	6,605	6,105	1,673	1,966	_	_	8,278	8,071																																																		

On a consolidated basis, the Company has one major customer, Canadian Tire Corporation, whose net sales represent 14% of the Company's net sales [14% in 2002]. As of September 30, 2003 and 2002, this customer was responsible for 8% and 7% of accounts receivable, respectively.

22. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 46 (FIN 46), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities—an interpretation of ARB No. 51," which requires variable interest entities to be consolidated by their primary beneficiaries. A primary beneficiary is the party that absorbs a majority of the entity's expected losses or receives a majority of the entity's expected residual returns, or both, as a result of ownership, contractual or other financial interests in the entity. The Company has no special purpose, or variable interest, entities. Therefore, the adoption of FIN 46, as revised, is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies financial reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities under FASB Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 is effective for contracts entered into or modified after December 31, 2003 and for hedging relationships designated after December 31, 2003. The provisions of this Statement that relate to Statement 133 implementation issues that have been effective for fiscal quarters that began prior to June 15, 2003, should continue to be applied in accordance with their respective effective dates. The adoption of SFAS No. 149 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." This statement establishes standards for the classification and measurement of certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity and requires the classification of such financial instruments as liabilities (or assets in certain circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously permitted to be classified as equity. SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003 and is otherwise effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003, except for mandatorily redeemable financial instruments of nonpublic entities. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

23. FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES

Rayovac Corporation's Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 and Senior Subordinated Notes due 2015 are guaranteed by all of the Company's U.S. based subsidiaries. The Company's U.S. based subsidiaries are 100% owned by the Company. The consolidated financial information, which follows, has been prepared in accordance with the requirements for presentation of such information. The Company believes that separate financial statements concerning each guarantor subsidiary would not be material to investors and that the information presented herein provides sufficient detail to determine the nature of the aggregate financial position and results of operations of the guarantor subsidiaries. The guarantor subsidiaries' information presented herein represents the Company's U.S. subsidiaries while the non-guarantor subsidiaries' financial information represents the Company's Canadian entities.

The parent company's investment in guarantor subsidiaries is accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Earnings of the guarantor subsidiaries are reflected in the respective investment accounts of the parent company. The investments in guarantor subsidiaries and all intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at September 30, 2003	Non- Guarantor Parent and Subsidiaries	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In Thousands, Cdn \$)	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS				
CURRENT				
Cash	12,072	4,902	_	16,974
Accounts receivable	15,678	6,927	_	22,605
Inventories	30,794	5,514	_	36,308
Prepaid and other expenses	1,271	581	(7.400)	1,852
Intercompany receivables		7,409	(7,409)	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	59,815	25,333	(7,409)	77,739
Investment in equity accounted investee	879	_	_	879
Investment in guarantor subsidiaries	29,674	_	(29,674)	_
Property, plant and equipment	34,725	2,792	_	37,517
Trademarks	4,026	2,294	_	6,320
Goodwill	6,605	1,673		8,278
TOTAL ASSETS	135,724	32,092	(37,083)	130,733
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
CURRENT				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16,898	4,439	_	21,337
Income taxes payable	1,833	81	_	1,914
Current portion of long-term debt	5,617	_		5,617
Intercompany payables	7,409		(7,409)	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	31,757	4,520	(7,409)	28,868
Long-term debt	9,744	_	_	9,744
Deferred income taxes	2,055	624		2,679
TOTAL LIABILITIES	43,556	5,144	(7,409)	41,291
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Share capital				
Common stock	29,734	_	_	29,734
Warrants	1,288	_	_	1,288
Retained earnings	61,146	28,627	(28,627)	61,146
Investment from parent	_	1,047	(1,047)	_
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,726)		(2,726)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	92,168	26,948	(29,674)	89,442
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	135,724	32,092	(37,083)	130,733

THE NU-GRO CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the year ended September 30, 2003	Non- Guarantor Parent and Subsidiaries	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
(In Thousands, Cdn \$)	\$	\$	\$	\$
NET SALES	147,983	51,058	(5,567)	193,474
Cost of sales, excluding depreciation	111,525	41,075	(5,567)	147,033
	36,458	9,983	_	46,441
EXPENSES				
Sales, administration and marketing	18,312	2,848	_	21,160
Depreciation and amortization	4,508	797	_	5,305
Interest on long-term debt	1,105	_	_	1,105
Interest—other	366	(86)	_	280
	24,291	3,559	_	27,850
Income before income taxes	12,167	6,424	_	18,591
Income tax expense	4,423	2,169	_	6,592
Equity (income) in subsidiaries	(4,255)	_	4,255	_
NET INCOME	11,999	4,255	(4,255)	11,999
THE INCOME	11,555	7,233	(17,200)	11,555

24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

- (A) On October 10, 2003, the Company entered into an agreement to acquire for \$4,500,000 the land, building and certain equipment it leased in Brantford, Ontario. The transaction closed in December 2003.
- (B) On November 3, 2003, the Company finalized an agreement to purchase certain assets and liabilities of Greenleaf Products Inc., Later Chemicals Ltd. and Midpoint Product Inc. The adjusted purchase price, which is subject to final turnback claims for inventory and accounts receivables, was \$8,504,000, funded entirely in cash.
- (C) On November 14, 2003, the Company sold its Tillsonburg facility for \$2,200,000. Proceeds consisted of \$1,000,000 in cash and a mortgage receivable for \$1,200,000, bearing no interest and payable over three years in monthly installments of \$33,000.
- (D) On or prior to February 21, 2004, 1,144,350 outstanding warrants were exercised for total consideration of \$9,035,000. A total of 35,650 warrants were not exercised and expired on February 22, 2004.
- (E) On April 30, 2004, the Company's publicly held shares (Toronto Stock Exchange listed "NU") were tendered to a subsidiary of United Industries Corporation of St. Louis, MO ("United") under the Arrangement Agreement dated March 1, 2004 and amended March 19, 2004 in exchange for \$11.00 per share at which time the Company became a 100% owned subsidiary of United. Prior to the exchange of shares for cash, a dividend of \$0.12 per share was paid to shareholders of record on April 30, 2004. On the date of tender, all outstanding bank debt was repaid in full.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of January 2, 2005 and the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations for the quarter ended January 2, 2005 are based on the consolidated financial statements of Rayovac and United as if the acquisition of United and the related transactions (together with the acquisition, the transactions) had occurred at October 1, 2003, after giving effect to the assumptions and adjustments described in the accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of January 2, 2005 has been derived from Rayovac's unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of January 2, 2005 and United's audited consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2004. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations for the quarter ended January 2, 2005 has been derived from Rayovac's unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the unaudited period October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations exclude non-recurring items directly attributable to the United acquisition.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data are based on preliminary estimates and assumptions set forth in the notes to such information. Pro forma adjustments are necessary to reflect the estimated purchase price, the new debt and equity structure and to adjust amounts related to United's assets and liabilities to a preliminary estimate of their fair values. Pro forma adjustments are also necessary to reflect interest expense and the income tax effect related to the pro forma adjustments.

The pro forma adjustments and allocation of purchase price are preliminary and are based on management's estimates of the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The final purchase price allocation will be completed after asset and liability valuations are finalized. This final valuation will be based on the actual assets and liabilities of United that exist as of the date of the completion of the transactions. Any final adjustments may change the allocation of purchase price which could affect the fair value assigned to the assets and liabilities and could result in a change to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data. In addition, the impact of integration activities could cause material differences in the information presented.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data are presented for informational purposes only and have been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the consolidated financial statements of Rayovac and United, including the notes thereto. The pro forma adjustments, as described in the notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial data, are based on currently available information and certain adjustments that we believe are reasonable. They are not necessarily indicative of our consolidated financial position or results of operations that would have occurred had the transactions taken place on the dates indicated, nor are they necessarily indicative of future consolidated financial position or results of operations. Additional pro forma information as of and for the year ended September 30, 2004 has been filed with Rayovac's amendment to the Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on April 19, 2005.

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As of January 2, 2005 (in thousands)

	Rayovac Corporation (1)	United Industries (2)	Pro Forma Adjustments		1	Rayovac & United Pro ma Combined
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,295	\$ 8,357	\$ (30,000)	(a)	\$	652
Receivables, net	337,887	85,432	_			423,319
Inventories	230,881	196,466	55,555	(b)		482,902
Deferred income taxes and other current assets	81,980	19,612	(9,255)	(c)	_	92,337
Total current assets	673,043	309,867	16,300			999,210
Property, plant and equipment, net	185,982	101,882	_			287,864
Goodwill	309,103	266,712	482,579	(d)		1,058,394
Intangible assets, net	461,909	268,039	234,661	(e)		964,609
Deferred income taxes	_	104,287	(104,287)	(f)		_
Other assets	59,732	23,230	(6,208)	(g)	_	76,754
Total assets	\$ 1,689,769	\$1,074,017	\$ 623,045		\$	3,386,831
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 29,665	\$ 27,734	\$ (27,430)	(h)	\$	29,969
Accounts payable	182,152	65,734	_			247,886
Accrued liabilities	168,958	50,185	(13,202)	(h)	_	205,941
Total current liabilities	380,775	143,653	(40,632)			483,796
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Long term debt, net of current maturities	808,710	863,556	138,432	(h)		1,810,698
Deferred income taxes	10,787	_	152,727	(i)		163,514
Other non-current liabilities	112,317	7,745	_			120,062
Total liabilities	1,312,589	1,014,954	250,527			2,578,070
Minority interest in equity of consolidated subsidiary	1,349	_	_			1,349
Total shareholders' equity	375,831	59,063	372,518	(j)		807,412
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 1,689,769	\$1,074,017	\$ 623,045		\$	3,386,831

Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

- (1) Condensed consolidated balance sheet for Rayovac, as obtained from the Company's quarterly report for the period ended January 2, 2005.
- (2) Condensed consolidated balance sheet for United, as obtained from its audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes for the period ended December 31, 2004.
- (3) The total estimated consideration as shown in the table below is allocated to the assets and liabilities of United as if the transactions had occurred on January 2, 2005. The allocation set forth below is preliminary. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information assumes that the historical values of United's current assets, current liabilities and property plant and equipment approximate fair value, except as adjusted, pending forthcoming appraisals, fixed asset valuations and other financial information.

The allocation of consideration to acquired assets is subject to the finalization of independent appraisals completed after the completion of the transactions. The actual amounts recorded when the independent appraisals are completed may differ materially from the pro forma amounts presented below (in thousands).

Total purchase price:	
Issuance of Rayovac common stock	\$ 439,175
Cash consideration	70,002
Assumption of United debt	890,086
Acquisition related costs	33,700
	\$ 1,432,963
Preliminary allocation of purchase price, reflecting the transactions:	
Estimated adjustments to reflect assets and liabilities at fair value:	
Historical value of assets acquired, excluding goodwill, as of January 2, 2005	\$ 807,305
Historical value of liabilities assumed	(1,014,954)
Write-off of United deferred financing fees	(18,960)
Current deferred tax asset recognized in association with the write-off of United deferred financing fees	7,204
Adjustment to eliminate United bond premium	900
Inventory valuation	55,555
Current deferred tax liability recognized on inventory valuation	(21,111)
Write-off of United deferred tax assets associated with goodwill	(120,369)
Assumption of United debt	890,086
Incremental identified intangible assets	234,661
Incremental deferred tax liability on identified intangibles	(136,645)
Goodwill acquired (including \$266,712 of pre-acquisition goodwill)	749,291

\$ 1,432,963

- (a) Net change in cash after completion of the transactions.
- (b) Adjustment to the estimated purchase accounting valuation related to inventory.
- (c) Tax benefits associated with the anticipated write-off of Rayovac and United unamortized debt issuance costs and purchase accounting adjustments to inventory.
- (d) Estimated value of incremental goodwill associated with the transactions.
- (e) Estimated value of incremental intangible assets acquired in the transactions.
- (f) Write-off of existing deferred taxes on intangible assets.
- (g) Write-off of United unamortized debt issuance costs of \$18,960 and Rayovac unamortized debt issuance costs of \$12,248 related to debt to be refinanced less the estimated \$25,000 of deferred financing costs to be incurred in connection with the transactions.
- (h) Net additional debt and accrued expenses incurred after repayment of United debt, \$890,986, and accrued interest, \$13,202, at January 2, 2005.
- (i) Represents deferred taxes recognized at a 38 percent rate on preliminary net assets acquired.
- (j) Reflects the following adjustments affecting equity:

Issuance of common stock (13,750 shares @ \$31.94)	\$ 439,175
Historical value of United net assets acquired	(59,063)
Rayovac debt financing cost write-off, net of tax	(7,594)
	\$ 372,518

Note: The stock price of \$31.94 used in the calculation of the purchase price is based on a five day closing price average beginning two days prior to Rayovac's announcement of the acquisition of United.

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Quarter Ended January 2, 2005 (in thousands, except share and per share data)

		yovac (1) rporation	United Industries (2)	Pro Forma Adjustments	Ui	nyovac & nited Pro Forma ombined
Net sales	\$	490,769	\$ 145,722	\$ —	\$	636,491
Cost of goods sold		292,412	106,260	(10,385)(3)		388,287
Gross profit		198,357	39,462	10,385		248,204
Operating expenses:						
Selling, general and administrative expenses		137,124	45,012	9,322(3)(4)		191,458
						
		137,124	45,012	9,322		191,458
Operating Income (loss)		61,233	(5,550)	1,063		56,746
Interest expense		16,955	14,188	1,334(5)		32,477
Other (income) expense, net		(6)	55	_		49
Minority interest		(30)	_	_		(30)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		44,314	(19,793)	(271)		24,250
Income tax expense (benefit)		16,385	(9,635)	(103)(6)		6,647
Income (loss) from continuing operations		27,929	(10,158)	(168)		17,603
Net income/(loss)	\$	27,929	\$ (10,158)	\$ (168)	\$	17,603
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Basic net income per common share	\$	0.82			\$	0.37
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	3/	,229,000			47	7,979,000
weighted average shares of common stock dustanding		,223,000			4/	,373,000
Diluted net income per common share	\$	0.79			\$	0.36
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Weighted average shares in common stock outstanding	35,	,540,000			49	,290,000

Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations

- (1) Consolidated statement of operations for Rayovac, as obtained from the Company's quarterly report for the period ended January 2, 2005.
- (2) Consolidated statement of operations for United, as derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes for the period ended December 31, 2004 and quarterly report for the period ended September 30, 2004.
- (3) Represents a reclassification of freight costs from cost of goods sold to selling, general and administrative expenses to conform with the accounting treatment for such costs by Rayovac Corporation.
- (4) Includes a reduction in amortization expense of approximately \$1.1 million, to present projected amortization of identified intangibles. Intangible assets acquired included trade names, patents and customer relationships. The majority of acquired trade names have been assigned indefinite lives. Customer relationships have been assigned a 12 ½ year life.
- (5) Represents increased interest expense associated with the debt issued and refinanced in connection with the transactions. The effect of a 0.125 percent change in the expected interest rate on the approximately \$736 million of variable rate debt to be refinanced in connection with the transactions would be approximately \$0.9 million.
- (6) Represents the income tax benefit associated with the adjustments described herein to arrive at an estimated pro forma 2004 statutory tax rate of 38%.