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PERMA-PIPE®

Specialty piping systems for energy distribution



THERMAL CARE

Heat transfer equipment for industrial process cooling



Perma-Pipe Middle East storage yard



Midwesco pleated filters



Thermal Care pump reservoir

About MFRI

MFRI is a multi-line company with interests in: specialty piping systems (Perma-Pipe), custom-designed industrial filtration elements (Midwesco Filter) and industrial process cooling equipment (Thermal Care).



PERMA-PIPE[®]

Perma-Pipe is one of the largest U.S. manufacturers of specialty piping systems for district heating and cooling, secondary containment and oil and gas gathering flowlines. District heat and cooling systems provide efficient energy distribution. Secondary containment piping systems, consisting of a product pipe inside a containment pipe, securely transports hazardous liquids and petroleum products. Oil and gas gathering flowlines are used to transport crude oil from the well head, either on land or on the ocean floor, to the offloading point.

Perma-Pipe's leak detection and location systems are sold as part of many of its piping systems and on a stand-alone basis, to monitor areas where fluid may contaminate the environment or damage equipment and property.

midwesco Filter Resources, Inc.

Midwesco Filter designs and manufactures filter elements for dust collectors used in air filtration. It offers more than 10,000 styles of filter elements designed to fit almost any baghouse or cartridge-type industrial filtration system. These systems are box-like structures where particulates, usually from industrial and utility sources, are removed from exhaust gases while passing through filter elements. **Midwesco Filter** makes filter elements for both original equipment manufacturers and aftermarket users.

THERMAL CARE

Thermal Care engineers, designs and manufactures a wide range of heat transfer equipment, including chillers, cooling towers and plant circulating systems for cooling industrial processes. The Company's cooling products are used to optimize manufacturing productivity by quickly removing heat from manufacturing processes. Chillers and/or cooling towers are combined with plant circulating systems to create plant-wide systems that account for a large portion of its business. Its principal markets for cooling products are thermoplastics processing and the printing industries.

TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS

On behalf of the MFRI, Inc. Board of Directors, management and our more than 1,200 employees, we are pleased to announce record sales for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008 ("2007"). The 2007 sales of \$239,487,000 were 12.2 percent higher than the \$213,471,000 reported for the prior year. Net sales in 2007 for the Piping Systems business increased by 26.9 percent, the Filtration Products business increased by 12.5 percent, while the Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business decreased by 11.7 percent from the prior year. The HVAC business, included in Corporate and Other, was a start-up operation in 2007.

Net loss in 2007 was \$298,000 or \$0.04 earnings per share ("EPS") basic and diluted compared to net income of \$4,593,000 or \$0.86 basic EPS (\$0.82 diluted EPS) in the prior year. Basic weighted average shares outstanding in 2007 were 23.7 percent higher (18.3 percent higher for diluted) than the prior year as a result of stock issued and stock options exercised during the year.

This was a very mixed year for MFRI. The large increase in backlog described in this letter and the acceptance of our products in several additional areas in the world supports our expectations for the continued growth in our business. The poor fourth quarter results are definitely not satisfactory nor in line with our expectations. Many changes have been made and are continuing so that the Company should be in a position to return to more historic margins and acceptable profitability. Even though we expect pressure from soft U.S. and European economies, operating margin improvement is a high priority.

Net income for 2007 was sharply down primarily due to the following factors:

Piping Systems:

- During the fourth quarter 2007, Perma-Pipe Middle East ("PPME") in the United Arab Emirates ("U.A.E.") received a customer contract change to a large pipeline project which reduced the project scope as well as net sales. This, along with significant unplanned costs to finish the project, significantly reduced net income at PPME. Also, overhead additions were made in marketing, sales and operations to bolster the skills and resources of this rapidly growing unit.
- At the New Iberia, Louisiana facility, half the third quarter was devoted to research and development of a new product for a major customer application. While progress was made, the effort was not successful and work on production of other customer orders resumed.
- Margin erosion occurred due to higher prices for raw materials, specifically steel and plastic resins, which could not be passed along to customers under existing orders.

Filtration Products:

- The recently acquired plant in South Africa had a manufacturing error which necessitated the replacement of sizeable customer orders.
- High factory labor and warranty costs along with software implementation expenses at the European pleated filter operation adversely affected results.
- Ongoing market pricing pressure in the United States and increasing raw material prices worldwide also reduced margin in both pleated and bag products.

Industrial Process Cooling:

- The Industrial Process Cooling business incurred increased expenses related to unanticipated development and field modification costs for certain refrigeration equipment previously sold to its customers. The product was temporarily removed from the market which reduced sales. Product enhancements made in the third and fourth quarters of 2007, although costly to the Company, were successful and led to reintroduction of the product to the market.
- Significant expenditures were made and continue to be made in new product design and development as well as engineering staff recruitment.
- Gross profit was reduced primarily due to material cost increases which were not completely offset by selling price increases.

New or increased 2007 expenses:

- Additional expenses and consulting fees totaling \$929,000 to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 requirements, with certification of compliance with these regulations achieved as of January 31, 2008. Going forward we will continue to have significant expenses for Section 404 compliance but our success with compliance for 2007 should enable us to reduce the expenses for outside consultants.

- Start-up expenses of \$664,000 for the newly created HVAC subsidiary.
- Incremental vacation expense of \$422,000 to adjust the accrual for vacation pay.
- Additional stock compensation expense of \$366,000.
- Increase of \$726,000 or 32.5 percent from the prior year in consolidated warranty expense, mainly due to the reasons previously detailed by business segment.

Due to the above factors and other occurrences, 2007 gross profit of \$41,249,000 decreased 7.1 percent from \$44,405,000 in 2006. Gross margin for 2007 declined to 17.2 percent from 20.8 percent in 2006.

The consolidated backlog of orders at the 2007 fiscal year-end increased over 46.2 percent as illustrated in the following table.

Backlog (<i>In thousands</i>):	1/31/08	1/31/07	% Increase (Decrease)
Piping Systems	\$ 65,810	\$ 46,385	41.9%
Filtration Products	38,161	36,603	4.3%
Corporate and Other	33,179	8,350	297.4%
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	6,315	6,805	(7.2%)
Totals	<u>\$ 143,465</u>	<u>\$ 98,143</u>	<u>46.2%</u>

Additional information and some recent developments for our business segments are described below.

PIPING SYSTEMS BUSINESS

Piping Systems' sales of \$104,273,000 in 2007 increased by 26.9 percent from the prior year while gross profit decreased to 18.2 percent of sales from 20.4 percent in the prior year. Income from operations of \$10,623,000 in 2007 was 11.0 percent higher than in 2006. This was a record high year for the Piping Systems Business under the continued leadership of its President Fati Elgendy.

During 2007, the Piping Systems business continued to invest in improving the productivity and flexibility of the automated pipe insulating and jacketing lines at our Lebanon, Tennessee, New Iberia, Louisiana and U.A.E. plants. The Lebanon, Tennessee and U.A.E. plants produce our Xtru-Therm® urethane foam-insulated district heating and cooling piping; The Lebanon, Tennessee plant also applies insulation for the Poly-Therm® and Multi-Therm® products. The New Iberia facility produces various types of preinsulated flow lines for oil and gas gathering on the sea bottom in the Gulf of Mexico. Demand for all of these products continues to increase, making these automated production lines increasingly important contributors to the Piping Systems business profitability.

Also, during 2007 we continued to improve our processing capability of glass syntactic polyurethane ("GSPU") foam insulated products for sea bottom oil and gas gathering lines in deep water. The Company's GSPU product features an insulation application process that continuously casts specially formulated compounds on pipes that will be used to connect sea bottom oil wells to their host platforms. These insulated pipelines provide reliable insulation properties and withstand hydrostatic pressures at water depths ranging up to 10,000 feet. Insulating sub-sea oil flow lines is a common practice at these depths to prevent paraffin and hydrate build-up and to ensure a steady flow of oil. We believe deep sea oil and gas gathering flow lines represent a promising market with worldwide application as major oil companies continue to develop new underwater oil and gas production.

A major growth initiative started in 2005 was brought to life in 2006 when our Piping Systems business opened a modern, well-equipped manufacturing plant in the U.A.E. 2007 was our first full operating year and this plant produced over \$20,000,000 of pre-insulated pipe for district cooling distribution systems in Dubai and other U.A.E. and Middle Eastern countries such as Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman. Large scale district cooling systems are a major air conditioning supply method in this part of the world. With major commercial and multifamily construction activity in Dubai and other Middle East locations, cooling demand is increasing rapidly. We are also targeting the oil and gas markets in the region, including piping for hot oil, sulfur and liquefied natural gas. Our sales and new order backlog continue to increase steadily. During 2007 the margins from this plant were not satisfactory but as our operation becomes more experienced we anticipate that margins will rise to more acceptable levels.

Our presence in the Middle East region and excellent work producing a special 20-mile sulfur transfer line led the company to an exciting opportunity in India. In January 2008, the Company received an order to perform the factory insulating and jacketing services for a 600 kilometers (373 mile) long, 24-inch diameter heavy crude oil pipeline. This project will be the longest underground preinsulated heat traced pipeline ever constructed. The pre-

insulation services will be performed at a new facility to be located in Mundra, India on the premises of Jindal Saw Ltd. Jindal, one of India's largest steel pipe producers, will manufacture and fabricate the pipe for the project. This project gives Perma-Pipe the opportunity to serve the oil and gas market in India, one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

FILTRATION PRODUCTS BUSINESS

The Filtration Products business segment posted 2007 sales of \$97,120,000, an increase of 12.5 percent from the prior year, reflecting stronger sales for all product lines and geographic areas, primarily the result of a growing electric power generation customer base. Gross profit was \$13,776,000 or 14.2 percent of sales in 2007 from 18.8 percent of sales in 2006 as a result of items discussed above. Income from operations in 2007 was \$2,220,000, a 57.9 percent decrease from 2006. Gene Ogilvie, President of the Filtration Products Business, is focused on margin improvement and maintaining increased sales and backlog.

The Filtration Products group continues to expand its line of Pleat-Plus® pleated filter bags and other pleated element products. The growth of these products and their increased use by dust collector and gas turbine operators were major strategic objectives of our Cicero, Illinois and Nakskov, Denmark operations. In order to increase the capacity and efficiency of the domestic pleated products line the activities at the Cicero plant will be relocated to a modern facility in Bolingbrook, Illinois in the summer of 2008.

The Nakskov, Denmark facility primarily supplies cartridge filter elements for dust collectors and gas turbines in Europe. Sales from this facility continued to grow nicely during 2007 but margins declined to unsatisfactory levels. In an effort to better manage its business operations a new manufacturing software package was put in operation during the fourth quarter of 2007. This system along with other operational changes should help us to restore margins to historic levels.

Faced with continued increases in materials pricing in the United States and selling price pressure from competitors we believe an important way for us to improve our profitability in this segment is to seek supply and fabrication sources on a global basis. To support this mission, we created a cross-functional filtration team to qualify more competitive suppliers throughout the world. We have begun to buy from some new vendors but have experienced quality and consistency problems. The realization of the potential savings from this effort should become apparent in higher margins as this program matures.

INDUSTRIAL PROCESS COOLING EQUIPMENT BUSINESS

Compared to 2006, Industrial Process Cooling Equipment's 2007 sales decreased by 11.7 percent to \$36,327,000. Gross profit was \$8,508,000, a decrease of 23.4 percent of sales for reasons discussed above. Loss from operations in 2007 was \$1,227,000 compared to income from operations in 2006 of \$1,222,000.

The sales decrease was primarily due to lower demand for its products and temporarily suspending sales of a new central chilling product while resolving performance issues. The product was re-launched in the fourth quarter of 2007. Also during the year Thermal Care entered into an alliance with one of the top providers of auxiliary equipment to the graphics arts industry in order to more effectively market the company's AWS line of graphics art equipment.

The Assens, Denmark location manufactures chillers and temperature controllers used by plastics processors throughout Europe and other areas of the world. During the year we continued to develop the product line and reduce costs by outsourcing and improving manufacturing methods.

In the fall of 2007, Steve Buck joined our company as President of this business. He has already made a positive impact on the business and we are very pleased to have him as part of the MFRI team.

Corporate and Other

In December 2006, the Company created a new subsidiary, Midwesco Mechanical and Energy, Inc. for installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems for high rise buildings in the Chicago market area. We hope to use technology developed in our other activities to improve the energy and environmental performance of these projects.

The President of this group, Ed Crylen, is an industry veteran and brings substantial skills in engineering and sales to this activity. During its start up year, this subsidiary's net sales were only \$1,463,000. More importantly,

the company was awarded projects that increased the sales order backlog at the start of 2008 to \$33,179,000, a 297.4 percent increase compared to \$8,350,000 in 2007. As a subcontractor, the installation of our HVAC systems is dependent on the timing of construction on the buildings. As building construction progresses during 2008, this new activity should generate attractive earnings and return on investment.

WE ARE ESTABLISHING A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GROWTH

We believe MFRI is positioned to build on the 2007 platform of strong sales in the coming years. Some of the specific factors which should help to improve our future performance are:

- Our total backlog at the start of 2008 was a record \$143,465,000, up 46.2 percent from the prior year. Strong bookings in the Piping Systems segment and Corporate and Other accounted for most of this increase.
- Manufacturing at the Piping Systems' facilities continues to show increased productivity and flexibility of the automated pipe insulating and jacketing lines.
- The Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business has reintroduced newly engineered refrigeration equipment to the market.
- Demand is accelerating for our newer product lines. Xtru-therm® foam insulated piping and GSPU syntactic insulated oil and gas gathering lines from our Piping Systems segment; Filtration Product's Pleat-Plus® pleated filter bags and Industrial Process Cooling's AWS printing support equipment and frictionless water chillers should all bring us increased opportunities.
- Our effort to seek alternate and more competitive suppliers on a global basis should contribute to our profitability.
- The Piping Systems' facility in the U.A.E. and new operations in India should become a positive contributor to sales and to earnings in 2008.

OUR MISSION

We are committed to provide products and services, in the markets we have chosen, of the highest quality and that contribute to a cleaner and more energy efficient global economy. We dedicate ourselves to building a diverse, growing Company that offers its customers, employees and stockholders a way to benefit from working towards that goal. We will do this while operating our business with the highest standards of ethics and professionalism and in compliance with all relevant laws and regulations. Our policies will support the personal growth, health and well being of all our employees. MFRI management and its employees are committed to the success of this mission.

OUR FUTURE

MFRI is highly qualified to manufacture and sell products in its selected niche markets. These products include offerings for infrastructure development, energy transportation, manufacturing process efficiency and environmental compliance. All of these areas are essential aspects of the increasingly global economy. We continue to pursue opportunities for product innovations and select geographical expansion that will add to our market share, compliment our present offerings and help us achieve our goal of building stockholder value.

We deeply appreciate your support and the confidence you have placed in us as stewards of your investment. We hope you will take the time to learn more about our Company by visiting our web site www.mfri.com, reading our 10-K report, which is attached to this letter and / or calling us with your questions.

Sincerely,

DAVID UNGER
Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer

BRADLEY E. MAUTNER
President and
Chief Operating Officer

The statements and other information contained in this announcement which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "may," "will," "expect," "continue," "remain," "intend," "aim," "should," "prospects," "could," "future," "potential," "believes," "plans" and "likely" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are subject to the safe harbors created thereby. These statements should be considered as subject to the many risks and uncertainties that exist in the Company's operations and business environment. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, economic conditions, market demand and pricing, competitive and cost factors, raw material availability and prices, global interest rates, currency exchange rates, labor relations and other risk factors.

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

FORM 10-K

X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File No. 0-18370

MFRI, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

36-3922969

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

7720 N. Lehigh Avenue
Niles, Illinois

(Address of principal executive offices)

60714

(Zip Code)

(847) 966-1000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$.01 per share

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes / / No / x /

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes / / No / x /

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this FORM 10-K or any amendment to this FORM 10-K. / /

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer / / Accelerated filer / x / Non-accelerated filer / / Smaller reporting company / /

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of The Exchange Act)

Yes [] No [X]

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant (the exclusion of the market value of the shares owned by any person shall not be deemed an admission by the registrant that such person is an affiliate of the registrant) was approximately \$154,359,857 based on the closing sale price of \$27.71 per share as reported on the NASDAQ National Market on July 31, 2007.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding at April 10, 2008 was 6,787,320.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the following document of the registrant are incorporated herein by reference:

Document
Proxy Statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

Part of FORM 10-K
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PART I

Forward Looking Statements

Statements in this Form 10-K that are not historical facts, so-called "forward-looking statements," are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, including those detailed in MFRI's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. See "Risk Factors" in Item 1A.

Item 1. BUSINESS

Company Profile

MFRI, Inc. collectively with its subsidiaries ("MFRI", the "Company" or the "Registrant") is engaged in the manufacture and sale of products in three distinct business segments: piping systems, filtration products and industrial process cooling equipment.

The Piping System business engineers, designs, manufactures and sells specialty piping systems and leak detection and location systems. This segment's specialty piping systems include (i) industrial and secondary containment piping systems for transporting chemicals, waste streams and petroleum liquids, (ii) insulated and jacketed district heating and cooling piping systems for efficient energy distribution to multiple locations from central energy plants, and (iii) oil and gas gathering flow lines and long lines for oil and mineral transportation. The Piping System business's leak detection and location systems are sold as part of many of its piping systems products and on a stand-alone basis, to monitor areas where fluid intrusion may contaminate the environment, endanger personal safety, cause a fire hazard, impair essential services or damage equipment or property.

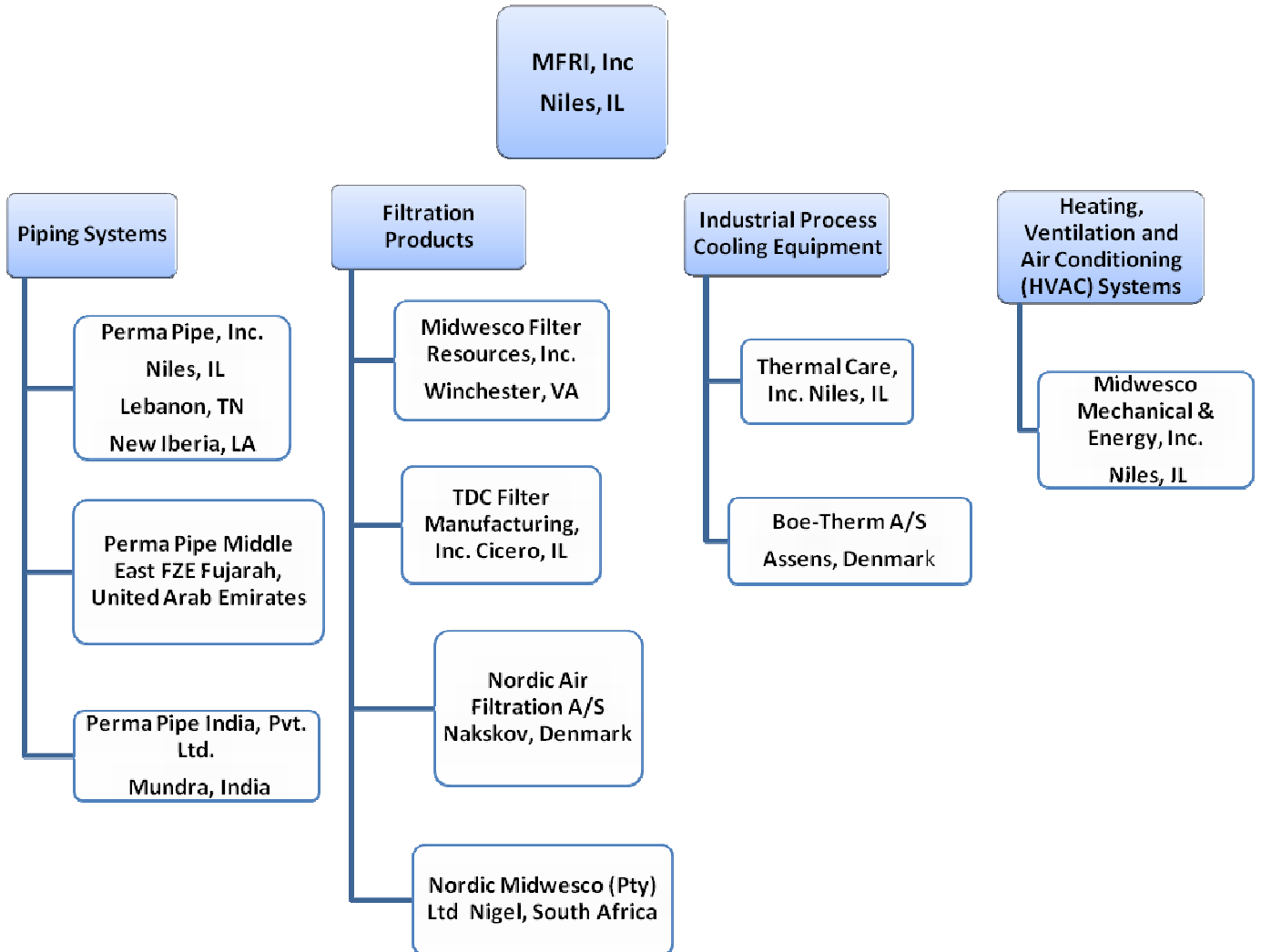
The Filtration Products business manufactures and sells a wide variety of filter elements for air filtration and particulate collection systems. Air filtration systems are used in many industries in the United States and abroad to limit particulate emissions to comply with environmental regulations. The Filtration Products business markets air filtration-related products and accessories, and provides maintenance services, consisting primarily of dust collector inspection, filter cleaning and filter replacement.

The Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business engineers, designs, manufactures and sells industrial process cooling equipment, including liquid chillers, mold temperature controllers, cooling towers, plant circulating systems, and related accessories for use in industrial process applications.

During the fourth quarter 2006, the Company created a new subsidiary which engages in the installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems. The activity for the HVAC systems is included in Corporate and Other activity.

Additional information with respect to the Company's business segments is included in the following discussions of the separate business segments and in the financial statements and related notes thereto.

Operating Units



Available Information

The Company's internet address is www.mfri.com. The Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are available free of charge as soon as possible after they are electronically file with, or furnish to, the SEC. The SEC maintains an Internet site at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The public can also read and copy any document that the Company files, including this Annual Report on Form 10-K, at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.

Piping Systems Business

Products and Services. The Company engineers, designs, manufactures and sells specialty piping systems and leak detection and location systems. The Company's specialty piping systems include (i) industrial and secondary containment piping systems for transporting chemicals, hazardous fluids and petroleum products, (ii) insulated and jacketed district heating and cooling piping systems for efficient energy distribution to multiple locations from central energy plants, and (iii) oil and gas gathering flow lines and long lines for oil and mineral transportation. The Company's leak detection and location systems are sold as part of many of its piping systems, and on a stand-alone basis, to monitor areas where fluid intrusion may contaminate the environment, endanger personal safety, cause a fire hazard, impair essential services or damage equipment or property.

The Company's industrial and secondary containment piping systems, manufactured in a wide variety of piping materials, are generally used for the handling of chemicals, hazardous liquids and petroleum products. Industrial piping systems often feature special materials, heat tracing, leak detection and special fabrication. Secondary containment piping systems consist of service pipes housed within outer containment pipes, which are designed to contain any leaks from the service pipes. Each system is designed to provide economical and efficient secondary containment protection that will meet all governmental environmental regulations.

With respect to the leak detection and location system capabilities, the Company believes its systems are superior to systems manufactured by other companies. The Company's leak detection and location systems are being used to monitor fueling systems at airports, including those located in Denver, Colorado; Atlanta, Georgia; and Frankfurt and Hamburg, Germany. They are also used in facilities for mission-critical operations such as those operated by web hosts, application service providers, internet service providers, and in many clean rooms, including such facilities operated by IBM, Intel and Motorola. The Company believes that, in the United States, it is the only major supplier of the above-referenced types of specialty piping systems which manufactures its own leak detection and location systems.

The Company's piping systems are frequently custom-fabricated to job site dimensions and/or incorporate provisions for thermal expansion due to varying temperatures. This custom fabrication helps to minimize the amount of field labor required by the installation contractor. Most of the Company's piping systems are produced for underground installations and, therefore, require trenching, which is done by unaffiliated installation contractors. Generally, sales of the Company's piping systems tend to be lower during the winter months, due to weather constraints over much of North America. In the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008, no customer accounted for 10% or more of net sales of the Company's piping systems.

Marketing. The customer base for the Company's piping systems products is industrially and geographically diverse. The Company employs a national sales manager and regional sales managers who use and assist a network of independent manufacturers' representatives, none of whom sells products that are competitive with the Company's piping systems.

Recent Development. In January 2008, the Company received an order to perform the factory insulating and jacketing services for a 600 KM long 24 inch diameter heavy crude oil pipeline. This project will be the longest underground pre-insulated heat traced pipeline ever constructed. The pre-insulation services will be performed at a new facility to be located in Mundra, India on the premises of Jindal Saw Ltd. Jindal, one of India's largest steel pipe producers, will manufacture and fabricate the pipe for the project. The value of Jindal's contract is in excess of \$200,000,000 USD. The insulation and jacketing work, included in Jindal's contract, has a total value of approximately \$60,000,000, which includes the value of the insulation materials to be procured by Jindal as well as other services to be provided by the Piping Systems business. This project gives Perma-Pipe the opportunity to serve the oil and gas market in India, one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

Patents, Trademarks and Approvals. The Company owns several patents covering the features of its piping and electronic leak detection systems. In addition, the Company's leak detection system is listed by Underwriters Laboratories and the U.S. EPA and is approved by Factory Mutual and the Federal Communications Commission. The Company is also approved as a supplier of underground district heating systems under the federal government guide specifications for such systems. The Company owns numerous trademarks connected with its

Piping and Leak Detection Systems business including the following: Perma-Pipe®, Chil-Gard®, Double-Quik®, Escon-A®, FluidWatch®, Galva-Gard®, Poly-Therm®, Pal-AT®, Stereo-Heat®, LiquidWatch®, PalCom®, Xtru-therm®, Auto-Therm®, Pex-Gard™, and Ultra-Therm®. The Company also owns United Kingdom trademarks for Poly-Therm®, Perma-Pipe® and Ric-Wil®, Denmark trademark for Ric-Wil®, France trademark for Perma-Pipe®, Germany trademark for Perma-Pipe® and a Canadian trademark for Ric-Wil®.

Backlog. As of January 31, 2008, the amount of backlog (uncompleted firm orders) for piping and leak detection systems was \$65,810,000, substantially all of which is expected to be completed in 2008. As of January 31, 2007, the amount of backlog was \$46,385,000.

Raw Materials and Manufacturing. The basic raw materials used in the production of the Company's piping systems products are pipes and tubes made of carbon steel, alloy, copper and plastics and various chemicals such as polyols, isocyanate, urethane resin, polyethylene and fiberglass, mostly purchased in bulk quantities. The Company believes there are currently adequate supplies or sources of availability of the needed raw materials. However, there are risks and uncertainties with respect to the supply of certain raw materials that could impact their availability in sufficient quantities to meet the Company's needs.

The sensor cables used in the Company's leak detection and location systems are manufactured to the Company's specifications by companies regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing such cables. The Company owns patents for some of the features of its sensor cables. The Company assembles the monitoring component of the leak detection and location system from standard components purchased from many sources. The Company's proprietary software is installed in the system on a read-only memory chip.

The Company's manufacturing processes for its piping systems include equipment and techniques to fabricate piping systems from a wide variety of materials, using computer-controlled machinery for electric plasma metal cutting, filament winding, pipe coating, insulation foam and protective jacket application, pipe bending, pipe cutting and pipe welding. The Company employs skilled workers for carbon steel and alloy welding to various code requirements. The Company is authorized to apply the American Society of Mechanical Engineers code symbol stamps for unfired pressure vessels and pressure piping. The Company's inventory includes bulk resins, chemicals and various types of pipe, tube, insulation, pipe fittings and other components used in its products. The Company maintains a quality assurance program involving lead worker sign-off of each piece at each workstation, statistical process control, and nondestructive testing protocols.

Competition. The piping system products business is highly competitive. The Company believes its principal competition in this segment consists of Rovanco Piping Systems, Inc.; Thermacor Process, Inc.; Bredero-Price, a subsidiary of Shaw Industries, Inc.; CRP of UK; Soctherm of Italy; Soccoreal of Argentina; Logstor Rohr of Denmark; EPPI of United Arab Emirates; TraceTek; Raychem; RLE Technologies; Tracer Technologies; Arizona Instrument Corp.; Veeder Root; and Pneumecator.

The Company believes quality, service, a comprehensive product line and price are the key competitive factors in the Company's Piping Systems business. The Company believes it has a more comprehensive line of piping systems products than any of its competitors. Certain competitors of the Company have cost advantages as a result of manufacturing a limited range of products. Some of the Company's competitors have greater financial resources than the Company.

Government Regulation. The demand for the Company's leak detection and location systems and secondary containment piping systems is driven by federal and state environmental regulation with respect to hazardous waste. The Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requires, in some cases, that the storage, handling and transportation of certain fluids through underground pipelines feature secondary containment and leak detection. The National Emission Standard for Hydrocarbon Airborne Particulates requires reduction of airborne volatile organic compounds and fugitive emissions. Under this regulation, many major refineries are required to recover fugitive vapors and dispose of the recovered material in a process sewer system, which then becomes a hazardous secondary waste system that must be contained. Although there can be no assurances as to the ultimate effects of these governmental regulations, the Company believes they may increase the demand for its piping systems products.

Filtration Products Business

Air Filtration and Particulate Collection Systems. Federal and state legislation and related regulations and enforcement have increased the demand for air filtration and particulate collection systems by requiring industry to meet primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for specific pollutants, including particulates. In certain manufacturing applications, particulate collection systems are an integral part of the production process. Examples of such applications include the production of cement, carbon black and industrial absorbents.

The principal types of industrial air filtration and particulate collection systems in use today are baghouses, cartridge collectors, electrostatic precipitators, scrubbers and mechanical collectors. This equipment is used to eliminate particulate from the air by passing particulate laden gases through fabric filters (filter bags) or pleated media filter elements, in the case of baghouses or cartridge collectors, and between electrically charged collector plates, in the case of electrostatic precipitators.

Products and Services. The Company manufactures and sells a wide variety of filter elements for cartridge collectors and baghouse air filtration and particulate collection systems. The Company manufactures filter elements in standard industry sizes, shapes and filtration media and to custom specifications, maintaining manufacturing standards for more than 10,000 styles of filter elements to suit substantially all industrial applications. Filter elements are manufactured from industrial yarn, fabric and papers purchased in bulk. Most filter elements are produced from cellulose, acrylic, fiberglass, polyester, aramid or polypropylene fibers. The Company also manufactures filter elements from more specialized materials, sometimes using special finishes.

The Company markets numerous filter-related products and accessories used during the installation, operation and maintenance of cartridge collectors and baghouses, including wire cages used to support filter bags, spring assemblies for proper tensioning of filter bags and clamps and hanger assemblies for attaching filter elements. In addition, the Company markets other hardware items used in the operation and maintenance of cartridge collectors and baghouses. The Company also provides maintenance services, consisting primarily of air filtration system inspection and filter element replacement, using a network of independent contractors. The sale of filter-related products and accessories, collector inspection, maintenance services and leak detection account for approximately 17% of the net sales of the Company's filtration products and services.

Over the past three years, the Company's Filtration Products business has served more than 4,000 user locations. The Company has particular expertise in supplying filter bags for use with electric arc furnaces in the steel industry. The Company believes its production capacity and quality control procedures make it a leading supplier of filter bags to large users in the electric power industry. Orders from the electric power industry tend to be substantial in size, but are usually at lower margins than from other industries. In the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008, no customer accounted for 10% or more of net sales of the Company's filtration products and services.

Marketing. The customer base for the Company's filtration products and services is industrially and geographically diverse. These products and services are used primarily by operators of utility and industrial coal-fired boilers, incinerators and cogeneration plants and by producers of metals, cement, chemicals and other industrial products.

The Company has an integrated sales program for its Filtration Products business, which consists of field-based sales personnel, manufacturers' representatives, a telemarketing operation and computer-based customer information systems. These systems enable the Company's sales force to access customer information classified by industry, equipment type, operational data and the Company's quotation and sales history. The Company believes the computer-based information systems are instrumental in increasing sales of filter-related products and accessories and maintenance services, as well as sales of filter elements. The Company's filtration products are marketed domestically under the names, Midwesco Filter and TDC Filter Manufacturing.

The Company markets its U.S. manufactured filtration products internationally using domestically based sales resources to target major users in foreign countries. Export sales were approximately 8.5% of the domestic filtration business' product sales during the year ended January 31, 2008 as compared to 11.7% in the previous year. The Denmark filtration facility markets pleated filter elements throughout Europe and Asia, primarily to original equipment manufacturers.

Trademarks. The Company owns the following trademarks covering its filtration products: Seamless Tube®, Leak Seeker®, Prekote®, We Take the Dust Out of Industry®, Pleatkeeper®, Pleat Plus® and EFC®.

Backlog. As of January 31, 2008, the amount of backlog (uncompleted firm orders) for filtration products was \$38,160,800. As of January 31, 2007, the amount of backlog was \$36,603,000. Certain customers have placed orders that are deliverable over multiple years. Therefore, approximately \$4,764,000 of the backlog as of January 31, 2008 is not expected to be completed in 2008.

Raw Materials and Manufacturing. The basic raw materials used in the manufacture of the Company's filtration products are industrial fibers and media supplied by leading producers of such materials. The majority of raw materials purchased are woven fiberglass fabric, yarns for manufacturing Seamless Tube® products and other woven, felted, spun bond and cellulose media. Only a limited number of suppliers are available for some of these materials. From time to time, any of these materials could be in short supply, adversely affecting the Company's business. The Company believes supplies of all materials are adequate to meet current demand. The Company's inventory includes substantial quantities of various types of media because lead times from suppliers are frequently longer than the delivery times required by customers. Nevertheless, the Company employs a program to limit inventory to levels compatible with meeting customer needs.

Competition. The Filtration Products business is highly competitive. In addition, new installations of cartridge collectors and baghouses are subject to competition from alternative technologies. The Company believes, based on domestic sales, its principal competitors in this segment are: the BHA brand within GE Energy Services; the Menardi division of Beacon Industrial Group; W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. Donaldson Company, Inc.; Farr Company; and Clarcor, Inc. There are at least 50 smaller competitors, most of which are doing business on a regional or local basis. In Europe, several companies supply filtration products, and the Company is a relatively small participant in that market. Some of the Company's competitors have greater financial resources than the Company.

The Company believes quality, service, and price are the most important competitive factors in its Filtration Products business. Often, a manufacturer has a competitive advantage when its products have performed successfully for a particular customer in the past. Additional effort is required by a competitor to market products to such a customer. In certain applications, the Company's proprietary Seamless Tube® product and customer support provide the Company with a competitive advantage. Certain competitors of the Company may have a competitive advantage with respect to their own proprietary products and processes, such as specialized fabrics and fabric finishes. In addition, some competitors may have cost advantages with respect to certain products as a result of lower wage rates and/or greater vertical integration.

Government Regulation. The Company's Filtration Products business is substantially dependent upon governmental regulation of air pollution at the federal and state levels. Federal clean air legislation requires compliance with national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for specific pollutants, including particulate. The states are primarily responsible for implementing these standards and, in some cases, have adopted more stringent standards than those issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 ("Clean Air Act Amendments").

Industrial Process Cooling Equipment Business

Products and Services. The Company engineers, designs, manufactures and sells cooling and temperature control equipment for industrial applications. The Company's products include: chillers (portable and central); cooling towers; plant circulating assemblies; hot water, hot oil, and negative pressure temperature controllers; water treatment equipment; specialty cooling devices for printing presses and ink management; and replacement parts and various accessories relating to the foregoing products. The Company's products are used to optimize manufacturing productivity by quickly removing heat from manufacturing processes and providing accurate temperature control. The Company combines chillers and/or cooling towers with plant circulating systems to create plant-wide systems that account for a large portion of its business. The Company specializes in customizing cooling systems and their computerized controls according to customer specifications.

The principal markets for the Company's cooling and temperature control products are thermoplastics processing and the printing industries. The Company also sells its products to original equipment manufacturers, to other cooling manufacturers on a private branded basis and to manufacturers in the laser, metallizing, machine tool industries, and various other industries.

The Company believes it manufactures the most complete line of chillers available in its primary markets. While portable chillers and temperature controllers are considered to be a commodity product by many customers, the Company believes its units enable it to provide the customer with quality, features, customization and other benefits at a competitive price. The Company believes the ability to offer central chillers used for plant-wide cooling provides it with a unique, total cooling approach concept sales advantage. In the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008, no customer accounted for 10% or more of net sales of the Company's industrial process cooling equipment business.

Marketing. In general, the Company sells its products in the domestic and international thermoplastics and printing markets as well as to other industrial applications that require specialized heat transfer equipment. Domestic thermoplastics processors are the largest market served by the Company, representing the core of its business.

There are approximately 8,000 companies processing plastic products in the United States, primarily using injection molding, extrusion, and blow molding machinery. The Company believes the total U.S. market for water cooling equipment in the plastics industry is over \$100 million annually, and that the Company is one of the three largest suppliers of such equipment to the plastics industry. The Company believes the plastics industry is a mature industry with growth generally consistent with that of the national economy. Due to the high plastics content in many major consumer items, such as cars and appliances, this industry experiences cyclical economic activity. The Company believes it is recognized in the domestic plastics market as a quality equipment manufacturer and it will be able to maintain current market share, with potential to increase its market share through product development. The Company's cooling products are sold through independent manufacturers' representatives on an exclusive-territory basis. Regional managers employed by the Company supported representatives responsible for covering the United States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Sales of the Company's cooling products outside the United States have mainly been in Canada, Latin America and Northern Europe. Some international sales of cooling products have been obtained elsewhere as a result of multinational companies selecting the Company's cooling products for use at international locations. Temperature control products are sold globally through a network of independent dealers/distributors in major industrial markets. The Company believes it has a significant opportunity for growth due to the high quality of its equipment and the fact that it offers complete cooling system design.

The Company has increased sales to non-plastics industries that require specialized heat transfer equipment, usually sold to end users as a package by the supplier of the primary equipment, particularly in the laser industry, metallizing industry, and machine tool industries. The Company believes the size of this market is more than \$200 million annually. The original equipment manufacturer generally distributes products to the end user in these markets.

Trademarks. The Company has registered the trademarks Thermal Care®, AWS® and Applied Web Systems®.

Backlog. As of January 31, 2008, the amount of backlog (uncompleted firm orders) for industrial process cooling equipment was \$6,315,000, substantially all of which is expected to be completed in 2008. As of January 31, 2007, the amount of backlog was \$6,805,000.

Raw Materials and Manufacturing. The Company uses prefabricated sheet metal and subassemblies manufactured by both Thermal Care and outside vendors for temperature controller fabrication. The production line is self-contained to reduce handling required to assemble, wire, test, and crate the units for shipment.

Cooling towers up to 240 tons in capacity are assembled to finished goods inventory, which allows the Company to meet quick delivery requirements. The cooling towers are manufactured using fiberglass and hardware components purchased from several sources. The wet deck is cut from bulk fill material and installed inside the tower. Customer-specified options can be added at any time. The Company believes its access to sheet metal, subassemblies, fiberglass and hardware components is adequate.

The Company assembles all plant circulating systems by fabricating the steel to meet the size requirements and adding purchased components to meet customers' specifications. Portable chillers are assembled utilizing components both manufactured by the Company and supplied by outside vendors. Central chillers are manufactured to customer specifications.

Competition. The Company believes there are about 15 competitors selling cooling equipment in the domestic plastics market. The Company further believes three manufacturers, including the Company, account for approximately 50% of the domestic plastics cooling equipment market. The Company believes its principal competition in this segment is the AEC and Sterling subsidiaries of ACS Group and Advantage Engineering, Inc. Many international customers, with relatively small cooling needs, are able to purchase small refrigeration units (portable chillers), which are manufactured in their respective local markets at prices below that which the Company can offer due to issues such as freight cost and customs duties. However, such local manufacturers often lack the technology and products needed for plant-wide cooling systems. The Company believes its reputation for producing quality plant-wide cooling products results in a significant portion of the Company's business in the cooling product area. Temperature control units, which are sold globally, compete with both local and European manufacturers. The quality, reliability, features and range of temperature control applications addressed by the Company's products provide a competitive advantage.

The Company believes quality, service, a comprehensive product line and price are the key competitive factors in its Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business. The Company believes it has a more comprehensive line of cooling products than any of its competitors. Certain competitors of the Company have cost advantages as a result of manufacturing in non-union shops and offering a limited range of products. Some of the Company's competitors may have greater financial resources than the Company.

Government Regulation. The Company does not expect compliance with federal, state and local provisions regulating the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment to have a material effect on capital expenditures, earnings or the Company's competitive position. Management is not aware of the need for any material capital expenditures for environmental control facilities for the foreseeable future. Regulations, promulgated under the Federal Clean Air Act, prohibit the manufacture and sale of certain refrigerants. The Company does not use these refrigerants in its products. The Company expects that suitable refrigerants conforming to federal, state and local laws and regulations will continue to be available to the Company, although no assurances can be given as to the ultimate effect of the Federal Clean Air Act and related laws on the Company.

Other Business

During the fourth quarter 2006, the Company created a new subsidiary that is not sufficiently large to constitute a reportable segment which engages in the installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. During 2007, this subsidiary's net sales were \$1,463,000 and 0.6% of consolidated net sales.

Backlog. As of January 31, 2008, the amount of backlog (uncompleted firm orders) for other business was \$33,179,000. As of January 31, 2007, the amount of backlog was \$8,350,000. Certain customers have placed orders that are deliverable over multiple years. Therefore, approximately \$15,000,000 of the backlog as of January 31, 2008 is not expected to be completed in 2008.

Employees

As of March 31, 2008, the Company had 1,263 full-time employees, 100 of whom were engaged in sales and marketing, 282 of whom were engaged in management, engineering and administration, and 881 were engaged in production. Of the total employees, 41% worked outside the United States.

The Piping Systems business production employees in Tennessee are covered by a collective bargaining agreement which is scheduled to expire in 2010. The Filtration Products business hourly production employees in Virginia, Denmark and South Africa are covered by three collective bargaining agreements. The agreement in Virginia is scheduled to expire in 2009, the agreement in Denmark expires in 2011, and the agreement in South Africa is

renegotiated every May. Most of the Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business and the Other business production employees in Illinois and Denmark are covered by three collective bargaining agreements. The hourly office workers in Denmark and the productions workers are covered by an evergreen collective agreement which remains in effect unless amended or terminated in writing. The two agreements in Illinois renew annually unless amended or terminated in writing.

International

The Company's international operations as of January 31, 2008 include subsidiaries in three foreign countries on three continents. The Company's international operations contributed approximately 20.6% of revenues in 2007 and 12.5% of revenues in 2006.

Refer to the Business Segment descriptions on pages 1 through 7 above and Note 10 - Business Segment and Geographic Information in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements elsewhere herein for additional information on international activities. International operations are subject to certain risks inherent in conducting business in foreign countries, including price controls, exchange controls, limitations on participation in local enterprises, nationalization, expropriation and other governmental action, and changes in currency exchange rates.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

The following table set forth information regarding the officers of the Company as of March 31, 2008:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Offices and Positions, if any, held with the Company; Age</u>	<u>Executive Officer of the Company or its Predecessor since</u>
David Unger	Director, Chairman of the Board, and Chief Executive Officer of the Company; Age 73	1972
Henry M. Mautner	Director and Vice Chairman of the Board of the Company; Age 81	1972
Bradley E. Mautner	Director, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company; Age 52	1994
Michael D. Bennett	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer; Age 63	1989
Fati A. Elgendy	President, Perma-Pipe; Age 59	1990
Billy E. Ervin	Vice President; Age 62	1986
Robert A. Maffei	Vice President; Age 60	1987
Gene K. Ogilvie	President, Midwesco Filter; Age 68	1969
Stephen C. Buck	President, Thermal Care; Age 59	2007
Thomas A. Benson	Vice President; Age 54	1988
Edward A. Crylen	President, Midwesco Mechanical and Energy; Age 56	2006

All of the officers serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

David Unger, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 1989; President of the Company from 1994 until 2004.

Henry M. Mautner, Vice Chairman of the Company since 1989. Mr. Mautner is the father of Bradley E. Mautner.

Bradley E. Mautner, President and Chief Operating Officer since December 2004; Executive Vice President from December 2002 to December 2004; Vice President of the Company from December 1996 through December 2002; director of the Company since 1995. Bradley E. Mautner is the son of Henry M. Mautner.

Michael D. Bennett, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of the Company since August 1989.

Fati A. Elgendy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Perma-Pipe since March 1995.

Billy E. Ervin, Vice President, Director of Production of Perma-Pipe since 1986.

Robert A. Maffei, Vice President, Director of Sales and Marketing of Perma-Pipe since August 1996.

Gene K. Ogilvie, President and Chief Operating Officer of Midwesco Filter since 1989.

Stephen C. Buck, President of Thermal Care since 2007. Mr. Buck comes to Thermal Care after a 22 year career most recently as President - Safety Products Group with Federal Signal Corporation (NYSE: FSS), which manufactures and markets products to industrial and municipal customers worldwide. Prior to his employment with Federal Signal Corporation, Mr. Buck held various positions in marketing and management for companies in computer hardware/software, oil field services and telecommunications.

Thomas A. Benson, Vice President Sales and Marketing of Thermal Care since May 1988.

Edward A. Crylen, President and Chief Operating Officer of Midwesco Mechanical and Energy since its formation in December 2006. President of the Midwesco Mechanical and Energy a division of Midwesco, Inc. (affiliate) that was primarily owned by two principal stockholders who are also members of management, since 1989.

1A. Risk Factors

Competition. The businesses in which the Company is engaged are highly competitive. Many of the competitors are larger than the Company and have more resources. Many of the Company's products are also subject to competition from alternative technologies and alternative products. To the extent the Company relies upon a single source for key components of several of its products, the Company believes there are alternate sources available for such components; however, there can be no assurance that the interruption of supplies of such components would not have an adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company, and that the Company, if required to do so, would be able to negotiate agreements with alternative sources on acceptable terms.

Government Regulation. The demand for the Company's leak detection and location systems and secondary containment piping systems is driven primarily by government regulation with respect to hazardous waste. Laws such as the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), and standards such as the National Emission Standard for Hydrocarbon Airborne Particulates ("NESHAP"), have increased the demand for the Company's leak detection and location and secondary containment piping systems. The Company's filtration products business to a large extent is dependent on governmental regulation of air pollution at the federal and state levels. The Company believes that continuing growth in the sale of filtration products and services will be materially dependent on continuing enforcement of environmental laws such as the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 ("Clean Air Act Amendments"). Although changes in such environmental regulations could significantly alter the demand for the Company's products and services, the Company does not believe such a change is likely to decrease demand in the foreseeable future.

Dividends. The Company has not paid dividends in the past and does not anticipate paying cash dividends on its common stock in the foreseeable future. The Company's line of credit agreement contains certain restrictions on payment of dividends.

Changes in Government Policies and Laws, Worldwide Economic Conditions. International sales represent an increasing portion of the Company's total sales and continued growth and profitability may involve further international expansion. The Company's financial results could be affected by changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations, or other activities of U.S. and non-U.S. governments, agencies and similar organizations. These conditions include but are not limited to changes in a country's or region's economic or political conditions, trade regulations affecting production, pricing and marketing of products, local labor conditions and regulations, reduced protection of intellectual property rights in some countries, changes in the regulatory or legal environment, restrictions on currency exchange activities, burdensome taxes and tariffs and other trade barriers. International risks and uncertainties, including changing social and economic conditions as well as terrorism, political hostilities and war, could lead to reduced international sales and reduced profitability associated with such sales.

Economic Factors. The Company is exposed to fluctuations in currency exchange rates and commodity prices. The Company monitors and manages currency exposures that are associated with monetary asset positions, committed currency purchases and sales, and other assets and liabilities created in the normal course of business. Failure to successfully manage these risks could have an adverse impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Percentage-of-completion method of accounting. The Company measures and recognizes a portion of revenue and profits under the percentage-of-completion accounting methodology. This methodology allows revenue and profits to be recognized ratably over the life of a contract by comparing the amount of the cost incurred to date against the total amount of cost expected to be incurred. The effect of revisions to revenue and total estimated cost is recorded when the amounts are known and can be reasonably estimated, and these revisions can occur at any time and could be material. On a historical basis, management believes that reasonably reliable estimates of the progress towards completion on long term contracts have been made. However, given the uncertainties associated with these types of contracts, it is possible for actual cost to vary from estimates previously made, which may result in reductions or reversals of previously recorded revenue and profits.

Manufacturer's warranties. The Company may be subject to warranty claims in the future relating to workmanship and materials. These types of warranty claims could result in costly product recalls, repair costs and damage to our reputation, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Financing. If there were an event of default under our revolving credit facility, as amended, the holders of the defaulted debt could cause all amounts outstanding with respect to that debt to be due and payable immediately.

Seasonality. Due to the seasonality of the Company's domestic Piping Systems business, sales and earnings are typically lower during the late fall, winter and early spring (fourth and first quarters), due to unfavorable weather for construction over much of North America and are correspondingly higher during the late spring, summer and early fall months (second and third quarters).

Internal Controls. As a public company, the Company is required to comply with the reporting obligations of the Exchange Act and is required to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act ("SOX 404"). Failure to comply with the reporting obligations of the Exchange Act or failure to maintain adequate internal controls over financial reporting as required in SOX 404 could result in a material weakness and the financial statements will be restated, as well as reduce investors' confidence in the Company. If the Company fails to achieve and maintain the adequacy of internal controls, management may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that there are effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with SOX 404. In addition, the Company has experienced, and may experience additional, increased costs of compliance with SOX 404.

International rapid growth. Potential future rapid growth could place a significant strain on management, operations and financial systems as well as on the Company's ability to attract and retain competent employees. Future operating results will depend in part on the Company's ability to continue to implement and improve operating and financial controls and management information systems. Failure to effectively manage growth could materially adversely impact the business, financial conditions and results of operations.

1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None

Item 2. PROPERTIES

Piping Systems Business

Louisiana	Owned Production Facilities and Leased land	18,900 square feet
Tennessee	Owned Production Facilities and Office Space	131,800 square feet on approximately 23.5 acres
United Arab Emirates	Leased Production Facilities and Office Space	80,200 square feet on 11.8 acres

Filtration Products Business

Illinois	Owned Production Facilities and Office Space	130,700 square feet on 2.8 acres
Virginia	Owned Production Facilities	97,500 square feet on 5.0 acres
	Leased Production and Office Space	67,000 square feet
Denmark	Owned Production Facilities and Office Space	69,800 square feet on 3.5 acres
South Africa	Leased Production Facilities and Office Space	24,800 square feet

Industrial Process Cooling Equipment Business

Illinois	Owned Production Facilities and Office Space	88,000 square feet on 8.1 acres
Denmark	Owned Production Facilities and Office Space	20,000 square feet

The Company's principal executive offices, which occupied approximately 43,000 square feet of space in Niles, Illinois, are owned by the Company. The Company believes its properties and equipment are well maintained and in good operating condition and that, productive capacities will generally be adequate for present and currently anticipated needs.

The terms of the two significant lease agreements are as follows:

- United Arab Emirates production facilities and office space lease term, for approximately 80,200 square feet, runs from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2012.
- Virginia production facilities and office space lease term, for approximately 67,000 square feet, extends through July 31, 2010. The Company has the option to extend the lease term for three years at a rate agreed upon between the Company and the lessor.

For further information regarding lease commitments, see note 7 of the notes to consolidated financial statements.

On March 4, 2008 the Filtration Products business purchased a new production facility and office space in Illinois which consists of 101,200 square feet to which it intends to relocate operations from its Cicero, Illinois facility in the summer of 2008.

Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company had no pending litigation material to its business.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The Company's fiscal year ends on January 31. Years described as 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 are the fiscal years ended January 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Balances described as balances as of 2007 and 2006 are balances as of January 31, 2008, and 2007 respectively.

The Company's Common Stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "MFRI." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low Common Stock sale prices as reported by the Nasdaq Global Market for 2007 and for 2006.

<u>2007</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First Quarter	\$ 19.94	\$ 17.51
Second Quarter	31.21	18.40
Third Quarter	27.81	16.05
Fourth Quarter	16.74	10.56
<u>2006</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First Quarter	\$ 12.60	\$ 6.26
Second Quarter	12.55	9.27
Third Quarter	16.96	9.81
Fourth Quarter	24.63	16.06

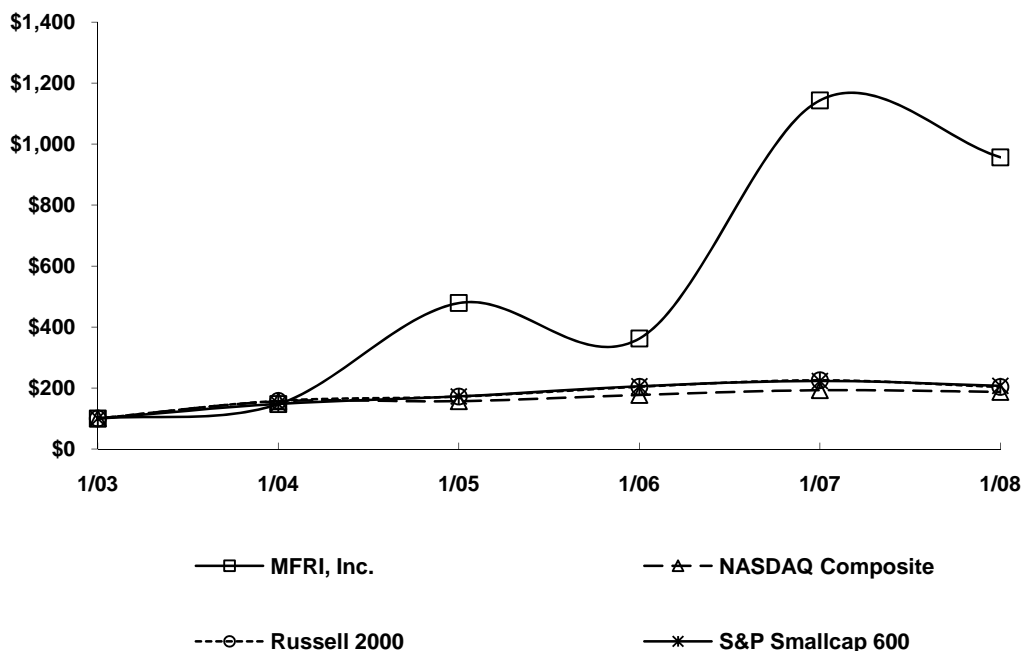
As of April 1, 2008, there were approximately 75 stockholders of record.

STOCK PRICE PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The Stock Price Performance Graph compares the yearly dollar change in the Company's cumulative total stockholder return on its Common Stock with the cumulative total returns of the Nasdaq Market Index (the "Nasdaq Index"), the Russell 2000 Index and the S & P 600 Small Cap index. The Company has selected these indices because they include companies with similar market capitalizations to the Company, as the most appropriate comparisons because the Company has three distinctly different businesses and no industry "peer" group is comparable to the Company. The comparison assumes \$100.00 investments on January 31, 2003 in the Company's Common Stock, the Nasdaq Index, the Russell 2000 Index, and the S & P 600 Small Cap index and further assumes reinvestment of dividends.

COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*

Among MFRI, Inc., The NASDAQ Composite Index,
The Russell 2000 Index And The S&P Smallcap 600 Index



* \$100 invested on 1/31/03 in stock or index-including reinvestment of dividends.
Fiscal year ending January 31.

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	1/03	1/04	1/05	1/06	1/07	1/08
MFRI, Inc.	100.00	147.31	479.04	362.28	1143.71	956.89
NASDAQ Composite	100.00	156.40	156.66	177.31	192.91	187.21
Russell 2000	100.00	158.03	171.73	204.17	225.49	203.42
S&P Smallcap 600	100.00	147.86	172.29	205.71	223.02	207.21

The Company has never declared or paid a cash dividend and does not anticipate paying cash dividends on its Common Stock in the foreseeable future. Management presently intends to retain all available funds for the development of the business and for use as working capital. Future dividend policy will depend upon the Company's earnings, capital requirements, financial condition and other relevant factors. The Company's line of credit agreement contains certain restrictions on the payment of dividends.

Neither the Company nor any "affiliated purchaser" as defined in Rule 10b-18 purchased any shares of the Company's Common Stock during the period covered by this report. The Company has not made any sale of unregistered securities during the preceding three years.

The Transfer Agent and Registrar for the Common Shares is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York 10004, (212) 509-4000.

In February 2007, the Company sold 1,003,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$18.50 per share pursuant to the Company's existing shelf registration statement previously filed and declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The net proceeds of \$18,332,000 from this sale were utilized to pay down the revolving line of credit. As a result, increased revolving line of credit borrowing capacity was available to finance general business needs.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides certain information regarding the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights under the Company's equity compensation plans and the weighted average exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock remaining available for issuance under those plans as of January 31, 2008.

<u>Plan Category</u>	<u>Number of shares to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and right</u>	<u>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Number of shares available for future issuance under equity compensation plans</u>
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	436,592	\$13.59	397,915
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	0	N/A	0

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data for the Company for the years 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, and 2003 are derived from the financial statements of the Company. The information set forth below should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included herein in response to Item 7 and the consolidated financial statements and related notes included herein in response to Item 8.

(In thousands, except per share information)

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
	Fiscal Year ended January 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Statements of Operations Data:					
Net sales	\$ 239,487	\$ 213,471	\$ 154,587	\$ 145,096	\$ 120,889
Income (loss) from operations	2,896	8,942	2,679	5,177	(721)
Net income (loss)	(298)	4,593	531	2,813	(1,097)
Net income (loss) per share – basic	(0.04)	0.86	0.10	0.56	(0.22)
Net income (loss) per share – diluted	(0.04)	0.82	0.10	0.54	(0.22)

(In thousands)

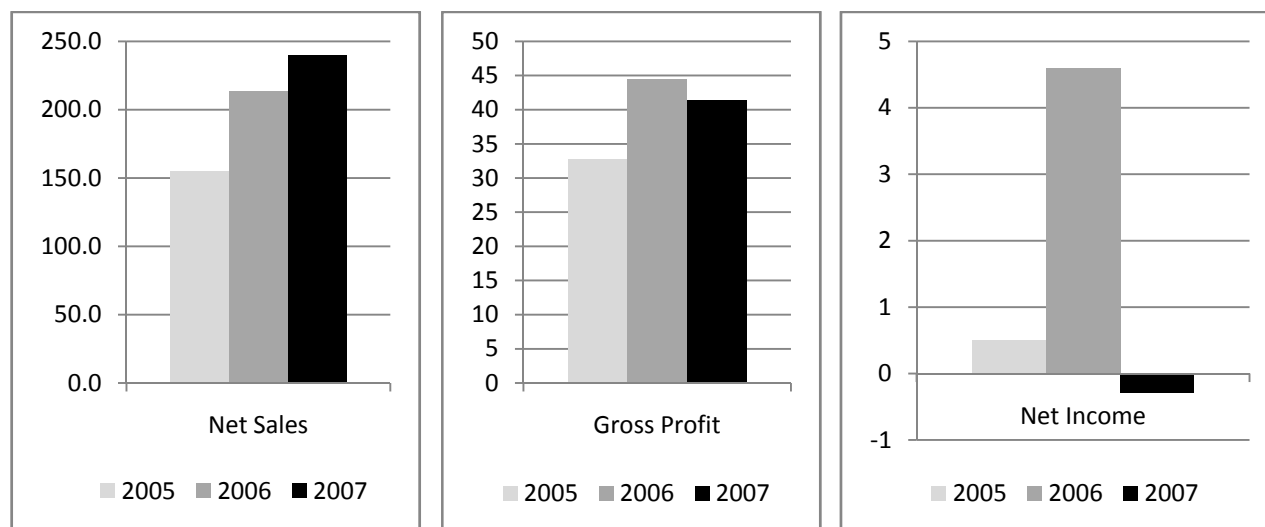
	As of January 31,				
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Balance Sheet Data:					
Total assets	\$ 140,412	\$ 121,440	\$ 88,635	\$ 85,516	\$ 78,927
Long-term debt (excluding capital leases), Less current portion	19,556	29,606	29,715	26,190	16,653
Capitalized leases, less current portion	152	238	9	15	8

Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The statements contained under the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and certain other information contained elsewhere in this annual report, which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "continue," "remains," "intend," "aim," "should," "prospects," "could," "future," "potential," "believes," "plans," "likely" and "probable" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are subject to the safe harbors created thereby. These statements should be considered as subject to the many risks and uncertainties that exist in the Company's operations and business environment. Such risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These uncertainties include, but are not limited to, economic conditions, market demand and pricing, competitive and cost factors, raw material availability and prices, global interest rates, currency exchange rates, labor relations and other risk factors.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated



Consolidated Backlog (*In thousands*):

	1/31/08	10/31/07	1/31/07
Piping Systems	\$ 65,810	\$ 55,526	\$ 46,385
Filtration Products	38,161	36,652	36,603
Corporate and Other	33,179	33,253	8,350
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	6,315	5,353	6,805
Totals	<u>\$ 143,465</u>	<u>\$ 130,784</u>	<u>\$ 98,143</u>

MFRI, Inc. ("MFRI", the "Company" or the "Registrant") is engaged in the manufacture and sale of products in three distinct business segments: piping systems, filtration products and industrial process cooling equipment. Due to the seasonality of the Company's domestic Piping Systems business, sales and earnings are typically lower during the late fall, winter and early spring (fourth and first quarters), due to unfavorable weather for construction over much of North America and are correspondingly higher during the late spring, summer and early fall months (second and third quarters). The Company's other businesses do not demonstrate seasonality.

Our analysis presented below was organized to provide instructive information for understanding the business going forward. However, this discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of this report, including the notes thereto. An overview of the segment results is provided in Note 10 - Business Segment and Geographic Information to the consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of this report.

2007 Compared to 2006

Net sales were a new record at \$239,487,000 in 2007, an increase of 12.2% from \$213,471,000 in 2006, with increased sales in the Piping Systems business and the Filtration Products business while the Industrial Process Cooling business decreased.

Net income for 2007 was sharply down primarily due to the following factors:

Piping Systems:

- During the fourth quarter 2007 the United Arab Emirates ("U.A.E.") facility received a customer contract change to a very large pipeline project which reduced the project scope as well as net sales and net income. This, along with significant unplanned cost to finish product significantly reduced net income. Also, overhead additions were made in marketing, sales and operations to bolster the skills and resources of this rapidly growing unit.
- At the New Iberia, Louisiana facility, half the third quarter was devoted to research and development of a new product for a major customer application. While progress was made, the effort was not successful and work on production of other customer orders resumed.

- Margin erosion occurred due to higher prices for raw materials, specifically steel and plastic resins, which could not be passed along to the customers under existing orders.

Filtration Products:

- The recently acquired factory in South Africa had a manufacturing error which necessitated the rework and replacement of a sizeable customer orders.
- High factory labor and warranty costs along with software implementation expenses at the European pleated filter operation significantly affected results.
- Ongoing market pricing pressure in the United States and increasing raw materials prices worldwide also reduced margin in both pleated and bag products.

Industrial Process Cooling:

- Incurred increased expenses related to unanticipated development and field modification costs for certain refrigeration equipment previously sold to its customers. The product was temporarily removed from the market which reduced sales. Product enhancements made in Q3 and Q4, although costly to the Company, were successful and led to reintroduction of the product to the market.
- Significant expenditures were made and continue to be made in new product design and development as well as engineering staff recruitment.
- Gross profit was reduced primarily due to material cost increases which were not completely offset by selling price increases.

Other significant incremental expenses in 2007 not incurred in 2006:

- 2007 expenses to comply with SOX 404, were \$938,000 compared to \$9,000 in 2006.
- Start-up expenses of \$664,000 for the newly created HVAC subsidiary.
- Incremental vacation expense of \$422,000 to adjust the accrual for vacation pay to agree with the plan requirements.
- Additional stock compensation expense of \$365,800 compared to the prior year.
- Increase of \$726,000 or 32.5% from the prior year in consolidated warranty expense, mainly due to the reasons previously detailed by business segment.

Because of the above factors and other occurrences, gross profit of \$41,249,000 in 2007 decreased 7.1% from \$44,405,000 in 2006. Gross margin for 2007 declined to 17.2% from 20.8% in 2006. (See discussion of each business segment below.)

Tax rate for 2007 was 158.3% mainly due to the valuation allowance for state and foreign net operating losses as described in Income Taxes below.

2006 Compared to 2005

Net sales of \$213,471,000 in 2006 increased 38.1% from \$154,587,000 in 2005, with increased sales in all business segments. Gross profit of \$44,405,000 in 2006 increased 35.9% from \$32,686,000 in 2005. Gross margin decreased to 20.8% of net sales in 2006 from 21.1% in 2005. (See discussion of each business segment below.)

Selling expense increased 17.3% to \$14,530,000 in 2006 from \$12,383,000 in 2005 primarily due to increased number of selling personnel and related commissions. (See discussion of each business segment below.)

General and administrative expenses increased 18.8% to \$20,933,000 in 2006 from \$17,624,000 in 2005. General administrative expense increases included an increase in management incentive compensation earned as a result of improved profitability, and higher travel and administrative costs associated with the U.A.E. facility. (See discussion of each business segment below.)

Net income increased to \$4,593,000 or \$0.86 per common share (basic), compared to net income of \$531,000 or \$0.10 per common share in 2005 primarily for reasons summarized above and discussed in more detail below.

Piping Systems Business

Due to the seasonality of the Company's domestic Piping Systems business, sales and earnings are typically lower during the late fall, winter and early spring (fourth and first quarters), due to unfavorable weather for construction over much of North America and are correspondingly higher during the late spring, summer and early fall months (second and third quarters).

The Company's leak detection and location systems generally have higher profit margins than its District Heating and Cooling ("DHC") piping systems and secondary containment piping systems. The timing of smaller orders can have a material effect on the comparison of net sales and gross profit from period to period. In 2007 and 2005, no customer accounted for 10% or more of net sales of the Company's Piping Systems business. In 2006 only one customer, BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc. ("BHP Billiton"), accounted for more than 10% of the net sales of the Company's piping systems. As of April 6, 2007, the Company does not have an outstanding receivable from BHP Billiton.

<u>Piping Systems Business</u> <i>(In thousands), except %</i>				% Increase	
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 104,273	\$ 82,166	\$ 54,657	26.9%	50.3%
Gross profit	\$ 18,952	\$ 16,780	\$ 10,862	12.9%	54.5%
As a percentage of net sales	18.2%	20.4%	19.9%		
Income from operations	\$ 10,623	\$ 9,568	\$ 5,060	11.0%	89.1%
As a percentage of net sales	10.2%	11.6%	9.3%		

2007 Compared to 2006

Net sales increased 26.9% to \$104,273,000 in 2007 from \$82,166,000 in 2006. This increase was primarily due to \$22,339,000 in 2007 sales at the U.A.E. facility compared to \$2,792,000 in sales from the U.A.E. in the prior year, partially offset by decreased sales to oil and gas customers. At the New Iberia facility, half the 2007 third quarter was devoted to research and develop a new product for a major customer application. While progress was made, the effort was not successful. In the middle of October 2007, the New Iberia facility resumed work on production of customer orders.

Gross profit as a percent of net sales decreased to 18.2% in 2007 from 20.4% in 2006, primarily due to lower sales to oil and gas customers, which tend to have a higher margin over other customers and the additional product development work for oil and gas in the third quarter. Gross margin at the U.A.E. facility was lower than the Piping Systems business's average, during its first year of rapid growth and production of a particularly challenging order for an oil and gas customer.

Total selling expense increased to \$2,297,000 or 2.2% of net sales in 2007 from \$1,560,000 or 1.9% of net sales in 2006. Selling expense in the U.A.E. increased to \$750,000 in 2007 from \$177,000 in 2006. The increased expense was mainly due to additional staffing primarily in the U.A.E., and the addition of an international sales manager based in the United States.

General and administrative expense increased to \$6,032,000 or 5.8% of net sales in 2007 from \$5,653,000 or 6.9% of net sales in 2006. The dollar increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to increased staffing in the U.A.E. to support the location's growth and increased staffing in the U.S.

2006 Compared to 2005

Net sales increased 50.3% to \$82,166,000 in 2006 from \$54,657,000 in 2005. This increase was primarily due to increased demand from the oil and gas industry as well as a strong year for the DHC business.

Gross profit as a percent of net sales increased to 20.4% in 2006 from 19.9% in 2005, mainly from higher margins in the oil and gas industry.

Selling expense increased to \$1,560,000 or 1.9% of net sales in 2006 from \$1,442,000 or 2.6% of net sales in 2005. This dollar increase was primarily due to higher commissions, travel and marketing expenses.

General and administrative expense increased to \$5,653,000 or 6.9% of net sales in 2006 from \$4,360,000 or 8.0% of net sales in 2005. The dollar increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to an increase in management incentive compensation earned as a result of improved profitability, and higher travel and administrative costs associated with the U.A.E. facility, which opened in March 2006.

Filtration Products Business

The timing of large orders can have a material effect on net sales and gross profit from period to period. Pricing on large orders was generally extremely competitive and therefore resulted in lower gross margins. In 2007, 2006 and 2005, no customer accounted for 10% or more of the net sales of the Company's filtration products and services.

The Company's Filtration Products business is dependent on government regulation of air quality at the federal and state levels. The Company believes that growth in the sale of its filtration products and services will be materially dependent on continued enforcement of environmental laws such as the Clean Air Act Amendments. Although there can be no assurance what the ultimate effect of the Clean Air Act Amendments will be on the Company's Filtration Products business, the Company believes the Clean Air Act Amendments are likely to have a positive long-term effect on demand for the Company's filtration products and services.

Filtration Products Business

<i>(In thousands), except %</i>	2007	2006	2005	% Increase (Decrease)	
				2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 97,120	\$ 86,362	\$ 64,413	12.5%	34.1%
Gross profit	\$ 13,776	\$ 16,230	\$ 11,758	(15.1%)	38.0%
As a percentage of net sales	14.2%	18.8%	18.3%		
Income from operations	\$ 2,220	\$ 5,274	\$ 2,221	(57.9%)	137.5%
As a percentage of net sales	2.3%	6.1%	3.4%		

2007 Compared to 2006

Net sales increased 12.5% to \$97,120,000 in 2007 from \$86,362,000 in 2006. This increase was the result of increased sales in all product lines and geographic areas, primarily the result of a growing electric power generation customer base.

Gross profit as a percent of net sales decreased to 14.2% in 2007 from 18.8% in 2006, primarily due to the highly competitive marketplace, increasing cost of raw materials, customer mix and additional post-sale customer support costs, including rework and replacement of a sizeable customer order produced in the South African facility. The cost of production labor at the Denmark facility was higher than in prior years.

Selling expense increased to \$6,873,000 or 7.1% of net sales in 2007 from \$6,541,000 or 7.6% of net sales in 2006. The dollar increase in selling expense was primarily due to increased commission expense related to higher sales and increased advertising expense.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$4,682,000 or 4.8% of net sales from \$4,415,000 or 5.1% of net sales in 2006. The dollar increase was the result of additional staffing in the foreign locations and the ERP software implementation expenses incurred at the Denmark facility.

2006 Compared to 2005

During the second quarter 2006, the Company finalized the purchase accounting for a filtration facility in South Africa that was acquired on April 12, 2006. This acquisition was not material to the financial statements.

Net sales increased 34.1% to \$86,362,000 in 2006 from \$64,413,000 in 2005. This increase was the result of increased sales in all product lines, primarily as a result of better economic conditions in general.

Gross profit as a percent of net sales increased to 18.8% in 2006 from 18.3% in 2005, primarily as a result of improved product mix, which has been offset in part by a highly competitive marketplace.

Selling expense increased to \$6,541,000 or 7.6% of net sales in 2006 from \$6,388,000 or 9.9% of net sales in 2005. The dollar increase in selling expense was primarily due to additional selling personnel, related commissions and travel expenses.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$4,415,000 or 5.1% of net sales from \$3,150,000 or 4.9% of net sales in 2005. The dollar increase was the result of the inclusion of \$234,000 of general and administrative expenses from the South African facility acquired in April 2006 and increased professional service fees.

Industrial Process Cooling Equipment Business

In 2007, 2006 and in 2005, no customer accounted for 10% or more of net sales of the Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business.

<u>Industrial Process Cooling Equipment Business</u> <i>(In thousands), except %</i>	2007	2006	2005	% (Decrease) Increase	
				2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 36,327	\$ 41,161	\$ 35,517	(11.7%)	15.9%
Gross profit	\$ 8,508	\$ 11,274	\$ 10,066	(24.5%)	12.0%
As a percentage of net sales	23.4%	27.4%	28.3%		
(Loss) income from operations	\$ (1,227)	\$ 1,222	\$ 1,544	(200.4%)	(20.9%)
As a percentage of net sales	(3.43%)	3.0%	4.3%		

2007 Compared to 2006

Net sales decreased 11.7% to \$36,327,000 in 2007 from \$41,161,000 in 2006. The decrease was primarily due to lower demand for its products in major market sectors and a temporary hold on selling a new central chilling product line launched in 2005, to resolve some performance issues. The product line was re-launched in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased to 23.4% in 2007 from 27.4% in 2006, primarily due to material cost increases, which were not completely offset by selling price increases, lower sales volume over which to spread fixed manufacturing overhead expenses and field modification costs for a central chilling product line.

Manufacturing staff was reduced by 12% in the fourth quarter 2007 to better balance production expenses with demand.

Selling expense decreased to \$5,100,000 or 14.0% of net sales in 2007 from \$5,713,000 or 13.9% of net sales in 2006. The decrease was due to reduced commission expense from lower sales.

General and administrative expense increased to \$4,635,000 or 12.8% of net sales in 2007 from \$4,339,000 or 10.5% of net sales in 2006. This increase was primarily due to increased professional costs including employment-related hiring expenses and engineering consulting fees related to new product development.

2006 Compared to 2005

Net sales increased 15.9% to \$41,161,000 in 2006 from \$35,517,000 in 2005 mainly due to increased demand from original equipment manufacturers in several markets and new products.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased to 27.4% in 2006 from 28.3% in 2005, primarily due to competitive pricing pressure, material cost increases, and increasing sales to original equipment manufacturers.

Selling expense increased to \$5,713,000 or 13.9% of net sales in 2006 from \$4,553,000 or 12.8% of net sales in 2005. The increase was primarily due to increased customer service, advertising and trade show expenses, and the commissions associated with higher sales.

General and administrative expense increased to \$4,339,000 or 10.5% of net sales in 2006 from \$3,969,000 or 11.2% of net sales in 2005. This dollar increase was primarily due to increased staffing and related benefit costs.

General Corporate and Other

The 2007 year included sales of \$1,767,000 related to startup stage of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems business, which had a backlog (uncompleted firm orders) of \$33,179,000 as of January 31, 2008.

General corporate expense included interest expense and general and administrative expenses that were not allocated to the business segments.

2007 Compared to 2006

General and administrative expense increased 20.6% to \$8,733,000 in 2007 from \$7,242,000 in 2006, and increased as a percentage of consolidated net sales to 3.6% in 2007 from 3.4% in 2006. The increase was mainly due to incremental expenses of \$929,000 incurred to comply with SOX 404 (including consulting fees) that were not incurred in 2006, the inclusion of \$664,000 of the general and administrative expense from the newly created subsidiary that installs HVAC systems, and additional stock compensation expense of \$365,800 compared to the prior year. These expenses were offset by decreased management incentive expense and deferred compensation expense.

Interest expense decreased 10.0% to \$2,408,000 in 2007 from \$2,676,000 in 2006. The decrease was primarily due to reduced borrowings.

2006 Compared to 2005

General and administrative expense increased 17.8% to \$7,242,000 in 2006 from \$6,146,000 in 2005, and decreased as a percentage of consolidated net sales to 3.4% in 2006 from 4.0% in 2005. The dollar increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to an increase in management incentive compensation earned as a result of improved profitability.

Interest expense increased 45.5% to \$2,676,000 in 2006 from \$1,839,000 in 2005. The increase was primarily due to additional borrowings on the Company's revolving line of credit at higher interest rates.

INCOME TAXES

In the first quarter of 2007, the Company adopted FIN 48. The total amount of unrecognized tax liability as of February 1, 2007 was approximately \$573,700, all of which would impact the effective tax rate if recognized. A decrease of \$504,500 was recorded to retained earnings as of February 1, 2007 upon the adoption of FIN 48 ("Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes"). During 2007, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions as described in FIN 48 increased by \$130,400 for a total of \$704,100 at January 31, 2008. These non-current income tax liabilities are recorded in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. Included in the total unrecognized tax liability were estimated accrued interest of \$33,700 and penalties of \$44,100. The Company's policy is to include interest and penalties in income tax expense.

The effective income tax expense rates were 158.3%, 32.0%, and 48.7% in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The differences between the effective income tax rate and the U.S. Statutory tax rate for 2007 and 2006 were:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Statutory tax rate	34.0%	34.0%
Valuation Allowance for net operating losses	114.2%	0%
Research tax credit	(43.7%)	(12.2%)
State taxes, net of federal benefit	24.4%	2.4%
Return to provision adjustments	13.3%	(0.5%)
Differences in foreign tax rate	6.2%	10.4%
All other, net (benefit) expense	<u>9.9%</u>	<u>(2.1%)</u>
Effective tax rate	158.3%	32.0%

During the fourth quarter, management determined that all of its foreign net operating loss (“NOL”) carryovers and most of its state NOL carryovers were no longer more likely than not realizable. Additional tax expense of \$583,000 was recorded to establish a valuation allowance against those deferred tax assets. Management believes that the remainder of its deferred tax assets, which primarily relate to its profitable domestic operations, are more likely than not to be realized. (See Note 8)

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

In February 2007, the Company sold 1,003,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$18.50 per share pursuant to the Company’s existing shelf registration statement previously filed and declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The net proceeds of \$18,332,000 from this sale were utilized to pay down the revolving line of credit. As a result, increased revolving line of credit borrowing capacity was available to finance general business needs.

Cash and cash equivalents as of January 31, 2008 were \$2,665,000 as compared to \$565,000 as January 31, 2007. The Company used \$7,350,000 from operations in 2007. Operating cash flows in 2007 decreased by \$430,000 from 2006. Cash distributions of \$286,000 in 2007 were received from the Company’s investment in a joint venture and exercise of stock options resulted in proceeds of \$932,000. These cash inflows were used to support \$5,763,000 in capital spending.

Net sales in 2007 increased \$26,016,000 or 12.2% compared to 2006 net sales. The higher sales contributed to the increased balances in trade accounts receivable, inventories, and trade accounts payable. Compared to January 31, 2007, trade receivables increased by \$3,878,000 primarily due to the piping systems business, of which \$7,260,000 was in the U.A.E. offset by a decrease of \$5,242,000 in the Filtration Products business. Inventories increased by \$5,452,000 in 2007 primarily due to increased raw material requirements for future production. Total inventory increased in the U.A.E. by \$4,684,000. Customer deposits decreased \$1,482,000 from January 31, 2007 of which \$1,589,000 related to the Filtration Products business and the product shipped early in 2007. At January 31, 2008, the Filtration Products business had customer deposits of \$3,000,000 and product is expected to ship in the first and second quarter of 2008.

Net cash used in 2007 investing activities was \$5,070,000 mainly comprised of capital expenditures. Capital expenditures in 2007 decreased to \$5,763,000 from \$8,269,000 in 2006. Capital expenditures in 2007 of \$1,322,000 related to equipment and other costs at the U.A.E. facility. Other 2007 capital expenditures were mainly equipment purchases. Proceeds of \$258,000 from sales of Marketable Securities were received in 2007.

The Company estimates that capital expenditures for 2008 will be approximately \$18,200,000, of which approximately \$8,000,000 is expected to be related to a new facility described below. The Filtration Products business facility in Cicero, Illinois is relocating its operations in the summer of 2008 to a building purchased for \$6,400,000 in Bolingbrook, Illinois in March 2008. Improvements and modifications are underway which are expected to cost an additional \$1,600,000. In the beginning of 2008, the Piping Systems business is opening a facility to be located in Mundra, India with an expected cost of \$4,700,000 for the leasehold improvements and equipment. Other capital expenditures primarily related to machinery and equipment, building and leasehold improvements, and computer hardware and software purchases. The Company may finance capital expenditures

through real estate mortgages, equipment financing loans, internally generated funds and its revolving line of credit. Debt totaled \$34,240,000, a decrease of \$4,795,000 since the beginning of 2007. Net cash inflows from financing activity were \$14,831,000, primarily to support higher working capital investments. Stock option activity resulted in \$2,400,000 of total cash inflow, which included \$1,466,000 tax benefit of stock options exercised in addition to stock option proceeds of \$932,000. While the Company expects to achieve its plan, \$8,582,000 of the company's line of credit and \$2,786,000 of term loan has been reflected as current to reflect uncertainties associated with the attainment of loan covenants. In management's opinion adequate financing sources are available to refinance the amounts outstanding under the line of credit during 2008 should this become necessary.

The following table summarizes the Company's estimated contractual obligations at January 31, 2008.

<i>In Thousands</i> Contractual Obligations	Total	Payment Due By:					
		1/31/09	1/31/10	1/31/11	1/31/12	1/31/13	Thereafter
Revolving line domestic (1)	\$ 8,582	\$ 8,582	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mortgages (2)	12,751	2,181	1,015	1,015	1,015	719	6,806
Revolving line foreign	8,443	545	4,741	32	32	32	3,061
Term Loans (3)	8,495	4,298	1,611	1,198	619	236	533
Subtotals	38,271	15,606	7,367	2,245	1,666	987	10,400
Capitalized Lease Obligations	318	153	113	46	6	0	0
Operating Lease Obligations (4)	3,514	1,358	1,121	677	231	41	86
Projected pension contributions (5)	2,926	346	230	235	268	275	1,572
Deferred Compensation (6)	3,243	126	126	126	126	126	2,613
Letters of Credit (7)	4,685	4,589	96	0	0	0	0
FIN 48 Obligations (8)	782	0	0	0	0	0	782
Totals	\$ 53,739	\$ 22,178	\$ 9,053	\$ 3,329	\$ 2,297	\$ 1,429	\$ 15,453

Notes to Contractual Obligations Table

- (1) Interest obligations exclude floating rate interest on debt payable under the domestic revolving line of credit. Based on the amount of such debt at January 31, 2008, and the weighted average interest rates on that debt at that date (7.92%), such interest was being incurred at an annual rate of approximately \$843,000.
- (2) Scheduled maturities, including interest.
- (3) Term loan obligations exclude floating rate interest on Term Loan with a January 31 balance of \$2,786,000. Based on the amount of such debt as of January 31, 2008, and the weighted average interest rates on that debt at that date (7.32%), such interest was being incurred at an annual rate of approximately \$185,000.
- (4) Minimum contractual amounts. We have assumed no changes in variable expenses.
- (5) Includes expected employer contributions for fiscal year ending 1/31/2009 and estimated future benefit payments reflecting expected future service.
- (6) Non-qualified deferred compensation plan – The Company has deferred compensation agreements with key employees. Vesting is based on years of service. Life insurance contracts have been purchased which may be used to fund the Company's obligation under these agreements. A payment estimate has been used for an employee retired in 2007 that the third party administrator is in process of calculating.
- (7) Letters of credit are guaranteed amounts primarily committed for inventory purchases.
- (8) Please refer to Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements in this document for a description of our FIN 48 obligations.

Other long term liabilities of \$4,520,000 were composed primarily of deferred compensation, and accrued pension cost.

The Company's working capital was \$39,544,000 at January 31, 2008 compared to \$30,734,000 at January 31, 2007. This increase was due to the increase in inventories and accounts receivable offset by the increase in accounts payable.

The Company's current ratio was 1.7 to 1 and 1.6 to 1 at January 31, 2008 and January 31, 2007, respectively. Debt to total capitalization at January 31, 2008 decreased to 36.4% from 50.1% at January 31, 2007.

Financing

At January 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with covenants under the Loan Agreement as defined below. At January 31, 2008, the Company was not in compliance with an earnings covenant (the "Covenant") under the Loan Agreement. A waiver has been obtained for such noncompliance, and the Covenant has been amended to levels consistent with the Company's then current business plan beginning with the period ending July 31, 2008. There is no Covenant for periods prior to July 2008. While the Company expects to comply with the Covenant, in recognition of the uncertainty of compliance \$8,582,000 of the Company's line of credit (of which \$16,585,200 was available as of January 31, 2008) and \$2,786,000 of term debt have been classified as current in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. In management's opinion adequate financing sources are available to refinance the amounts outstanding under the line of credit during 2008 should this become necessary.

On July 11, 2002, the Company entered into a secured loan and security agreement with a financial institution ("Loan Agreement"). The Loan Agreement was amended and restated on December 15, 2006. Under the terms of the Loan Agreement, which matures on November 13, 2010, the Company can borrow up to \$38,000,000, subject to borrowing base and other requirements, under a revolving line of credit. The Loan Agreement covenants restrict debt, liens, and investments, do not permit payment of dividends, and require attainment of certain levels of profitability and cash flows. Interest rates generally are based on options selected by the Company as follows: (a) a margin in effect plus a prime rate; or (b) a margin in effect plus the LIBOR rate for the corresponding interest period. At January 31, 2008, the prime rate was 6.00%, and the margins added to the prime rate and the LIBOR rate, which are determined each quarter based on the applicable financial statement ratio, were 0.25 and 1.75 percentage points, respectively. Monthly interest payments were made. The average interest rate for the year ending January 31, 2008 was 7.92%. As of January 31, 2008, the Company had borrowed \$8,582,000 and had \$16,585,200 available to it under the revolving line of credit. In addition, \$4,685,000 of availability was used under the Loan Agreement primarily to support letters of credit to guarantee amounts committed for inventory purchases. The Loan Agreement provides that all payments by the Company's customers are deposited in a bank account from which all funds may only be used to pay the debt under the Loan Agreement. At January 31, 2008, the amount of restricted cash was \$565,000. Cash required for operations is provided by draw-downs on the line of credit.

On September 20, 2000, the Company purchased an 8.1-acre parcel of land with a 131,000-square foot building in Niles, Illinois, from two principal stockholders, who are also members of management, for approximately \$4,438,000. This amount included the assumption of a \$2,500,000 mortgage note with a remaining balance of \$2,405,000. The loan matured in the fourth quarter of 2007 and was paid in full. On January 18, 2008, the Company borrowed \$3,675,000 under a mortgage note secured by its manufacturing and office facility in Niles, Illinois. The loan bears interest at 6.26% with monthly payments of \$22,652 for both principal and interest based on an amortization schedule of 30 years with a balloon payment at the end of the ten-year term.

On October 18, 1995, the Piping Systems business' Lebanon, Tennessee location received \$3,150,000 of proceeds from Industrial Revenue Bonds, which matured and were paid in full on September 1, 2007. These bonds had been fully secured by bank letters of credit.

On August 28, 2007, the Company Amended and Restated the Term Loan Note to \$3,000,000 ("Term Loan"). Interest rates under the Term Loan are based on options selected by the Company as follows: (a) a margin in effect plus a prime rate; or (b) a margin in effect plus the LIBOR rate for the corresponding interest period. At January 31, 2008, the prime rate was 6.0i%, and the margins added to the prime rate and the LIBOR rate, which are determined each quarter based on the applicable financial statement ratio, were 0.50 and 2.0 percentage points, respectively. The Company is scheduled to pay \$107,000 of principal on the first day of March, June, September, and December in each year ending on September 30, 2010, with the remaining unpaid principal payable on November 30, 2010.

On March 9, 2007, the Filtration Products business in the Denmark location obtained a loan in the amount of 1,343,200 Euros (approximately \$1,765,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a Danish bank to finance capital expenditures and other expenses. The loan matures May 2011. The loan bears interest at a floating rate currently 5.00% per annum with monthly principal payments of \$35,300.

At January 31, 2007, one interest rate swap agreement was in effect with a notional value of \$15,000,000 maturing in 2011. On February 5, 2007, the Company terminated such interest rate swap and recognized a loss of \$72,500. No such agreement was in effect at January 31, 2008.

The Company also has short-term credit arrangements used by its Denmark and U.A.E. subsidiaries. These credit arrangements are generally in the form of overdraft facilities at rates competitive in the countries in which the Company operates. At January 31, 2008, borrowings under these credit arrangements totaled \$8,162,000; an additional \$1,178,000 remained unused.

Subsequently on March 4, 2008, the Company borrowed \$5,440,000 under a mortgage note secured by the new Filtration Product's manufacturing facility located in Bolingbrook, Illinois. The 25 year mortgage resets its interest rate every five years based on a published index. The initial interest rate is 6.54% during the first five years with monthly payments of \$36,867 for both principal and interest.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND POLICIES

Revenue Recognition: The Company recognizes revenues including shipping and handling charges billed to customers, when all the following criteria are met: (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) the seller's price to the buyer is fixed or determinable, and (iii) collectibility is reasonably assured. All subsidiaries of the Company, except as noted below, recognize revenues upon shipment or delivery of goods or services when title and risk of loss pass to customers.

Percentage of Completion Method Revenue Recognition: The Piping System business and Corporate and Other recognize revenues under the above stated revenue recognition policy except for sizable complex contracts that require periodic recognition of income based on the status of the uncompleted contracts and the current estimates of costs to complete and of progress toward completion. For these contracts, the Company uses "percentage of completion" method. The choice of accounting method is made at the time the contract is received based on the nature of the contract. The percentage of completion is determined by the relationship of costs incurred to the total estimated costs of the contract. Provisions are made for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts in the period in which such losses are determined. Changes in job performance, job conditions, and estimated profitability, including those arising from contract penalty provisions and final contract settlements may result in revisions to costs and income. Such revisions are recognized in the period in which they are determined. Claims for additional compensation due the Company are recognized in contract revenues when realization is probable and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Inventories: Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method for substantially all inventories.

Goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives: The Company reviews the carrying value of goodwill in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", which requires that goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives be analyzed for impairment on an annual basis or when there is reason to suspect that their values have been impaired. For the 2007 and 2006 evaluations, the fair value was determined using discounted cash flows. Certain estimates and judgments are required in the application of the fair value models. Based upon the Company's evaluations for 2007 and 2006, no impairment of goodwill was required. As of January 31, 2008 and 2007, \$1,100,000 of goodwill was allocated to the Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business. As of January 31, 2008 and 2007, \$1,726,000 and \$1,513,000, respectively, was allocated to the Filtration Products business. The change in goodwill of the Filtration Products business was due to foreign currency translation.

Stock Options: Effective February 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provision of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123R") using the modified-prospective-transition method. Under this transition method, compensation cost recognized for the year ended January 31, 2008 includes: (a) compensation costs for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not vested as of February 1, 2006 based on the fair value at grant date estimated in accordance with SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based

payments granted subsequent to February 1, 2007, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of Statement 123(R). In accordance with SFAS 123R, results for prior periods have not been restated.

Income Tax Provision: Deferred income taxes have been provided for temporary differences arising from differences in basis of assets and liabilities for tax and financial reporting purposes. Deferred income taxes on temporary differences have been recorded at the current tax rate. The Company assessed its deferred tax assets for realizability at each reporting period.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

Effective February 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109", ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 prescribes a comprehensive model for how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that it has taken or expects to take on a tax return. In May 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FIN 48-1 that amends FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ("FIN 48-1"). FIN 48-1 provides guidance on how an enterprise should determine whether a tax position is effectively settled for the purpose of recognizing previously unrecognized tax benefits.

As required by FIN 48, which clarifies Statement 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, the Company recognizes the financial statement benefit of tax positions only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the position following an audit. The total amount of unrecognized tax liability as of February 1, 2007 was approximately \$573,700, all of which would impact the effective tax rate if recognized. This was recorded as a decrease of \$504,500 to retained earnings as of February 1, 2007 upon the adoption of FIN 48. During 2007, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions increased by \$130,400 for a total of \$704,100 at January 31, 2008. These non-current income tax liabilities are recorded in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. Included in the total unrecognized tax liability were estimated accrued interest of \$33,700 and penalties of \$44,100. The Company's policy is to include interest and penalties in income tax expense.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, FASB issued Financial Accounting Standard No.157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS 157"). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, and accordingly, does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective February 1, 2008. The Company is currently reviewing the provisions of SFAS 157, but does not expect the provisions to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Financial Accounting Standard No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities ("SFAS 159"). SFAS 159 provides the option to report certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value, with the intent to mitigate volatility in financial reporting that can occur when related assets and liabilities are recorded on different bases. This statement is effective February 1, 2008. The Company does not expect SFAS 159 to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is subject to market risk associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. Foreign currency exchange rate risk is mitigated through maintenance of local production facilities in the markets served, often though not always invoicing customers in the same currency as the source of the products and use of foreign currency denominated debt in Denmark, U.A.E. and South Africa. At times the Company has attempted to mitigate its interest rate risk by maintaining a balance of fixed-rate long-term debt and floating-rate debt.

The Company had entered into an interest rate swap agreement to reduce its exposure to market risks from changing interest rates under the revolving credit agreement. Under the terms of the swap agreement, the Company agreed to

exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed and variable interest amounts calculated by reference to the notional principal amount. Any differences paid or received on the interest rate swap agreements were recognized as adjustments to interest expense over the life of the swap, thereby adjusting the effective interest rate on the underlying obligation. Financial instruments were not held or issued for trading purposes.

At January 31, 2007, one interest rate swap agreement was in effect with a notional value of \$15,000,000 maturing in 2011. On February 5, 2007, the Company terminated such interest rate swap and recognized a loss of \$72,500. No such agreement was in effect at January 31, 2008.

A hypothetical ten percent change in market interest rates over the next year would increase or decrease interest on the Company's floating rate debt instruments by approximately \$68,900.

Commodity price risk is the possibility of higher or lower costs due to changes in the prices of commodities, such as ferrous alloys which the Company uses in the production of piping systems. The Company attempts to mitigate such risks by obtaining price commitments from its commodity suppliers and, when it appears appropriate, purchasing quantities in advance of likely price increases.

Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for each of the three years in the period ended as of January 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 and the notes thereto are set forth elsewhere herein.

Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of January 31, 2008. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, due to a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting described below in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, the company's disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of January 31, 2008.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting: The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act. As required by Rule 13a-15(c) under the Exchange Act, MFRI's management carried out an evaluation, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the last fiscal year. The framework on which such evaluation was based is contained in the report entitled "Internal Control—Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the "COSO Report").

The Company's system of internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Based on its assessment, management has concluded that the Company has not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2008, based on criteria in the COSO report.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting,

such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

The Company's processes, procedures and controls related to the preparation and review of the quarterly and annual income tax provision were not effective at October 31, 2007 and January 31, 2008 to ensure that amounts related to the income tax provision were accurate. This material weakness resulted in an accounting error. The error did not affect the Registrant's sales, operating expenses, or cash flow. However, the error did result in the understatement of income taxes, and overstatement of current assets, total assets, and net income for the interim fiscal period reported at October 31, 2007. Grant Thornton, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, have also issued an attestation report on internal control over financial reporting, which is included herein.

Change in Internal Controls: Other than the material weakness noted above, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Remediation Plan for Material Weaknesses in Internal Control over Financial Reporting: Beginning in 2005, the Company engaged a national public accounting, tax and business consulting firm with affiliates worldwide (the "Tax Advisor") to assist the Company with calculation and review of its quarterly and annual income tax provisions and with its income tax compliance. To avoid recurrence of an error such as the one described above, the Company and Tax Advisor are assessing the appropriateness of technical resources assigned to the engagement, improving income tax accounting documentation, and adjusting the timing of quarterly and annual income tax accounting work.

We anticipate the actions described above and resulting improvements in controls will strengthen our internal control over financial reporting relating to accounting for income taxes and will address the related material weakness that we identified as of January 31, 2008.

Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Information with respect to directors of the Company is incorporated herein by reference to the table under the caption "Nominees for Election as Directors" and the textual paragraphs following the aforesaid table and the information contained under the captions "Board of Director Meetings and Committees" and "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the Company's proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

Information with respect to executive officers of the Company is included in Item 1, Part I hereof under the caption "Executive Officers of the Registrant".

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Information with respect to executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference to the information under the caption "Executive Compensation" in the Company's proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Information with respect to security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management of the Company and related stockholder matters is incorporated herein by reference to the information under the caption "Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock" in the Company's proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Information with respect to certain relationships and transactions, and director independence is incorporated herein by reference to the information under the caption "Certain Transactions" in the Company's proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Information with respect to the independence of the Company's public accountants and the fees paid to such accountants is incorporated herein by reference to the information under the caption "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in the Company's proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

PART IV

Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

- a. List of documents filed as part of this report:
 - (1) Financial Statements - Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company
Refer to Part II, Item 8 of this report.
 - (2) Financial Statement Schedules
Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts
- b. Exhibits: The exhibits, as listed in the Exhibit Index included herein, are submitted as a separate section of this report.
- c. The response to this portion of Item 15 is submitted under 15a (2) above.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting



Board of Directors and Stockholders
MFRI, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited MFRI, Inc.'s (a Delaware corporation) and Subsidiaries (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2008 based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit 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 effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. The following material weakness has been identified and included in management's assessment.

The Company did not maintain effective processes, procedures and controls over the preparation and review of its accounting for income taxes. This deficiency resulted in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements would not be prevented or detected.

In our opinion, because of the effect of the material weakness identified above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company has not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2008, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued by COSO.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of January 31, 2008 and 2007 and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the three years then ended. The material weakness identified above was considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended January 31, 2008, and this report does not affect our report dated April 30, 2008, which expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Chicago, Illinois
April 30, 2008

Board of Directors and Stockholder
MFRI, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of MFRI, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and Subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of January 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders’ equity, and cash flows for the three years then ended. Our audits of the basic financial statements included the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2). These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule 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 the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. 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 financial position of MFRI, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of January 31, 2008 and 2007 and the results of their operations and cash flows for the three years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48 “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes and Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109,” on February 1, 2008. For the year ended January 31, 2007, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 123(R), “Share-Based Payments,” and No. 158, “Employers’ Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans,” as discussed in Note 12 and Note 9, respectively, to the consolidated financial statements.

We also have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), MFRI, Inc.’s and Subsidiaries internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2008, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and our report dated April 30, 2008 expressed an adverse opinion due to the identification and disclosure of a material weakness.

/s/ Grant Thornton, LLP

Chicago, Illinois
April 30, 2008

MFRI, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands except per share information)

	2007	2006	2005
	Fiscal Year Ended January 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Net sales	\$ 239,487	\$ 213,471	\$ 154,587
Cost of sales	<u>198,238</u>	<u>169,066</u>	<u>121,901</u>
Gross profit	41,249	44,405	32,686
Operating expenses:			
Selling expense	14,270	14,530	12,383
General and administrative expense	24,083	20,933	17,624
Total operating expenses	<u>38,353</u>	<u>35,463</u>	<u>30,007</u>
Income from operations	2,896	8,942	2,679
Income from joint venture	23	491	196
Interest expense, net	<u>2,408</u>	<u>2,676</u>	<u>1,839</u>
Income before income taxes	511	6,757	1,036
Income tax expense	<u>809</u>	<u>2,164</u>	<u>505</u>
Net (loss) income	<u>\$ (298)</u>	<u>\$ 4,593</u>	<u>\$ 531</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding – basic	6,627	5,358	5,254
Basic earnings per share:			
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.10
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding – diluted	6,627	5,600	5,585
Diluted earnings per share:			
Net (loss) income	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.10

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

MFRI, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands)

	As of January 31,	
ASSETS	2008	2007
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,665	\$ 565
Restricted cash	565	540
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$384 in 2007 and \$352 in 2006	39,587	35,056
Inventories, net	43,013	35,155
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	4,449	4,974
Deferred income taxes	2,488	2,382
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,240	2,257
Income taxes receivable	690	93
Accounts receivable – related companies	250	583
Total current assets	<u>95,947</u>	<u>81,605</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	35,401	33,441
Other Assets:		
Goodwill	2,826	2,613
Deferred tax asset	2,421	662
Cash surrender value of officers' life insurance policies	1,977	1,491
Deposits	1,153	390
Patents, net of accumulated amortization	349	392
Other assets	338	846
Total other assets	<u>9,064</u>	<u>6,394</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 140,412</u>	<u>\$ 121,440</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 22,758	\$ 20,919
Current maturities of long-term debt	14,532	9,191
Commissions payable	6,294	6,908
Customer deposits	3,972	5,454
Other accrued liabilities	3,276	3,119
Accrued compensation and payroll taxes	2,970	2,480
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	2,552	1,270
Accounts payable – related company	49	599
Total current liabilities	<u>56,403</u>	<u>49,940</u>
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-term debt, less current maturities	19,708	29,844
Deferred compensation liability	3,243	2,566
Other	1,278	274
Total long-term liabilities	<u>24,229</u>	<u>32,684</u>
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 50,000 shares in 2007 and 2006 respectively; 6,787 and 5,530 issued and outstanding in 2007 and 2006, respectively	68	55
Additional paid-in capital	46,551	25,327
Retained earnings	12,234	13,037
Accumulated other comprehensive income	927	397
Total stockholders' equity	<u>59,780</u>	<u>38,816</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 140,412</u>	<u>\$ 121,440</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

MFRI, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(In thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional	Retained	Accumulated	Comprehensive
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in	Earnings	Other	Comprehensive
			Capital		Income (Loss)	Income (Loss)
Balances at January 31, 2005	5,226	\$ 52	\$ 22,868	\$ 7,913	\$ 437	\$ 2,923
Net income				531		531
Stock options exercised	50	1	145			
Excess tax benefits from stock options exercised			71			
Minimum pension liability adjustment (net of cumulative tax benefit of \$154)					271	271
Interest rate swap (including a tax benefit of \$7)					13	13
Foreign currency translation adjustment					(492)	(492)
Balances at January 31, 2006	5,276	\$ 53	\$ 23,084	\$ 8,444	\$ 229	\$ 323
Net income				4,593		4,593
Stock options exercised	254	2	1,160			
Stock-based compensation expense			138			
Excess tax benefits from stock options exercised			945			
Minimum pension liability adjustment (net of cumulative tax benefit of \$154)					252	(252)
Impact of adoption of FAS 158 (net of deferred taxes of \$338)					(716)	
Interest rate swap (including a tax expense of \$1)					(16)	(16)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities (including a tax benefit of \$87)					184	184
Foreign currency translation adjustment					464	464
Balances at January 31, 2007	5,530	\$ 55	\$ 25,327	\$ 13,037	\$ 397	\$ 4,973
Net loss				(298)		(298)
Adoption of FIN 48				(505)		
Issuance of stock	1,003	10	18,322			
Stock options exercised	254	3	932			
Stock-based compensation expense			504			
Excess tax benefits from stock options exercised			1,466			
Interest rate swap					2	2
Pension liability adjustment FAS 158 (net of deferred taxes of \$483)					(71)	(71)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities (which included a tax benefit of \$87)					(184)	(184)
Foreign currency translation adjustment					783	783
Balances at January 31, 2008	6,787	\$ 68	\$ 46,551	\$ 12,234	\$ 927	\$ 232

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

MFRI, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

	2007	2006	2005
	Fiscal Year Ended January 31,		
	2008	2007	2006
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net income (loss)	\$ (298)	\$ 4,593	\$ 531
Adjustments, to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	4,431	4,067	3,522
Stock-based compensation expense	504	138	0
Change in cash surrender value of officers' life insurance policies	(486)	(260)	(426)
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(258)	0	0
Loss (gain) on sales of assets	60	8	(53)
Income from joint venture	(23)	(491)	(196)
Tax benefit of stock options exercised	0	0	71
Deferred income taxes	(1,913)	89	(234)
Provisions for uncollectible accounts	15	(157)	113
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Inventories	(5,452)	(12,029)	(2,662)
Accounts receivable	(3,878)	(14,265)	2,225
Accounts payable	1,561	943	(2,048)
Customer deposits	(1,482)	3,458	1,385
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(1,032)	521	(639)
Income taxes receivable	(648)	41	(125)
Accrued compensation and payroll taxes	(60)	1,989	640
Other assets and liabilities	1,609	4,435	1,427
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>(7,350)</u>	<u>(6,920)</u>	<u>3,531</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,763)	(8,269)	(6,315)
Distributions from joint venture	286	450	270
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	258	0	0
Proceeds from sales of property and equipment	149	10	46
Acquisitions and investments, net	0	(279)	0
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(5,070)</u>	<u>(8,088)</u>	<u>(5,999)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Repayments of debt	(116,625)	(204,833)	(53,002)
Borrowings under revolving, term, mortgage loans, and capitalized leases	111,388	212,306	57,005
Issuance of stock	18,332	0	0
Tax benefit of stock options exercised	1,466	945	0
Stock options exercised	932	1,160	146
(Decrease) increase in cash overdrafts	(454)	4,815	(1,326)
Payments on capitalized lease obligations	(208)	(8)	(17)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>14,831</u>	<u>14,385</u>	<u>2,806</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>(311)</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>53</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,100	(549)	391
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year	565	1,114	723
Cash and cash equivalents –end of year	<u>\$ 2,665</u>	<u>\$ 565</u>	<u>\$ 1,114</u>
Supplemental Cash Flow Information:			
Cash paid for:			
Interest, net of capitalized amounts	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,642	\$ 1,753
Income taxes paid	\$ 1,011	\$ 890	\$ 719

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

MFRI, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED January 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

MFRI, Inc. ("MFRI", the "Company", or the "Registrant") was incorporated on October 12, 1993. MFRI is engaged in the manufacture and sale of products in three distinct business segments: piping systems, filtration products and industrial process cooling equipment.

Fiscal Year: The Company's fiscal year ends on January 31. Years described as 2007, 2006 and 2005 are the fiscal years ended January 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Balances described as balances as of 2007, 2006 and 2005 are balances as of January 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Nature of Business: The Piping System business engineers, designs, manufactures and sells specialty piping systems and leak detection and location systems. This segment's specialty piping systems include (i) industrial and secondary containment piping systems for transporting chemicals, waste streams and petroleum liquids, (ii) insulated and jacketed district heating and cooling piping systems for efficient energy distribution to multiple locations from central energy plants, and (iii) oil and gas gathering flow lines and long lines for oil and mineral transportation. The Piping System business's leak detection and location systems are sold as part of many of its piping system products, and on a stand-alone basis, to monitor areas where fluid intrusion may contaminate the environment, endanger personal safety, cause a fire hazard, impair essential services or damage equipment or property. The Filtration Products business manufactures and sells a wide variety of filter elements for use in industrial air filtration systems and particulate collection systems. Air filtration systems are used in a wide variety of industries to limit particulate emissions, primarily to comply with environmental regulations. The Filtration Products business markets air filtration-related products and accessories, and provides maintenance services, consisting primarily of dust collector inspection, filter cleaning and filter replacement. The Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business engineers, designs, manufactures and sells industrial process cooling equipment, including chillers, cooling towers, plant circulating systems, and related accessories for use in industrial process applications. During the fourth quarter 2006, the Company created a new subsidiary that is not sufficiently large to constitute a reportable segment, which engages in the installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. The Company's products are sold both within the United States and internationally.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

Reclassifications: Reclassifications were made to prior-year financial statements to conform to the current-year presentations.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures 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.

Revenue Recognition: The Company recognizes revenues including shipping and handling charges billed to customers, when all the following criteria are met: (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (ii) the seller's price to the buyer is fixed or determinable, and (iii) collectibility is reasonably assured. All subsidiaries of the Company, except as noted below, recognize revenues upon shipment or delivery of goods or services when title and risk of loss pass to customers.

Percentage of Completion Revenue Recognition: The Piping System business and Corporate and Other recognize revenues under the above stated revenue recognition policy except for sizable complex contracts - that require periodic recognition of income based on the status of the uncompleted contracts and the current estimates of costs to complete and of progress toward completion. For these contracts, the Company uses "percentage of completion" method. The choice of accounting method is made at the time the contract is received based on the nature of the

project. The percentage of completion is determined by the relationship of costs incurred to the total estimated costs of the contract. Provisions are made for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts in the period in which such losses are determined. Changes in job performance, job conditions, and estimated profitability, including those arising from contract penalty provisions and final contract settlements may result in revisions to costs and income. Such revisions are recognized in the period in which they are determined. Claims for additional compensation due the Company are recognized in contract revenues when realization is probable and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Shipping and Handling: Shipping and handling costs are included in cost of goods sold, and the amounts invoiced to customers relating to shipping and handling are included in net sales.

Operating Cycle: The length of the Piping System business's contracts vary, but are typically less than one year. The Company includes in current assets and liabilities amounts realizable and payable in the normal course of contract completion unless completion of such contracts extends significantly beyond one year. The Company's other businesses do not have an operating cycle beyond one year.

Principles of Consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its domestic and foreign subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Translation of Foreign Currency: Assets and liabilities of consolidated foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at year-end. Revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. Gains or losses on foreign currency transactions and the related tax effects are reflected in net income. The resulting translation adjustments are included in stockholders' equity as part of accumulated comprehensive income.

Contingencies: The Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of business, including those involving environmental, tax, product liability and general liability claims. The Company accrues for such liabilities when it is probable that future costs will be incurred and such costs can be reasonably estimated. Such accruals are based on developments to date, the Company's estimates of the outcomes of these matters, and its experience in contesting, litigating and settling other similar matters.

The Company does not currently anticipate the amount of any ultimate liability with respect to these matters will materially affect the Company's financial position, liquidity or future operations.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: All highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are considered to be cash equivalents. Accounts Payable included Drafts Payable of \$7,157,000 and \$7,611,000 as of January 31, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

Restricted Cash: The Loan Agreement requires that all payments by the Company's customers are deposited in a bank account from which all funds may only be used to pay the debt under the Loan Agreement.

Accounts Receivable Collection: The majority of the Company's accounts receivable are due from geographically dispersed contractors and manufacturing companies. Credit is extended based on an evaluation of a customer's financial condition, including the availability of credit insurance, and, generally, collateral is not required. Accounts receivable are due within various time periods specified in the terms applicable to the specific customer and are stated at amounts due from customers net of an allowance for claims and doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts was calculated using a percentage of sales method based upon collection history and an estimate of uncollectible accounts. Management may exercise its judgment in adjusting the provision as a consequence of known items, such as current economic factors and credit trends. Accounts receivable adjustments are recorded against the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Company has a broad customer base doing business in all regions of the United States as well as other areas in the world. The Company maintains foreign credit insurance covering selected foreign sales not secured by letters of credit or guarantees from parent companies in the United States. This expense is

included in general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. In the fiscal year ended January 31, 2008, no customer accounted for 10% or more of net sales.

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss): Other comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity resulting from transactions from non-owner sources. Other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the following: minimum pension liability, foreign currency translation, unrealized gain on marketable securities and interest rate swap.

Pension Plan Policy: The Winchester facility has a defined benefit plan covering its hourly rated employees. The benefits are based on fixed amounts multiplied by years of service of retired participants. The Company engages outside actuaries to calculate its obligations and costs. The funding policy is to contribute such amounts as are necessary to provide for benefits attributed to service to date and those expected to be earned in the future. The amounts contributed to the plan are sufficient to meet the minimum funding requirements set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Inventories: Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method for substantially all inventories. Inventories consist of the following:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Raw materials	\$ 34,044	\$ 27,982
Work in process	4,569	3,644
Finished goods	5,756	4,803
	<u>44,369</u>	<u>36,429</u>
Less allowances	1,356	1,274
Inventories, net	<u>\$ 43,013</u>	<u>\$ 35,155</u>

Long-Lived Assets: Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Interest is capitalized in connection with the construction of facilities and amortized over the asset's estimated useful life. No interest was capitalized during 2007 and 2006. Long-lived assets are reviewed for possible impairment whenever events indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. If such a review indicates impairment, the carrying amount of such assets is reduced to an estimated fair value.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 3 to 30 years. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the remaining life of the lease or its useful life whichever is shorter. Amortization of assets under capital leases is included in depreciation and amortization.

The Company's investment in property, plant and equipment is summarized below:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Land, buildings and improvements	\$ 23,607	\$ 22,260
Machinery and equipment	35,953	32,214
Furniture, office equipment and computer systems	10,057	8,981
Transportation equipment	198	291
	<u>69,815</u>	<u>63,746</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	34,414	30,305
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 35,401</u>	<u>\$ 33,441</u>

Goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives: The Company reviews the carrying value of goodwill in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", which requires that goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite lives be analyzed for impairment on an annual basis or when there is reason to suspect that their values have been impaired. For the 2007 and 2006 evaluations, the fair value was determined using discounted cash flows. Certain estimates and judgments are required in the application of the fair value models. Based upon the Company's evaluations for 2007 and 2006, no impairment of goodwill was required. As of January 31, 2008, and 2007, \$1,100,000 of goodwill was allocated to the Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business. As of January 31, 2008, and 2007, \$1,726,000 and \$1,513,000,

respectively, was allocated to the Filtration Products business. The change in goodwill of \$213,000 of the Filtration Products business was due to foreign currency translation.

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2,613	\$ 2,509
Foreign currency translation effect	<u>213</u>	<u>104</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 2,826</u>	<u>\$ 2,613</u>

Other intangible assets with definite lives: Patents are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over a period not to exceed the legal lives of the patents. Patents were \$2,447,000 as of January 31, 2008, and 2007. Accumulated amortization was \$2,098,000 and \$2,055,000 as of January 31, 2008, and 2007, respectively. Future amortizations over the next five years ending January 31 will be \$99,000 in 2009, \$94,000 in 2010, \$70,000 in 2011, \$18,000 in 2012, \$16,000 in 2013 and \$52,000 thereafter.

Investment in Joint Venture: In April 2002, the Piping System business and two unrelated companies formed an equally owned joint venture to more efficiently market their complementary thermal insulation products and systems for use in undersea pipeline flow assurance projects worldwide. On June 28 2007, the Piping System business loaned the joint venture \$100,000 (see Note 3). The Company accounts for its joint venture investment using the equity method.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Partner distributions from its joint venture	\$ 286,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 270,000
Share of joint venture income	\$ 23,000	\$ 491,000	\$ 196,000

Research: Research and development expenses consist of materials, salaries and related expenses of certain engineering personnel, and outside services related to product development projects. Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. research and development expense was \$4,994,000 in 2007, \$4,722,000 in 2006 and \$4,426,000 in 2005.

Financial Instruments: Gains and losses on hedges of existing assets, or liabilities are marked-to-market and the result is included within Accumulated other comprehensive income in the consolidated financial statements. Gains and losses on financial instruments that hedge firm future commitments are deferred until the underlying transactions are recognized or recorded immediately when the transaction is no longer expected to occur. Gains or losses on financial instruments that do not qualify as hedges under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" are recognized immediately as income or expense.

Income Tax Provision: Deferred income taxes have been provided for temporary differences arising from differences in basis of assets and liabilities for tax and financial reporting purposes. Deferred income taxes on temporary differences have been recorded at the current tax rate. The Company assessed its deferred tax assets for realizability at each reporting period.

Effective February 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109", ("FIN 48"). FIN 48 prescribes a comprehensive model for how a company should recognize, measure, present and disclose in its financial statements uncertain tax positions that it has taken or expects to take on a tax return. In May 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FIN 48-1 that amends FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ("FIN 48-1"). FIN 48-1 provides guidance on how an enterprise should determine whether a tax position is effectively settled for the purpose of recognizing previously unrecognized tax benefits.

Net Income Per Common Share: Earnings per share ("EPS") are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding (basic) plus all potentially dilutive common shares outstanding during the year (diluted). The computation of Diluted EPS for the year ended January 31, 2008 excluded 111 stock options due to the loss for the period. The basic weighted average shares reconcile to diluted weighted average shares as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding	6,627	5,358	5,254
Dilutive effect of stock options	<u>0</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>331</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding assuming full dilution	<u>6,627</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>5,585</u>

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Weighted average number of stock options not included in the computation of diluted EPS of common stock because the option exercise prices exceeded the average market prices of the common shares	143	-	176
Expired or canceled options during the year	11	25	6
Stock options with an exercise price below the average stock price	294	548	558

In 2007, a total of 254,393 stock options were exercised. There were no stock options exercised from February 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008.

Stock Options: Effective February 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provision of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" ("SFAS 123R") using the modified-prospective-transition method. Under this transition method, compensation cost recognized for the year ended January 31, 2008 includes: (a) compensation costs for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not vested as of February 1, 2006 based on the fair value at grant date estimated in accordance with SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to February 1, 2007, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of Statement 123(R). In accordance with SFAS 123R, results for prior periods have not been restated.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments: The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable are reasonable estimates of their fair value due to their short-term nature. The carrying amount of the Company's short-term debt, revolving line of credit and long term debt approximate fair value because the majority of the amounts outstanding accrue interest at variable rates.

New Accounting Pronouncements: In September 2006, the FASB issued Financial Accounting Standard No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" (FAS No. 157). FAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, and accordingly, does not require any new fair value measurements. FAS No. 157 is effective for the Company beginning February 1, 2008. The Company is currently reviewing the provisions of FAS No. 157, but does not expect the provisions to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Financial Accounting Standard No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" (FAS No. 159). FAS No. 159 provides the option to report certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value, with the intent to mitigate volatility in financial reporting that can occur when related assets and liabilities are recorded on different bases. This statement is effective for the Company beginning February 1, 2008. The Company does not expect FAS No. 159 to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In May 2007, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FIN 48-1 (FSP FIN 48-1), which amends FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." FSP FIN 48-1 provides guidance on how an enterprise should determine whether a tax position is effectively settled for the purpose of recognizing previously unrecognized tax benefits. The Company does not expect the provisions of FSP FIN 48-1 to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Note 3 - Related Party Transactions

In prior years the Company provided certain services and facilities to a company (affiliate) primarily owned by two principal stockholders who are also members of management.

In 2006, the Company received \$73,500 and paid \$64,800 from the affiliate under a management services agreement, a lease agreement or contracts, which were approved by the Company's Committee of Independent Directors. During 2007 and 2006, respectively, the Company recognized net sales of \$321,200 and \$3,782,000 pursuant to a contract wholly subcontracted to such company.

On June 28 2007, the Piping System business loaned the joint venture \$100,000 (see Note on Investment in Joint Venture).

Related company balances were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Related company accounts receivable:		
Affiliate	\$ 147	\$ 583
Joint Venture	<u>103</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>250</u>	<u>583</u>
Related company accounts payable	49	599

Note 4 - Retention Receivable

Retention is the amount withheld by a customer until a contract is completed. Retentions of \$346,100 and \$388,338 were included in the balance of trade accounts receivable as of January 31, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

Note 5 - Costs and Estimated Earnings on Uncompleted Contracts

Costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts	\$ 21,541	\$ 30,157
Estimated earnings	<u>7,938</u>	<u>11,950</u>
Earned revenue	29,479	42,107
Less billings to date	<u>27,582</u>	<u>38,403</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,897</u>	<u>\$ 3,704</u>
Classified as follows:		
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	\$ 4,449	\$ 4,974
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	<u>(2,552)</u>	<u>(1,270)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,897</u>	<u>\$ 3,704</u>

Note 6 - Debt

Debt consists of the following:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	2007	2006
Revolving line domestic	8,582	17,973
Mortgage notes	9,296	7,375
Revolving lines foreign	8,162	2,957
Term loans	7,907	7,201
Capitalized lease obligations (Note 7)	293	379
Industrial revenue bonds	0	3,150
Total debt	34,240	39,035
Less current maturities	14,532	9,191
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 19,708	\$ 29,844

The following table summarizes the Company's scheduled maturities at January 31, 2008:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Total	1/31/09	1/31/10	1/31/11	1/31/12	1/31/13	Thereafter
Revolving line domestic	\$ 8,582	\$ 8,582	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Mortgages	9,296	1,692	598	637	680	418	5,271
Revolving lines foreign	8,162	0	5,133	0	0	0	3,029
Term Loans	7,907	4,117	1,437	1,078	549	193	533
Capitalized Lease Obligations	293	141	104	43	5	0	0
Totals	\$ 34,240	\$ 14,532	\$ 7,272	\$ 1,758	\$ 1,234	\$ 611	\$ 8,833

At January 31, 2007, the Company was in compliance with covenants under the Loan Agreement as defined below. At January 31, 2008, the Company was not in compliance with an earnings covenant (the "Covenant") under the Loan Agreement. A waiver has been obtained for such noncompliance, and the Covenant has been amended to levels consistent with the Company's then current business plan beginning with the period ending July 31, 2008. There is no Covenant for periods prior to July 2008. While the Company expects to comply with the Covenant, in recognition of the uncertainty of compliance \$8,582,000 of the Company's line of credit (of which \$16,585,200 was available as of January 31, 2008) and \$2,786,000 of term debt have been classified as current in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. In management's opinion adequate financing sources are available to refinance the amounts outstanding under the line of credit during 2008 should this become necessary.

On July 11, 2002, the Company entered into a secured loan and security agreement with a financial institution ("Loan Agreement"). The Loan Agreement was amended and restated on December 15, 2006. Under the terms of the Loan Agreement, which matures on November 13, 2010, the Company can borrow up to \$38,000,000, subject to borrowing base and other requirements, under a revolving line of credit. The Loan Agreement covenants restrict debt, liens, and investments, do not permit payment of dividends, and require attainment of certain levels of profitability and cash flows. Interest rates generally are based on options selected by the Company as follows: (a) a margin in effect plus a prime rate; or (b) a margin in effect plus the LIBOR rate for the corresponding interest period. At January 31, 2008, the prime rate was 6.00%, and the margins added to the prime rate and the LIBOR rate, which are determined each quarter based on the applicable financial statement ratio, were 0.25 and 1.75 percentage points, respectively. Monthly interest payments were made. The average interest rate for the year ending January 31, 2008 was 7.92%. As of January 31, 2008, the Company had borrowed \$8,582,000 and had \$16,585,200 available to it under the revolving line of credit. In addition, \$4,685,000 of availability was used under the Loan Agreement primarily to support letters of credit to guarantee amounts committed for inventory purchases. The Loan Agreement provides that all payments by the Company's customers are deposited in a bank account from which all funds may only be used to pay the debt under the Loan Agreement. At January 31, 2008, the amount of restricted cash was \$565,000. Cash required for operations is provided by draw-downs on the line of credit.

Mortgages: On January 18, 2008, the Company borrowed \$3,675,000 under a mortgage note secured by its manufacturing and office facility in Niles, Illinois. The loan bears interest at 6.26% with monthly payments of \$22,652 for both principal and interest based on an amortization schedule of 30 years with a balloon payment at the end of the ten-year term.

On December 31, 2005, the Company obtained a loan in the amount of 7,067,000 Danish Kroners (“DKK”) (approximately \$1,122,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a Danish bank to partially finance a building addition at its Filtration facility in Denmark. The loan has a term of twenty years. The loan bears interest at 4.28% with quarterly payments of \$23,500 for both principal and interest.

On May 11, 2005, the Company obtained a loan in the amount of 3,241,500 DKK (approximately \$536,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a Danish bank to partially finance the building addition. The loan has a term of twenty years. The loan bears interest at 4.89% with quarterly payments of \$10,700 for both principal and interest.

On July 31, 2002 Perma-Pipe, Inc. borrowed \$1,750,000 under a mortgage note secured by its manufacturing facility in Lebanon, Tennessee. From the proceeds, \$1,000,000 was used for a payment of amounts borrowed under the Note Purchase Agreements with the remaining proceeds used to repay amounts borrowed under the Loan Agreement. The loan bears interest at 7.75% with monthly payments of \$21,001 for both principal and interest, and has a ten year term.

On April 26, 2002, Midwesco Filter borrowed \$2,025,000 under a mortgage note secured by its manufacturing facility in Winchester, Virginia. Proceeds from the mortgage, net of a prior mortgage loan were used to make principal payments to the lenders under the Prior Term Loans and the bank which was the lender under the Company’s revolving line of credit at that time. The loan bears interest at 7.10% with a monthly payment of \$23,616 for both principal and interest, and has a ten year term.

On June 30, 1998, the Company borrowed \$1,400,000 under a mortgage note secured by the manufacturing facility in Cicero, Illinois. The loan bears interest at 6.76% with monthly payments of \$9,682 for both principal and interest based on an amortization schedule of 25 years with a balloon payment at the end of the ten-year term. This mortgage will mature in the summer of 2008.

On June 1, 1998, the Company obtained a loan in the amount of 4,500,000 DKK (approximately \$650,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a Danish bank to partially finance the acquisition of Boe-Therm A/S (“Boe-Therm”). It is secured by the land and building of Boe-Therm, bears interest at 6.48% and has a term of twenty years. Another loan in the amount of 850,000 DKK (approximately \$134,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) was obtained on January 1, 1999 to acquire land and a building, bears interest at 6.1% and has a term of twenty years. The interest rates on both the twenty-year loans are guaranteed for the first ten years, after which they will be renegotiated based on prevailing market conditions.

Revolving lines foreign: The Company also has short-term credit arrangements used by its Denmark and U.A.E. subsidiaries. These credit arrangements are generally in the form of overdraft facilities at rates competitive in the countries in which the Company operates. The interest rate at the Denmark subsidiaries was 6.1% at January 31, 2008, and the interest rate at the U.A.E subsidiaries was 10% at January 31, 2008. At January 31, 2008, borrowings under these credit arrangements totaled \$8,162,000; an additional \$1,178,000 remained unused.

Term loans: On March 9, 2007, the Filtration Products business Denmark location obtained a loan in the amount of 1,343,200 Euros (approximately \$1,765,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a Danish bank to finance capital expenditures and other expenses. The loan matures May 2011. The loan bears interest at a floating rate at January 31, 2008 of 5.00% per annum with monthly principal payments of \$35,300.

On August 28, 2007, the Company amended and restated the Term Loan Note to \$3,000,000 (“Term Loan”). In March 2005, the Company’s Loan Agreement was amended to add a term loan. Interest rates under the Term Loan are based on options selected by the Company as follows: (a) a margin in effect plus a prime rate; or (b) a margin in effect plus the LIBOR rate for the corresponding interest period. At January 31, 2008, the prime rate was 6.0% and the Libor rate was 5.125%, and the margins added to the prime rate and the LIBOR rate, which are determined each quarter based on the applicable financial statement ratio, were 0.50 and 2.0 percentage points, respectively. The

Company is scheduled to pay \$107,000 of principal on the first days of March, June, September, and December in each year ending on September 30, 2010, with the remaining unpaid principal payable on November 30, 2010.

On August 31, 2006, the Company obtained a loan in the amount of 5,200,000 U.A.E. Dirhams (“AED”) (approximately \$1,416,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a U.A.E. bank to finance capital expenditures. The loan matures January 2012. The loan bears interest at rate between 8.75% and 9.5% per annum with quarterly principal payments of \$93,600.

On April 30, 2006, the Company obtained a loan in the amount of 5,500,000 AED (approximately \$1,498,000 U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate at the time of the transaction) from a U.A.E. bank to finance capital expenditures. The loan matures January 2010. The loan bears interest at Ebor/Libor (5.625%) plus 4% per annum with quarterly principal payments of \$100,000.

On December 30, 2005, Perma-Pipe, Inc. borrowed \$900,000 under an equipment loan secured by equipment. The loan bears interest at 6.23% with monthly payments of \$13,400 for both principal and interest, and has a seven year term.

On April 8, 2003, the Company obtained a loan from a Danish bank to purchase equipment and office furniture for a new building for its Filtration facility in Denmark, in the amount of 700,000 Euro, approximately \$754,600 U.S. dollars at the exchange rate prevailing at the time of the transaction. The loan has a term of ten years. The loan bears interest at 6.1% with quarterly payments of \$9,400 for both principal and interest.

Note 7 - Lease Information

The following is an analysis of property under capitalized leases:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	2007	2006
Machinery and equipment	\$ 164	\$ 164
Furniture and office equipment	252	252
Transportation equipment	1,020	741
	<u>1,436</u>	<u>1,157</u>
Less accumulated amortization	774	650
	<u>\$ 662</u>	<u>\$ 507</u>

The Piping Systems business leases manufacturing and warehouse facilities, land, transportation equipment and office space under non-cancelable operating leases, which expire beginning 2007 through 2017. The Filtration Products business leases approximately 67,000 square feet of production and office space under an operating lease, which began in June 2004 and expires in July 2010. Management expects that these leases will be renewed or replaced by other leases in the normal course of business.

At January 31, 2008, future minimum annual rental commitments under non-cancelable lease obligations were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Operating Leases	Capital Leases
2008	\$ 1,358	\$ 141
2009	1,121	104
2010	677	43
2011	231	5
2012	41	-
Thereafter	86	-
Future minimum lease payments (Note 6)	<u>\$ 3,514</u>	<u>\$ 293</u>

Rental expense for operating leases was \$1,690,800, \$1,333,900 and \$1,341,600 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Note 8 - Income Taxes

The following is a summary of domestic and foreign income (loss) before income taxes:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Domestic	\$ 1,700	\$ 7,896	\$ (210)
Foreign	(1,189)	(1,138)	1,246
Total	<u>\$ 511</u>	<u>\$ 6,758</u>	<u>\$ 1,036</u>

Components of income tax expense (benefit) are as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Current:			
Federal	\$ 1,581	\$ 1,417	\$ (109)
State and other	384	462	140
Foreign	<u>86</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>566</u>
	2,051	2,076	597
Deferred			
Federal	(1,234)	72	(94)
Foreign	(159)	118	85
State and other	<u>151</u>	<u>(102)</u>	<u>(83)</u>
	(1,242)	88	(92)
Totals	<u>\$ 809</u>	<u>\$ 2,164</u>	<u>\$ 505</u>

The excess tax benefit related to stock options recorded through equity was \$1,466,000, \$945,000, and \$71,000 in 2007, 2006 and 2005, which did not affect net income in 2007, 2006 and 2005. The amounts were recorded as an increase to additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheet and as cash from financing activities in 2007 and 2006, cash from operating activities in 2005 on the consolidated statement of cash flows.

During the fourth quarter, management determined that all of its foreign net operating loss (“NOL”) carryovers and most of its state NOL carryovers were no longer more likely than not realizable. Additional tax expense of \$583,000 was recorded to establish a valuation allowance against those deferred tax assets. Management believes that the remainder of its deferred tax assets, which primarily relate to its profitable domestic operations, are more likely than not to be realized.

The difference between the provision (benefit) for income taxes and the amount computed by applying the Federal effective rate of 34% is as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Tax expense at federal statutory rate	\$ 174	\$ 2,297	\$ 352
Valuation allowance for net operating losses *	583	0	0
Research tax credit	(223)	(826)	(68)
State tax expense (benefit), net of federal benefit	125	160	(28)
Return to provision adjustments	68	(33)	65
Foreign rate tax expense (benefit) differential	32	702	228
Other – net	<u>50</u>	<u>(136)</u>	<u>(44)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 809</u>	<u>\$ 2,164</u>	<u>\$ 505</u>

* Valuation allowances against foreign and state net operating loss benefits:

For 2007 operating losses	\$ 298,000
For prior year operating loss carryovers	<u>285,000</u>
Total	\$ 583,000

Components of the deferred income tax asset balances were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Accrued commissions and bonuses	\$ 1,226	\$ 1,308
Non-qualified deferred compensation	1,161	903
Research tax credit	1,003	338
Other accruals not yet deducted	891	746
Inventory valuation allowance	472	453
Foreign NOL carryover	299	0
State NOL carryover	298	242
FAS 123R stock compensation	200	0
Goodwill	166	252
Inventory uniform capitalization	132	113
Accrued pension	132	0
Allowance for doubtful accounts	97	87
Other	108	97
Capital loss carry forward from sale of foreign subsidiary	0	104
Subtotal	<u>6,185</u>	<u>4,643</u>
Valuation allowance for net operating losses	(583)	0
Net Deferred Tax Assets	<u>\$ 5,602</u>	<u>\$ 4,643</u>

Components of deferred income tax liability balances were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Prepays	\$ 342	\$ 285
Foreign deferred liability	189	348
Depreciation	162	813
Minimum pension liability	0	153
Totals	<u>\$ 693</u>	<u>\$ 1,599</u>

The classifications in the balance sheet were:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Current assets	\$ 2,488	\$ 2,382
Long-term assets	2,421	662
Net deferred tax asset	<u>\$ 4,909</u>	<u>\$ 3,044</u>

In the first quarter of 2007, the Company adopted FIN 48. The total amount of unrecognized tax liability as of February 1, 2007 was approximately \$573,700, all of which would impact the effective tax rate if recognized. A decrease of \$504,500 was recorded to retained earnings as of February 1, 2007 upon the adoption of FIN 48. During 2007, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions increased by \$130,400 for a total of \$704,100 at January 31, 2008, which, if ultimately recognized, will increase the Company's annual effective tax rate. These non-current income tax liabilities are recorded in other long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. Included in the total unrecognized tax liability were estimated accrued interest of \$33,700 and penalties of \$44,100. The Company's policy is to include interest and penalties in income tax expense.

The following table summarizes unrecognized tax benefit activity during 2007:

Description	Balance (in thousands)
Balance at February 1, 2007	\$ 574
Decreases in positions taken in a prior period	(8)
Increases in positions taken in a current period	196
Decreases due to lapse of statute of limitations	(58)
Balance at January 31, 2008	\$ <u>704</u>

The Company is subject to income taxes in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various states and foreign jurisdictions. Tax regulations within each jurisdiction are subject to the interpretation of the related tax laws and regulations and require significant judgment to apply. Generally, tax years back to January 31, 2005 are open for federal and state tax purposes. In addition, federal and state tax losses generated in years January 31, 2001 through January 31, 2004 are subject to adjustment on audit, up the amount of loss claimed in those years.

The Company's management periodically estimates the probable tax obligations of the Company using historical experience in tax jurisdictions and informed judgments. There are inherent uncertainties related to the interpretation of tax regulations in the jurisdictions in which the Company transacts business. The judgments and estimates made at a point in time may change based on the outcome of tax audits, as well as changes to or further interpretations of regulations. If such changes take place, there is a risk that the tax rate may increase or decrease in any period. Tax accruals for tax liabilities related to potential changes in judgments and estimates for both federal and state tax issues are included in current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet.

Note 9 - Employee Retirement Plans

Pension Plan

The Winchester facility has a defined benefit plan covering its hourly rated employees. The benefits are based on fixed amounts multiplied by years of service of retired participants. The Company engages outside actuaries to calculate its obligations and costs. The funding policy is to contribute such amounts as are necessary to provide for benefits attributed to service to date and those expected to be earned in the future. The amounts contributed to the plan are sufficient to meet the minimum funding requirements set forth in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The Company may contribute additional amounts at its discretion.

The market related value of plan assets at January 31, 2008 was \$3,912,100; 3,773,261 in Vanguard Balanced Index Fund, \$86,229 in Vanguard REIT Index Fund, \$52,440 in Fifth Third Banksafe Trust and \$180 accrued income. The plans hold no securities of MFRI, Inc. 100% of the assets are held for benefits under the plan. The target asset allocation was 95% to 100% mutual funds. The investment policy is to invest all funds in the Vanguard Balanced Index Fund except for cash needed to pay benefits and investment expenses for the year. At January 31, 2008, 98.76% of plan assets were held in mutual funds and the remaining 1.3% was in a money market fund. The expected long-term rate-of-return-on-assets is based on historical long-term rates of equity and fixed income investments and the asset mix objective of the funds.

The following provides a reconciliation of benefit obligations, plan assets and funded status of the plan:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	2007	2006
Accumulated benefit obligations:		
Vested benefits	\$ 3,928	\$ 3,642
Accumulated benefits	4,030	3,696
Change in benefit obligation:		
Benefit obligation – beginning of year	\$ 3,991	\$ 3,600
Service cost	113	97
Interest cost	222	198
Amendments	0	250
Actuarial loss (gain)	79	(56)
Benefits paid	(115)	(98)
Benefit obligation – end of year	\$ 4,290	\$ 3,991
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets – beginning of year	\$ 3,869	\$ 3,420
Actual return on plan assets	61	339
Company contributions	97	208
Benefits paid	(115)	(98)
Fair value of plan assets – end of year	\$ 3,912	\$ 3,869
Funded status	\$ (378)	\$ (122)
Amounts recognized in Accumulated other comprehensive income:		
Net loss	\$ 721	\$ 397
Prior service cost	549	657
Net amount recognized	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,054
The amount of prior service cost and net loss to be amortized in the following year is \$107 and -0-, respectively.		
Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net cost and benefit		
Obligations for years ended January 31:		
End of year benefit obligation	5.692%	5.710%
Service cost discount rate	5.710%	5.620%
Expected return on plan assets	8.000%	8.000%
Rate of compensation increase	N/A	N/A
Components of net periodic benefit cost:		
Service cost	\$ 114	\$ 97
Interest cost	223	198
Expected return on plan assets	(306)	(276)
Amortization of prior service cost	107	82
Recognized actuarial loss	0	23
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 138	\$ 124
Amounts recognized in Other comprehensive income:		
Net Loss		
Obligation	\$ (79)	\$ 0
Asset	(245)	0
Reclassify		
Prior Service Cost	107	0
Total in Other comprehensive income	\$ (217)	\$ 0

Cash Flows:*(In thousands)*

Expected employer contributions for fiscal year ending 1/31/2009	\$	118
Expected employee contributions for fiscal year ending 1/31/2009	\$	0
Estimated future benefit payments reflecting expected future service for the fiscal year(s) ending:		
1/31/2009	\$	228
1/31/2010		230
1/31/2011		235
1/31/2012		268
1/31/2013		275
1/31/2014-1/31/2018	\$	1,572

401(k) Plan

The domestic employees of the Company participate in the MFRI, Inc. Employee Savings and Protection Plan, which is applicable to all employees except certain employees covered by collective bargaining agreement benefits. The plan allows employee pretax payroll contributions of up to 16% of total compensation. The Company matches 50% of each participant's contribution, up to a maximum of 3% of each participant's salary.

Contributions to the 401(k) Plan and its predecessors were \$608,200, \$385,400, and \$346,400 for the years ended January 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In 2007 contributions included \$133,800 related to forfeiture allocations for prior years. The Company estimates that it will contribute \$490,000 for the year ending January 31, 2009.

Deferred Compensation Plans

The Company has deferred compensation agreements with key employees. Vesting is based on years of service. Life insurance contracts have been purchased which may be used to fund the Company's obligation under these agreements.

Note 10 - Business Segment and Geographic Information**Business Segment Information**

The Company has three reportable segments: the Piping Systems business, the Filtration Products business, and the Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business. The Piping Systems business engineers, designs, manufactures, and sells specialty piping systems and leak detection and location systems. The Filtration Products business manufactures and sells a wide variety of filter elements for air filtration and particulate collection systems. The Industrial Process Cooling Equipment business engineers, designs, manufactures and sells chillers, mold temperature controllers, cooling towers, plant circulating systems and coolers for industrial process applications. Included in Corporate and Other activity is the subsidiary which engages in the installation of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, which is not sufficiently large to constitute a reportable segment.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. (See Note 2.) The Company evaluates performance based on gross profit and income or loss from operations.

MFRI's reportable segments are strategic businesses that offer different products and services. Each is managed separately based on fundamental differences in their operations. Each strategic business was acquired as a unit and management at the time of acquisition was retained.

The following is information relevant to the Company's business segments:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Net Sales:			
Piping Systems	\$ 104,273	\$ 82,166	\$ 54,657
Filtration Products	97,120	86,362	64,413
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	36,327	41,161	35,517
Corporate and Other	<u>1,767</u>	<u>3,782</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Sales	<u>\$ 239,487</u>	<u>\$ 213,471</u>	<u>\$ 154,587</u>
Gross Profit:			
Piping Systems	\$ 18,952	\$ 16,780	\$ 10,862
Filtration Products	13,776	16,230	11,758
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	8,508	11,274	10,066
Corporate and Other	<u>13</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Gross Profit	<u>\$ 41,249</u>	<u>\$ 44,405</u>	<u>\$ 32,686</u>
Income (Loss) from Operations:			
Piping Systems	\$ 10,623	\$ 9,568	\$ 5,060
Filtration Products	2,220	5,274	2,221
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	(1,227)	1,222	1,544
Corporate and Other	<u>(8,720)</u>	<u>(7,122)</u>	<u>(6,146)</u>
Total Income from Operations	<u>\$ 2,896</u>	<u>\$ 8,942</u>	<u>\$ 2,679</u>
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes:			
Piping Systems	\$ 10,646	\$ 10,059	\$ 5,256
Filtration Products	2,220	5,274	2,221
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	(1,227)	1,222	1,544
Corporate and Other	<u>(11,128)</u>	<u>(9,798)</u>	<u>(7,985)</u>
Total Income before Income Taxes	<u>\$ 511</u>	<u>\$ 6,757</u>	<u>\$ 1,036</u>
Segment Assets:			
Piping Systems	\$ 62,075	\$ 44,130	\$ 30,333
Filtration Products	51,407	51,886	36,179
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	13,319	14,809	12,545
Corporate and Other	<u>13,611</u>	<u>10,615</u>	<u>9,578</u>
Total Segment Assets	<u>\$ 140,412</u>	<u>\$ 121,440</u>	<u>\$ 88,635</u>
Capital Expenditures:			
Piping Systems	\$ 2,190	\$ 6,260	\$ 4,043
Filtration Products	2,500	972	1,654
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	187	371	230
Corporate and Other	<u>886</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>388</u>
Total Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ 5,763</u>	<u>\$ 8,269</u>	<u>\$ 6,315</u>
Depreciation and Amortization:			
Piping Systems	\$ 2,063	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,416
Filtration Products	1,459	1,332	1,194
Industrial Process Cooling Equipment	393	413	357
Corporate and Other	<u>516</u>	<u>474</u>	<u>555</u>
Total Depreciation and Amortization	<u>\$ 4,431</u>	<u>\$ 4,067</u>	<u>\$ 3,522</u>

Geographic Information

Net sales are attributed to a geographic area based on the destination of the product shipment. Long-lived assets are based on the physical location of the assets and consist of property, plant and equipment used in the generation of revenues in the geographic area.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Net Sales:			
United States	\$ 166,424	\$ 175,096	\$ 129,556
Europe	31,073	13,595	9,830
Asia	27,336	14,598	8,860
Mexico, South America, Central America and the Caribbean	6,521	3,663	3,719
Canada	5,350	5,370	2,471
Africa	2,029	734	0
Other	754	415	151
Total Net Sales	<u>\$ 239,487</u>	<u>\$ 213,471</u>	<u>\$ 154,587</u>
Long-Lived Assets:			
United States	\$ 21,601	\$ 20,744	\$ 20,340
United Arab Emirates	7,413	7,603	3,445
Europe	6,225	5,011	4,535
South Africa	162	83	0
Total Long-Lived Assets	<u>\$ 35,401</u>	<u>\$ 33,441</u>	<u>\$ 28,320</u>

Note 11 - Supplemental Cash Flow Information

A summary of annual supplemental cash flow information follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Noncash Financing and Investing Activities:			
Fixed assets acquired under capital leases	\$ 124	\$ 372	\$ -

Note 12 - Stock Options

Under the 2004 Stock Option Plan (“Option Plans”), 250,000 shares of common stock are reserved for issuance to key employees of the Company and its affiliates as well as certain advisors and consultants to the Company. In addition, under the 2004 Option Plan, the number of shares that may be issued shall be increased by an additional two percent of the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of the last day of the most recently completed fiscal year of the Company, beginning January 31, 2005. Option exercise prices will be no less than fair market value for the common stock on the date of grant. The options granted under the Option Plan may be either non-qualified options or incentive options.

Pursuant to the 2001 Independent Directors’ Stock Option Plan (the “Directors’ Plan”), an option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock is granted automatically to each director who is not an employee of the Company (an “Independent Director”) on the date the individual is first elected as an Independent Director, an option to purchase 1,000 shares was granted to each Independent Director acting on December 31, 2001, and options to purchase 1,000 shares are granted to each Independent Director upon each date such Independent Director is re-elected as an Independent Director, commencing with the Company’s annual meeting for the year 2002.

Effective February 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provision of SFAS No. 123R (revised 2004), “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS 123R”) using the modified-prospective-transition method. Under this transition method, compensation cost recognized includes compensation costs for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not vested as of February 1, 2006 based on the fair value at grant date estimated in accordance with SFAS 123. The Company awarded 152,700 shares stock-based compensation to employees, officers or directors in 2007. The stock-based compensation expense for the year ended January 31, 2008 was \$504,304. The Company

awarded 109,500 shares stock-based compensation to employees, officers or directors in 2006. The stock-based compensation expense for the year ended January 31, 2007 was \$138,420. In accordance with SFAS 123R, results for prior periods have not been restated.

As of January 31, 2008, there was \$2,207,300 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements granted under the Plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average period of 3.5 years.

Such options vest ratably over four years and are exercisable for up to ten years from the date of grant. To cover the exercise of vested options, the Company generally issues new shares from its authorized but unissued share pool. The Company calculates stock compensation expense based on the grant date fair value of the option and recognizes expense on a straight-line basis over the four-year vesting period of the option.

The following summarizes the changes in options under the plans:

	2007			2006		2005	
	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year	548,323	\$ 4.91	\$	733,596	\$ 4.22	688,380	\$ 3.62
Granted	152,700	28.71		109,500	10.075	101,600	7.61
Exercised	(254,393)	3.67	3,836,700	(253,772)	4.58	(50,034)	2.90
Cancelled	(10,038)	5.08		(41,001)	8.39	(6,350)	3.49
Outstanding at end of year	<u>436,592</u>	\$ 13.59	\$ 2,902,600	<u>548,323</u>	\$ 4.91	<u>733,596</u>	\$ 4.22
Options exercisable at year-end	<u>224,567</u>		\$ 2,473,200	<u>418,121</u>		<u>655,496</u>	

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Number Outstanding at January 31, 2008	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Outstanding at January 31, 2008	Weighted Average Exercise Price	
\$2.00-\$2.99	53,204	5.0	\$ 2.16	53,204	\$ 2.16	
\$3.00-\$3.99	89,513	4.0	3.13	88,513	3.13	
\$4.00-\$4.99	4,400	2.0	4.13	4,400	4.13	
\$7.00-\$7.99	52,250	7.4	7.61	52,250	7.61	
\$10.00-\$10.99	89,325	8.4	10.08	18,750	10.08	
\$17.00-\$17.99	5,000	9.7	17.85	1,250	17.85	
\$26.00-\$26.99	2,500	9.5	26.05	0	0	
\$28.00-\$28.99	140,400	9.4	28.99	6,200	28.99	
	<u>436,592</u>	7.2	\$ 13.59	<u>224,567</u>	\$ 5.34	

	Nonvested Stock Outstanding	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at beginning of the year	130,202	\$ 8.67
Granted	152,700	28.71
Vested	(61,189)	11.20
Expired or forfeited	(9,688)	19.25
Outstanding at end of the year	<u>212,025</u>	\$ 22.34

Based on historical experience the Company expects 93% of these options to vest.

On November 10, 2005, the FASB issued Staff Position No. 123 (R)-3, Transition Election Related to Accounting for Tax Effects of Share-Based Payments Awards, or Staff Position 123(R)-3. The Company has elected to adopt the alternative method provided in Staff Position 123(R)-3 for calculating the tax effects of stock-based compensation pursuant to Statement 123 (R). The alternative transition method simplifies the calculation of the beginning balance

of the additional paid-in-capital pool, or APIC pool, related to the tax effect of employee stock-based compensation. This method also has subsequent impact on the APIC pool and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows relating to the tax effects of employee stock-based compensation awards that are outstanding upon adoption of Statement 123(R).

Prior to February 1, 2006, the Company accounted for its equity-based awards in accordance with the recognition and measurement provisions of APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25"), and related interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"). The Company did not recognize stock-based compensation cost in its Consolidated Statement of Operations prior to February 1, 2006, since the options granted had an exercise price equal to the market value of the common stock on the grant date.

The principal variable assumptions utilized in valuing options and the methodology for estimating such model inputs include: (1) risk-free interest rate - an estimate based on the "Market yield on U.S. Treasury securities at 7-year constant maturity, quoted on investment basis" for the end of week closest to the stock option grant date, from the Federal Reserve web site; (2) expected volatility - an estimate based on the historical volatility of MFRI Common Stock's weekly closing stock price for the period 1/1/93 to the date of grant; and (3) expected life of the option - an estimate based on historical experience including the effect of employee terminations.

The weighted average fair value of options granted during 2007 (net of options surrendered), 2006 and 2005 are estimated at \$14.54, \$5.99 and \$4.36, per share, respectively, on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes Merton option-pricing model, with the following weighted average assumptions:

	2007	2006	2005
Expected volatility	51.72 %	52.23 %	51.95 %
Risk-free interest rate	4.26% - 5.16 %	5.16 %	3.86 %
Dividend yield	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Expected life in years	5.0	7.0	7.0

The effect on earnings and earnings per share if the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123R was applied to the year ending January 31, 2005 is shown below:

<i>(In thousands except per share information)</i>	2005
Net income – as reported	\$ 531
Compensation cost under fair-market value-based accounting method, net of tax	\$ (343)
Net income – pro forma	\$ 188
Net income - per common share – basic and diluted, as reported	\$ 0.10
Net income - per common share – basic and diluted, pro forma	\$ 0.04
Reported diluted EPS higher than pro forma diluted EPS	\$ 0.06

Note 13 - Stock Rights

On September 15, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors declared a dividend of one common stock purchase right (a "Right") for each share of MFRI's common stock outstanding at the close of business on September 22, 1999. The stock issued after September 22, 1999 and before the redemption or expiration of the Rights is also entitled to one Right for each such additional share. Each Right entitles the registered holders, under certain circumstances, to purchase from the Company one share of MFRI's common stock at \$25.00, subject to adjustment. At no time will the Rights have any voting power.

The Rights may not be exercised until 10 days after a person or group acquires 15% or more of the Company's common stock, or announces a tender offer that, if consummated, would result in 15% or more ownership of the Company's common stock. Separate Rights certificates will not be issued and the Rights will not be traded separately from the stock until then. Should an acquirer become the beneficial owner of 15% or more of the Company's common stock, Rights holders other than the acquirer would have the right to buy common stock in

MFRI, or in the surviving enterprise if MFRI is acquired, having a value of two times the exercise price then in effect. Also, MFRI's Board of Directors may exchange the Rights (other than those of the acquirer which will have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of MFRI common stock (and/or other securities, cash or other assets having equal value) per Right subject to adjustment. The Rights described in this paragraph and the preceding paragraph shall not apply to an acquisition, merger or consolidation approved by the Company's Board of Directors.

The Rights will expire on September 15, 2009, unless exchanged or redeemed prior to that date. The redemption price is \$0.01 per Right. MFRI's Board of Directors may redeem the Rights by a majority vote at any time prior to the 20th day following public announcement that a person or group has acquired 15% of MFRI's common stock. Under certain circumstances, the decision to redeem requires the concurrence of a majority of the independent directors.

Note 14 - Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of the unaudited quarterly results of operations for the years 2007 and 2006:

	2007			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<i>(In thousands except per share information)</i>				
Net Sales	\$ 56,954	\$ 58,944	\$ 65,086	\$ 58,503
Gross Profit	10,792	12,277	11,200	6,980
Net income (loss)	1,038	1,443	983	(3,762)
Weighted average number of common shares:				
Outstanding – basic	6,537	6,611	6,652	6,707
Outstanding – diluted	6,821	6,836	6,880	6,707
Per Share Data:				
Net income (loss) – basic	\$ 0.16	0.22	0.15	\$ (0.56)
Net income (loss) - diluted	\$ 0.15	0.21	0.15	\$ (0.56)
	2006			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<i>(In thousands except per share information)</i>				
Net Sales	\$ 46,932	\$ 53,542	\$ 64,182	\$ 48,815
Gross Profit	9,805	12,521	14,367	7,712
Net income (loss)	151	2,314	2,720	(592)
Weighted average number of common shares:				
Outstanding – basic	5,281	5,306	5,381	5,464
Outstanding – diluted	5,662	5,710	5,677	5,464
Per Share Data:				
Net income (loss) – basic	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.51	\$ (0.12)
Net income (loss) - diluted	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.48	\$ (0.12)

Fourth quarter 2006 diluted loss per share had previously been reported as (\$0.10). The fourth quarter for 2007 and 2006 had a net loss; therefore the diluted earnings per share for the quarter were identical to the basic earnings per share rather than assuming conversion, exercise, or contingent issuance of securities that would have an anti-dilutive effect on earnings per share.

Note 15 - Product Warranties

The Company issues a standard warranty with the sale of its products and sells extended warranty contracts to customers. The Company's recognition of warranty liability is based, generally, on analyses of warranty claims experiences in the operating units in the preceding years. Changes in the warranty liability in 2007, 2006 and 2005 are summarized below:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2007	2006	2005
Aggregate product warranty liability at beginning of year	\$ 1,259	827	\$ 738
Aggregate accruals related to product warranties	2,964	1,996	907
Aggregate reductions for payments	(2,669)	(1,535)	(802)
Aggregate changes for pre-existing warranties	(167)	(29)	(16)
Aggregate product warranty liability at end of year	\$ 1,387	\$ 1,259	\$ 827

Note 16 - Subsequent Event

Subsequently on March 4, 2008, the Company purchased land and a building for \$6,400,000 for a new Filtration Products manufacturing facility in Bolingbrook, Illinois, borrowing \$5,440,000 under a mortgage note secured by the property.

Schedule II

MFRI, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS For the Years Ended January 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

In Thousands

Description	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Deductions from Reserves (1)	Charged to other accounts (2)	Balance at End of Period
Year Ended January 31, 2008:					
Allowance for possible losses in collection of trade receivables	\$ 352	\$ 198	\$ 175	\$ 9	\$ 384
Year Ended January 31, 2007:					
Allowance for possible losses in collection of trade receivables	\$ 504	\$ 141	\$ 340	\$ 47	\$ 352
Year Ended January 31, 2006:					
Allowance for possible losses in collection of trade receivables	\$ 482	\$ 91	\$ 142	\$ 73	\$ 504

(1) Uncollectible accounts charged off

(2) Primarily related to recoveries from accounts previously charged off and currency translation

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MFRI, INC.

Date: April 30, 2008

/s/ David Unger
David Unger
Chairman of the Board of Directors, and
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

DAVID UNGER*	Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)))))	
HENRY M. MAUTNER*	Director))	
BRADLEY E. MAUTNER*	Director and President))	
MICHAEL D. BENNETT*	Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)))	April 10, 2008
ARNOLD F. BROOKSTONE*	Director))	
EUGENE MILLER*	Director))	
STEPHEN B. SCHWARTZ*	Director))	
DENNIS KESSLER*	Director)	

*By: /s/ David Unger Individually and as Attorney in Fact
David Unger

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
3(i)	Certificate of Incorporation of MFRI, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Registration Statement No. 33-70298]
3(ii)	By-Laws of MFRI, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Registration Statement No. 33-70298]
4	Specimen Common Stock Certificate [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to Registration Statement No. 33-70794]
10(a)	1993 Stock Option Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of Registration Statement No. 33-70794]
10(b)	1994 Stock Option Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(c) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 1994 (SEC File No. 0-18370)]
10(c)	2001 Independent Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(d)(5) to the Company's Schedule TO filed on May 25, 2001 (SEC File No. 0-18370)]
10(d)	Form of Directors Indemnification Agreement
10(e)	MFRI 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(e) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2006 (SEC File No. 0-18370)]
10(f)	Loan and Security Agreement between the Company and Fleet Capital Corporation dated July 11, 2002 and the amendments thereto dated October 3, 2002, December 12, 2002, April 30, 2003, October 31, 2003, July 1, 2004 and March 28, 2005. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(f) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2006 (SEC File No. 0-18370)]
10(g)	Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement between the Company and Bank of America dated December 15, 2006
10.1*	Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement.
14	Code of Conduct [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 14 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004 (SEC File No. 0-18370)]
21*	Subsidiaries of MFRI, Inc.
23*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm – Grant Thornton LLP
24*	Power of Attorney executed by directors and officers of the Company
31*	Rule 13a – 14(a)/15d – 14(a) Certifications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Chief Executive Officer certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (2) Chief Financial Officer certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32*	Section 1350 Certifications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Chief Executive Officer certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (2) Chief Financial Officer certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

* Filed herewith

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of MFRI, Inc. will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 19, 2008 at:

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