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## **FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)		
[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTIO  For the fiscal year ended December 31		FIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
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For the transition period from	to	
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inTEST Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)		
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DELAWARE	22-	2370659
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Numb	er)
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephon	ne number, including area code	e: (856) 424-6886
Securities regis	tered pursuant to Section 12(b	o) of the Act:
Title of Each Class	<u>s</u> .	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share		NASDAQ
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if 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 / / No /X/

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes / / 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. /X/

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes / / No /X/

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold on June 30, 2008 (the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second quarter), was: \$14,266,838.

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Common Stock, as of June 15, 2009, was 10,057,706.

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# PART I

Item 1.

#### BUSINESS

#### Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

From time to time, we make written or oral "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements contained in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, (including this Report on Form 10-K), our annual report to stockholders and in other communications. These statements do not convey historical information, but relate to predicted or potential future events, such as statements of our plans, strategies and intentions, or our future performance or goals. Our forward-looking statements can often be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "expects," "intends," "may," "will," "should" or "anticipates" or similar terminology, and include, but are not limited to, statements made in this Report regarding:

- our ability to continue as a "going concern";
- the indicators of a change in the industry cycles in the integrated circuit, or IC, and automatic test equipment, or ATE, industries:
- developments and trends in the IC and ATE industries;
- the possibility of future acquisitions or dispositions;
- our cost-containment initiatives;
- the implementation of current and future restructuring initiatives;
- costs associated with compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and new SEC regulations;
- the development of new products and technologies by us or our competitors;
- the availability of materials used to manufacture our products;
- the availability of qualified personnel;
- ♦ general economic conditions;
- net revenues generated by foreign subsidiaries;
- exchange rate fluctuations;
- the increasing use of front-end testing by semiconductor manufacturers;
- ♦ variable product warranty costs;
- pressure on prices from OEM customer supply line managers;
- ♦ stock price fluctuations;
- ♦ the anticipated market for our products;
- the sufficiency of cash balances, lines of credit and net cash from operations; and
- ♦ other projections of net revenues, taxable income (loss), net earnings (loss), net earnings (loss) per share, capital expenditures and other financial items.

Investors and prospective investors are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are only projections based on current estimations. These statements involve risks and uncertainties and are based upon various assumptions. We discuss many of these risks and uncertainties under Item 1A "Risk Factors," below, and elsewhere in this Report. These risks and uncertainties, among others, could cause our actual future results to differ materially from those described in our forward-looking statements or from our prior results. We are not obligated to update these forward-looking statements, even though our situation may change in the future.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We are an independent designer, manufacturer and marketer of mechanical, thermal and electrical products that are used by semiconductor manufacturers in conjunction with automatic test equipment, or ATE, in the testing of integrated circuits, or ICs. Our high performance products are designed to enable semiconductor manufacturers to improve the efficiency of their IC test processes and, consequently, their profitability. We supply our products worldwide to major semiconductor manufacturers and semiconductor test subcontractors directly and through leading ATE manufacturers. Our largest customers include Analog

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Devices, Inc., Avago Technologies, Cascade Microtech, Inc., Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, Flextronics International Ltd., Hakuto Co. Ltd., LTX-Credence Corporation, STMicroelectronics N.V., Teradyne, Inc. and Texas Instruments Incorporated.

The consolidated entity is comprised of inTEST Corporation (parent) and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. inTEST Corporation was incorporated in New Jersey in 1981 and reincorporated in Delaware in April 1997. We manage our business as three product segments as more fully discussed under "Our Segments" below which consist of our Mechanical Products (formerly known as Manipulator and Docking Hardware), Thermal Products (formerly known as Temperature Management) and Electrical Products (formerly known as Tester Interface) segments.

During 2008, we completed two acquisitions of complementary businesses as part of our strategies to expand our business through the acquisition of complementary businesses or technologies as well as to diversify our revenue streams outside the ATE market.

In July 2008, we acquired the assets of Diamond Integration, L.L.C., ("Diamond") a business that provides post-warranty service for ATE equipment to semiconductor manufacturers. The total cost to acquire these assets was \$262,000. The results of Diamond are included in our Mechanical Products segment. Please see Note 3 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for detail of the purchase price allocation.

In October 2008, we acquired Sigma Systems Corp. ("Sigma"), a manufacturer of thermal platforms, custom configured environmental chambers and other environmental test solutions for a variety of industries including automotive, medical/pharmaceutical, electronic, aerospace/defense and ATE. Sigma is included in our Thermal Products segment and has expanded our product offerings outside the ATE market. We believe Sigma's products are highly complementary to our other thermal products and will greatly facilitate our further penetration into non-ATE markets. The purchase price was approximately \$3.5 million and was paid with \$1.0 million in cash, 550,000 shares of our common stock, and the issuance of non-negotiable promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$1.5 million. In addition, during the closing of the transaction we repaid \$303,000 of debt on the books of Sigma and incurred transaction costs of \$226,000. Please see Note 3 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for detail of the purchase price allocation.

#### **Business Environment**

Changes in global economic conditions affect the demand for products which contain semiconductors which in turn has a significant impact on the demand for ATE. The global economy and financial markets have been experiencing extreme disruption in recent months. This has caused a significant weakening in both consumer and business demand for products which contain semiconductors, which in turn has caused the ATE utilization rates at our customers to decline materially from normal levels. As a result, we experienced a significant decline in the bookings and sales of our products during the fourth quarter of 2008, which has continued into 2009. We expect demand to be weak and visibility to be poor throughout the balance of 2009.

As a result of the deterioration in our business in late 2008 and early 2009, we have taken a number of steps to reduce our fixed operating costs and preserve cash. These actions have included workforce reductions, salary and benefit reductions for remaining staff, facility closures and other operating expense reductions. Our goal has been to reduce our fixed cost structure to a level better aligned with the current reduced level of demand we expect to continue for the next several quarters. These actions and trends are more fully discussed in Item

7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations" below.

#### **INDUSTRY**

#### Overview

Historically, the semiconductor market has been characterized by rapid technological change, wide fluctuations in demand and shortening product life cycles. Designers and manufacturers of a variety of electronic and industrial products, such as cell phones, telecom and datacom systems, Internet access devices, computers, transportation and consumer electronics, require increasingly complex ICs to provide improved end-product performance demanded by their customers. Semiconductor manufacturers generally compete based on product performance and price. We believe that testing costs represent a significant portion of the total cost of manufacturing ICs. Semiconductor manufacturers remain under pressure to maximize production

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yields and reduce testing costs. At the same time, the growing complexity of ICs has increased the difficulty of maximizing test yields. In order to address these market trends, semiconductor manufacturers strive for more effective utilization of ATE, smaller test areas and increased wafer level testing.

Demand for new ATE and related equipment depends upon several factors, including the demand for products that incorporate ICs, the increasing complexity of ICs and the emergence of new IC design, production and packaging technologies. Some of the evolutionary changes in IC technologies include the shift to 300 mm wafers in production, system-on-a-chip, or SOC, where digital, analog and memory functions are combined on a single IC, and chip scale packaging. As a result of these and other advances, semiconductor manufacturers may require additional ATE not only to handle increases in production but also to handle the more sophisticated testing requirements of ICs.

#### IC Test Process

Semiconductor manufacturers typically produce ICs in multiples of several hundred on a silicon wafer which is later separated or "diced" into individual ICs. Extended leads are then attached to the individual ICs, for later connection to other electrical components. In most cases, the ICs are then encapsulated in a plastic, ceramic or other protective housing. These process steps are called "packaging."

Wafers are tested before being diced and packaged, to ensure that only properly functioning ICs are packaged. This testing step has several names, including "front-end test," "wafer test," "wafer probe" or "wafer sort." In front-end test, an electronic handling device known as a wafer prober automatically positions the wafer under a probe card which is electronically connected to a "test head," which connects electrically to a test system. During front-end testing there is a growing trend of thermally conditioning the wafer during test, especially in the memory and automotive markets. Once the good ICs have been identified, they are packaged.

The packaged ICs also require testing, called "back-end test" or "final test," to determine if they meet design

and performance specifications. Packaged ICs are tested after loading into another type of electronic handling device called a "package handler" or "handler," which then transfers the packaged ICs into a test socket which is attached to the test head. These handlers may be temperature controlled for testing. "Wafer probers" and "handlers" are sometimes referred to in this Report collectively as "electronic device handlers."

Testers range in price from approximately \$100,000 to over \$3.0 million each, depending primarily on the complexity of the IC to be tested and the number of test heads (typically one or two) with which each tester is configured. Probers and handlers range in price from approximately \$50,000 to \$500,000. A typical test floor of a large semiconductor manufacturer may have 100 test heads and 100 probers or 250 handlers supplied by various vendors for use at any one time.

Test head manipulators, also referred to as positioners, facilitate the movement of the test head to the electronic device handler. Docking hardware mechanically connects the test head to the wafer prober or handler. Tester interface products provide the electrical connection between the test head and the wafer or packaged IC. Traditionally, temperature management products are used in back-end test to allow a manufacturer to test packaged ICs under the extreme temperature conditions in which the IC may be required to operate. However, we believe that temperature-controlled testing will be an increasingly important part of front-end wafer testing as more parameters traditionally tested for in back end-test are moved to front-end test.

#### Trends in IC Testing

ATE is used to identify unacceptable packaged ICs and bad die on wafers. ATE assists IC manufacturers in controlling test costs by performing IC testing in an efficient and cost-effective manner. In order to provide testing equipment that can help IC manufacturers meet these goals, we believe the ATE industry must address the following issues:

Change in Technology. Currently, most semiconductor manufacturers use 200 mm and 300 mm wafer technology, with 300 mm technology gradually replacing 200 mm technology in order to increase throughput and lower manufacturing costs. In addition, end-user applications are demanding ICs with increasingly higher performance, greater speeds, and smaller sizes. ICs that meet these higher standards are more complex and dense. SOC designs are likely to be more in demand in the future. These technology trends have significant implications for the IC testing process, including:

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- ♦ the need for test heads of higher complexity;
- ♦ higher signal densities;
- ♦ increasing test speeds; and
- a new generation of testers for SOC and other technologies.

#### Need for Plug-Compatibility and Integration

. Semiconductor manufacturers need test methodologies that will perform increasingly complex tests while lowering the overall cost of testing. This can require combining ATE manufactured by various companies into optimally performing systems. Semiconductor manufacturers have to

work closely with various test hardware, software, interface and component vendors to resolve design and compatibility issues in order to make these vendors' products plug-compatible with test equipment manufactured by other vendors.

Testing Under Extreme Conditions. ICs will have to perform across a wider spectrum of temperature and environmental conditions than ever before because of the growing complexity of products in which they are deployed. Temperature testing will likely find an increasing role in front-end, wafer level testing. Creating a uniform thermal profile over much larger wafer areas represents a significant engineering and design challenge for ATE manufacturers.

Demand for Higher Levels of Technical Support. As IC testing becomes more complex, semiconductor manufacturers demand higher levels of technical support on a routine basis. ATE manufacturers must commit appropriate resources to technical support in order to develop close working relationships with their customers. This level of support also requires close proximity of service and support personnel to customers' facilities.

Cost Reduction Through Increased Front-End Testing. As the cost of testing ICs increases, semiconductor manufacturers will continue to look for ways to streamline the testing process to make it more cost-effective, such as the recent trend to use massive parallel test, in which semiconductor manufacturers test multiple ICs on the wafer simultaneously. We believe that this factor will lead to more front-end, wafer-level testing.

#### **OUR SOLUTIONS**

Historically, we have focused our development efforts on designing and producing high quality products that provide superior performance and cost-effectiveness. We have sought to address each manufacturer's individual needs through innovative and customized designs, use of the best materials available, quality manufacturing practices and personalized service. We have designed solutions to overcome the evolving challenges facing the ATE industry, which we believe provide the following advantages:

Scalable, Universal, High Performance Interface Technology. Our universal test head manipulators provide a high degree of positioning flexibility with a minimum amount of effort. As a result, our products can be used in virtually any test setting. Our manipulator products are designed to accommodate the increased size of test heads. Our docking hardware offers precise control over the connection to test sockets, probing assemblies and interface boards, reducing downtime and minimizing costly damage to fragile components. Our tester interface products optimize the integrity of the signals transmitted between the test head and the device under test by being virtually transparent to the test signals. This results in increased accuracy of the test data and may thus enable improved test yields. We believe that these characteristics will gain even more significance as testing becomes even more demanding.

Compatibility and Integration. A hallmark of our products has been, and continues to be, compatibility with a wide variety of ATE. Our mechanical products are all designed to be used with otherwise incompatible ATE. We believe this integrated approach to ATE facilitates smooth changeover from one tester to another, longer lives for interface components, better test results, increased ATE utilization and lower overall test costs.

Temperature-Controlled Testing. Our Thermostream (R) products are used by manufacturers in a number of industries to stress test a variety of semiconductor and electronic components, PC boards and sub-assemblies. Our Thermochuck (R) products are used by semiconductor manufacturers for front-end temperature stress screening at the wafer level. Factors motivating manufacturers to use temperature testing include design characterization, failure analysis and quality control as well as determining performance under extreme operating temperatures, all of which contribute to manufacturing cost savings. Our

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recent acquisition of Sigma has significantly increased our product offerings in the area of temperature-controlled testing. Sigma's thermal platforms and temperature and humidity chambers can accommodate large thermal masses and are found in both laboratory and production environments.

Worldwide Customer Service and Support. We have long recognized the need to maintain a physical presence near our customers' facilities. As of December 31, 2008, we had domestic manufacturing facilities in New Jersey, Massachusetts and California, as well as an overseas manufacturing facility in Asia. We provide service to our customers from sales and service offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia. As part of our 2009 restructuring actions, we approved the suspension of manufacturing operations at our Singapore operation and the closure of our sales office in Japan both of which were a part of our Mechanical Products segment. These items are more fully discussed in Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below. Despite these actions, our engineers remain easily accessible to, and can work directly with, most of our customers from the time we begin developing our initial proposal, through the delivery, installation and use of the product by our customer. In this way, we are able to develop and maintain close relationships with our customers.

#### **OUR STRATEGIES**

Recently, we have had to balance our actions to achieve appropriate adjustments to our operating structure and yet meet the needs of our customers in the changing business environment. In addition, we remain committed to our goals of being recognized in our markets as the designer and manufacturer of the highest quality and most cost effective products and becoming the key supplier of all of our customers' ATE needs, other than probers, handlers and testers. Our strategies to achieve these goals include the following:

*Providing Technologically Advanced Solutions*. We are committed to designing and producing only the highest quality products which incorporate innovative designs to achieve optimal cost-effectiveness and functionality for each customer's particular situation. Our engineering and design staff is continually engaged in developing new and improved products and manufacturing processes.

Leveraging Our Strong Customer Relationships. Our technical personnel work closely with ATE manufacturers to design tester interface and docking hardware that are compatible with their ATE. As a result, we are often privy to proprietary technical data and information about these manufacturers' products. We believe that because we do not compete with ATE manufacturers in the prober, handler and tester markets, we have been able to establish strong collaborative relationships with these manufacturers that enable us to develop ancillary ATE products on an accelerated basis.

Maintaining Our International Presence. Our existing and potential customers are concentrated in certain regions throughout the world. We believe that we must maintain a presence in the markets in which our customers operate. We currently have offices in the U.S., Europe and Asia. As part of our 2009 restructuring actions, we approved a facility closure as well as significant staff reductions in certain offices. Despite these actions, we continue to maintain appropriate personnel with relatively easy access for our customers. These items are more fully discussed in Item 7 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below.

Pursuing Synergistic Acquisitions. A key element of our growth strategy has been to acquire businesses, technologies or products that are complementary to our current product offerings. Since our initial public offering in 1997, we have acquired several businesses which have enabled us to expand our line of product offerings and have given us the opportunity to market a broader range of products to our customer base and, in the case of both the Temptronic acquisition in 2000 and the Sigma acquisition in 2008, provided access to markets that are less sensitive to cyclicality than the ATE market. At the current time, acquisition targets are generally suffering from similar recessionary effects as we are experiencing. Consequently, the prospects of finding an appropriate candidate and financing for same is severely limited. However, when business conditions improve, if we have financial resources to do so, we would seek to renew our strategy to make acquisitions that will further expand our product lines, enabling us to become a key supplier to the test floor for a complete selection of equipment compatible with testers, probers and handlers of all manufacturers.

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Pursuing Revenue Growth Opportunities Outside the Semiconductor ATE Market.

Another element of our growth strategy is to pursue revenue growth opportunities in markets we have not traditionally served, such as the automotive, medical/pharmaceutical, electronic, aerospace/defense, communications and consumer electronics. We believe that we may be able to reduce some of the cyclicality that we have historically experienced by further diversifying our revenue streams outside the semiconductor ATE market. We see the most potential for this within our Thermal Products segment. For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 approximately \$5.9 million or 15%, \$7.0 million or 15% and \$6.1 million or 10%, respectively, of our consolidated net revenues were derived from markets outside semiconductor test. These revenues were all generated by our Thermal Products segment. We cannot determine at this time whether we will continue to be successful in building our sales in these non-traditional markets or what the growth rate of our sales in these markets will be in future periods.

Controlling costs. At the same time as we are pursuing growth opportunities, we will seek ways to more aggressively streamline our cost structure, so that we are positioned to offer products at prices that provide the margin for a reasonable profit as well as the resources for continual product development.

#### **OUR SEGMENTS**

Our business is managed as three segments, which are also our reporting units: Mechanical Products (formerly known as Manipulator and Docking Hardware), Thermal Products (formerly known as Temperature Management) and Electrical Products (formerly known as Tester Interface).

Our Mechanical Products segment consists of our manufacturing operation in Cherry Hill, New Jersey as well as our subsidiaries in Singapore (inTEST Pte), Japan (inTEST KK) and Germany (Intestlogic GmbH). During the fourth quarter of 2008, we completed the closure of inTESTLOGIC GmbH in Germany. In April 2009, we approved the closure of inTEST KK in Japan, which we expect to complete by the end of the second quarter of 2009. Also in April 2009, we approved the suspension of manufacturing at inTEST Pte in Singapore, which we expect to complete by the end of the second quarter of 2009. We plan to centralize all manufacturing of mechanical products in our Cherry Hill facility. The facility closure and consolidation actions described above are in response to the aforementioned significant reduction in demand we experienced in late 2008 and early 2009.

Our Thermal Products segment consists of our subsidiaries in Sharon, Massachusetts (Temptronic Corporation), El Cajon, California (Sigma Systems Corp.), which we acquired in October 2008, and Germany (Temptronic GmbH).

Our Electrical Product segment consists of our subsidiary in San Jose, California (inTEST Silicon Valley Corporation).

Semiconductor manufacturers use our mechanical products during testing of wafers and specialized packaged ICs. They use our thermal and electrical products in both front-end and back-end testing of ICs. These ICs include microprocessors, digital signal processing chips, mixed signal devices, MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems), application specific ICs and specialized memory ICs, and are used primarily in the automotive, aerospace, computer, consumer products and telecommunications industries. We custom design most of our products for each customer's particular combination of ATE.

#### Mechanical Products

Manipulator Products. We offer four lines of manipulator products: the in2(R), the M Series, the Aero Series and the recently introduced Cobal Series. These free-standing universal manipulators can hold a variety of test heads and enable an operator to reposition a test head for alternate use with any one of several probers or handlers on a test floor. Certain members of the Aero family are also available as a lower-cost solution for dedicated prober-only or handler-only test cell applications.

The in2(R) and Cobal Series of manipulator products incorporate our balanced floating-head design. This design permits a test head weighing up to 3,000 pounds to be held in an effectively weightless state, so it can be moved manually or with optional powered assistance, up or down, right or left, forward or backward and rotated around each axis (known as six degrees of motion freedom) by an operator using a modest amount of force. The same design features enable the operator to dock the test head without causing inadvertent damage to the fragile electrical contacts. As a result, after testing a particular production lot of ICs, the operator can quickly and easily disconnect a test head that is held in an in2(R) manipulator and equipped with our docking hardware and dock it to another electronic device handler for testing either a subsequent lot of the same packaged ICs or to test different ICs. The in2(R) and Cobal Series manipulators range in price from approximately \$12,000 to \$159,000.

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The M Series line of manipulator products consists of the M400 and M500 manipulators. These compact universal manipulators are designed to handle test heads weighing less than 550 pounds. The up and down movement is counter-balanced by an air-pressure-based floating state technology. The M Series manipulators range in price from approximately \$12,000 to \$32,000.

The Aero Series of manipulator products consists of the Aero 650, Aero 450H and Aero 150P manipulators. These manipulators are designed to handle test heads weighing less than 1,500 pounds. The up and down movement is supported by an air-pressure-based floating state technology. The Aero Series manipulators range in price from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Docking Hardware Products. Our docking hardware products protect the delicate interface contacts and ensure proper repeatable and precise alignment between the test head's interface board and the prober's probing assembly or the handler's test socket as they are brought together, or "docked." A simple cam action docks and locks the test head to the prober or handler, thus eliminating motion of the test head relative to the prober or handler. This minimizes deterioration of the interface boards, test sockets and probing assemblies which is caused by constant vibration during testing. Our docking hardware products are used primarily with floating-head universal manipulators when maximum mobility and inter-changeability of handlers and probers between test heads is required. By using our docking hardware products, semiconductor manufacturers can achieve cost savings through improved ATE utilization, improved accuracy and integrity of test results, and reduced repairs and replacements of expensive ATE interface products.

We believe our docking hardware products offer our customers the ability to make various competing brands of test heads compatible with various brands of probers and handlers by only changing interface boards. This is called "plug-compatibility." Plug-compatibility enables increased flexibility and utilization of test heads, probers and handlers purchased from various manufacturers. We believe that because we do not compete with ATE manufacturers in the sale of probers, handlers or testers, ATE manufacturers are willing to provide us with the information that is integral to the design of plug-compatible products. Our docking hardware products range in price from approximately \$2,000 to \$25,000.

#### Thermal Products

Our thermal products are sold into the environmental test market encompassing a wide variety of industries including aerospace, automotive, communications, consumer electronics, defense, medical and semiconductor industries. Our thermal products enable a manufacturer to test semiconductor wafers and ICs, electronic

components and assemblies, mechanical assemblies and electromechanical assemblies. These products provide the ability to characterize and stress test a variety of materials over extreme and variable temperature conditions that can occur in actual use.

ThermoChuck(R) Products: Our ThermoChuck(R) precision vacuum platform assemblies, used primarily in the semiconductor industry, quickly change and stabilize the temperature of semiconductor wafers accurately and uniformly during testing without removing the wafer from its testing environment. Such temperatures can range from as low as -65 degrees Celsius to as high as +400 degrees Celsius. ThermoChucks(R) are incorporated into wafer prober equipment for laboratory analysis and for in-line production testing of semiconductor wafers. ThermoChuck(R) products range in price from approximately \$16,000 to \$90,000.

ThermoStream(R) Products: Our ThermoStream(R) products are used in the semiconductor industry as a stand-alone temperature management tool, or in a variety of electronic test applications as part of our MobileTemp(TM) systems. ThermoStream(R) products provide a source of heated and cooled air which can be directed over the component or device under test. These systems are capable of controlling temperatures to within +/- 0.1 degree Celsius over a range of -90 degrees Celsius to as high as +225 degrees Celsius within 1.0 degree Celsius of accuracy. As a stand-alone tool, ThermoStreams(R) provide a temperature-controlled air stream to rapidly change and stabilize the temperature of packaged ICs and other devices.

Our MobileTemp(TM) Series combines our ThermoStream(R) products with our family of exclusive, high-speed ThermoChambers(TM) to offer thermal test systems with fast, uniform temperature control in a compact package enabling temperature testing at the test location. MobileTemp(TM) Systems are designed specifically for small thermal-mass applications beyond the semiconductor market and have found application in the automotive, electronic, fiber optic, medical and oil field service industries testing such things as electronic sub-assemblies, sensor assemblies, and printed circuit boards.

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Traditionally, our customers used ThermoStream(R) products primarily in engineering, quality assurance and small-run manufacturing environments. However, increasingly, our customers use ThermoStream(R) products in longer-run production applications. ThermoStream(R) and MobileTemp(TM) products range in price from approximately \$6,000 to \$45,000.

Our recent acquisition of Sigma has significantly broadened our product line and provided access to a wide array of market applications. Sigma products are used to test or condition products in almost every market, including food, pharmaceutical, medical, electronic test, and material test, to name a few.

Thermal and Humidity Chambers: Our chamber products are available in variety of sizes, from small bench-top units to chambers with internal volumes of twenty-seven cubic feet and greater and with temperature ranges as wide as of -190 degrees Celsius to +500 degrees Celsius. Chambers can be designed to utilize liquid nitrogen or liquid carbon dioxide cooling or mechanical refrigeration, and sometimes both.

These chambers can accommodate large thermal masses and are found in both laboratory and production environments. Chambers are priced from \$4,000 to \$44,000.

Thermal Platforms: Our platforms are available in surface sizes ranging from 7.2 square inches to 396 square inches. They provide a flat, thermally conductive, precisely temperature controllable surface that is ideal for conditioning and testing devices with a flat surface. Platforms are available with temperature ranges as broad as -185 degrees Celsius to +250 degrees Celsius. Thermal platforms can be designed to utilize either liquid nitrogen or liquid carbon dioxide cooling or mechanical refrigeration. Platforms offer virtually unimpeded access to the device under test and their easy access and compact size makes them ideal for convenient bench-top use. Platforms are priced from \$4,000 to \$32,000.

#### **Electrical Products**

Our electrical products, which include various types of tester interfaces, provide the electrical connections between the tester and the wafer prober or IC handler to carry the electrical signals between the tester and the probe card on the prober or the test socket on the handler. Our designs optimize the integrity of the transmitted signal which increases the accuracy of the test data. Therefore, our tester interfaces can be used with high speed, high frequency, digital or mixed signal interfaces used in testing more complex ICs. Because our tester interface products enable the tester to provide more reliable yield data, our interfaces may also reduce IC production costs. We design standard and modular interface products to address most possible tester/prober combinations on the market today. In addition, we provide a custom design service that will allow any of our customers to use virtually any tester, prober or handler combination with any type of device, such as analog, digital, mixed signal and radio frequency. For example, our Centaur(TM) modular interface is designed to provide flexibility and scalability through the use of replaceable signal modules which can be easily changed on the test floor as our customers' testing requirements change. In addition to the Centaur(TM) modular interface, we also offer over 200 different types of tester interface models that we custom designed for our customers' specific applications. We also offer lines of V-Touch and inScrub test sockets for use in final test applications. These products range in price from approximately \$1,000 to \$100,000.

#### Financial Information About Product Segments and Geographic Areas

Please see Note 19 of our consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of this Report on Form 10-K for additional data regarding net revenues, profit or loss and total assets of each of our segments and revenues attributable to foreign countries.

#### MARKETING, SALES AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

We market and sell our products primarily in markets where semiconductors are manufactured. North American and European semiconductor manufacturers have located most of their back-end factories in Southeast Asia. The front-end wafer fabrication plants of U.S. semiconductor manufacturers are primarily in the U.S. Likewise, European, Taiwanese, South Korean and Japanese semiconductor manufacturers generally have located their wafer fabrication plants in their respective countries.

*Mechanical and Electrical Products*: In North America, we sell to semiconductor manufacturers principally through the use of independent, commissioned sales representatives. North American sales representatives also coordinate product installation and support with our technical staff and participate in trade shows.

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Our internal sales staff handle sales to ATE manufacturers and are responsible for a portfolio of customer accounts and for managing certain independent sales representatives. In addition, our account managers are responsible for pricing, quotations, proposals and transaction negotiations, and they assist with applications engineering and custom product design. Technical support is provided to North American customers and independent sales representatives by employees based in New Jersey, California and Texas.

In Europe and Japan, we sell to semiconductor and ATE manufacturers through our internal sales staff and through the use of independent sales representatives. In April 2009, we approved the closure of our Japanese office, which historically has sold our products as well as acted as a distributor for other third-party ATE manufacturers' products in Japan. We have not yet determined a final closure date for this operation. This operation is being closed as a result of the significant reduction in demand we have experienced in our business during the later portion of 2008 and early 2009, as more fully discussed in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below. In China, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, we sell through the use of independent sales representatives who are supervised by our internal sales staff. International sales representatives are responsible for sales, installation, support and trade show participation in their geographic market areas.

Thermal Products: Sales to ATE manufacturers are handled directly by our own sales force. Sales to semiconductor manufacturers and customers in other industries in the U.S. are handled through independent sales representative organizations. In Singapore and Malaysia, our sales and service are handled through our internal sales and service staff. In the rest of Asia, our sales are handled through distributors. In Europe, sales managers at our office in Germany, as well as regional distributors and independent sales representatives, sell to semiconductor manufacturers and customers in other industries. We visit our distributors regularly and have trained them to sell and service all of our thermal products.

#### **CUSTOMERS**

We market all of our products to end users, which include semiconductor manufacturers and third-party foundries, test and assembly houses as well as original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs"), which include ATE manufacturers and their third-party outsource manufacturing partners. In the case of thermal products, we also market our products to independent testers of semiconductors, manufacturers of electronic, automotive and aeronautical products, and semiconductor research facilities. Our customers use our products principally in production testing, although our ThermoStream(R) products traditionally have been used largely in engineering development and quality assurance. We believe that we sell to most of the major semiconductor manufacturers in the world.

Texas Instruments Incorporated accounted for 16%, 20% and 19% of our consolidated net revenues in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. While all three of our operating segments sold to this customer, these revenues were primarily generated by our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments. Our ten largest customers accounted for approximately 47%, 54% and 59% of our net revenues in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The loss of any one or more of our largest customers, or a reduction in orders by a major customer, could materially reduce our net revenues or otherwise materially affect our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

#### Our largest customers include:

ATE Manufacturers Other

Semiconductor Manufacturers

Cascade Microtech, Inc. Hakuto Co. Ltd.

Analog Devices, Inc.

Flextronics International Ltd. Avago Technologies

Cypress Semiconductor

Corporation

LTX-Credence Corporation

STMicroelectronics N.V.

Teradyne, Inc.

Texas Instruments Incorporated

#### **MANUFACTURING AND SUPPLY**

As of December 31, 2008, our principal manufacturing operations consisted of assembly and testing at our facilities in New Jersey, Massachusetts, California, and Singapore. We had manufacturing operations in Germany at our Intestlogic operation through the end of 2008. During the third quarter of 2008, we announced our decision to close this operation and we completed

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the closure of this facility during the fourth quarter of 2008. In April 2009, we approved the suspension of manufacturing operations at our Singapore operation, which has manufactured products for our Mechanical Products segment. All Mechanical Products segment manufacturing will now be centralized in our Cherry Hill facility. We expect to complete the suspension of manufacturing operations in Singapore by the end of the second quarter of 2009. The consolidation of manufacturing operations in Cherry Hill is being done to reduce our fixed operating costs in response to the significant reduction in demand we have experienced in our business during the later portion of 2008 and early 2009, as more fully discussed in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below. We do not believe the closure of our German manufacturing operation or the suspension of manufacturing operations in Singapore have or will adversely impact our ability to effectively meet our customers' needs. We expect to be able to continue to provide appropriate customer support from our other operations in the U.S. and Asia.

We assemble most of our products from a combination of standard components and custom parts that have been fabricated to our specifications by either third-party manufacturers or our own fabrication operation in New Jersey. Our practice is to use the highest quality raw materials and components in our products. The primary raw materials used in fabricated parts are all widely available. We purchase substantially all of our components from multiple suppliers. Although we purchase certain raw materials and components from single

suppliers, we believe that all materials and components are available in adequate amounts from other sources.

We conduct inspections of incoming raw materials, fabricated parts and components using sophisticated measurement equipment. This includes testing with coordinate measuring machines in all but one of our manufacturing facilities to ensure that products with critical dimensions meet our specifications. We have designed our inspection standards to comply with applicable MIL specifications and ANSI standards.

In 2001, we obtained ISO 9001:1994 certification at our New Jersey facility. During 2003, we made the determination to upgrade to ISO 9001:2000 at our New Jersey facility, which was completed in 2007. In May 2003, our San Jose, California facility obtained ISO 9001:2000 certification and in November 2004, our Massachusetts facility completed ISO 9001:2000 certification. Our facilities in Singapore and El Cajon, California (where Sigma is located) do not have ISO certification.

#### **ENGINEERING AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT**

Our success depends on our ability to provide our customers with products and solutions that are well engineered, and to design those products and solutions before, or at least no later than, our competitors. As of December 31, 2008, we employed a total of 32 engineers, who were engaged full time in engineering and product development. During April 2009, we implemented workforce reductions in our three product segments to reduce our fixed operating costs in response to the significant reduction in demand we have experienced in our business during the later portion of 2008 and early 2009. These workforce reductions will be completed by June 30, 2009. Once completed, we expect we will employ 26 engineers. In addition, when the demands of engineering and product development projects exceed the capacity or knowledge of our in-house staff, we retain temporary third-party engineering and product development consultants to assist us. Our practice in many cases is to assign engineers to work with specific customers, thereby enabling us to develop the relationships and exchange of information that is most conducive to successful product development and enhancement. In addition, some of our engineers are assigned to new product research and development and have worked on such projects as the development of new types of universal manipulators, the redesign and development of new thermal products and the development of high performance interfaces.

Since most of our products are customized, we consider substantially all of our engineering activities to be engineering and product development. We spent approximately \$5.1 million in 2008, \$5.5 million in 2007 and \$5.9 million in 2006 on engineering and product development, respectively.

#### PATENTS AND OTHER PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

Our policy is to protect our technology by filing patent applications for the technologies that we consider important to our business. We also rely on trade secrets, copyrights and unpatentable know-how to protect our proprietary rights. It is our practice to require that all of our employees and third-party product development consultants assign to us all rights to inventions or other discoveries relating to our business that were made while working for us. In addition, all employees and

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third-party product development consultants agree not to disclose any private or confidential information relating to our technology, trade secrets or intellectual property.

As of December 31, 2008, we held 56 active U.S. patents and had 23 pending U.S. patent applications covering various aspects of our technology. Our U.S. patents expire at various times beginning in 2009 and extending through 2025. During 2008, we had two U.S. patents expire and three U.S. patents were issued. Our acquisition of Sigma Systems provided three U.S. patents and one pending U.S. patent application, which are included in these figures. We also hold foreign patents and file foreign patent applications, in selected cases corresponding to our U.S. patents and patent applications, to the extent management deems appropriate.

While we believe that our patents and other proprietary rights are important to our business, we also believe that, due to the rapid pace of technological change in the semiconductor equipment industry, the successful manufacture and sale of our products also depends upon our engineering, manufacturing, marketing and servicing skills. In the absence of patent protection, we would be vulnerable to competitors who attempt to copy or imitate our products or processes. We believe our intellectual property has value, and we have taken in the past, and will take in the future, actions we deem appropriate to protect such property from misappropriation. There can be no assurance, however, that such actions will provide meaningful protection from competition. For additional information regarding risks related to our intellectual property, see "Risk Factors".

#### **COMPETITION**

We operate in an increasingly competitive environment within each of our product segments. Some of our competitors have greater financial resources and more extensive design and production capabilities than we do. Certain markets in which we operate have recently become more fragmented, with smaller companies entering the market. These new smaller entrants typically have much lower levels of fixed operating overhead than we do, which enables them to be profitable with lower priced products. In order to remain competitive with these and other companies, we must be able to continue to commit a significant portion of our personnel, financial resources, research and development and customer support to developing new products and maintaining customer relationships worldwide.

Our competitors include independent manufacturers, ATE manufacturers and, to a lesser extent, semiconductor manufacturers' in-house ATE interface groups. Competitive factors in our market include price, functionality, timely product delivery, customer service, applications support, product performance and reliability. We believe that our long-term relationships with the industry's leading semiconductor manufacturers and other customers, and our commitment to, and reputation for, providing high quality products, are important elements in our ability to compete effectively in all of our markets.

Our principal competitors for manipulator products are Esmo AG, Reid-Ashman Manufacturing and Advantest Corporation. Our principal competitors for docking hardware products include Esmo AG, Knight Automation and Reid-Ashman Manufacturing. We also compete with the ATE manufacturer Teradyne (who is also our customer) on the sale of docking hardware.

Our principal competitors for Thermostream products are Thermonics and FTS Systems. Our principal competitors for Thermochuck products include ERS Electronik GmbH, Advances Temperature Systems GmbH and Espec Corp. Our principal competitors for environmental chambers are Thermotron Industries, Cincinnati Sub-Zero Products, Inc. and Espec Corp. Our principal competitor for thermal platforms is Environmental Stress Systems Inc.

Our principal competitors for tester interface products are Xandex, Inc., Reid-Ashman Manufacturing, Esmo AG and Integrated Test Corporation.

#### **BACKLOG**

At December 31, 2008, our backlog of unfilled orders for all products was approximately \$2.4 million compared with approximately \$4.2 million at December 31, 2007. Our backlog includes customer orders which we have accepted, substantially all of which we expect to deliver in 2009. While backlog is calculated on the basis of firm purchase orders, a customer may cancel an order or accelerate or postpone currently scheduled delivery dates. Our backlog may be affected by the tendency of customers to rely on shorter lead times available from suppliers, including us, in periods of depressed demand. In periods of increased demand, there is a tendency towards longer lead times that has the effect of increasing backlog. As a result of these factors, our backlog at a particular date is not necessarily indicative of sales for any future period.

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#### **EMPLOYEES**

At December 31, 2008, we had 175 full time employees, including 73 in manufacturing operations, 69 in customer support/operations and 33 in administration. During April 2009, we implemented workforce reductions in our three product segments to reduce our fixed operation costs in response to the significant reduction in demand we have experienced in our business during the later portion of 2008 and early 2009. These workforce reductions will be completed by June 30, 2009. Once completed, we expect we will have 107 full time employees, including 40 in manufacturing operations, 45 in customer/support operations and 22 in administration. Substantially all of our key employees are highly skilled and trained technical personnel. None of our employees are represented by a labor union, and we have never experienced a work stoppage. From time to time we retain third-party consultants to assist us in engineering and product development projects and to assist us with our compliance efforts resulting from the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports that are filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, are available free of charge through our website (www.intest.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file them with, or furnish them to, the SEC.

#### **Item 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The following are some of the factors that could materially and adversely affect our future performance or could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking

statements. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones facing us and we cannot predict every event and circumstance that may adversely affect our business. However, these risks and uncertainties are the most significant factors that we have identified at this time. If one or more of these risks actually occurs, our business, results of operations, and financial condition would likely suffer, and the price of our stock could be negatively affected.

#### Current global economic conditions have had an impact on our business and may continue to do so.

Demand for our products and our operating results depend on worldwide economic conditions and their impact on levels of business spending, which have deteriorated significantly in many countries and regions and may remain depressed in the future. These uncertainties have caused our customers to cancel or postpone deliveries of ordered systems and not to place new orders. Continued global economic uncertainties may continue to depress future sales of our products and services.

# Our sales are affected by the cyclicality of the semiconductor industry, which causes our operating results to fluctuate significantly.

Our business depends in significant part upon the capital expenditures of semiconductor manufacturers. Capital expenditures by these companies depend upon, among other things, the current and anticipated market demand for semiconductors and the products that utilize them. Typically, semiconductor manufacturers curtail capital expenditures during periods of economic downtown. Conversely, semiconductor manufacturers increase capital expenditures when market demand requires the addition of new or expanded production capabilities or the reconfiguration of existing fabrication facilities to accommodate new products. These market changes have contributed in the past, and will likely continue to contribute in the future, to fluctuations in our operating results.

# Our independent registered public accounting firm has expressed substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

As discussed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, we have received a report from our independent registered public accounting firm expressing substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on many events, some of which may be outside of our direct control, including, among other things, the success and timeliness of our cost reduction initiatives and the availability of financing, if needed, to fund our working capital requirements. We do not currently have any available credit facilities under which we can borrow to help fund

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our working capital requirements. If we are not successful in controlling our operating expenses, or if we utilize significant amounts of cash to implement our acquisition strategy or some other strategic alternative, the level of our cash may be eroded and may not be sufficient to operate our business. If we have insufficient cash to operate our business, we may be forced to seek relief through a filing under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or liquidate and dissolve our business.

# We may not be able to raise additional funds necessary to continue operating as a going concern on favorable terms or at all.

Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon our ability to obtain additional equity or debt financing, attain further operating efficiencies, reduce expenditures, dispose of selective assets, and/or generate additional revenue. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties. Accordingly, the value of our company in liquidation may be different from the amounts set forth in our financial statements. The uncertainty about our ability to continue as a going concern may also limit our ability to access certain types of financing, prevent us from obtaining financing on acceptable terms, or at all, and may limit our ability to obtain new business due to potential customers' concern about our ability to deliver products or services.

If we are not able to reduce our operating expenses during periods of weak demand, or if we utilize significant amounts of cash to implement our acquisition strategy or other strategic alternatives, we will erode our cash resources and may not have sufficient cash to operate our businesses.

As of December 31, 2008, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$7.1 million. In light of deteriorating conditions in the semiconductor industry and the global economic recession, we initiated a series of restructuring and cost reduction programs during the fourth quarter of 2008 which have continued into the first and second quarter of 2009 in order to conserve cash and reduce costs. These actions include workforce reductions, temporary salary reductions, furloughs and facility closures, as more fully discussed in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below. We will likely incur additional restructuring charges in future periods; however, we cannot predict the amount of such charges at this time. As a result of our continued operating losses, as of May 31, 2009 (unaudited) our cash and cash equivalents have declined to \$3.8 million. Under present market conditions and with our present resources, our goals remain to conserve cash, reduce costs and generate sales of our products. We also continue to consider other alternatives, however, if we are not successful in accomplishing these goals or alternatives, we may be forced to seek relief through a filing under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or liquidate and dissolve our business.

# Our operating results often change significantly from quarter to quarter and may cause fluctuations in our stock price.

During the last several years, our operating results have fluctuated significantly from quarter to quarter. We believe that these fluctuations occur primarily due to the cycles of demand in the semiconductor manufacturing industry. In addition to the changing cycles of demand in the semiconductor manufacturing industry, other factors that have caused our quarterly operating results to fluctuate in the past, and that may cause fluctuations and losses in the future, include:

- ♦ the current worldwide economic slowdown;
- changes in the buying patterns of our customers;
- ♦ changes in our market share;
- ♦ the technological obsolescence of our inventories;
- quantities of our inventories greater than is reasonably likely to be utilized in future periods;
- significant product warranty charges;
- the recording of valuation allowances against deferred tax assets;
- competitive pricing pressures;
- the impairment of our assets due to reduced future demand for our products;
- excess manufacturing capacity;
- our ability to control operating costs;

- costs associated with implementing our restructuring initiatives;
- delays in shipments of our products;

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- ♦ the mix of our products sold;
- ♦ the mix of customers and geographic regions where we sell our products;
- changes in the level of our fixed costs;
- costs associated with the development of our proprietary technology;
- costs and timing of integration of our acquisitions and plant relocations and expansions;
- our ability to obtain raw materials or fabricated parts when needed;
- increases in costs of raw materials;
- cancellation or rescheduling of orders by our customers; and
- political or economic instability.

Because the market price of our common stock has tended to vary based on, and in relation to, changes in our operating results, fluctuations in the market price of our stock are likely to continue as variations in our quarterly results continue.

# We have experienced varying levels of product warranty costs in recent periods and cannot predict the level of such costs that we may incur in future periods.

We accrue product warranty charges quarterly, based upon our historical claims experience. In addition, from time to time, we accrue additional amounts based upon known product warranty issues, such as product retrofits. For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, our product warranty charges (recoveries) were \$55,000, \$(198,000) and \$378,000, or 0.1%, (0.4)% and 0.6% of net revenues, respectively. The level of our product warranty charges both in absolute dollars and as a percentage of net revenues is affected by a number of factors including the cyclicality of demand in the ATE industry, the prototype nature of much of our business, the complex nature of many of our products, the introduction of new product "families" which typically have higher levels of warranty claims than existing product families and, at our discretion, providing warranty repairs or replacements to customers after the contractual warranty period has expired in order to promote strong customer relations. If our products have reliability, quality or other problems, or the market perceives our products to be deficient, we may suffer reduced orders, higher manufacturing costs, delays in collecting accounts receivable and higher service, support and warranty expenses.

#### Our business is subject to intense competition.

We face significant competition throughout the world in each of our product segments. Some of our competitors have substantial financial resources and more extensive design and production capabilities than we do. In order to remain competitive, we must be able to continually commit a significant portion of our personnel and financial resources to developing new products and maintaining customer satisfaction worldwide. We expect our competitors to continue to improve the performance of their current products and

introduce new products or technologies. More recently, in response to significant declines in global demand for our products, some competitors have reduced their product pricing significantly, which has led to intensified price based competition, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We generate a large portion of our sales from a small number of customers. If we were to lose one or more of our large customers, operating results could suffer dramatically.

Texas Instruments Inc. accounted for 16%, 20% and 19% of our consolidated net revenues in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. While all three of our operating segments sold to this customer, these revenues were primarily generated by our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments. Our ten largest customers accounted for approximately 47%, 54% and 59% of our net revenues in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The loss of any one or more of our largest customers, or a reduction in orders by a major customer, could materially reduce our net revenues or otherwise materially affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Changes in the buying patterns of our customers have affected, and may continue to affect, demand for our products and our gross and net operating margins. Such changes in patterns are difficult to predict and may not be immediately apparent.

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In addition to the cyclicality of the semiconductor market, demand for our products and our gross and net operating margins have also been affected by changes in the buying patterns of our customers. We believe that in recent years there have been a variety of changes within the ATE market, including, for example, changing product requirements, longer time periods between new product offerings by OEMs and changes in customer buying patterns. In particular, demand for our mechanical and electrical products, which are sold exclusively within the ATE industry, and our operating margins in these product segments have been affected by shifts in the competitive landscape, including (i) customers placing heightened emphasis on shorter lead times (which places increased demands on our available engineering and production capacity increasing unit costs) and ordering in smaller quantities (which prevents us from acquiring component materials in larger volumes at lower cost and increasing unit costs), (ii) the increasing practice of OEM manufacturers to specify other suppliers as primary vendors, with less frequent opportunities to compete for such designations, (iii) customers requiring products with a greater range of use at the lowest cost, and (iv) customer supply line management groups demanding lower prices and spreading purchases across multiple vendors. These shifts in market practices have had, and may continue to have, varying degrees of impact on our net revenues and our gross and net operating margins. Such shifts are difficult to predict and may not be immediately apparent, and the impact of these practices is difficult to quantify from period to period. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in implementing effective strategies to counter these shifts.

Our customers' purchasing patterns can vary significantly from month to month and cannot be easily predicted, thus resulting in fluctuations in our backlog and quarterly results.

Our backlog at December 31, 2008 was \$2.4 million compared to \$4.2 million at December 31, 2007. Our backlog at the beginning of a quarter typically does not include all orders necessary to achieve our sales objectives for that quarter. Orders in our backlog are subject to cancellation, delay or rescheduling by our customers with limited or no penalties or ability to collect bill back amounts. Throughout recent years, we have experienced customer-requested shipment delays and order cancellations, and we believe it is probable that orders will be cancelled and/or delayed in the future. In addition, during a downturn, some of our customers may rely on short lead times generally available from suppliers, including us, whereas in periods of stronger demand, and longer lead times, customers need to book orders earlier.

We have experienced problems with several customers in collecting outstanding accounts receivable due to cash flow difficulties related to the global economic recession.

Historically, the majority of our customers have paid their outstanding accounts receivable due to us within 30 to 60 days of the shipment date. Recently, as a result of the global economic recession, we have seen many of our customers delay the payment of their outstanding accounts receivable due to us. In addition, we have had two customers recently enter bankruptcy, which may significantly delay collection or reduce the amount we will ultimately collect of the outstanding accounts receivable they owe us. We may have additional customers seek relief under bankruptcy that would delay the collection of other outstanding accounts receivable. As a result, we may need to begin to factor our accounts receivable in order to maintain reasonable levels of cash to operate our business.

If we do not continue to retain the services of key personnel, relationships with, and sales to, some of our customers could suffer, which could have a negative impact on our business.

The loss of key personnel could adversely affect our ability to manage our business effectively. Our future success will depend largely upon the continued services of our senior management and other key employees. More recently, in response to the significant operating losses we have sustained and in an effort to conserve cash, we have implemented workforce reductions, temporary salary reductions and furloughs, reduced or eliminated certain employee benefits and closed facilities. These actions have had a negative impact on overall employee morale. To date, we have not experienced any significant employee turnover as a result of these actions, which we believe is most likely the result of the impact of the global economic recession and increased levels of unemployment in most of the markets in which we operate. As global economic conditions improve and employment opportunities increase, if we are unable to increase employee salaries, eliminate furloughs and return employee benefits which have been previously eliminated, we may not be able to retain our senior management and other key employees. Our business could suffer if we are unable to retain one of more of our senior officers or other key employees.

Significant fluctuations in our net revenues and operating results strain our management, employees and other resources.

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Over the last several years, we have experienced significant fluctuations in our net revenues and operating results. As a result of these sometimes sudden and significant changes in our market, we have implemented cost controls, including salary and benefit reductions, furloughs and restructured our operations. We may implement additional new initiatives to more closely align our cost structure with current market demands. Such fluctuations in our net revenues and operating results, compensation changes and restructuring place strain on our management, employees and other resources.

Our industry is subject to rapid technological change, and our business prospects would be negatively affected if we are unable to quickly and effectively respond to innovation in the semiconductor industry.

Semiconductor technology continues to become more complex as manufacturers incorporate ICs into an increasing variety of products. This trend, and the changes needed in automatic testing systems to respond to developments in the semiconductor industry, are likely to continue. We cannot be certain that we will be successful or timely in developing, manufacturing or selling products that will satisfy customer needs or that will attain market acceptance. Our failure to provide products that effectively and timely meet customer needs or gain market acceptance will negatively affect our business prospects.

If we are not able to obtain patents on or otherwise preserve and protect our proprietary technologies, our business may suffer.

We have obtained domestic and foreign patents covering some of our products which expire between the years 2009 and 2025, and we have applications pending for additional patents. Some of our products utilize proprietary technology that is not covered by a patent or similar protection, and, in many cases, cannot be protected. We cannot be certain that:

- any additional patents will be issued on our applications;
- any patents we own now or in the future will protect our business against competitors that develop similar technology or products;
- our patents will be held valid if they are challenged or subjected to reexamination or reissue;
- others will not claim rights to our patented or other proprietary technologies; or
- others will not develop technologies which are similar to, or can compete with, our unpatented proprietary technologies.

If we cannot obtain patent or other protection for our proprietary technologies, our ability to compete in our markets could be impaired.

#### Claims of intellectual property infringement by or against us could seriously harm our businesses.

From time to time, we may be forced to respond to or prosecute intellectual property infringement claims to defend or protect our rights or a customer's rights. These claims, regardless of merit, may consume valuable management time, result in costly litigation or cause product shipment delays. Any of these factors could seriously harm our business and operating results. We may have to enter into royalty or licensing agreements with third parties who claim infringement. These royalty or licensing agreements, if available, may be costly to us. If we are unable to enter into royalty or licensing agreements with satisfactory terms, our business could suffer. In instances where we have had reason to believe that we may be infringing the patent rights of others, or that someone may be infringing our patent rights, we have asked our patent counsel to evaluate the validity of the patents in question, as well as the potentially infringing conduct. If we become involved in a dispute, neither the third parties nor the courts are bound by our counsel's conclusions.

We seek to acquire additional businesses. If we are unable to do so, our future rate of growth may be

#### reduced or limited.

A key element of our growth strategy is to acquire businesses, technologies or products that expand and complement our current businesses. We may not be able to execute our acquisition strategy if:

- we are unable to identify suitable businesses or technologies to acquire;
- we do not have the cash or access to required capital at the necessary time; or

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• we are unwilling or unable to outbid larger, more resourceful companies.

# Our acquisition strategy involves financial and management risks which may adversely affect our results in the future.

If we acquire additional businesses, technologies or products, we will face the following additional risks:

- future acquisitions could divert management's attention from daily operations or otherwise require additional management, operational and financial resources;
- we might not be able to integrate future acquisitions into our business successfully or operate acquired businesses profitably;
- we may realize substantial acquisition related expenses which would reduce our net earnings in future years; and
- our investigation of potential acquisition candidates may not reveal problems and liabilities of the companies that we acquire.

If any of the events described above occur, our earnings could be reduced. If we issue shares of our stock or other rights to purchase our stock in connection with any future acquisitions, we would dilute our existing stockholders' interests and our earnings per share may decrease. If we issue debt in connection with any future acquisitions, lenders may impose covenants on us which could, among other things, restrict our ability to increase capital expenditures or to acquire additional businesses.

# A substantial portion of our operations exists outside the U.S., which exposes us to foreign political and economic risks.

We have operated internationally for many years and expect to expand our international operations as necessary to continue expansion of our sales and service to our non-U.S. customers. Our foreign subsidiaries generated 27% and 26% of consolidated net revenues in 2008 and 2007, respectively. Export sales from our U.S. manufacturing facilities totaled \$17.0 million, or 44% of consolidated net revenues, in 2008 and \$17.2 million, or 35% of consolidated net revenues, in 2007. The portion of our consolidated net revenues that were derived from sales by our subsidiaries in the Asia-Pacific region was 15% in 2008 and 12% in 2007. We expect our international revenues will continue to represent a significant portion of total net revenues.

However, in addition to the risks generally associated with sales and operations in the U.S., sales to customers outside the U.S. and operations in foreign countries are subject to additional risks, which may, in the future, affect our operations. These risks include:

- political and economic instability in foreign countries;
- ♦ the imposition of financial and operational controls and regulatory restrictions by foreign governments;
- the need to comply with a wide variety of U.S. and foreign import and export laws;
- ♦ trade restrictions:
- ♦ changes in tariffs and taxes;
- ♦ longer payment cycles;
- fluctuations in currency exchange rates; and
- the greater difficulty of administering business abroad.

A significant portion of our cash position is maintained overseas.

While much of our cash is in the U.S., a significant portion is generated from and maintained by our foreign operations. Our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely impacted if we are unable to maintain a sufficient level of cash flow in the U.S. to address our cash requirements or we are unable to efficiently and timely repatriate cash from overseas. Any payment of distributions, loans or advances to us by our foreign subsidiaries could be subject to restrictions on, or taxation of, dividends or repatriation of earnings under applicable local law, monetary transfer restrictions and foreign currency exchange regulations in the jurisdictions in which our subsidiaries operate. If we are unable to repatriate the earnings of our subsidiaries it could have an adverse impact on our ability to redeploy earnings in other jurisdictions where they could be used more profitably.

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We conduct business in foreign currencies, and fluctuations in the values of those currencies could result in foreign exchange losses.

In 2008, approximately 4% of our net revenues were denominated in Japanese yen and approximately 12% were denominated in Euros. During 2008, we recorded foreign exchange currency transaction losses of \$148,000. Future fluctuations in the value of the Japanese Yen or the Euro could result in foreign exchange gains or losses. Any strengthening of the U.S. dollar in relation to the currencies of our competitors or customers, or strengthening or weakening of the Japanese yen or Euro in relation to other currencies in which our customers or competitors do business, could adversely affect our competitiveness. Moreover, a strengthening of the U.S. dollar or other competitive factors could put pressure on us to denominate a greater portion of our sales in foreign currencies, thereby increasing our exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates. Any devaluation of these currencies would hurt our business. We do not undertake hedging activities against

the majority of our exchange rate risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect our competitive position or result in foreign exchange losses, either of which could cause our business to suffer.

# Changes in securities laws and regulations have increased, and may continue to increase, our costs of compliance with such laws and regulations.

Changes in securities laws and regulations have increased our legal compliance and financial reporting costs. Additional recent changes and future changes in securities regulations are expected to continue to affect our costs. In order to comply with certain requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, such as the internal control system requirements of Section 404 of the Act, we have incurred, and expect to incur significant additional expenses in future periods to comply with these new requirements, including the requirement for the review of our internal control system by our independent registered public accounting firm during the year ended December 31, 2009. We are continuing to evaluate and monitor regulatory developments and cannot estimate the timing or magnitude of additional costs we may incur as a result.

# The inability to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting may result in a loss of investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reporting.

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the accompanying rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC to implement that law require us to include in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, an annual report by our management regarding the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. In the year ending December 31, 2009, we will be required to include in our Annual Report on Form 10-K an attestation report by our independent registered public accountant (our IRPA), reporting as to whether it believes we maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the relevant year. During our assessment process, if our management identifies one or more material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting that cannot be remediated in a timely manner, we may be unable to assert that our internal control is effective. While our assessment (as reported in Item 9A(T) of this Report) is that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2008, the effectiveness of our internal control in future periods cannot be assured, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting is effective as of any future date, or if our IRPA does not attest to the effectiveness of our internal control, we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, which could have an adverse effect on our stock price.

We are not in compliance with the requirements for continued listing on NASDAQ due to the late filing of this Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2009. Consequently, our common shares could be delisted from trading on NASDAQ, which could materially adversely affect the liquidity of our common shares, the price of our common shares, and our ability to raise additional capital.

We are not presently in compliance with the requirements for continued listing on The NASDAQ Global Market ("Global Market") due to the late filing of this Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2009. Consequently, our common shares could be delisted from trading on the Global Market. In addition, another requirement for continued listing is that the closing bid price for our common stock be above \$1.00 per share (the "Minimum Bid Price Rule"). NASDAQ has suspended the Minimum Bid Price Rule until July 20, 2009. If the closing bid price for our common stock is not at that time in excess of \$1.00 per share, NASDAQ may take action on that basis. If we receive a notice from NASDAQ that we are not in compliance with the requirement of the Minimum Bid Price Rule, we would have 180 days to regain compliance by having the bid price of our common shares close at \$1.00 per share or more for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days

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prior to the end of the 180-day period. If we fail to satisfy the continued listing requirements of the Global Market, our common shares could be delisted from the Global Market in which case our common shares would be traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market ("Capital Market"), if we satisfy it's minimum initial listing requirements, or The OTC Bulletin Board ("OTC"), if we do not satisfy the minimum initial listing requirements of the Capital Market. As of December 31, 2008, we do not currently meet the minimum initial listing requirements of the Capital Market . There can be no assurance that our common shares would be eligible for trading on any such alternative exchange or market. If we are delisted from NASDAQ, it could materially reduce the liquidity of our common shares, impact the price of our common shares, and impair our ability to raise capital.

Item 1B.

#### UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

Item 2.

#### **PROPERTIES**

At December 31, 2008, we leased 8 facilities worldwide. The following chart provides information regarding each of our principal facilities that we occupied at December 31, 2008.

		Approx.	
	Lease	Square	
	<b>Expiration</b>	<b>Footage</b>	Principal Uses
<b>Location</b>			
	9/10	80,000	Corporate headquarters and design, manufacturing, service
Cherry Hill,			and sales - mechanical products.
NJ			
	2/11	62,400	Design, manufacturing, service and sales - thermal products.
Sharon, MA			
	4/12	25,088	Design, manufacturing, service and sales - electrical products
San Jose, CA		- ,000	6, F F F F F F F F F F F F F F F

We currently have excess space in all facilities we lease and expect these facilities will meet our foreseeable future needs. During 2007, we determined that we had excess capacity in our Cherry Hill facility and negotiated an early exit on the lease for a portion of that facility. In April 2009, in response to the significant reduction in demand we experienced in our business during the later portion of 2008 and early 2009, we approved the closure of a facility that we currently lease in Tokyo, Japan. We expect this facility closure to be completed by June 30, 2009. Our leased facility in Japan, which is part of our Mechanical Products segment,

is currently leased under a month-to-month lease which requires a six-month advance notice to terminate; we provided a termination notice to our landlord in early April. We have not yet been able to determine what our total facility closure costs will be.

Item 3.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time we may be a party to legal proceedings occurring in the ordinary course of business. We are not currently involved in any material legal proceedings.

Item 4.

#### SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matters were submitted to our stockholders for a vote during the fourth quarter of 2008.

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#### **PART II**

Item 5.

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

Our common stock is traded on NASDAQ under the symbol "INTT." The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices of our common stock, as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market, for the periods indicated. Sale prices have been rounded to the nearest full cent.

	Sales Price		
2000	<u>High</u> <u>Low</u>		
2008	\$ 2.59 \$ 1.75		
First Quarter			
0 10	2.20 1.60		
Second Quarter			

Third Quarter	1.97	1.05
	1.18	.10
Fourth Quarter		
<u>2007</u>		
	4.86	4.01
First Quarter		
	4.93	4.07
Second Quarter		
	4.86	3.00
Third Quarter		
	3.39	2.05
Fourth Quarter		

On June 15, 2009, the closing price for our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market was \$0.20. As of June 15, 2009, we had 10,057,706 shares outstanding that were held of record by approximately 800 shareholders.

We have not paid dividends on our common stock since our initial public offering in 1997, and we do not plan to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Our current policy is to retain any future earnings for reinvestment in the operation and expansion of our business, including possible acquisitions of other businesses, technologies or products. Payment of any future dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors. In addition, our current credit agreement prohibits us from paying cash dividends without the lender's prior consent.

We are not in compliance with the requirements for continued listing on NASDAQ due to the late filing of this Report and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending March 31, 2009. Consequently, our common shares could be delisted from trading on NASDAQ, which could materially adversely affect the liquidity of our common shares, the price of our common shares and our ability to raise additional capital.

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#### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table contains certain selected consolidated financial data of inTEST and is qualified by the more detailed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the other financial information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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# **SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA** (Continued)

	Years Ended December 31.				
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	(in thousands, except per share data)				ata)
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:					
•	\$38,790	\$48,705	\$62,346	\$53,359	\$71,211
Net revenues					
	13,785	18,695	26,307	19,780	28,869
Gross margin	(0.440)	(6.052)	2.520	(2.500)	1 745
Operating income (loss)	(9,440)	(6,853)	3,520	(3,508)	1,745
Speruing meome (1888)	(9,133)	(6,739)	2,871	(3,620)	1,270
Net earnings (loss)	(-,,	(-,,	,	(- ) )	,
Net earnings (loss) per common share:	* (0.0=)	* 40 ==>	*	***	***
Basic	\$(0.97)	\$(0.73)	\$0.32	\$(0.41)	\$0.15
Busic	\$(0.97)	\$(0.73)	\$0.31	\$(0.41)	\$0.14
Diluted	Φ(0.57)	Φ(0.75)	ψ0.51	Φ(0.11)	Ψ0.1 .
Weighted average common shares outstanding .					
•	9,465	9,215	9,047	8,807	8,480
Basic	7,403	7,213	J,0 <del>1</del> 7	0,007	0,400
	9,465	9,215	9,188	8,807	8,804
Diluted					
	As of December 31,				
	<u>2008</u>	2007	<u>2006</u>	2005	<u>2004</u>
	2000		thousand	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>200 î</u>
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:		(		,	
	\$ 7,137	\$12,215	\$13,174	\$ 7,295	\$ 7,686
Cash and cash equivalents	10.600	10.640	20.202	16 105	10.420
Working capital	10,680	18,049	20,393	16,195	18,428
	20,492	27,723	35,759	30,869	33,167
Total assets	•	•	,	•	-

Long-term debt, net of current portion 1,526 8 16 23 47

13,467 21,507 26,822 22,806 26,118

Total stockholders' equity

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements which have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, our recurring losses from operations and deteriorating cash flow raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. See, also, "Risk Factors".

Our business and results of operations are substantially dependent upon the demand for ATE by semiconductor manufacturers and companies that specialize in the testing of ICs. Demand for ATE is driven by semiconductor manufacturers that are opening new, or expanding existing, semiconductor fabrication facilities or upgrading existing equipment, which in turn is dependent upon the current and anticipated market demand for semiconductors and products incorporating semiconductors. In the past, the semiconductor industry has been highly cyclical with recurring periods of oversupply, which often have a severe impact on the semiconductor industry's demand for ATE, including the products we manufacture. This can cause wide fluctuations in both our orders and net revenues and, depending on our ability to react quickly to these shifts in demand, can significantly impact our results of operations. These industry cycles are difficult to predict and in recent years have become more volatile and, in most cases, shorter in duration. Because the industry cycles are generally characterized by sequential periods of growth or declines in orders and net revenues during each cycle, year over year comparisons of operating results may not always be as meaningful as comparisons of periods at similar points in either up or down cycles. In addition, during both downward and upward cycles in our industry, in any given quarter, the trend in both our orders and net revenues can be erratic. This can occur, for example, when orders are canceled or currently scheduled delivery dates are accelerated or postponed by a significant customer or when customer forecasts and general business conditions fluctuate during a quarter.

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

During the second half of 2008, the deterioration in the global economy had a significant negative impact on the demand for ATE. While all of our product segments experienced declines in the demand for their products

during the second half of 2008, some experienced greater reductions in demand than others. Our Mechanical Products (formerly known as Manipulator and Docking Hardware) and Electrical Products (formerly known as Tester Interface) segments both experienced declining bookings throughout 2008; however the reductions in the second half of the year were more significant. The declines in bookings between the first quarter and the fourth quarter of 2008 were 73% in the Mechanical Products segment and 85% in the Electrical Products segment. These declines continued into the first quarter of 2009, with Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segment's bookings down 79% and 93%, respectively, from the first quarter of 2008. We believe the significant declines in the bookings of both of these segments is due to the reduction in demand for ATE resulting from falling ATE utilization rates at our customers, who have experienced weakened demand for their products due to the global economic recession.

Our Thermal Products (formerly known as Temperature Management) segment experienced increased bookings in the first half of 2008 and then reduced bookings in the second half of the year. The fourth quarter 2008 bookings for the Thermal Products segment, adjusted to eliminate the impact of the acquisition of Sigma Systems which was acquired in October 2008, declined 39% from the second quarter of 2008. This trend continued into the first quarter of 2009, with Thermal Products segment bookings, adjusted to eliminate the impact of Sigma, down 68% from the second quarter of 2008. We believe the lower level of declines experienced by the Thermal Products segment reflect the diversification of industries outside semiconductor served by the Thermal Products segment.

We believe that purchases of most of our products are typically made from semiconductor manufacturers' capital expenditure budgets. Certain portions of our business, however, are generally less dependent upon the capital expenditure budgets of the end users. For example, purchases of certain related ATE interface products, such as sockets and interface boards, which must be replaced periodically, are typically made from the end users' operating budgets. In addition, purchases of certain of our products, such as docking hardware, for the purpose of upgrading or improving the utilization, performance and efficiency of existing ATE, tend to be counter cyclical to sales of new ATE. Moreover, we believe a portion of our sales of thermal products results from the increasing need for temperature testing of circuit boards and specialized components that do not have the design or quantity to be tested in an electronic device handler. In addition, in recent years we have begun to market our Thermostream temperature management systems in industries outside semiconductor test, such as the automotive, aerospace, medical and telecommunications industries. We believe that these industries usually are less cyclical than the ATE industry.

While the majority of our orders and net revenues are derived from the ATE market, our operating results do not always follow the overall trend in the ATE market in any given period. We believe that these anomalies may be driven by a variety of changes within the ATE market, including, for example, changing product requirements, longer time periods between new product offerings by OEMs and changes in customer buying patterns. In particular, demand for our mechanical and electrical products, which are sold exclusively within the ATE industry, and our operating margins in these product segments have been affected by shifts in the competitive landscape, including (i) customers placing heightened emphasis on shorter lead times (which places increased demands on our available engineering and production capacity increasing unit costs) and ordering in smaller quantities (which prevents us from acquiring component materials in larger volumes at lower cost and increasing unit costs), (ii) the increasing practice of OEM manufacturers to specify other suppliers as primary vendors, with less frequent opportunities to compete for such designations, (iii) the increased role of third-party test and assembly houses in the ATE market and their requirement of products with a greater range of use at the lowest cost, and (iv) customer supply line management groups demanding lower prices and spreading purchases across multiple vendors. These shifts in market practices have had, and may continue to have, varying levels of impact on our operating results, but it is difficult to quantify the impact of these practices from period to period. Management has taken, and will continue to take, such actions it deems appropriate to adjust our strategies, products and operations to counter such shifts in market practices as they become evident.

### Net Revenues and Orders

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, a breakdown of the net revenues from unaffiliated customers both by product segment and geographic area (based on the location of the selling entity).

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# Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

	Years Ended December 31,				
Net revenues from unaffiliated customers:	2008	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>		
Mechanical Products	\$15,001	\$22,070	\$35,244		
Thermal Products	18,753	22,064	22,794		
Electrical Products	•	6,673 (2,102	·		
Intersegment sales	) \$38,790	) <u>\$48,705</u>	) \$62,346		
Intersegment sales:					
Mechanical Products	\$ 27	\$ 8	\$ 4		
Thermal Products	1,237 459	1,746 348			
Electrical Products	\$1,723	\$2,102	\$3,020		

Net revenues from unaffiliated customers (net of intersegment sales):

Mechanical Products	\$14,974	\$22,062	\$35,240
Thermal Products	-	20,318 <u>6,325</u>	·
Electrical Products	\$38,790	<u>\$48,705</u>	<u>\$62,346</u>
Net revenues from unaffiliated customers:			
U.S.	\$29,225	\$36,377	\$42,559
Europe	3,888 5,677	6,637 	· ·
Asia-Pacific	\$38,790	<u>\$48,705</u>	<u>\$62,346</u>

Our consolidated net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 decreased \$9.9 million or 20% as compared to 2007. The net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Mechanical Products and Thermal Products segments decreased 32% and 14%, respectively, during 2008 as compared to 2007, while the net revenues of our Electrical Products segment increased 1% during 2008 as compared to the prior year. Adjusted to exclude the net revenues of Sigma Systems Corp. ("Sigma") which we acquired in October 2008 as further discussed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements, our consolidated net revenues would have decreased by \$10.9 million or 22% and the net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Thermal Products segment, in which the results of Sigma are included, would have decreased by 19% in 2008 as compared to 2007.

Total orders for the year ended December 31, 2008 decreased to \$37.0 million on a consolidated basis as compared to \$48.1 million for 2007. For our Mechanical Products, Thermal Products and Electrical Products segments, total orders for 2008 were \$14.3 million, \$17.1 million and \$5.6 million, respectively, compared to \$21.4 million, \$20.1 million and \$6.6 million, respectively, for 2007. Adjusted to exclude the orders of Sigma, total consolidated orders for 2008 would have been \$35.5 million and total orders for our Thermal Products segment, would have been \$15.6 million in 2008 as compared to 2007.

We believe that the decline in our net revenues and orders in 2008 reflects further declines in the level of demand in the ATE market in 2008 as compared to 2007, the deterioration in the global economy during the latter part of 2008 as well as many of the factors discussed in the Overview. Both our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments continue to be significantly affected by the aforementioned shifts in the competitive landscape within the ATE market, while our Thermal Products segment has been less impacted by these changes in demand as a result of our ability to successfully market our Thermostream products outside the semiconductor industry. In addition, Sigma, which we acquired in October 2008 and which is included in our Thermal Products segment, sells to several markets outside the semiconductor industry. In both 2008 and 2007, approximately 32% of our Thermal Products segment's net revenues were attributable to

customers in markets outside of semiconductor test.

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# Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

While we experienced reduced levels of demand throughout 2008 in both our Mechanical Products and Thermal Products segments, all three of our segments experienced declines in demand during the second half of the year, and particularly in the fourth quarter of 2008, which we believe reflects both the continued slowdown in demand in the ATE market combined with the impact of the current global economic recession. As a result of these significant declines in demand during the second half of 2008, the net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Mechanical Products, Thermal Products (excluding the net revenues of Sigma) and Electrical Products segments declined 37%, 17% and 63%, respectively, during the second half of 2008 as compared to the first half of the year.

As previously mentioned, although our Electrical Products segment experienced a decline in net revenues during the second half of 2008 as compared to the first half of the year, for 2008 as a whole, the net revenues of our Electrical Products segment increased 1% compared to 2007. We attribute the increase in the net revenues of our Electrical Products segment in 2008 as compared to 2007 primarily to a significantly higher level of orders during the first half of the year for certain new product designs which this segment had been developing in late 2007 and early 2008 for a particular OEM customer. In addition, the second quarter of 2008 also included several orders from this same customer for certain existing product designs sold by this segment. The level of orders for both new and existing product designs from this customer in the third and fourth quarters of 2008 was significantly lower than the level experienced during the first half of 2008. Furthermore, during the third quarter of 2008, this customer indicated that they would not be placing any significant additional orders with any of their vendors for the time being. We believe this action by our customer reflects both the impact of the continued reduction in demand in the ATE market as well as the global economic crisis which has worsened in recent months.

During 2008, our net revenues from customers in the U.S. decreased 20%. After adjustment to eliminate the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, our net revenues from customers in Europe and Asia decreased 46% and 8%, respectively, during 2008 as compared to 2007. The larger percentage decrease in our net revenues from customers in Europe primarily reflects lower demand experienced by our Intestlogic operation in Germany, which we announced our decision to close during the third quarter of 2008. The smaller percentage decrease in our net revenues from customers in Asia primarily reflects increased sales during 2008 of third-party products distributed by our operation in Japan. In the second half of 2007, our net revenues from customers in Asia had significantly declined, primarily as a result of the loss by our Japanese operation of one of the third-party product lines they had been distributing. In 2008, this operation found new distribution opportunities and began to see an increase in net revenues as a result. This increase in sales of third-party products partially offset the decreases in the sales of our internally developed products and resulted in the smaller percentage decline from customers in this region in 2008 as compared to 2007. However, this operation began experiencing more significant operating losses in late 2008 due to the global recession, and, in April 2009, we decided to close this operation, as more fully discussed under "Business Restructuring Initiatives" below.

#### **Backlog**

At December 31, 2008, our backlog of unfilled orders for all products was approximately \$2.4 million compared with approximately \$4.2 million at December 31, 2007. Our backlog includes customer orders which we have accepted, substantially all of which we expect to deliver in 2009. While backlog is calculated on the basis of firm purchase orders, a customer may cancel an order or accelerate or postpone currently scheduled delivery dates. Our backlog may be affected by the tendency of customers to rely on short lead times available from suppliers, including us, in periods of depressed demand. In periods of increased demand, there is a tendency towards longer lead times that has the effect of increasing backlog. As a result, our backlog at a particular date is not necessarily indicative of sales for any future period.

#### **Business Restructuring Initiatives**

In early 2008, we commenced a review of our operations to more aggressively streamline our cost structure in line with the current business environment. As part of this process, we are focusing on methods to increase our profitability worldwide, including pursuing other types of revenue streams and additional growth opportunities. The actions we have taken to date to reduce our operating cost structure are described below. The review of our operations is on-going. In addition, in April 2009, we retained a financial advisor to assist us in assessing our strategic alternatives to enhance operating performance and shareholder value. Under present market conditions and with our present resources, our goals remain to conserve cash, reduce costs and generate sales of our products. We also continue to consider other alternatives, however, if we are not successful in

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### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Continued)

accomplishing these goals or alternatives, we may be forced to seek relief through a filing under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or liquidate and dissolve our business. See "Risk Factors". We will likely incur additional restructuring charges in future periods, however, we cannot predict the amount of such charges at this time.

#### 2009 Restructuring Actions to Date

On January 15, 2009, we approved a reduction in workforce in our Thermal Products segment of 5 employees, representing approximately 6% of the total employees in this segment. We incurred approximately \$60,000 in total costs related to this action for one-time termination benefits. These costs were incurred in the first quarter of 2009. These actions were taken to reduce the operating expenses of this segment in response to current business conditions. We completed the communication of these actions to our employees on January 22, 2009, and expect that the completed actions in this segment will reduce our annual operating expense structure by approximately \$324,000.

Effective March 1, 2009, we implemented salary reductions in each of our three product segments by means of a one-week furlough out of every four weeks in the case of the Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments (a 25% reduction) and a one-week furlough each month in the case of the Thermal

Products segment (a 23% reduction).

On April 8, 2009, we approved reductions in workforce in our Mechanical Products, Thermal Products and Corporate segments of 13, 11 and one employee, respectively, which represented 20%, 15% and 20%, respectively, of the employees in each of these segments. We will incur approximately \$135,000 in total costs related to these actions for one-time termination benefits. These costs will be incurred in the second and third quarters of 2009. We also approved a reduction in the base salary of our Executive Chairman of approximately \$152,000. We completed the communications of these actions to our employees on April 15, 2009.

Also on April 8, 2009, we approved the closure of our Japanese operation, which is part of our Mechanical Products segment. The four full-time and one part-time employees were notified of this planned closure on April 24, 2009. We have not yet determined the final termination dates for these employees or an estimate of the one-time termination benefits and facility closure costs associated with the closure of our Japanese operations.

On April 14, 2009, we approved reductions in workforce in our Singaporean operation, which is also part of our Mechanical Products segment. We plan to terminate 8 employees and notified these employees of their planned termination on April 20, 2009. We have not yet determined the final termination dates for these employees, but we currently expect these actions to be completed by June 30, 2009. We currently estimate that we will incur approximately \$43,000 in total costs related to this action for one-time termination benefits. We expect to incur these costs during the second and third quarters of 2009. In connection with this action, we plan to centralize manufacturing of manipulator and docking hardware products in our Cherry Hill, New Jersey operation.

The reduction in force noted above for the Mechanical Products segment totaled 13 employees, representing 26% of the employees in this segment.

On April 27, 2009, we approved workforce reductions in our Electrical Products segment. On April 30, 2009 we terminated 10 employees and an additional staff person was terminated on May 15, 2009, which represented 61% of the employees in this segment. We will incur approximately \$76,000 in total costs related to these actions for one-time termination benefits. We expect to incur these costs during the second and third quarters of 2009.

We currently expect that the completed actions taken in these segments and company wide in April 2009 will reduce our annual operating expenses by approximately \$3.0 million. All of these actions were taken to further reduce our operating expenses in response to current business conditions.

In May 2009, we modified the one-week furloughs we implemented on March 1, 2009. In our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments, for employees earning over \$75,000 annually we changed from a one-week furlough in every four weeks to a 25% temporary salary reduction. In our Thermal Products segment, for employees earning over \$70,000 annually we changed from a one-week furlough per month to a 23% temporary salary reduction. In cases where the 25% temporary salary reduction would reduce an employee's annual salary below \$75,000 (or where the 23% temporary salary reduction would reduce an employee's annual salary below \$70,000) we did not reduce the employee's annual salary below \$75,000 (or \$70,000).

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2008 Mechanical Products Segment Restructuring Actions

On June 30, 2008, we announced that we were reducing the workforce in our Mechanical Products segment by 18 employees, representing 18% of the total employees in this segment, and implementing a reduced work week for our manufacturing facility in Amerang, Germany (the "Q2 2008 MP Workforce Reduction"). The total costs incurred related to this action were \$200,000. These costs represented one-time termination benefits. This action was completed in the third quarter of 2008. We expect that the completed Q2 2008 MP Workforce Reduction will reduce our annual operating expense structure by approximately \$1.4 million.

On September 12, 2008, we approved a restructuring plan for our Mechanical Products segment (the "Q3 2008 MP Plan"). As a part of this plan, we permanently closed our manufacturing facility in Amerang, Germany and our engineering and sales office in the U.K. In addition to these facility closures, we reduced our domestic workforce by 4 employees, which represented approximately 7% of the total employees in this segment. We also implemented temporary salary reductions for certain employees of this segment, temporarily reduced the fees paid to members of our Board of Directors and implemented permanent reductions for expenses related to our use of third-party vendors. Effective January 1, 2009, we implemented additional temporary and permanent cost reductions associated with our employee benefit plans. This includes the temporary suspension of our 401(k) matching contributions and the implementation of an employee contribution of a portion of the cost of medical coverage for our domestic employees in this segment. The total costs incurred related to these actions were \$331,000, which is made up of \$140,000 for one-time termination benefits and \$191,000 for facility closure costs. These actions were completed during the fourth quarter of 2008. We expect that the completed Q3 2008 MP Plan will reduce our annual operating expense structure by approximately \$2.2 million.

On December 9, 2008, we approved a further reduction in workforce in our Mechanical Products segment of 9 employees, representing approximately 11% of the total employees in this segment (the "Q4 2008 MP Plan"). We incurred approximately \$101,000 in total costs related to this action for one-time termination benefits. These costs were incurred in the fourth quarter of 2008. In addition to the reduction in workforce, we reduced by 40% the hours worked by three employees and reduced by 25% the salary of two employees. These actions were taken to reduce the operating expenses of this segment in response to continued operating losses. These actions were completed during the fourth quarter of 2008. We expect that the completed Q4 2008 MP Plan will reduce our annual operating expense structure by approximately \$798,000.

#### 2008 Electrical Products Segment Restructuring Actions

On September 12, 2008, we approved a restructuring plan for our Electrical Products segment (the "Q3 2008 EP Plan"). As a part of this plan, we reduced our workforce by 3 employees, which represented approximately 9% of the total employees in this segment. We also implemented temporary salary reductions for certain employees of this segment, and, effective January 1, 2009, we implemented additional temporary and permanent cost reductions associated with our employee benefit plans, similar to those discussed above for the Q3 2008 MP Plan. The total costs incurred related to this action were \$8,000, which represented one-time termination benefits. This action was completed in the third quarter of 2008. We expect that the completed Q3 2008 EP Plan will reduce our annual operating expense structure by approximately \$546,000.

On November 19, 2008, we approved a further reduction in workforce in our Electrical Products segment of 10 employees, representing approximately 36% of the total employees in this segment (the "Q4 2008 EP Plan"). We incurred \$77,000 in total costs related to this action for one-time termination benefits. This action was taken to reduce

the operating expenses of this segment in response to continued operating losses. These actions were completed during the fourth quarter of 2008. We expect that the completed Q4 2008 EP Plan will reduce our annual operating expense structure by approximately \$646,000.

#### **Impairment Charges**

Generally accepted accounting principles require us to perform at least an annual assessment for impairment of goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets and to monitor events and changes in circumstances that could indicate carrying amounts of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. At December 31, 2008, we had goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets which totaled \$2.2 million. At December 31, 2008 we also had long-lived assets which totaled \$1.5 million and consisted of finite-lived intangible assets of \$836,000 and property and equipment of \$617,000. During 2008 and 2007, we recorded

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impairment charges for goodwill of \$130,000 and \$2.8 million, respectively. During 2008 and 2007, we recorded impairment charges related to long-lived assets of \$1.4 million and \$535,000, respectively. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of these charges.

#### **Acquisitions**

In July 2008, we acquired the assets of Diamond Integration, L.L.C., ("Diamond") a business that provides post-warranty service for ATE equipment to semiconductor manufacturers. The total cost to acquire these assets was \$262,000. The results of Diamond are included in our Mechanical Products segment. Please see Note 3 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for detail of the purchase price allocation.

As previously mentioned in the discussion of Net Revenues and Orders, on October 6, 2008, we acquired Sigma, a manufacturer of thermal platforms, custom configured environmental chambers and other environmental test solutions for a variety of industries including automotive, medical/pharmaceutical, electronic, aerospace/defense and ATE. Sigma is included in our Thermal Products segment and has expanded our product offerings outside the ATE market. We believe Sigma's products are highly complementary to our other thermal products and will greatly facilitate our further penetration into non-ATE markets. The purchase price was approximately \$3.5 million and was paid with \$1.0 million in cash, 550,000 shares of our common stock, and the issuance of non-negotiable promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$1.5 million. In addition, during the closing of the transaction we repaid \$303,000 of debt on the books of Sigma and incurred transaction costs of \$226,000. Please see Note 3 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for detail of the purchase price allocation.

#### Excess and Obsolete Inventory Charges

On a quarterly basis, we review our inventories and record charges for excess and obsolete inventory based upon our established objective excess and obsolete inventory criteria. These criteria identify material that has not been used in a work order during the prior twelve months and the quantity of material on hand that is greater than the average annual usage of that material over the prior three years. In certain cases, additional excess and obsolete inventory charges are recorded based upon current industry conditions, anticipated product life cycles, new product introductions and expected future use of the inventory. The excess and obsolete inventory charges we record establish a new cost basis for the related inventory. See also the section entitled "Critical Accounting Policies."

We incurred charges for excess and obsolete inventory of \$1.0 million, \$830,000 and \$431,000 for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The level of these charges was based upon a variety of factors, including changes in demand for our products and new product designs. The increase in excess and obsolete inventory charges in 2008 and 2007 reflects the reduced demand for certain of our products, primarily in our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments. See also the section entitled "Critical Accounting Policies."

During the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 we utilized \$102,000, \$155,000 and \$335,000, respectively, of material in production that had been written off as obsolete in prior periods. When previously written off inventory material is used in production, it has a zero cost basis and as a result, has the impact of improving our gross margin in the period used. For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, the use of previously obsoleted inventory materials did not materially change our gross margin.

#### **Product Warranty Charges**

We accrue product warranty charges quarterly, based upon our historical claims experience. In addition, from time to time, we accrue additional amounts based upon known product warranty issues, such as product retrofits. For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, our product warranty charges (recoveries) were \$55,000, \$(198,000) and \$378,000, or 0.1%, (0.4)% and 0.6% of net revenues, respectively. The downward trend in our product warranty charges has been driven by a number of factors including recent improvements in product quality. In addition, warranty claims are typically highest when new products are introduced, and during these years there were no significant sales of newly introduced product families in our Mechanical Products segment.

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The level of our product warranty charges both in absolute dollars and as a percentage of net revenues is affected by a number of factors including the cyclicality of demand in the ATE industry, the prototype nature of much of our business, the complex nature of many of our products, the introduction of new product families which typically have higher levels of warranty claims than existing product families, and, at our discretion, providing warranty repairs or replacements to customers after the contracted warranty period has expired in order to promote strong customer relations. See also "Critical Accounting Policies."

#### Product/Customer Mix

Our three product segments each have multiple products that we design, manufacture and sell to our customers. The gross margin on each product we offer is impacted by a number of factors including the amount of intellectual property (such as patents) utilized in the product, the number of units ordered by the customer at one time, or the amount of inTEST designed and fabricated material included in our product compared with the amount of third-party designed and fabricated material included in our product. The weight of each of these factors, as well as the current market conditions, determines the ultimate sales price we can obtain for our products and the resulting gross margin.

The mix of products we sell in any period is ultimately determined by our customers' needs. Therefore, the mix of products sold in any given period can change significantly from the prior period. As a result, our consolidated gross margin can be significantly impacted in any given period by a change in the mix of products sold in that period.

We sell most of our products to semiconductor manufacturers and third-party test and assembly houses (end user sales) and to ATE manufacturers (OEM sales) who ultimately resell our equipment with theirs to semiconductor manufacturers. Our Thermal Products segment also sells into a variety of other industries including the aerospace, automotive, communications, consumer electronics, defense, and medical industries. The mix of customers during any given period will affect our gross margin due to differing sales discounts and commissions. For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, our OEM sales as a percentage of net revenues were 17%, 21% and 23%, respectively.

OEM sales generally have a lower gross margin than end user sales, as OEM sales historically have had a more significant discount. Our current net operating margins on most OEM sales, however, are only slightly less than margins on end user sales because of the payment of third party sales commissions on most end user sales. We have also continued to experience demands from our OEM customers' supply line managers to reduce our sales prices to them. If we cannot further reduce our manufacturing and operating costs, these pricing pressures will continue to reduce our gross and operating margins.

#### Risk Factors

Please see Item 1A "Risk Factors" for a discussion of other important factors that could cause our results to differ materially from our prior results or those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements.

#### **Results of Operations**

All of our products are used by semiconductor manufacturers in conjunction with ATE in the testing of ICs. Consequently, the results of operations for each product segment are generally affected by the same factors. Separate discussions and analyses for each product segment would be repetitive and obscure any unique factors that affected the results of operations of our different product segments. The discussion and analysis that follows, therefore, is presented on a consolidated basis for the Company as a whole and includes discussion of factors unique to each product segment where significant to an understanding of each segment.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the principal items included in the "Consolidated Statements of Operations" as a percentage of total net revenues.

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	Percentage of Net Revenues Years Ended December 31.			
	2008 100.0%	<u>2007</u> 100.0%	2006 100.0%	
Net revenues  Cost of revenues	64.5	61.6	57.7	
Gross margin	35.5	_38.4	42.3	
Selling expense	20.3	17.4	14.4	
Engineering and product development expense	13.1	11.3	9.5	
General and administrative expense	20.8	16.8	12.8	
Impairment of long-lived assets	3.5	1.1	0.0	
Impairment of goodwill	0.3	5.9	0.0	
Restructuring and other charges	1.8	_0.0	0.0	
Operating income (loss)	(24.3)	(14.1)	5.6	
Other income	0.9	_0.8	_0.8	
Earnings (loss) before income tax expense	(23.4)	(13.3)	6.4	
Income tax expense	0.1	_0.5	_1.8	
Net earnings (loss)	(23.5	(13.8	4.6	

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#### Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2007

Net Revenues. Net revenues were \$38.8 million for 2008 compared to \$48.7 million for 2007, a decrease of \$9.9 million or 20%. During 2008, the net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Mechanical Products and Thermal Products segments decreased 32% and 14%, respectively, as compared to 2007, while the net revenues of our Electrical Products segment increased 1% during 2008 as compared to the prior year. Adjusted to exclude the net revenues of Sigma which we acquired in October 2008 as further discussed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements, our consolidated net revenues would have decreased by \$10.9 million or 22% and the net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Thermal Products segment, in which the results of Sigma are included, would have decreased by 19% in 2008 as compared to 2007. The decrease in our net revenues reflects lower levels of demand experienced in 2008 as compared to 2007 by our Mechanical Products and Thermal Products segments resulting from the factors previously discussed in the Overview. As previously discussed, sales of our tester interface products experienced higher levels of demand during the first half of 2008, primarily due to an increase in orders for new and existing product designs from one particular OEM customer. This increase in demand during the first half of 2008 was the primary reason that total net revenues for 2008 for this segment increased 1% over the level experienced in 2007.

Gross Margin. Gross margin was 36% for 2008 as compared to 38% for 2007. The decrease in gross margin was primarily the result of an increase in our fixed operating costs as a percentage of net revenues. Although the absolute dollar amount of these costs decreased \$1.1 million in 2008 as compared to 2007, they were not as fully absorbed during 2008 due to the lower net revenue levels as compared to 2007 which resulted in these costs increasing to 22% of net revenues in 2008 as compared to 19% of net revenues in 2007. The \$1.1 million decrease in fixed operating costs was primarily driven by reductions in salaries and benefits expense, lower levels of depreciation, and a reduction in facilities costs. Salaries and benefits expense declined in 2008 as compared to 2007 as a result of headcount reductions and other compensation reductions related to our various restructuring plans implemented during 2008. The decrease in depreciation reflects a lower asset base as of December 31, 2008 compared to December 31, 2007. Facilities costs were lower in 2008 as compared to 2007 primarily as a result of lower rent expense due to a reduction in the size of our facility in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. These decreases were partially offset by fixed labor and overhead costs at our machine shop in Cherry Hill which were not as fully absorbed due to lower volume at this operation during 2008 as compared to 2007 as well as the addition of \$164,000 of fixed operating costs resulting from the operations of Diamond which we acquired in July 2008.

To a lesser extent, both direct labor and charges for excess and obsolete inventory increased as a percentage of net revenues in 2008 as compared to 2007. In absolute dollar terms, direct labor declined \$72,000 during 2008 as compared to 2007 reflecting reduced headcount. However, similar to our fixed operating costs, as a result of the reduced revenue levels, these costs were not as fully absorbed in 2008 as compared to 2007. Charges for excess and obsolete inventory increased both in absolute dollar

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terms and as a percentage of net revenues during 2008 as compared to 2007. The \$203,000 increase in the absolute dollar amount of these charges was primarily related to inventory at our manufacturing facility in Amerang, Germany, which we closed during 2008.

The increases in fixed operating costs, direct labor and excess and obsolete inventory charges as a percentage of net revenues were partially offset by a reduction in component material costs as a percentage of net revenues, reflecting changes in product and customer mix.

Selling Expense. Selling expense was \$7.9 million for 2008 compared to \$8.5 million for 2007, a decrease of \$591,000 or 7%. The decrease was primarily driven by lower levels of commissions as a result of the lower sales levels. To a lesser extent, there was also a reduction in travel reflecting both our cost containment efforts and the generally lower level of business activity in 2008 as compared to 2007. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in warranty charges. Total warranty charges were \$55,000 in 2008 compared to warranty recoveries of \$(198,000) in 2007, which reflected favorable claims experience.

Engineering and Product Development Expense. Engineering and product development expense was \$5.1 million for 2008 compared to \$5.5 million for 2007, a decrease of \$455,000 or 8%. The decrease is primarily a result of lower salary and benefits expense, reflecting lower headcount and other compensation adjustments related to our restructuring plans. To a lesser extent there was also a reduction in the use of third-party consultants. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in spending on research and development materials and legal fees related to our intellectual property. The increase in spending on research and development materials was primarily at our facility in Amerang, Germany where development of a new family of manipulators had been ongoing. These development efforts were transferred to our facility in Cherry Hill, New Jersey when the facility in Germany was closed in the fourth quarter of 2008.

General and Administrative Expense. General and administrative expense was \$8.1 million for 2008 compared to \$8.2 million for 2007, a decrease of \$118,000 or 1%. Lower salary and benefits expense reflecting lower headcount and other reductions in compensation, as previously discussed, was partially offset by an increase in fees related to third-party professionals retained in connection with the closure of our facility in Amerang, Germany as well as the acquisition of Sigma.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. During 2008, due to the significant operating losses experienced by our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments, combined with our forecasts that indicated potential future losses for these segments, we recorded a charge of \$1.4 million for the partial impairment of certain long-lived assets. The impaired assets which are allocated to our Electrical Products segment include property and equipment. The impaired assets which are allocated to our Mechanical Products segment include intangible assets which consist of the patent applications held by our Intestlogic subsidiary at the time of our acquisition of this operation in 2002, a customer list and a non-compete agreement which resulted from our acquisition of Diamond in July 2008, as well as certain property and equipment held by our Cherry Hill manufacturing facility and our Japanese sales and distribution operation. During 2007, due to the significant operating losses experienced by our Mechanical Products segment, combined with our forecasts that indicated potential future losses for this product segment, we recorded a charge of \$535,000 for the partial impairment of certain long-lived assets. These long-lived assets consisted of property and equipment at our Cherry Hill manufacturing facility. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of these charges.

Impairment of Goodwill. During 2008 and 2007, due to the significant operating losses experienced by our Mechanical Products segment, combined with our forecasts that indicated potential future losses for this segment, we recorded charges of \$130,000 and \$2.8 million, respectively. In 2008, the charge represented the full impairment of the goodwill that resulted from the acquisition of Diamond in July 2008. In 2007, the charge represented the full impairment of goodwill related to the prior acquisition of the minority interests in

our foreign subsidiaries. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of these charges.

Restructuring and Other Charges. Restructuring and other charges were \$717,000 for 2008. There were no restructuring and other charges in 2007. As previously discussed, during the second half of 2008, we implemented several restructuring plans which included workforce reductions and facility closures. The costs incurred were for one-time termination benefits and lease termination costs related to these actions. In connection with the current review of our operations, we will likely incur restructuring charges in the future, however, we cannot predict the amount at this time.

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Other Income.

Other income was \$360,000 for 2008 compared to \$392,000 for 2007, a decrease of \$32,000. The decrease in other income was primarily due to a decrease in interest income reflecting lower average cash balances. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in other income related to the growth in the cash surrender value of life insurance policies purchased to fund employee benefits at our Japanese subsidiary.

Income Tax Expense. For 2008, we recorded income tax expense of \$53,000 compared to \$278,000 for 2007. Our effective tax rate was (1)% for 2008 compared to (4)% for 2007. We record income tax expense or benefit based on the expected annualized effective tax rate for the various taxing jurisdictions in which we operate our businesses. Due to our history of operating losses in both our domestic and certain of our foreign operations, we have recorded a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets of these operations, including net operating loss carryforwards, where we believe it is more likely than not that we will not have sufficient taxable income to utilize these assets before they expire. During 2008, the income tax expense recorded primarily represents income tax expense on the taxable income of one of our foreign operations where we do not have a history of operating losses and therefore do not have net operating loss carryforwards to offset income tax expense on those earnings.

#### Year Ended December 31, 2007 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2006

Net Revenues. Net revenues were \$48.7 million for 2007 compared to \$62.3 million for 2006, a decrease of \$13.6 million or 22%. During 2007, the net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments decreased 37% and 7%, respectively, as compared to 2006, while the net revenues (net of intersegment sales) of our Thermal Products segment remained relatively unchanged. The decrease in our net revenues reflects lower levels of demand experienced in 2007 as compared to 2006 by our Mechanical Products and Electrical Products segments resulting from the factors previously discussed in the Overview. As previously discussed, sales of our thermal products have not been as significantly affected as our other products by the changes in demand in the semiconductor industry, in part due to our ability to diversify sales.

*Gross Margin*. Gross margin was 38% for 2007 as compared to 42% for 2006. The decrease in gross margin was primarily the result of an increase in our fixed operating costs as a percentage of net revenues. Although the absolute dollar amount of these costs decreased \$427,000 in 2007 as compared to 2006, they were not as fully absorbed during

2007 due to the lower net revenue levels as compared to 2006 which resulted in these costs increasing to 19% of net revenues in 2007 as compared to 16% of net revenues in 2006. The \$427,000 decrease in fixed operating costs was primarily driven by reductions in insurance premiums, lower levels of depreciation, lower salaries and benefits expense and a reduction in facilities costs. The reduction in insurance premiums primarily reflects the reduction in the volume of business activity in 2007 as compared to 2006. The decrease in depreciation reflects a lower asset base as of December 31, 2007 compared to December 31, 2006. Salaries and benefits expense declined in 2007 as compared to 2006 as a result of headcount reductions during 2007, primarily in our Electrical Products segment. Facilities costs were lower in 2007 as compared to 2006 primarily as a result of lower utilities and related facilities costs for our thermal products operation in Sharon, Massachusetts combined with lower rent expense due to a reduction in the size of our facility in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, commencing in October 2007. These decreases were partially offset by fixed labor and overhead costs at our machine shops in Cherry Hill and Silicon Valley which were not as fully absorbed due to lower volume at these operations during 2007 as compared to 2006.

To a lesser extent, both direct labor and charges for excess and obsolete inventory increased as a percentage of net revenues in 2007 as compared to 2006. In absolute dollar terms, direct labor declined \$47,000 during 2007 as compared to 2006 reflecting reduced headcount. However, similar to our fixed operating costs, as a result of the reduced revenue levels, these costs were not as fully absorbed in 2007 as compared to 2006. Charges for excess and obsolete inventory increased both in absolute dollar terms and as a percentage of net revenues during 2007 as compared to 2006. The \$400,000 increase in the absolute dollar amount of these charges reflects that, as demand remains at reduced levels, more of our inventory is meeting the criteria we use to evaluate whether items in our inventory are excess or obsolete.

The increases in fixed operating costs, direct labor and excess and obsolete inventory charges as a percentage of net revenues were partially offset by a reduction in component material costs as a percentage of net revenues, reflecting changes in product and customer mix.

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Selling Expense.

Selling expense was \$8.5 million for 2007 compared to \$8.9 million for 2006, a decrease of \$473,000 or 5%. The decrease was primarily driven by lower levels of warranty charges, reflecting favorable claims experience. To a lesser extent, there was also a reduction in fees paid to third parties for installation of our products at customer sites, primarily in Asia, and lower levels of commissions as a result of the lower sales levels. These decreases were partially offset by an increase in salary and benefits expense reflecting increased headcount, primarily at our Thermal Products and Mechanical Products segments.

Engineering and Product Development Expense. Engineering and product development expense was \$5.5 million for 2007 compared to \$5.9 million for 2006, a decrease of \$400,000 or 7%. During 2006, we received \$700,000 in reimbursement payments for engineering services under a contract with one of the customers of our Electrical Products segment. This reimbursement offset \$379,000 of salary and benefits expense and expenditures for research and development materials incurred during 2006, as well as reimbursing \$321,000 of development costs incurred in

periods prior to the negotiation of this reimbursement contract. The reduction in engineering and product development costs in 2007 as compared to 2006 (after excluding the reimbursement of prior period costs from 2006) is primarily the result of lower salary and benefits expense, reflecting fewer staff, and a reduction in spending on research and development materials, reflecting fewer new product development projects in the prototype phase which require increased spending on research and development materials.

General and Administrative Expense. General and administrative expense was \$8.2 million for 2007 compared to \$7.9 million for 2006, an increase of \$274,000 or 4%. The increase was primarily driven by an increase in salary and benefits expense which reflects both a \$119,000 severance payment in 2007 to the former managing director of our Intestlogic operation as well as the restoration of salaries and benefits in the second and third quarters of 2006 that had been reduced in late 2004 and early 2005 as part of our cost containment initiatives during those years. This increase was partially offset by decreases in performance based compensation as a result of our overall and segment performance for 2007.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. During 2007, due to the significant operating losses experienced by our Mechanical Products segment, combined with our forecasts that indicated potential future losses for this product segment, we recorded a charge of \$535,000 for the partial impairment of certain long-lived assets. These long-lived assets consisted of property and equipment at our Cherry Hill manufacturing facility. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of this charge. There was no similar charge in 2006.

Impairment of Goodwill. During 2007, due to the significant operating losses experienced by our Mechanical Products segment, combined with our forecasts that indicated potential future losses for this product segment, we recorded a charge of \$2.8 million for the full impairment of goodwill related to prior acquisitions made in this product segment. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of this charge. There was no similar charge in 2006.

Restructuring and Other Charges. There were no restructuring and other charges in 2007. Restructuring and other charges were \$23,000 for 2006. The restructuring and other charges recorded during 2006 related to finalizing the sub-lease agreement for the facility where our U.K. manufacturing operation was located prior to its closure in mid-2005.

Other Income. Other income was \$392,000 for 2007 compared to \$470,000 for 2006, a decrease of \$78,000. The decrease in other income was primarily due to an increase in foreign exchange losses. During 2006, we recorded a \$167,000 foreign currency translation adjustment related to the final dissolution of our U.K. operation which was completed during the fourth quarter of 2006. This \$167,000 gain offset the foreign exchange losses we incurred in 2006 in the normal operation of our business. There was no similar transaction in 2007. The increase in foreign exchange losses in 2007 as compared to 2006 was partially offset by an increase in interest income in 2007 as compared to 2006. The increase in interest income reflects higher average cash balances as well as an increase in the rate of interest being earned during 2007 by some of our operations.

*Income Tax Expense.* For 2007, we recorded income tax expense of \$278,000 compared to \$1.1 million for 2006. Our effective tax rate was (4)% for 2007 compared to 28% for 2006. Due to our history of operating losses in both our domestic and certain of our foreign operations, we have recorded a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets of these operations, including net operating loss carryforwards, where we believe it is more likely than not that we will not have sufficient taxable income to utilize these assets before they expire. During 2007, the income tax expense recorded primarily represents income

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tax expense on the taxable income of our foreign operations where we do not have a history of operating losses and therefore do not have net operating loss carryforwards to offset income tax expense on those earnings. The reduction in our effective tax rate for 2007 compared to 2006 reflects that the losses of our domestic operations and certain of our foreign operations represented a larger proportion of our total results for 2007 than in 2006.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Net cash used in operations was \$2.9 million for 2008 compared to \$600,000 for 2007. The increase in cash used in operations in 2008 was primarily the result of our \$9.1 million net loss in 2008 as compared to a net loss of \$6.7 million in 2007. The net loss in 2008 included non-cash charges of \$1.4 million related to the impairment of long-lived assets and \$130,000 related to the impairment of goodwill compared to non-cash charges in 2007 of \$2.8 million related to the impairment of goodwill and \$535,000 related to the impairment of long-lived assets. During 2008, accounts receivable decreased \$3.2 million, inventories decreased \$1.2 million and accounts payable decreased \$822,000, primarily reflecting the lower level of business activity experienced in 2008 as compared to 2007. Prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased \$407,000 primarily as a result of our Japanese operation receiving a refund of an estimated tax payment made in 2007 combined with changes in the amount of prepaid consumption and value added taxes at certain of our foreign subsidiaries. Accrued wages and benefits decreased \$471,000 primarily as a result of the reduction in headcount combined with the timing of payments to employees.

Net cash paid to acquire Sigma and Diamond totaled \$1.8 million during 2008. Please refer to Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements for more information on these acquisitions. Purchases of property and equipment were \$400,000 for 2008. These purchases primarily consisted of demonstration equipment for our facilities in Sharon, Massachusetts and San Jose, California. We have no significant commitments for capital expenditures for 2009; however, depending upon changes in market demand, we may make such purchases as we deem necessary and appropriate.

Net cash used in financing activities for 2008 was \$6,000, which represents payments made under capital lease obligations.

We have a secured credit facility that provides for maximum borrowings of \$250,000. This credit facility is secured by all the assets of inTEST Corporation, Temptronic Corporation and inTEST Silicon Valley Corporation, excluding all patents, trademarks and applications for same. We have not utilized this facility to borrow any funds. Our usage consists of the issuance of letters of credit in the face amount of \$250,000. We pay a quarterly fee of 1.5% per annum on the total amount of the outstanding letters of credit. The terms of the loan agreement require that we maintain a minimum level of \$200,000 of domestic cash. The loan agreement also contains certain negative covenants regarding among other things, acquisitions and additional debt. We have notified the lender that we did not request their prior approval of our recent acquisitions and the debt incurred in the acquisition of Sigma, and, so, may have violated these covenants. We have not yet received a response from the lender regarding the possible waiver of such covenants. This credit facility expires on September 30, 2009, and there can be no assurance that this facility will be renewed. If the credit facility is not renewed, or the violation of the negative covenants is not waived, the letters of credit may be drawn upon or the facility may be revoked and any amounts so drawn or otherwise due under the facility may be deducted from our accounts with the lender.

As of December 31, 2008 we had cash and cash equivalents of \$7.1 million. As a result of our continued operating losses in 2009, as of May 31, 2009 (unaudited) our cash and cash equivalents have declined to \$3.8 million. In light of deteriorating conditions in the semiconductor industry and the global economic recession, we initiated a series of restructuring and cost reduction programs during the fourth quarter of 2008 which have continued into the first and second quarters of 2009, as previously discussed, in order to conserve cash and reduce costs. In April 2009, we retained the services of a financial advisor to assist us in assessing our strategic alternatives to enhance operating performance and stockholder value. Under present market conditions and with our present resources, our goals remain to conserve cash, reduce costs and generate sales of our products. We also continue to consider other alternatives, however, if we are not successful in accomplishing these goals or alternatives, we may be forced to seek relief through a filing under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or liquidate and dissolve our business. See "Risk Factors".

As discussed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, we have received a report from our independent registered public accounting firm expressing substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on many events, some of which may be outside of our direct control, including, among other things, the success and timeliness of our cost reduction initiatives and the availability of financing, if needed, to fund our

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working capital requirements. We have incurred significant losses in three of the last five years including losses in 2008 and 2007. These losses were attributable to operations as well as to charges for impairments and restructurings. We have managed our liquidity during this time primarily through a series of cost reduction initiatives. However, the continuing weakness and turmoil of the macroeconomic environment that began in 2008, and has worsened in 2009, has resulted in a significant reduction in equipment utilization rates in the semiconductor industry, which has had a significant negative impact on our bookings. Our bookings for the first quarter of 2009 decreased to \$3.8 million compared to \$6.3 million for the fourth quarter of 2008 and \$8.2 million for the third quarter of 2008. While we presently see some positive indicators in certain of our segments, we cannot be certain that the downturn is reversing or that we will have sufficient cash to continue to operate. Consequently, we continue to remain focused on methods to restructure our business and reduce our cash burn or to identify appropriate strategic alternatives. However, if we are not successful in accomplishing these goals or alternatives, we may be forced to seek relief through a filing under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or liquidate and dissolve our business. See "Risk Factors". We do not currently have any available credit facilities under which we can borrow to help fund our working capital requirements.

#### **New or Recently Adopted Accounting Standards**

See Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements for information concerning the implementation and impact of new or recently adopted accounting standards.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to inventories, long-lived assets, goodwill, identifiable intangibles, deferred income tax valuation allowances and product warranty reserves. We base our estimates on historical experience and on appropriate and customary assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Some of these accounting estimates and assumptions are particularly sensitive because of their significance to our consolidated financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from what had been assumed when the financial statements were prepared.

#### **Inventory Valuation**

Inventory is valued at standard cost, which approximates actual cost computed on a first-in, first-out basis, not in excess of market value. On a quarterly basis, we review our inventories and record excess and obsolete inventory charges based upon our established objective excess and obsolete inventory criteria. These criteria identify material that has not been used in a work order during the prior twelve months and the quantity of material on hand that is greater than the average annual usage of that material over the prior three years. In certain cases, additional charges for excess and obsolete inventory are recorded based upon current industry conditions, anticipated product life cycles, new product introductions and expected future use of the inventory. The charges for excess and obsolete inventory that we record establish a new cost basis for the related inventory. In 2008, we recorded an inventory obsolescence charge for excess and obsolete inventory of \$1.0 million.

#### **Long-Lived Asset Valuation**

We assess the impairment of identifiable intangibles and long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Factors we consider important which could indicate impairment include significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results, significant changes in the manner of our use of the asset or the strategy for our overall business and significant negative industry or economic trends. When we determine that the carrying value of intangibles and/or long-lived assets may not be recoverable based upon the existence of one or more of the above indicators of impairment, we prepare projections of operations for our product segments where these intangibles and/or long-lived assets are associated. If the carrying value of the intangible assets and/or long-lived assets exceeds the undiscounted cash flows of our projections, then we would measure the impairment charge. We measure the impairment based on the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the assets. At December 31, 2008, identifiable

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intangibles and long-lived assets were \$2.0 million. During 2008, we recorded a \$1.4 million charge for the impairment of certain long-lived assets of our Mechanical Products and our Electrical Products segments. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of this charge.

#### **Goodwill**

At least annually, we review our goodwill for impairment by comparing the fair value of our reporting units to their carrying values. If the result of this analysis is that the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, then the fair value of the reporting unit is allocated to its identifiable tangible and intangible assets, resulting in an implied valuation of goodwill associated with the reporting unit. We would measure the impairment based on the difference between the implied valuation of the goodwill and its actual carrying value. During 2008, we recorded an impairment charge of \$130,000 for the full impairment of goodwill related to the Diamond acquisition made in our Mechanical Products reporting unit. Please refer to Note 4 of the footnotes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of this charge. As of December 31, 2008, goodwill was \$1.7 million.

#### Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets are analyzed to determine if there will be sufficient taxable income in the future in order to realize such assets. We assess all of the positive and negative evidence concerning the realizability of the deferred tax assets, including our historical results of operations for the recent past and our projections of future results of operations, in which we make subjective determinations of future events. If, after assessing all of the evidence, both positive and negative, a determination is made that the realizability of the deferred tax assets is not more likely than not, we establish a deferred tax valuation allowance for all or a portion of the deferred tax assets depending upon the specific facts. If any of the significant assumptions were changed, materially different results could occur, which could significantly change the amount of the deferred tax valuation allowance established. As of December 31, 2008, due to our history of operating losses, we have a 100% valuation allowance against all deferred tax assets, including net operating loss carryforwards, where we believe it is more likely than not that we will not have sufficient taxable income to utilize these assets before they expire.

#### **Product Warranty Accrual**

In connection with the accrual of warranty costs associated with our products, we make assumptions about the level of product failures that may occur in the future. These assumptions are primarily based upon historical claims experience. Should the rate of future product failures significantly differ from historical levels, our accrued warranty reserves would need to be adjusted, and the amount of the adjustment could be material. At December 31, 2008, accrued warranty was \$281,000 and we recorded charges related to product warranty of \$55,000 for the year then ended.

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#### QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

This disclosure is not required for a smaller reporting company.

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Consolidated financial statements are set forth in this Report beginning at page F-1 and are incorporated by reference into this Item 8.

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### CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

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Item 9A(T). CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

CEO and CFO Certifications.

Included with this Annual Report as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 are two certifications, one by each of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer (the "Section 302 Certifications"). This Item 9A(T) contains information concerning the evaluations of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting that are referred to in the Section 302 Certifications. This information should be read in conjunction with the Section 302 Certifications for a more complete understanding of the topics presented.

**Evaluation of Our Disclosure Controls and Procedures.** The SEC requires that as of the end of the year covered by this Report, our CEO and CFO must evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures and report on the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures.

"Disclosure controls and procedures" mean the controls and other procedures that are designed with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), such as this Report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms promulgated by the SEC. Disclosure controls and procedures are also designed with the objective of ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls. Our management, including the CEO and CFO, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, as opposed to absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within an entity have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, a system of

controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Accordingly, our management has designed the disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the objectives of the control system were met.

**CEO/CFO Conclusions about the Effectiveness of the Disclosure Controls and Procedures**. As required by Rule 13a-15(b), inTEST management, including our CEO and CFO, conducted an evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this Report, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this Report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel 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 and includes those policies and procedures that:

- ◆ Pertain to the maintenance of records, that in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets;
- Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and
- ♦ Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

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Because of inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. 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.

Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. The assessment as of December 31, 2008 excluded Sigma Systems Corporation ("Sigma"), which was acquired on October 6, 2008 and is part of our Thermal Products segment. Such exclusion was in accordance with SEC guidance that an assessment of a recently acquired business may be omitted in management's report on internal controls over financial reporting, provided the acquisition took place within twelve months of management's evaluation. Sigma comprised 21% of our consolidated assets at December 31, 2008 and 3% of consolidated revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008. Our disclosure

controls and procedures were not materially impacted by the acquisition. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) on Internal Control-Integrated Framework. Based upon this assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2008, our internal control over financial reporting is effective at a reasonable assurance level.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit us to provide only management's report in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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None.			
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**PART III** 

Item 10.

#### DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Directors of inTEST

The names of our directors, together with their ages and certain other information, are listed below.

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>Name</u>		
	71	Executive Chairman
Alyn R. Holt		
	64	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Robert E. Matthiessen		
Street E. Doniele, Dh.D.	68	Director
Stuart F. Daniels, Ph.D.	70	D'
James J. Greed, Jr.	70	Director
James J. Greed, Jr.	74	Director
James W. Schwartz, Esq.	, 4	Director
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Thomas J. Reilly, Jr.		

Biographical and Other Information Regarding in TEST's Directors

Alyn R. Holt is a co-founder of inTEST Corporation and has served as our Chairman (renamed Executive Chairman in October 2007) since our inception in September 1981. Mr. Holt also served as our Chief Executive Officer from September 1981 to August 1998.

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#### **DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Continued)

Robert E. Matthiessen

has served as our Chief Executive Officer since August 1998 and our President since February 1997. Mr. Matthiessen also served as our Chief Operating Officer from December 1997 to August 1998. Prior to that, Mr. Matthiessen served as our Executive Vice President after joining us in October 1984. Mr. Matthiessen has served as a director since February 1997.

Stuart F. Daniels, Ph.D. is a co-founder of inTEST Corporation and served as our Vice President and a director in 1982. Dr. Daniels was reappointed as a director in April 1997. In March 1996, Dr. Daniels founded The Daniels Group, which is engaged in technology assessment, protection and commercialization consulting. From 1980 to December 1995, Dr. Daniels held several management positions with Siemens Corporation and its subsidiaries.

James J. Greed, Jr. has served as a director since our acquisition of Temptronic in March 2000. From April 1991 to December 1999, Mr. Greed was President of VLSI Standards, Inc., a leading supplier of calibration standards to the semiconductor and related industries. Following his retirement from VLSI, Mr. Greed founded Foothill Technology, a consulting firm, and has served as its Principal since its inception. From July 1992 through December 1999, Mr. Greed also served on the board of directors of Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International ("SEMI"), an international trade association, serving as chairman for the 1996-1997 term and chairman of its International Standards Committee from 1993 to 1999.

*James W. Schwartz, Esq.* has served as a director since April 2004. Mr. Schwartz was a Partner of Saul Ewing LLP, the Company's law firm, from September 1968 until December 2003, where he served as legal counsel to various corporations, partnerships, other entities and individuals. From January 2004 through December 2004, Mr. Schwartz continued with Saul Ewing as Special Counsel. Since January 2005, Mr. Schwartz has been Of Counsel to Saul Ewing.

Thomas J. Reilly, Jr. has served as a director since May 2005. From 1976 to 1996, Mr. Reilly was as an audit partner at Arthur Andersen LLP where he was involved in the audits of public and private companies. Mr. Reilly also serves on the board of directors of Astea International Inc., a publicly traded company that develops, markets and supports service management software solutions.

#### **Audit Committee**

Our Board of Directors has a separately designated standing Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to our financial management and controls. The Committee's primary oversight responsibilities relate to the integrity of our accounting and financial reporting processes, audits of our financial statements, and systems of internal control over financial reporting and accounting matters, and the independence, qualifications, retention, and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm. During 2008, the members of the Committee were, and presently are, Thomas J. Reilly, Chairman, Stuart F. Daniels, James J. Greed and James W. Schwartz. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Reilly meets the criteria of an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in Item 401 of Regulation S-K. The Board of Directors has also determined that each of the members of the Committee is independent within the meaning of NASDAQ Listing Rule 5605 ("Rule 5605"). The Committee held ten meetings during 2008.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Company has adopted a code of ethics (as that term is defined in Item 406 of Regulation S-K of the regulations promulgated by the SEC) that applies to the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller and all other employees. The Company's code of ethics was filed as an exhibit to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and is incorporated by reference into this Annual Report.

#### **Shareholder Nominating Procedures**

There have been no material changes to the procedures provided in our definitive proxy statement for our 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Company's Board of Directors.

#### **Executive Officers of inTEST**

Our executive officers and their ages are as follows:

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#### **DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Continued)

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>Name</u>		
	71	Executive Chairman
Alyn R. Holt		
	64	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Robert E.		
Matthiessen		
	49	Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Hugh T. Regan, Jr.		

Daniel J. Graham 63 Senior Vice President, and General

Manager-Mechanical Products Segment

57 Vice President and General Manager-Thermal

James Pelrin Products Segment

Biographical and Other Information Regarding the Executive Officers of inTEST

Executive officers are appointed by the Board of Directors. Each executive officer is appointed to serve until the first meeting of the Board of Directors after the Annual Meeting of Stockholders next succeeding his election and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Alyn R. Holt. See "Biographical and Other Information Regarding inTEST's Directors" above.

Robert E. Matthiessen. See "Biographical and Other Information Regarding inTEST's Directors" above.

*Hugh T. Regan, Jr.* has served as our Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer since joining us in April 1996 and has served as Secretary since December 1999. From 1985 to April 1996, Mr. Regan served in various financial capacities for Value Property Trust, a publicly traded real estate investment trust, including Vice President of Finance from 1989 to September 1995 and Chief Financial Officer from September 1995 until April 1996.

Daniel J. Graham has served as our Senior Vice President since August 2006 and as General Manager - Mechanical Products Segment since November 2004. Prior to that, Mr. Graham served as our Chief Technology Officer from April 2004 to November 2004, our Executive Vice President from October 2001 to November 2004 and as our Senior Vice President from June 1998 until October 2001. Mr. Graham served as our Vice Chairman from October 1998 to July 2005. Mr. Graham is a co-founder of inTEST Corporation and served as a director from June 1988 through July 2005.

*James Pelrin* has served as our Vice President since August 2006 and as General Manager - Thermal Products Segment since November 2004. Prior to that, Mr. Pelrin served as the General Manager of our subsidiary, Temptronic Corporation, since joining us in October 2001. From July 1999 to June 2001, Mr. Pelrin served as Vice President and General Manager of Accusonic Technologies, Inc., a privately held company that designs and manufactures hydro-acoustic measurement systems.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, certain officers and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. These officers, directors and greater than ten-percent stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on review of the copies of such forms furnished to us, or written representations that no Forms 5 were required, we believe that, during 2008, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to these officers, directors and greater than ten-percent beneficial owners were timely met.

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Overview of Executive Compensation Program

The Compensation Committee is committed to the general principle that executive compensation should be commensurate with our performance and the performance of the individual executive officer. The primary objectives of our executive compensation program are to:

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION** (Continued)

- ♦ attract and retain executive officers who demonstrate the leadership and management skills necessary to drive our long-term success;
- ♦ reward the achievement of our business goals and individual contributions toward achievement of those goals; and
- provide compensation opportunities linked to our performance and the interests of our stockholders.

Decisions regarding our executive compensation program reflect the individual contributions and performance of each executive officer as well as our overall business goals and strategies, the business cycle of our industry and prior cost-containment initiatives and adjustments. In addition, our executive compensation program has been developed with reference to the executive compensation practices of comparable companies in our industry to ensure that the total compensation opportunity provided to our executives is competitive with the market in which we compete for executive talent. Underlying our executive compensation program, particularly, in the case of executive officers who have price-setting authority, is the philosophy that the interests of our stockholders are best served by a program that includes a significant incentive or variable component based on our performance. In allocating total compensation between fixed pay, such as base salary and benefits, and variable pay for these executive officers, our general policy has been to structure compensation so that the portion achievable through variable pay represents approximately one third of the executive's total compensation opportunity.

The primary elements of our executive compensation include fixed base salary and benefits, variable performance compensation, stock-awards and change in control payments. The following sections set forth certain information with respect to the compensation we paid, or recognized as an expense in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment," ("FAS No. 123(R)") to our Chief Executive Officer and two of our other executive officers who were serving as such at December 31, 2008. These officers are referred to as our "Named Executive Officers."

Summary Compensation Table For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

					Non-Equity		
				Stock	Incentive Plan	All Other	
	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<b>Bonus</b>	<b>Awards</b>	Compensation	Compensation	<u>Total</u>
Name and Principal		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)(A)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)

<u>Position</u>							
Robert E. Matthiessen President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2008 2007	\$306,260 317,242	\$ 500 (1) 500 (1)	\$48,750 50,542	\$ 5,046 (2) 18,559 (2)	\$ 4,750 (3) 4,750 (3)	\$365,306 391,593
James Pelrin VP and GM Thermal Products Segment	2008 2007	\$213,257 194,272	 	\$31,225 31,687	\$10,092 (4) 37,119 (4)	\$21,891 (5) 21,271 (5)	\$276,465 284,349
Alyn R. Holt Executive Chairman	2008 2007	\$266,060 275,600	\$ 500 (1) 500 (1)			\$ 4,750 (3) 4,750 (3)	\$271,310 280,850

<sup>(</sup>A) Represents the compensation expense recognized in our financial statements for fiscal years 2008 and 2007, with respect to "Restricted Shares (2004)" (which were granted on November 23, 2004), "Restricted Shares (2005)" (granted on May 6, 2005) or "Restricted Shares (2007)" (granted on March 6, 2007). The assumptions used in determining such values in accordance with FAS No. 123(R) are discussed in Note 17 of the Notes to our 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements.

- (1) Represents an annual holiday bonus.
- (2) Consists of 1.0% of consolidated pre-tax profits plus 1.0% of each product segment's pre-tax profits that will be paid in 2009 and was paid in March 2008, respectively.

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION** (Continued)

- (3) Consists of matching contributions to 401(k) Plan Account.
- (4) Consists of 2.0% of pre-tax profits of the Thermal Products segment that will be paid in 2009 and was paid in March 2008, respectively.

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Consists of \$2,375 and \$2,375 for matching contributions to Mr. Pelrin's 401(k) Plan Account, \$17,937 and \$16,526 profit sharing contributions, and \$1,580 and \$2,370 for unused sick days in 2008 and 2007, respectively.

#### **Employment Agreements**

. We have not entered into any employment agreements with our Named Executive Officers. However, as discussed in the "Potential Payments Upon Termination Following a Change of Control" section below, we have entered into agreements with Messrs. Matthiessen and Pelrin, which provide for the payment of certain benefits in the event of termination of employment following a change in control.

*Variable Compensation.* Variable compensation for 2008 was determined for each of our Named Executive Officers, other than our Executive Chairman, under a pre-established formula tied to our pre-tax profitability as follows:

- ◆ President and Chief Executive Officer -For 2008, our President and Chief Executive Officer earned a cash incentive payment equal to 1% of our overall, consolidated pre-tax profits plus 1% of the pre-tax profit of each of our three product segments.
- ♦ Vice President and General Manager of Thermal Products Segment
- For 2008, the Vice President and General Manager of our Thermal Products segment was eligible for a cash payment equal to 2% of the pre-tax profit for the product segment he manages.

The amounts of annual variable compensation earned by our Named Executive Officers, other than our Executive Chairman, for 2008 is set forth in the Summary Compensation Table under the column "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."

Incentive compensation is not provided to our Executive Chairman who is one of our significant stockholders.

Grants of Stock-Based Awards. We did not grant any stock-based awards during 2008.

Retirement Benefits. Our executive officers are provided retirement benefits under the same tax-qualified 401(k) plan provided to other employees working in the same product segment as the officer. In the case of our Named Executive Officers other than Mr. Pelrin, this 401(k) plan allows participants to make contributions from their own salary on a pre-tax basis and provides an employer matching contribution not to exceed \$4,750 a year. Mr. Pelrin participates in the 401(k) plan provided to employees in the Thermal Products segment which limits the employer matching contribution to \$2,375 and provides an employer profit sharing contribution, allocated to eligible participants on a pro rata basis based on compensation. The amount of employer contributions made to our 401(k) plans for our Named Executive Officers for 2007 and 2008 are included in the column entitled "All Other Compensation" in the Summary Compensation Table. We do not provide any other retirement benefits to our Named Executive Officers.

	ling Equity Aw Fiscal Year End				
	Option A	wards		Stock A	<u>Awards</u>
Number of	Number of				
Securities	Securities			Number of	Market Value
Underlying	Underlying			Shares or	of Shares or
Unexercised	Unexercised	Ontion	Ontion	Units of Stock	Units of Stock

	Options (#) Exercisable	Options (#) <u>Unexercisable</u>	Exercise Price (\$)	Expiration	That Have Not	That Have Not
<u>Name</u>				_Date_	Vested(#)	<u>Vested(\$)(2)</u>
Robert E. Matthiessen	124,000		\$3.04	2/23/2013	7,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,875
James Pelrin	18,000		\$2.99	10/22/2011	6,750 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,688
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- (1) Represents the unvested portion of restricted stock that was granted on March 6, 2007 under the Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Plan. These shares will vest in equal portions on March 6, 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- (2) Based on the closing share price on December 31, 2008 of \$.25.

Potential Payments Upon Termination Following a Change of Control.

We have Change of Control Agreements in place with Messrs. Matthiessen and Pelrin. These Change of Control Agreements provide for the payment of certain benefits upon the executive's termination of employment by us without Cause or by the executive for Good Reason within two years following a Change of Control. These benefits consist of the continuation of the executive's base salary and fringe benefits for the one year period following the termination of his employment and payment of the variable performance based compensation that he would have earned for such one year period.

Under the Change of Control Agreements, a Change of Control occurs in the event of:

- our dissolution or liquidation;
- ♦ the sale of substantially all of our assets, except to a stockholder who as of the date of the Change of Control Agreements owned 20% or more of our stock (a "Related Person");
- our merger or consolidation with another company unless our stockholders own stock in that company in the same proportion that they own stock in us prior to the transaction;
- ♦ any person or entity other than a Related Person obtains the voting control of 40% or more of our stock; or

• our directors and those persons our directors may nominate to become our directors, cease to comprise a majority of our Board members.

Under the Change of Control Agreements, a termination for "Cause" means the executive's termination by us because of an act of fraud upon the Company, his willful refusal to perform the duties assigned to him by the Board or his conviction for any crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust or for any crime that is a felony or of moral turpitude.

A termination for "Good Cause" under the Change of Control Agreements means the executive's voluntary termination because of a material adverse change in his status, responsibilities or benefits; a failure to be nominated or elected to his current officer position; an assignment of duties inconsistent with his current officer position; a reduction in salary or variable performance based compensation; or a requirement to relocate more than thirty miles from his current office.

The term "Good Reason" under the Change of Control Agreements means a material adverse change in an executive's status, responsibilities or benefits; a failure to be nominated or elected to his current officer position; a requirement to report to anyone other than his direct report; an assignment of duties inconsistent with his current officer position; any reduction in base salary, variable component or formula for determining the variable component which would have the effect of reducing your variable component, or other reduction in compensation or benefits; or a requirement to relocate more than thirty miles from his current office.

The benefits payable under the Change of Control Agreements are subject to the release of any claims that Messrs. Matthiessen and Pelrin may have against us pursuant to the agreements as we may request. Fringe benefits will be reduced or eliminated to the extent that comparable benefits are received from another source. Furthermore, the benefits will be reduced to the extent that the payments would not be deductible by us (in whole or in part) under Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code.

Also, in the event of a Change of Control, all equity awards issued to our Named Executive Officers become 100% vested. For purposes of equity awards under the inTEST Corporation 2007 Stock Plan, the definition of Change of Control is the same as defined above. For purposes of the Amended and Restated inTEST Corporation 1997 Stock Plan (equity awards issued prior to March 31, 2007), a Change of Control occurs in the event of:

- our dissolution or liquidation;
- ♦ the sale of substantially all of our assets;

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- our merger or consolidation with another company unless our stockholders own stock in that company in the same proportion that they own stock in us prior to the transaction; or
- ♦ any person or entity other than a Related Person obtains the voting control of 50% or more of our stock.

**Director Compensation** 

The following table sets forth the compensation earned, paid or recogniz