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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended July 31, 2006

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

**Commission file number 0-7977
NORDSON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

(State of incorporation)

34-0590250

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

**28601 Clemens Road
Westlake, Ohio**

(Address of principal executive offices)

44145

(Zip Code)

(440) 892-1580

(Telephone Number)

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, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

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

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: Common Shares without par value as of July 31, 2006: 33,664,774

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| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
| <i>(In thousands, except for per share data)</i> | | | | |
| Sales | \$ 225,965 | \$ 201,570 | \$ 655,247 | \$ 599,359 |
| Operating costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Cost of sales | 98,338 | 87,748 | 284,197 | 263,441 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | 93,053 | 85,874 | 270,063 | 256,042 |
| Severance and restructuring costs | 556 | | 2,731 | |
| | 191,947 | 173,622 | 556,991 | 519,483 |
| Operating profit | 34,018 | 27,948 | 98,256 | 79,876 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest expense | (2,794) | (3,409) | (9,598) | (10,184) |
| Interest and investment income | 1,031 | 622 | 1,550 | 1,415 |
| Other net | 280 | (50) | (412) | 1,180 |
| | (1,483) | (2,837) | (8,460) | (7,589) |
| Income before income taxes | 32,535 | 25,111 | 89,796 | 72,287 |
| Income taxes | 7,721 | 6,520 | 26,984 | 21,852 |
| Net income | \$ 24,814 | \$ 18,591 | \$ 62,812 | \$ 50,435 |
| Average common shares | 33,597 | 36,208 | 33,337 | 36,251 |
| Incremental common shares attributable to outstanding stock options, nonvested stock, and deferred stock-based compensation | 863 | 635 | 878 | 812 |
| Average common shares and common share equivalents | 34,460 | 36,843 | 34,215 | 37,063 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.74 | \$ 0.51 | \$ 1.88 | \$ 1.39 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.72 | \$ 0.50 | \$ 1.84 | \$ 1.36 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|
| Dividends per share | \$ | 0.17 | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 0.48 |
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See accompanying notes.

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet**

| | July 31, 2006 | October 30, 2005 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 20,078 | \$ 11,269 |
| Marketable securities | 8 | 215 |
| Receivables | 179,615 | 181,660 |
| Inventories | 88,591 | 81,868 |
| Deferred income taxes | 30,232 | 30,954 |
| Prepaid expenses | 6,357 | 5,750 |
| Total current assets | 324,881 | 311,716 |
| Property, plant and equipment net | 108,382 | 110,531 |
| Goodwill net | 331,948 | 331,356 |
| Other intangible assets net | 14,218 | 15,457 |
| Other assets | 19,797 | 19,466 |
| | \$ 799,226 | \$ 788,526 |
| Liabilities and shareholders equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Notes payable | \$ 18,914 | \$ 18,393 |
| Accounts payable | 38,098 | 49,609 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | 4,290 | 53,686 |
| Other current liabilities | 117,802 | 128,386 |
| Total current liabilities | 179,104 | 250,074 |
| Long-term debt | 97,130 | 101,420 |
| Other liabilities | 112,993 | 106,120 |
| Shareholders equity: | | |
| Common shares | 12,253 | 12,253 |
| Capital in excess of stated value | 206,429 | 188,132 |
| Retained earnings | 658,921 | 613,580 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (17,469) | (25,883) |
| Common shares in treasury, at cost | (450,135) | (454,365) |
| Deferred stock-based compensation | | (2,805) |
| Total shareholders equity | 409,999 | 330,912 |
| | \$ 799,226 | \$ 788,526 |

See accompanying notes.

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

| Nine Months Ended | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 62,812 | \$ 50,435 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 18,506 | 19,117 |
| Tax benefit from the exercise of stock options | (6,058) | 84 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | (11,643) | 5,123 |
| Other | 12,009 | 6,109 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 75,626 | 80,868 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (9,815) | (10,718) |
| Proceeds from sale of marketable securities | 206 | 118,765 |
| Purchases of marketable securities | | (105,077) |
| Acquisition of new business | | (557) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (9,609) | 2,413 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | (989) | (929) |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (54,008) | (4,290) |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations | (4,034) | (3,612) |
| Issuance of common shares | 21,216 | 3,369 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (10,996) | (7,418) |
| Tax benefit from the exercise of stock options | 6,058 | |
| Dividends paid | (16,683) | (17,409) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (59,436) | (30,289) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 976 | (211) |
| Effect of change in fiscal year-end for certain international subsidiaries | 1,252 | |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents | 8,809 | 52,781 |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Beginning of year | 11,269 | 11,176 |
| End of quarter | \$ 20,078 | \$ 63,957 |

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

July 31, 2006

1. **Basis of Presentation.** The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended July 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 30, 2005. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.
2. **Basis of Consolidation.** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its majority-owned and controlled subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Prior to 2006, the majority of the Company's international operations reported their results on a one-month lag, in order to facilitate reporting of consolidated accounts. Effective in 2006, the reporting lag was eliminated. As a result, the October 2005 results of operations for these subsidiaries, which amounted to a net loss of \$788,000, were recorded directly to retained earnings at the beginning of 2006. Beginning in 2006, each accounting period ends on the calendar month-end. Previously, each month ended on a Sunday. The Company's 2006 fiscal year will end on October 31, 2006. Unless otherwise noted, all years and dates refer to the fiscal year.

3. **Revenue Recognition.** Most of the Company's revenues are recognized upon shipment, provided that persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the sales price is fixed or determinable, collectibility is reasonably assured, and title and risk of loss have passed to the customer. Revenues from contracts with multiple element arrangements, such as those including installation or other services, are recognized as each element is earned based on objective evidence of the relative fair value of each element. If the installation or other services are inconsequential to the functionality of the delivered product, the entire amount of revenue is recognized upon transfer of ownership. Inconsequential installation or other services are those which can generally be completed in a short period of time, at insignificant cost, and the skills required to complete these installations are not unique to the Company. If installation or other services are essential to the functionality of the delivered product, revenues attributable to these obligations are deferred until completed. Amounts received in excess of revenue recognized are included as deferred revenue in the accompanying balance sheets. A limited number of the Company's large engineered systems sales contracts are accounted for using the percentage-of-completion method. The amount of revenue recognized in any accounting period is based on the ratio of actual costs incurred through the end of the period to total estimated costs at completion. Cost estimates are updated on a quarterly basis. The remaining revenues are recognized upon delivery.
4. **Environmental Remediation Costs.** The Company accrues for losses associated with environmental remediation obligations when such losses are probable and reasonably estimable. Accruals for estimated losses from environmental remediation obligations generally are recognized no later than completion of the remedial feasibility study. Such accruals are adjusted as further information develops or circumstances change. Costs for future expenditures for environmental remediation obligations are not discounted to their present value. Recoveries of environmental remediation costs from other parties are recognized as assets when their receipt is deemed probable.

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5. Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. Actual amounts could differ from these estimates.
6. Accounting Changes. In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 151, Inventory Costs. No. 151 amends Accounting Research Bulletin No. 43, Chapter 4, Inventory Pricing, to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material. This Statement requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges and requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. The Company adopted No. 151 in 2006, and the adoption did not have a material effect on the Company s consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment. This Statement replaced FASB Statement No. 123 and superceded APB Opinion No. 25. No. 123(R) eliminates the ability to account for share-based compensation transactions using the intrinsic method that was being used by the Company. No. 123(R) requires such transactions be accounted for using a fair-value-based method that results in expense being recognized in the Company s financial statements. As discussed in Note 10, the Company adopted No. 123(R) in the first quarter of 2006.

In March 2005, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 47, Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations. This interpretation states that the term conditional asset retirement obligation as used in paragraph A23 of SFAS No. 143 refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement in which the timing and (or) method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the entity. The obligation to perform the asset retirement obligation is unconditional even though uncertainty exists about the timing and (or) method of settlement. The Company adopted Interpretation No. 47 in 2006, and the adoption did not have a material effect on the Company s consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In May 2005, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. No. 154 replaces Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 20, Accounting Changes and FASB Statement No. 3, Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements, and changes the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. The Statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle and to changes required by an accounting pronouncement when specific transition provisions are not provided. The Statement requires retrospective application to prior periods financial statements for changes in accounting principle, unless it is impracticable to determine the period specific or cumulative effect of the change. The Statement is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005.

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In June 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48), an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertain income tax positions that are recognized in a company's financial statements. FIN 48 also provides guidance on financial statement classification, accounting for interest and penalties, accounting for interim periods and new disclosure requirements. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company has not yet determined the impact of adoption of FIN 48 on its financial position or results of operations.

7. Inventories. Inventories consisted of the following:

| | July 31, 2006 | October 30, 2005 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | |
| Finished goods | \$ 45,607 | \$ 44,788 |
| Work-in-process | 13,216 | 12,258 |
| Raw materials and finished partsm | 47,046 | 40,537 |
| | 105,869 | 97,583 |
| Obsolescence and valuation reserves | (8,569) | (7,231) |
| LIFO reserve | (8,709) | (8,484) |
| | \$ 88,591 | \$ 81,868 |

8. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 by operating segment are as follows:

| | Adhesive Dispensing and Nonwoven Fiber | Advanced Technology | Finishing and Coating | Total |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Balance at October 30, 2005 | \$ 30,546 | \$297,414 | \$ 3,396 | \$331,356 |
| Currency effect | 334 | 207 | 51 | 592 |
| Balance at July 31, 2006 | \$ 30,880 | \$297,621 | \$ 3,447 | \$331,948 |

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Information regarding the Company's intangible assets subject to amortization is as follows:

| | | July 31, 2006 | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------|----|----------|
| | Carrying | Accumulated | | Net Book |
| | Amount | Amortization | | Value |
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Core/developed technology | \$ 10,400 | \$ 4,199 | \$ | 6,201 |
| Non-compete agreements | 4,086 | 1,814 | | 2,272 |
| Patent costs | 2,883 | 2,084 | | 799 |
| Other | 6,039 | 5,678 | | 361 |
| Total | \$ 23,408 | \$ 13,775 | \$ | 9,633 |

| | | October 30, 2005 | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|------------------|----|----------|
| | Carrying | Accumulated | | Net Book |
| | Amount | Amortization | | Value |
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Core/developed technology | \$ 10,400 | \$ 3,543 | \$ | 6,857 |
| Non-compete agreements | 4,070 | 1,649 | | 2,421 |
| Patent costs | 2,955 | 1,956 | | 999 |
| Other | 6,422 | 5,827 | | 595 |
| Total | \$ 23,847 | \$ 12,975 | \$ | 10,872 |

At July 31, 2006 and October 30, 2005, \$4,585,000 of intangible assets related to a minimum pension liability for the Company's pension plans were not subject to amortization.

Amortization expense for the three months ended July 31, 2006 and July 31, 2005 was \$387,000 and \$434,000, respectively. Amortization expense for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 and July 31, 2005 was \$1,225,000 and \$1,309,000, respectively.

9. **Comprehensive Income.** Comprehensive income for the three and nine month periods ended July 31, 2006 and July 31, 2005 is as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | July 31, | July 31, | July 31, | July 31, |
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 24,814 | \$ 18,591 | \$ 62,812 | \$ 50,435 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 1,290 | (7,792) | 8,414 | (1,275) |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 26,104 | \$ 10,799 | \$ 71,226 | \$ 49,160 |

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss at July 31, 2006 consisted of net foreign currency translation adjustment credits of \$14,495,000 offset by \$31,964,000 of minimum pension liability adjustments. Accumulated other comprehensive loss at July 31, 2005 consisted of net foreign currency translation adjustment credits of \$7,708,000 offset by \$25,454,000 of minimum pension liability adjustments.

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss for the first nine months of 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

| <i>(In thousands)</i> | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Beginning balance | \$ (25,883) | \$ (16,471) |
| Current-period change | 8,414 | (1,275) |
| Ending balance | (\$ 17,469) | (\$ 17,746) |

10. Stock-Based Compensation. The Company's long-term performance plan, approved by the Company's shareholders in 2004, provides for the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock purchase rights, stock equivalent units, cash awards and other stock or performance-based incentives. The number of Common Shares available for grant of awards is 3.0 percent of the number of Common Shares outstanding as of the first day of each fiscal year, plus up to an additional 0.5 percent, consisting of shares available, but not granted, in prior years.

Stock Options

Nonqualified or incentive stock options may be granted to employees and directors of the Company. Generally, options granted to employees may be exercised beginning one year from the date of grant at a rate not exceeding 25 percent per year and expire 10 years from the date of grant. Options granted to non-employee directors vest in 6 months. Vesting accelerates upon the occurrence of events that involve or may result in a change of control of the Company. Option exercises are satisfied through the issuance of treasury shares on a first-in first-out basis.

Prior to 2006, the Company accounted for its stock options under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. No stock option expense was reflected in net income, as all options granted under these plans had an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying Common Shares on the date of grant. Effective at the beginning of 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method. Under this method compensation cost in 2006 includes cost for options granted prior to but not vested as of October 31, 2005 and options granted in 2006. Compensation expense is being recognized in selling and administrative expenses on a straight-line basis over the total requisite service period of each option grant. Results for prior periods have not been restated.

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The following table shows pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share for 2005 as if the Company had accounted for stock options granted since 1996 under the fair value method.

| <i>(In thousands, except for per share data)</i> | Three months ended July 31, 2005 | Nine months ended July 31, 2005 |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Net income, as reported | \$ 18,591 | \$ 50,435 |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of tax | (800) | (2,394) |
| Pro forma net income | \$ 17,791 | \$ 48,041 |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Basic as reported | \$ 0.51 | \$ 1.39 |
| Basic pro forma | \$ 0.49 | \$ 1.33 |
| Diluted as reported | \$ 0.50 | \$ 1.36 |
| Diluted pro forma | \$ 0.48 | \$ 1.30 |

As a result of adopting FAS 123(R), the Company recognized compensation expense of \$854,000 (\$650,000 on an after-tax basis, or \$.02 per both basic and diluted share) for the three months ended July 31, 2006 and \$2,839,000 (\$1,985,000 on an after-tax basis, or \$.06 per both basic and diluted share) for the nine months ended July 31, 2006.

Prior to the adoption of FAS 123(R), the Company presented the tax benefit of deductions resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash flows in the Statement of Cash Flows. FAS 123(R) requires the effect of this benefit that is additional capital in excess of stated value to be classified as financing cash flows with the corresponding effect that reduces income taxes payable to be classified as operating cash flows. The excess tax benefit of \$6,058,000 for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 was classified as a financing cash inflow and would have been classified as an operating cash flow prior to adoption of FAS 123(R).

Following is a summary of the Company's stock options for the nine months ended July 31, 2006:

| <i>(In thousands, except for per share data)</i> | Number of Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price Per Share | Aggregate Intrinsic Value | Weighted Average Remaining Term |
|--|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Outstanding at October 30, 2005 | 3,489 | \$ 26.48 | | |
| Granted | 331 | \$ 38.81 | | |
| Exercised | (1,120) | \$ 24.48 | | |
| Forfeited or expired | (53) | \$ 30.60 | | |
| Outstanding at July 31, 2006 | 2,647 | \$ 28.78 | \$ 44,250 | 6.0 years |
| Vested or expected to vest at July 31, 2006 | 2,566 | \$ 28.61 | \$ 43,348 | |

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| | | | | 5.9 years |
| Exercisable at July 31, 2006 | 1,767 | \$ 26.40 | \$ 33,739 | 5.0 years |

As of July 31, 2006, there was \$6,389,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options. That cost is expected to be amortized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.5 years.

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The fair value of each option grant was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

| Nine months ended | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Expected volatility | .276-.282 | .300 |
| Expected dividend yield | 1.88-2.00% | 1.71% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.44-4.59% | 3.87-3.88% |
| Expected life of the option (in years) | 5.6-8.8 | 7.00 |

The weighted-average expected volatility and weighted-average expected dividend yield used to value the 2006 options were .278 and 1.92%, respectively.

Historical information was the primary basis for the selection of the expected volatility, expected dividend yield and the expected lives of the options. The risk-free interest rate was selected based upon yields of U.S. Treasury issues with a term equal to the expected life of the option being valued.

The weighted average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the first nine months of 2006 and 2005 was \$11.81 and \$12.08, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three months ended July 31, 2006 and July 31, 2005 was \$1,929,000 and \$67,000, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended July 31, 2006 and July 31, 2005 was \$22,613,000 and \$4,708,000, respectively.

Cash received from the exercise of stock options was \$21,216,000 for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 and \$3,369,000 for the nine months ended July 31, 2005. The tax benefit realized from tax deductions from exercises was \$6,058,000 for the first nine months of 2006 and \$84,000 for the first nine months of 2005. The tax benefit increased because of a higher amount of compensation expense related to stock option exercises. In addition, the benefit increased because a higher tax rate was applied to the expense. In 2005, the amount of the benefit could not be determined, so a minimum tax rate was used. This year, it is expected that the Company will be able to utilize more of the benefit to reduce income taxes, so a statutory tax rate was used.

Restricted Stock

The Company may grant restricted stock to employees and directors of the Company. These shares may not be disposed of for a designated period of time (currently six months to five years) defined at the date of grant and are to be returned to the Company if the recipient's employment terminates during the restriction period. As shares are issued, deferred stock-based compensation equivalent to the fair market value on the date of grant is charged to shareholders' equity and subsequently amortized over the restriction period. Tax benefits arising from the lapse of restrictions on the stock are recognized when realized and credited to capital in excess of stated value. Upon adoption of FAS 123(R) at the beginning of 2006, the unamortized balance of the deferred stock-based compensation was reclassified to capital in excess of stated value.

The following table summarizes activity related to restricted stock during the nine months ended July 31, 2006:

| | Number of Shares | Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|------------------------|--|
| <i>(In thousands, except for per share data)</i> | | |

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|--------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Nonvested shares at October 30, 2005 | 161 | \$ 30.17 |
| Granted | 6 | \$ 39.70 |
| Vested | (9) | \$ 32.61 |
| Forfeited | (3) | \$ 32.40 |
| Nonvested shares at July 31, 2006 | 155 | \$ 30.34 |

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As of July 31, 2006, there was approximately \$1,765,000 of unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock. The cost is expected to be amortized over a weighted average period of 1.4 years. The amount charged to expense related to restricted stock was \$357,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2006 and \$327,000 in the three months ended July 31, 2005. The amount charged to expense related to restricted stock was \$1,251,000 in the nine months ended July 31, 2006 and \$1,179,000 in the nine months ended July 31, 2005.

Directors Deferred Compensation

Non-employee directors may defer all or part of their fees until retirement. The fees may be deferred as cash or as stock equivalent units. Deferred cash amounts are recorded as liabilities. Upon adoption of FAS 123(R) at the beginning of 2006, deferred amounts of \$3,435,000 in stock equivalent units were reclassified from liabilities to capital in excess of stated value. Additional stock equivalent units are earned when common stock dividends are declared.

The following table summarizes activity related to directors deferred compensation during the nine months ended July 31, 2006:

| <i>(In thousands, except for per share data)</i> | Number of Shares | Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|--|------------------------|--|
| Outstanding at October 30, 2005 | 151 | \$ 22.74 |
| Deferrals | 5 | \$ 44.63 |
| Dividend equivalents | 1 | \$ 45.06 |
| Distributions | (13) | \$ 19.91 |
| Outstanding at July 31, 2006 | 144 | \$ 23.96 |

The amount charged to expense related to this plan was \$89,000 and \$245,000 in the three and nine months ended July 31, 2006, respectively.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation Plan (LTIP)

Under the long-term incentive compensation plan, executive officers and selected other employees receive cash or stock awards based solely on corporate performance measures over three-year performance periods. Awards vary based on the degree to which corporate performance exceeds predetermined threshold, target and maximum performance levels at the end of a performance period. No payout will occur unless the Company exceeds certain threshold performance objectives.

Under the performance periods originating in 2004 and 2005, awards will be paid in cash based upon the share price of the Company's Common Shares at a predetermined date subsequent to the end of each three-year performance period. Over each three-year performance period, costs are accrued based upon current performance projections for the three-year period and the percentage of the requisite service that has been rendered, along with changes in value of the Company's Common Shares. The method of estimating accrual amounts was revised upon adoption of FAS 123(R), however the cumulative effect of the change was not material. The accruals for these performance periods continue to be classified as liabilities.

Under the performance period originating in 2006, awards will be settled in Common Shares. The amount of compensation expense is based upon current performance projections for the three-year period and the percentage of the requisite service that has been rendered. The calculation is also based upon the value of the Company's Common Stock at the dates of grant (\$37.05 per share for the executive officer group and \$36.56 per share for the group of selected other employees). In accordance with FAS 123(R), these awards are recorded in shareholders' equity. The amount recorded at July 31, 2006 was \$1,186,000.

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11. **Warranty Accrual.** The Company offers warranty to its customers depending on the specific product and terms of the customer purchase agreement. Most of the Company's product warranties are customer specific. A typical warranty program requires that the Company repair or replace defective products within a specified time period from the date of delivery or first use. The Company records an estimate for future warranty-related costs based on actual historical return rates. Based on analysis of return rates and other factors, the adequacy of the Company's warranty provisions are adjusted as necessary. The liability for warranty costs is included in other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Following is a reconciliation of the product warranty liability for the first nine months of 2006 and 2005:

| <i>(In thousands)</i> | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Beginning balance | \$ 4,405 | \$ 4,121 |
| Accruals for warranties | 4,746 | 2,329 |
| Warranty payments | (4,156) | (2,679) |
| Currency effect | 179 | (93) |
| Ending balance | \$ 5,174 | \$ 3,678 |

12. **Non-recurring Charges.** During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company announced a number of restructuring actions to improve performance and reduce costs in its finishing and coating segment. These actions, which include operational consolidations and the elimination of approximately 60 positions, will be substantially complete during the fourth quarter of 2006. As a result of these actions, it is expected that resources will be more effectively aligned with shifting patterns of global demands, and will enable the segment to operate both with lower costs and better capability to serve customers in the faster growing emerging markets. The Company expects that total costs associated with the finishing restructuring will be approximately \$3,000,000, of which \$875,000 was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2005, \$1,233,000 was recorded in the first quarter of 2006, \$513,000 was recorded in the second quarter of 2006 and \$208,000 was recorded in the third quarter of 2006. Substantially all of the \$3,000,000 of expense is associated with cash expenditures for severance payments to terminated employees.

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During the second quarter of 2006, the Company announced a management realignment of its adhesive dispensing and nonwoven fiber segment, which resulted in the elimination of nine positions. It is expected that these actions will better position the segment to achieve its growth objectives. Total expected costs are \$429,000, which were recorded in the second quarter. Cash expenditures for severance payments were \$262,000 in the third quarter, with the remaining payment occurring in the fourth quarter.

As a result of a slowdown in customer demand in the UV Curing business within the Advanced Technology segment, the Company eliminated twelve positions in the third quarter of 2006. Total expected severance costs are \$390,000, of which \$348,000 was recorded and paid in the third quarter. The remaining costs are expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter.

The following table summarizes activity in the severance and restructuring accruals during the nine months ended July 31, 2006:

| | Adhesive Dispensing and | Finishing and | Advanced | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------|
| | Nonwoven Fiber | Coating | Technology | |
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | |
| Accrual balance at October 30, 2005 | \$ | \$ 871 | \$ | \$ 871 |
| Additions to accrual | 429 | 1,954 | 348 | 2,731 |
| Payments | (262) | (2,351) | (348) | (2,961) |
| Accrual balance at July 31, 2006 | \$ 167 | \$ 474 | \$ | \$ 641 |

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13. **Operating Segments.** The Company conducts business across three primary business segments: adhesive dispensing and nonwoven fiber systems, finishing and coating systems and advanced technology systems. The composition of segments and measure of segment profitability is consistent with that used by the Company's chief operating decision maker. The primary focus is operating profit, which equals sales less operating costs and expenses. Operating profit excludes interest income (expense), investment income (net) and other income (expense). Items below the operating income line of the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income are not presented by segment, since they are excluded from the measure of segment profitability reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision maker. The accounting policies of the segments are generally the same as those described in Note 1, Significant Accounting Policies, of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 30, 2005.

Nordson products are used in a diverse range of industries, including appliance, automotive, bookbinding, container, converting, electronics, food and beverage, furniture, medical, metal finishing, nonwovens, packaging, semiconductor and other diverse industries. Nordson sells its products primarily through a direct, geographically dispersed sales force.

The following table presents information about the Company's reportable segments:

| | Adhesive Dispensing and Nonwoven Fiber | Advanced Technology | Finishing and Coating | Corporate | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>(In thousands)</i> | | | | | |
| Three months ended July 31, 2006 | | | | | |
| Net external sales | \$ 128,395 | \$ 63,120 | \$ 34,450 | \$ | \$225,965 |
| Operating profit | 24,494 | 14,944 | 2,723 | (8,143)(a) | 34,018 |
| Three months ended July 31, 2005 | | | | | |
| Net external sales | \$ 119,093 | \$ 50,310 | \$ 32,167 | \$ | \$201,570 |
| Operating profit | 22,439 | 10,948 | (411) | (5,028) | 27,948 |
| Nine months ended July 31, 2006 | | | | | |
| Net external sales | \$ 375,455 | \$ 177,245 | \$ 102,547 | \$ | \$655,247 |
| Operating profit | 71,842 | 43,337 | 2,479 | (19,402)(a) | 98,256 |
| Nine months ended July 31, 2005 | | | | | |
| Net external sales | \$ 359,988 | \$ 139,680 | \$ 99,691 | \$ | \$599,359 |
| Operating profit | 64,956 | 27,271 | 572 | (12,923) | 79,876 |

(a) Includes environmental remediation charge of \$2,835,000 as described in Note 16.

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A reconciliation of total segment operating income to total consolidated income before income taxes is as follows:

| Three months ended (In thousands) | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Total profit for reportable segments | \$34,018 | \$27,948 |
| Interest expense | (2,794) | (3,409) |
| Interest and investment income | 1,031 | 622 |
| Other-net | 280 | (50) |
| Consolidated income before income taxes | \$32,535 | \$25,111 |
| | | |
| Nine months ended (In thousands) | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
| Total profit for reportable segments | \$98,256 | \$ 79,876 |
| Interest expense | (9,598) | (10,184) |
| Interest and investment income | 1,550 | 1,415 |
| Other-net | (412) | 1,180 |
| Consolidated income before income taxes | \$89,796 | \$ 72,287 |

The Company has significant sales in the following geographic regions:

| Three months ended (In thousands) | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| United States | \$ 73,263 | \$ 66,236 |
| Americas | 15,758 | 14,156 |
| Europe | 80,384 | 72,086 |
| Japan | 20,050 | 20,369 |
| Asia Pacific | 36,510 | 28,723 |
| Total net external sales | \$225,965 | \$201,570 |
| | | |
| Nine months ended (In thousands) | July 31, 2006 | July 31, 2005 |
| United States | \$213,786 | \$198,172 |
| Americas | 49,264 | 42,340 |
| Europe | 230,352 | 219,488 |
| Japan | 60,157 | 62,133 |
| Asia Pacific | 101,688 | 77,226 |
| Total net external sales | \$655,247 | \$599,359 |

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14. **Pension and Other Postretirement Plans.** The components of net periodic pension cost and the cost of other postretirement benefits for 2006 and 2005 were:

| Third quarter (In thousands) | Pension Benefits | | | | Other Postretirement Benefits | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| | U.S. | | International | | 2006 | 2005 |
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | | |
| Service cost | \$ 1,303 | \$ 1,046 | \$ 381 | \$ 351 | \$ 155 | \$ 80 |
| Interest cost | 2,181 | 2,168 | 332 | 357 | 547 | 351 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (2,056) | (2,255) | (174) | (198) | | |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 123 | 147 | 8 | 8 | (181) | (238) |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | 879 | 550 | 89 | 62 | 84 | 320 |
| Total benefit cost | \$ 2,430 | \$ 1,656 | \$ 636 | \$ 580 | \$ 605 | \$ 513 |

| Year-to-date (In thousands) | Pension Benefits | | | | Other Postretirement Benefits | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| | U.S. | | International | | 2006 | 2005 |
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | | |
| Service cost | \$ 4,040 | \$ 3,136 | \$ 1,150 | \$ 1,063 | \$ 779 | \$ 743 |
| Interest cost | 6,771 | 6,497 | 1,067 | 1,080 | 1,662 | 1,441 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (6,481) | (6,757) | (612) | (599) | | |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 375 | 442 | 22 | 25 | (543) | (532) |
| Recognized net actuarial loss | 2,726 | 1,646 | 287 | 187 | 966 | 760 |
| Total benefit cost | \$ 7,431 | \$ 4,964 | \$ 1,914 | \$ 1,756 | \$ 2,864 | \$ 2,412 |

The Company's contributions to pension and postretirement plans in 2006 is now estimated to be approximately \$21,800,000, compared to the estimate of \$14,000,000 disclosed in the Company's 2005 10-K.

15. **Income Taxes.** The Company's effective tax rate was 23.7% in the three-month period ending July 31, 2006 and 30.1% for the nine-month period ending July 31, 2006. These rates reflect the approval by the Joint Committee on Taxation of an income tax refund of approximately \$3,100,000, which was treated as a discrete event. Last year's effective tax rate was 26.0% in three months ended July 31, 2005 and 30.2% for the nine-month period. These rates reflected the utilization of \$3,900,000 of foreign tax credit carryovers, partially offset by \$1,500,000 in higher foreign and U.S. state income tax provisions, and a \$500,000 write-down of a deferred tax asset.
16. **Contingencies.** The Company is involved in pending or potential litigation regarding environmental, product liability, patent, contract, employee and other matters arising from the normal course of business. Including the environmental matter discussed below, it is the Company's opinion, after consultation with legal counsel, that

resolutions of these matters are not expected to result in a material effect on its financial condition, operating results, or cash flows.

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Environmental The Company has voluntarily agreed with the City of New Richmond, Wisconsin and other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) to share costs associated with (1) a feasibility study and remedial investigation (FS/RI) for remediation of the City of New Richmond municipal landfill (the Site) and (2) providing clean drinking water to the affected residential properties down gradient of the Site. The PRP group has agreed to an allocation that sets the Company's share of the cost of remediation at 56.35 percent. The Company has committed and paid \$943,000 towards completing the FS/RI phase of the project.

The FS/RI was completed and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in July 2006. The total cost of the Company's share for remediation efforts (Site and clean drinking water) will not be ascertainable until a remediation plan is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Approval is anticipated to occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. However, based upon the range of viable alternatives for Site remediation and providing clean drinking water to residences down gradient of the Site submitted as part of the Feasibility Study, the Company accrued \$2,835,000 of expense in the third quarter of 2006, its best estimate of its obligation with respect to remediation of the Site and providing clean drinking water to residences down gradient of the Site. This amount is recorded in selling and administrative expenses.

The third quarter accrual brought the total liability balance to \$2,970,000. Approximately \$2,150,000 of the liability is classified as long-term, and is expected to be disbursed over the next ten years. The remaining portion is included in other current liabilities. If the Site remediation takes longer than expected and clean drinking water must be provided to more residences than expected, the Company has estimated that it could incur additional obligations of up to \$2,600,000.

The liability for environmental remediation represents management's best estimate of the probable and reasonably estimable undiscounted costs related to known remediation obligations. The accuracy of the Company's estimate of environmental liability is affected by several uncertainties such as additional requirements, which may be identified in connection with remedial activities, the complexity and evolution of environmental laws and regulations, and the identification of presently unknown remediation requirements. Consequently, the Company's liability could be greater than its current estimate. However, the Company does not expect that the costs associated with remediation will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

The European Union (EU) has adopted two Directives to facilitate the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment sold in the EU. The first of these is the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive which directs EU Member States to enact laws, regulations, and administrative provisions to ensure that producers of electrical and electronic equipment provide for the financing of the collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE from products placed on the market after August 13, 2005 and from products in use prior to that date that are being replaced. In accordance with the WEEE directive, the Company has identified and labeled its products that are affected by the regulations adopted by Member States. The Company also has developed a strategy to support recycling of the electrical and electronic equipment and has created a section on its Website to provide customers with information on how to return WEEE-labeled products for proper recycling.

The second of these Directives is the Restriction on the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) Directive. The RoHS Directive addresses the restriction on use of certain hazardous substances such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and hexavalent cadmium in electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market after July 1, 2006. The Company has committed to design its future products to meet the standards established by the RoHS Directive.

As of July 31, 2006, EU Member States continue to develop legislation to implement these Directives. Costs incurred in the first nine months of 2006 were not material, but the future cost to the Company to comply with the Directives and Member States legislation will not be quantifiable until Member States have fully implemented the Directives.

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17. **Guarantees.** The Company has issued guarantees to two banks to support the short-term borrowing facilities of a 49 percent-owned South Korean joint venture/distributor of the Company's products. One guarantee is for Korean Won Three Billion (approximately \$3,141,000) secured by land and building and expires on January 31, 2007. The other is a continuing guarantee for \$3,300,000.

In 2004, the Company issued a guarantee to a U.S. bank related to a five-year trade financing agreement for a sale to a customer in Turkey. The loan is secured by collateral with a current value well in excess of the amount due. The guarantee would be triggered upon a payment default by the customer to the bank. The amount of the guarantee at July 31, 2006 was Euro 1,599,000 (approximately \$2,043,000) and is declining ratably as semi-annual principal payments are made by the customer. The Company has recorded \$1,045,000 in other current liabilities related to this guarantee. The recorded amount is being reduced as the customer makes payments.

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

The following is Management's discussion and analysis of certain significant factors affecting the Company's financial condition and results of operations for the periods included in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

Results of Operations

Sales

Worldwide sales for the three months ended July 31, 2006 were \$226.0 million, a 12.1% increase from sales of \$201.6 million for the comparable period of 2005. Volume gains were 11.8%, with the remainder of the increase coming from positive currency effects of 0.3% traced to the weaker U.S. dollar.

For the three months ended July 31, 2006, all three of the Company's operating segments reported higher sales volume compared to the three months ended July 31, 2005. Sales volume for the Company's Advanced Technology segment increased 25.1% from 2005, with currency effects increasing reported sales by 0.4%. Within this segment, the Asymtek, EFD and UV Curing businesses each reported volume increases of more than 20%. Sales volume for the Company's Adhesive Dispensing and Nonwoven Fiber segment increased 7.6% for the three months ended July 31, 2006 from the comparable period of 2005, with favorable currency effects of 0.2%. Volume increased in all businesses within this segment, except fiber systems. Strong demand was seen in nonwovens, paper converting, coatings and automotive systems. Volume of the Finishing and Coating segment was up 7.0%, due to increases in all businesses. Powder system sales were particularly strong. Currency effects added 0.1% to reported sales within this segment.

Sales volume increased in all geographic regions for the three months ended July 31, 2006 compared to the three months ended July 31, 2005. The largest increase was in the Asia Pacific region, which saw an increase of 26.4%, driven by higher Advanced Technology sales. Volume was up 10.6% in the United States, 10.4% in Europe, 8.0% in the Americas and 3.2% in Japan. Currency effects increased sales in Europe, Asia Pacific and the Americas regions, while decreasing sales in Japan.

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For the nine months ended July 31, 2006, worldwide sales were \$655.2 million, an increase of 9.3% from the first nine months of 2005. Sales volume increased 11.6%, while unfavorable currency effects decreased sales by 2.3%. Sales volume for the Advanced Technology segment was up 27.7%, offset by unfavorable currency effects of 0.8%. Sales volume for each of the businesses within this segment increased more than 17%. Volume for the Adhesive Dispensing and Nonwoven Fiber segment increased 7.3%, offset by negative currency effects of 3.0%. Higher packaging, product assembly, nonwoven and web coating sales were partially offset by lower automotive and fiber sales. Volume was up 4.7% in the Finishing and Coating segment, primarily due to higher liquid sales. The effect of the stronger U.S. dollar reduced sales of this segment by 1.8%.

Sales volume for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 increased in all five geographic regions compared to the same period of 2005. Volume was up 31.1% in Asia Pacific, 13.3% in the Americas, 9.6% in Europe, 7.9% in the United States and 4.9% in Japan. Currency effects increased sales in the Asia Pacific and the Americas regions and decreased sales in Europe and Japan.

Operating Profit

Cost of sales for the three months and nine months ended July 31, 2006 increased \$10.6 million and \$20.8 million, respectively, from the comparable periods of 2005. These increases were primarily due to increased sales. The gross margin percentage for the three months ended July 31, 2006 was 56.5%, the same as the comparable period of 2005. The gross margin percentage for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 increased to 56.6% from 56.0% last year. The year-to-date increase was driven by favorable product mix and productivity improvements. Currency effects did not impact the margin rate for the three-month period but reduced the margin rate by approximately 0.3% for the nine-month period.

Selling and administrative expenses for the three months ended July 31, 2006 were \$93.1 million, an increase of \$7.2 million, or 8.4% from the three months ended July 31, 2005. For the first nine months of 2006, selling and administrative expenses were \$270.1 million up \$14.0 million, or 5.5% from the prior year. The increases were largely due to two items totaling \$3.7 million for the three months ended July 31, 2006 and \$5.6 million for the nine months ended July 31, 2006, stock option expense and remediation costs related to a Wisconsin municipal landfill. Compensation increases and higher employee benefit costs also contributed to the increases in selling and administrative expenses in 2006. Currency translation effects did not have a significant impact on selling and administrative costs for the three months ended July 31, 2006. For the nine-months ending July 31, 2006, currency effects reduced selling and administrative expenses by 1.8%.

Effective in 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method, resulting in stock option expense of \$854,000 and \$2.8 million for the three and nine month periods ending July 31, 2006. Under the modified prospective transition method, compensation cost in 2006 includes cost for options granted prior to but not vested as of October 31, 2005 and unvested options granted in 2006. Compensation expense is being recognized in selling and administrative expenses on a straight-line basis over the total requisite service period of each option grant. Prior to 2006, the Company accounted for its stock options under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25,

Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. No stock option expense was reflected in net income, as all options granted under these plans had an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying Common Shares on the date of grant. Results for prior periods have not been restated. The adoption of FAS 123(R) is expected to reduce quarterly earnings per share by approximately \$.02 per share in 2006. As of July 31, 2006, there was \$6.4 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options. That cost is expected to be amortized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.5 years.

The Company has voluntarily agreed with the City of New Richmond, Wisconsin and other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) to share costs associated with (1) a feasibility study and remedial investigation (FS/RI) for remediation of the City of New Richmond municipal landfill (the Site) and (2) providing clean drinking water to the affected residential properties down gradient of the Site. The PRP group has agreed to an allocation that sets the Company s share of the cost of remediation at 56.35 percent.

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The FS/RI was completed and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in July 2006. The total cost of the Company's share for remediation efforts (Site and clean drinking water) will not be ascertainable until a remediation plan is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Approval is anticipated to occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. However, based upon the range of viable alternatives for Site remediation and providing clean drinking water to residences down gradient of the Site submitted as part of the Feasibility Study, the Company recorded \$2.8 million of expense in the third quarter of 2006, its best estimate of its obligation with respect to remediation of the Site and providing clean drinking water to residences down gradient of the Site. If the Site remediation takes longer than expected and clean drinking water must be provided to more residences than expected, the Company has estimated that it could incur additional obligations of up to \$2,600,000.

As a percentage of sales, selling and administrative expenses decreased to 41.2% for the three months ended July 31, 2006 from 42.6% in the same period of 2005 and to 41.2% for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 from 42.7% last year, reflecting ongoing lean efforts and revenue increases that were supported by existing capacity. Stock option expense and the environmental charge increased selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales by 1.6% and 0.9% for the three and nine-month periods, respectively, ended July 31, 2006.

Operating profit, as a percentage of sales, was 15.1% for the three months ended July 31, 2006, compared to 13.9% for the three months ended July 31, 2005. For the first nine months of 2006, operating profit as a percent of sales was 15.0%, up from 13.3% last year.

For the Adhesive Dispensing and Nonwoven Fiber segment, operating profit as a percent of sales was 19.1% for the three months ended July 31, 2006, up from 18.8% for the comparable period of 2005. For the nine months ended July 31, 2006, the operating profit percentage increased to 19.1% from 18.0% in 2005. The increases were primarily due to selling and administrative expenses increasing at a slower rate than revenue. In the second quarter of 2006, the Company announced a management realignment of its adhesive dispensing and nonwoven fiber segment, which resulted in the elimination of nine positions. It is expected that these actions will better position the segment to achieve its growth objectives. Severance and restructuring expenses of \$429,000 were recorded in the second quarter of 2006.

Operating profit as a percent of sales for the Advanced Technology segment increased to 23.7% for the three months ended July 31, 2006 from 21.8% in 2005 and increased to 24.5% for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 from 19.5% last year. The increases were primarily due to selling and administrative expenses increasing at a slower rate than revenue. As a result of a slowdown in customer demand in the UV Curing business within this segment, the Company eliminated twelve positions in the third quarter of 2006. Total expected severance costs are \$390,000, of which \$348,000 was recorded and paid in the third quarter. The remaining costs are expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter.

The Finishing and Coating segment generated operating profit of 7.9% of sales in the three months ended July 31, 2006, compared to a loss of 1.3% last year. For the first nine months of 2006, operating profit as a percent of sales was 2.4% up from 0.6% in 2005. The increases were primarily due to selling and administrative expenses increasing at a slower rate than revenue, and also higher gross margin percentages due to a favorable mix of products sold and improved absorption of fixed manufacturing costs. During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company announced a number of restructuring actions to improve performance and reduce costs in this segment. These actions, which include operational consolidations and the elimination of approximately 60 positions, will be substantially complete during the fourth quarter of 2006. As a result of these actions, it is expected that resources will be more effectively aligned with shifting patterns of global demands, and will enable the segment to operate both with lower costs and better capability to serve customers in the faster growing emerging markets.

The Company expects that total costs associated with the finishing restructuring will be approximately \$3,000,000, of which \$875,000 was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2005, \$1,233,000 was recorded in the first quarter of 2006, \$513,000 was recorded in the second quarter of 2006 and \$208,000 was recorded in the third quarter of 2006. Substantially all of the \$3,000,000 of expense is associated with cash expenditures for severance payments to terminated employees.

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The increase in interest income in 2006 can be traced to interest on an income tax refund. This was partially offset by lower income from investments because cash was used for the buyback of approximately 10% of the Company's common stock in September 2005. Interest expense decreased in 2006 as a result of lower levels of outstanding debt. Other income included larger foreign exchange losses for the nine-month period ending July 31, 2006 than the comparable period of 2005.

The Company's effective tax rate was 23.7% in the three-month period ending July 31, 2006 and 30.1% for the nine-month period ending July 31, 2006. These rates reflect the approval by the Joint Committee on Taxation of an income tax refund of approximately \$3.1 million, which was treated as a discrete event. Last year's effective tax rate was 26.0% in three months ended July 31, 2005 and 30.2% for the nine-month period. These rates reflected the utilization of \$3.9 million of foreign tax credit carryovers, partially offset by \$1.5 million in higher foreign and U.S. state income tax provisions, and a \$.5 million write-down of a deferred tax asset. The full year rate for 2006 is expected to be approximately 31.3%.

Net income for the three months ended July 31, 2006 was \$24.8 million, or \$.72 per share on a diluted basis, up from \$18.6 million, or \$.50 per share on a diluted basis in 2005. This represents a 33.5% increase in net income and a 44.0% increase in earnings per share. For the first nine months of 2006, net income was \$62.8 million, or \$1.84 per share on a diluted basis, compared to \$50.4 million, or \$1.36 per share for the first nine months of 2005. This represents a 24.5% increase in net income and a 35.3% increase in earnings per share. The earnings per share increases were impacted by the repurchase of approximately 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares in September 2005.

Foreign Currency Effects

In the aggregate, average exchange rates for the third quarter of 2006 used to translate international sales and operating results into U.S. dollars compared favorably with average exchange rates existing during the third quarter of 2005. In the aggregate, year-to-date average exchange rates for 2006 used to translate international sales and operating results into U.S. dollars compared unfavorably with average exchange rates existing during the first nine months of 2005. It is not possible to precisely measure the impact on operating results arising from foreign currency exchange rate changes, because of changes in selling prices, sales volume, product mix and cost structure in each country in which the Company operates. However, if transactions for the three months ended July 31, 2006 were translated at exchange rates in effect during the same period of 2005, sales would have been approximately \$500,000 lower while third-party costs and expenses would have been approximately \$400,000 lower. If transactions for the nine months ended July 31, 2006 were translated at exchange rates in effect during the same period of 2005, sales would have been approximately \$13.7 million higher and third party costs and expenses would have been approximately \$8.7 million higher.

Financial Condition

Cash and cash equivalents increased \$8.8 million in the nine months ended July 31, 2006. The primary sources were cash provided by operations of \$75.6 million and cash generated from the exercise of stock options of \$21.2 million. Cash was used for scheduled repayment of long-term debt of \$54.0 million, dividend payments of \$16.7 million, repurchase of the Company's common stock of \$11.0 million, and capital expenditures of \$9.8 million. Available lines of credit continue to be adequate to meet additional cash requirements over the next year.

Accounts receivable and accounts payable decreased and inventories increased as a result of the traditionally lower level of business activity in the Company's third quarter compared to its fourth quarter. Other current liabilities decreased as a result of annual bonus and profit sharing payments, contributions to the Company's pension plans and a reclassification of directors deferred compensation to capital in excess of stated value. Other long-term liabilities increased during the nine months ended July 31, 2006 primarily due to \$2.9

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million of deferred taxes and \$2.2 million representing the long-term portion of the accrual for estimated remediation costs associated with a Wisconsin municipal landfill.

Cash provided by operations in the nine months ended July 31, 2006 was down \$5.2 million from the first nine months of 2005. Consistent with the higher level of business activity in 2006, working capital increases used \$11.6 million of cash in the nine months ended July 31, 2006. In addition, there is a \$6.1 million use of cash traced to a change in the presentation of tax benefits from the exercise of stock options. Prior to the adoption of FAS 123(R), the Company presented the tax benefit of deductions resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash flows in the Statement of Cash Flows. FAS 123(R) requires the reclassification of the benefit associated with capital in excess of stated value as financing cash flows. The overall increase in cash and cash equivalents in 2006 was less than 2005 due to the repayment of long-term debt in the current year.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company's management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates the accounting policies and estimates it uses to prepare financial statements. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and assumptions believed to be reasonable under current facts and circumstances. Actual amounts and results could differ from these estimates used by management.

Certain accounting policies that require significant management estimates and are deemed critical to the Company's results of operations or financial position were discussed in Item 7 of the 10-K for the year ended October 30, 2005. There were no material changes in these policies during 2006.

Outlook

The Company expects fourth quarter sales volume to be even with or slightly below the fourth quarter of 2005. The effect of the weaker U.S. dollar should add approximately 1% to sales. Spending in the fourth quarter is expected to be slightly higher than the third quarter and will include Finishing and UV restructuring costs of approximately \$200,000. The fourth quarter tax rate is expected to be approximately 34.25%. This would result in diluted earnings per share in the \$.68 to \$.73 range for the fourth quarter compared to \$.80 in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Safe Harbor Statements Under The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act Of 1995

Statements that refer to anticipated trends, events or occurrences in, or expectations for, the future (generally indicated by the use of future tense or phrases such as "Nordson expects" or "Nordson believes" or words of similar import or by references to "risks") are forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the protection afforded by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties. Consequently, the Company's actual results could differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from the expected results include, but are not limited to: deferral of orders, customer-requested delays in system installations, currency exchange rate fluctuations, higher than anticipated environmental costs, a sales mix different from assumptions and significant changes in local business conditions in geographic regions in which the Company conducts business.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Information regarding the Company's financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates was disclosed in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended October 30, 2005. The information disclosed has not changed materially during 2006.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's management with the participation of its principal executive officer (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and principal financial officer (President, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer), has reviewed and evaluated the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of July 31, 2006. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including its principal executive and financial officers, has concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of July 31, 2006 in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and its principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended July 31, 2006 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II Other Information

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Environmental The Company has voluntarily agreed with the City of New Richmond, Wisconsin and other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP) to share costs associated with (1) a feasibility study and remedial investigation (FS/RI) for remediation of the City of New Richmond municipal landfill (the Site) and (2) providing clean drinking water to the affected residential properties down gradient of the Site. The PRP group has agreed to an allocation that sets the Company's share of the cost of remediation at 56.35 percent. The Company has committed and paid \$943,000 towards completing the FS/RI phase of the project.

The FS/RI was completed and submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) in July 2006. The total cost of the Company's share for remediation efforts (Site and clean drinking water) will not be ascertainable until a remediation plan is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Approval is anticipated to occur in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. However, based upon the range of viable alternatives for Site remediation and providing clean drinking water to residences down gradient of the Site submitted as part of the Feasibility Study, the Company accrued \$2,835,000 of expense in the third quarter of 2006, its best estimate of its obligation with respect to remediation of the Site and providing clean drinking water to residences down gradient of the Site. This amount is recorded in selling and administrative expenses.

The third quarter accrual brought the total liability balance to \$2,970,000. Approximately \$2,150,000 of the liability is classified as long-term, and is expected to be disbursed over the next ten years. The remaining portion is included in other current liabilities. If the Site remediation takes longer than expected and clean drinking water must be provided to more residences than expected, the Company has estimated that it could incur additional obligations of up to \$2,600,000.

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The liability for environmental remediation represents management's best estimate of the probable and reasonably estimable undiscounted costs related to known remediation obligations. The accuracy of the Company's estimate of environmental liability is affected by several uncertainties such as additional requirements, which may be identified in connection with remedial activities, the complexity and evolution of environmental laws and regulations, and the identification of presently unknown remediation requirements. Consequently, the Company's liability could be greater than its current estimate. However, the Company does not expect that the costs associated with remediation will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

The European Union (EU) has adopted two Directives to facilitate the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment sold in the EU. The first of these is the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive which directs EU Member States to enact laws, regulations, and administrative provisions to ensure that producers of electrical and electronic equipment provide for the financing of the collection, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of WEEE from products placed on the market after August 13, 2005 and from products in use prior to that date that are being replaced. In accordance with the WEEE directive, the Company has identified and labeled its products that are affected by the regulations adopted by Member States. The Company also has developed a strategy to support recycling of the electrical and electronic equipment and has created a section on its Website to provide customers with information on how to return WEEE-labeled products for proper recycling.

The second of these Directives is the Restriction on the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS) Directive. The RoHS Directive addresses the restriction on use of certain hazardous substances such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and hexavalent cadmium in electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market after July 1, 2006. The Company has committed to design its future products to meet the standards established by the RoHS Directive.

As of July 31, 2006, EU Member States continue to develop legislation to implement these Directives. Costs incurred in the first nine months of 2006 were not material, but the future cost to the Company to comply with the Directives and Member States' legislation will not be quantifiable until Member States have fully implemented the Directives. In addition, the Company is involved in various other legal proceedings arising in the normal course of business. Based on current information, the Company does not expect that the ultimate resolution of pending and threatened legal proceedings, including the environmental matter described above, will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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In October 2003, the Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase up to two million shares of the Company's common stock on the open market until October 2006. Expected uses for repurchased shares include the funding of benefit programs including stock options, restricted stock and 401(k) matching. Shares purchased will be treated as treasury shares until used for such purposes. The repurchase program will be funded using the Company's working capital.

The following table summarizes common stock repurchased by the Company during the third quarter of 2006:

| | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| May 1, 2006 to May 31, 2006 | 10,000 | \$ 46.92 | 10,000 | 1,762,000 |
| June 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 | 104,800 | \$ 46.55 | 104,800 | 1,657,200 |
| July 1, 2006 to July 31, 2006 | 37,800 | \$ 45.05 | 37,800 | 1,619,400 |
| Total | 152,600 | | 152,600 | |

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number:

- 31.1 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by the Chief Executive Officer, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by the Chief Financial Officer, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of CEO pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of CFO pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: September 8, 2006

Nordson Corporation

By: /s/ Peter S. Hellman

Peter S. Hellman
President, Chief Financial and
Administrative Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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