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

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002

OR

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

Commission file number 1-9102

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

77-0100596
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

245 South Los Robles Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101
(Address and Zip Code of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(626) 683-4000**

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock \$2.50 par value

New York Stock Exchange

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: None

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

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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. o

The Registrant estimates that as of February 11, 2003 the aggregate market value of the shares of its Common Stock, \$2.50 par value, held by non-affiliates of the Registrant (that is, shares beneficially owned by other than executive officers and directors) was in excess of \$197 million.

On February 11, 2003 there were 3,950,312 shares of Common Stock, \$2.50 par value outstanding. This is the only class of Common Stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

1. PORTIONS OF AMERON'S 2002 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS (PARTS I, II AND IV).
 2. PORTIONS OF AMERON'S PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS (PART III).
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PART I AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to herein as "Ameron", the "Company", the "Registrant" or the "Corporation" unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. The business of the Company has been divided into business segments in Item 1(c)(1). Substantially all activities relate to the manufacture of highly engineered products for sale to the industrial, chemical, energy and construction markets. All references to "the year" or "the fiscal year" pertain to the 12 months ended November 30, 2002. All references to the "Annual Report" pertain to the Company's 2002 Annual Report to Stockholders.

ITEM 1 BUSINESS

(a) **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS.**

Although the Company's antecedents date back to 1907, it evolved directly from the merger of two separate firms in 1929, resulting in the incorporation of American Concrete Pipe Co. on April 22, 1929. Various name changes occurred between that time and 1942, at which time the Company's name became American Pipe and Construction Co. By the late 1960s the Company was almost exclusively engaged in manufacturing and had expanded its product lines to include not only concrete and steel pipe but also high-performance protective coatings, ready-mix concrete, aggregates and reinforced thermosetting resin pipe and fittings.

At the beginning of 1970, the Company's name was changed to Ameron, Inc. In the meantime, other manufactured products had been added to its product lines. These included concrete and steel poles for street and area lighting, and steel poles for traffic signals.

In 1996, the Company's name was changed to Ameron International Corporation in order to better reflect its expanded, global focus. Also in 1996, the Company acquired assets of Centron, a leading manufacturer of fiberglass pipe for the worldwide oilfield market, as well as the worldwide Devoe marine coatings business of Imperial Chemical Industries Plc. In 1998, the Company acquired the protective coatings and light industrial product finishes businesses of Croda International Plc in the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.

Further details or commentary on the year's operations can be found in the Annual Report, which is Exhibit 13 to this report on Form 10-K, and which should be read in conjunction with this report.

(b) **FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS TO INDUSTRY SEGMENTS.**

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The information contained in Notes (1), (5) and (17) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 32, 33, 34, 35, 42 and 43 of the Annual Report is incorporated herein by reference.

(c)

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS.

(1)

For geographical and operational convenience, the Company is organized into divisions. These divisions are combined into the following groups serving the following-described industry segments.

a)

The Performance Coatings & Finishes Group develops, manufactures and markets high-performance coatings and surfacer systems on a worldwide basis. These products are utilized for the preservation of structures, such as metallic and concrete facilities and equipment, to prevent their degradation by corrosion, abrasion, marine fouling and other forms of chemical and physical attack. The primary markets served include marine, offshore, petrochemical, power generation, petroleum, chemical, steel, pulp and paper, railroad, bridges, mining, metal processing and original equipment manufacturing. These products are marketed

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by direct sales, as well as through manufacturers' representatives, distributors and licensees. Competition is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of these products is carried out in the Company's plant in Arkansas, by wholly-owned subsidiaries in The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, by joint ventures in Mexico and Saudi Arabia and by various third-party licensees.

b)

The Fiberglass-Composite Pipe Group develops, manufactures and markets filament-wound and molded fiberglass pipe and fittings. These products are used by a wide range of process industries, including industrial, petroleum, chemical processing and petrochemical industries, for service station replacement piping systems, aboard marine vessels and on offshore oil platforms, and are marketed as an alternative to metallic piping systems which ultimately fail under corrosive operating conditions. These products are marketed by direct sales, as well as through manufacturers' representatives, distributors and licensees. Competition is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of these products is carried out in the Company's plant in Texas, by its wholly-owned domestic subsidiary, Centron International Inc. ("Centron"), at its plant in Texas, by wholly-owned subsidiaries in The Netherlands, Singapore, and Malaysia, by a joint venture in Saudi Arabia and by third-party licensees.

c)

The Water Transmission Group supplies products and services used in the construction of water pipelines. Five pipe manufacturing plants are located in Arizona and California. Also included within this group is American Pipe & Construction International, a wholly-owned subsidiary, with a plant in Colombia. These plants manufacture concrete cylinder pipe, prestressed concrete cylinder pipe, steel pipe and reinforced concrete pipe for water transmission, storm and industrial waste water and sewage collection. These products are marketed by direct selling using the Company's own personnel and by competitive bidding. Customers include local, state and federal agencies, developers and general contractors. Normally no one customer or group of customers will account for sales equal to or greater than 10 percent of the Company's consolidated revenue. However, occasionally, when more than one unusually large project is in progress, combined sales to all U.S. government agencies and/or general contractors for those agencies can reach those proportions. Besides competing with several other welded steel pipe and concrete pipe manufacturers located in the market area, alternative products such as ductile iron, plastic, and clay pipe compete with the Company's concrete and steel pipe products, but ordinarily these other materials do not offer the full diameter range produced by the Company. Principal methods of competition are price, delivery schedule and service. The Company's technology is used in the Middle East through affiliated companies. This segment also includes the manufacturing and marketing on a worldwide basis through direct sales and manufacturing representatives, of polyvinyl chloride and polyethylene sheet lining for the protection of concrete pipe and cast-in-place concrete structures from the corrosive effects of sewer gases, acids and industrial chemicals. Competition is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of this product is carried out in the Company's plant in California. This segment also includes engineered design, fabrication and direct sale of specialized proprietary equipment which is outside the regular business of the other segments of the Company's businesses. Competition for such work is based upon quality, price and service. Manufacture of such equipment is carried out in the Company's plant in California.

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The Infrastructure Products Group supplies ready-mix concrete, crushed and sized basaltic aggregates, dune sand, concrete pipe and box culverts, primarily to the construction industry in Hawaii, and manufactures and markets concrete and steel poles for highway, street and outdoor area lighting and for traffic signals nationwide. Ample raw materials are available locally in Hawaii. As to rock products, the Company has exclusive rights to a quarry containing many years' reserves. There is only one major source of supply for cement in

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Hawaii. Within the market area there are competitors for each of the segment's products. No single competitor offers the full range of products sold by the Company in Hawaii. An appreciable portion of the segment's business is obtained through competitive bidding. Sales of poles are nationwide, but with a stronger concentration in the western states. Marketing is handled by the Company's own sales force and by outside sales agents for poles. Competition for such products is mainly based on price and quality, but with some consideration for service and delivery. Poles are manufactured in two plants in California, as well as plants in Washington, Oklahoma and Alabama.

e)

Except as individually shown in the above descriptions of industry segments, the following comments or situations apply to all segments:

- (i) Because of the number of manufacturing locations and the variety of raw materials essential to the business, no critical situations exist with respect to supply of materials. The Company has multiple sources for raw materials. The effects of increases in costs of energy are being mitigated to the extent practical through conservation and through addition or substitution of equipment to manage the use and reduce consumption of energy.
- (ii) The Company owns certain patents and trademarks, both U.S. and foreign, related to its products. The Company licenses its patents, trademarks, know-how and technical assistance to various of its subsidiary and affiliated companies and to various third-party licensees. It licenses these proprietary items to some extent in the U.S., and to a greater degree abroad. These patents, trademarks, and licenses do not constitute a material portion of the Company's total business. No franchises or concessions exist.
- (iii) Many of the Company's products are used in connection with capital goods, water and sewage transmission and construction of capital facilities. Favorable or adverse effects on general sales volume and earnings can result from weather conditions. Normally, sales volume and earnings will be lowest in the first fiscal quarter. Seasonal effects simply accelerate or slow the business volume and normally do not bring about severe changes in full-year activity.
- (iv) With respect to working capital items, the Company does not encounter any requirements which are not common to other companies engaged in the same industries. No unusual amounts of inventory are required to meet seasonal delivery requirements. All of the Company's industry segments turn their inventory between three and eight times annually. Average days' sales in accounts receivable range between 35 and 133 for all segments.
- (v) The value of backlog orders at November 30, 2002 and 2001 by industry segment is shown below. A substantial portion of the November 30, 2002 backlog is expected to be billed and recorded as sales during fiscal 2003.

Segment	2002	2001
	(in thousands)	
Performance Coatings & Finishes Group	\$ 5,461	\$ 3,593
Fiberglass-Composite Pipe Group	32,687	25,334
Water Transmission Group	151,523	92,194

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Segment	2002	2001
Infrastructure Products Group	26,495	22,815
Total	\$ 216,166	\$ 143,936

- (vi) There was no significant change in competitive conditions or the competitive position of the Company in the industries and localities in which it operates. There is no knowledge of any competitive situation which would be material to an understanding of the business.
- (vii) Sales contracts in all of the Company's business segments normally consist of purchase orders, which in some cases are issued pursuant to master purchase agreements. Longer-term contracts seldom involve commitments of more than one year by the Company, and exceptions are not deemed

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material by management. Payment is normally due from 30 to 60 days after shipment, with progress payments prior to shipment in some circumstances. It is the Company's practice to require letters of credit prior to shipment of foreign orders, subject to limited exceptions. The Company does not typically extend long-term credit to purchasers of its products.

- (2) a) Approximate expense during each of the last three fiscal years for Research and Development costs is shown under the caption in Note (1) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 32 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- b) The Company's business is not dependent on any single customer or few customers, the loss of any one or more of whom would have a material adverse effect on its business.
- c) For many years the Company has been consistently installing or improving devices to control or eliminate the discharge of pollutants into the environment. Accordingly, compliance with federal, state, and locally enacted provisions relating to protection of the environment is not having, and is not expected to have, a material effect upon the Company's capital expenditures, earnings, or competitive position.
- d) At year-end the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries employed approximately 2,800 persons. Of those, approximately 700 were covered by labor union contracts. There are four separate bargaining agreements subject to renegotiation in 2003.

(d) FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC OPERATIONS AND EXPORT SALES.

The information contained in Notes (1), (5) and (17) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 32, 33, 34, 35, 42 and 43 of the Annual Report is incorporated herein by reference.

Export sales in the aggregate from U.S. operations during the last three fiscal years were:

	In thousands
2002	\$ 26,372
2001	35,952
2000	30,665

ITEM 2 PROPERTIES

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The location and general character of principal plants and other materially important physical properties used in the Company's operations are tabulated below. Property is owned in fee simple except where otherwise indicated by footnote. In addition to the property shown, the Company owns vacant land adjacent to or in the proximity of some of its operating locations and holds this property available for use when it may be needed to accommodate expanded or new operations. Property listed does not include any temporary project sites which are generally leased for the duration of the respective projects or leased or owned warehouses that could be easily replaced. With the exception of the Kailua, Oahu property, shown under the Infrastructure Products industry segment, there are no material leases with respect to which expiration or inability to renew would have any material adverse effect on the Company's operations. The lease term on the Kailua property extends to the year 2052. Kailua is the principal source of quarried rock and aggregates for the Company's operations on Oahu, Hawaii; and, in management's opinion, rock reserves are adequate for its requirements during the term of the lease.

- (b) The Company believes that its existing facilities are adequate for current and presently foreseeable operations. Because of the cyclical nature of certain of the Company's operations, and the substantial amounts involved in some individual orders, the level of utilization of particular facilities may vary significantly from time to time in the normal course of operations.

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Industry Segment	Group	Division	Location	Description
PERFORMANCE COATINGS & FINISHES GROUP				
		Coatings Division	USA	
			Alpharetta, GA	*Office
			Brea, CA	Office, Laboratory, Warehouse
			Little Rock, AR	Office, Plant
			Houston, TX	Warehouse
		Ameron B.V.		
			Geldermalsen, The Netherlands	Office, Plant
			Huthwaite, UK	Office, Plant
		Ameron (UK) Limited		
			Hull, UK	Office, Plant
		Ameron (Australia) Pty. Limited		
			Sydney, Australia	Office, Plant
			Adelaide, Australia	Plant
		Ameron (New Zealand) Limited		
			Auckland, New Zealand	Office, Plant
FIBERGLASS-COMPOSITE PIPE GROUP				
		Fiberglass Pipe Division	USA	
			Houston, TX	*Office
			Burkburnett, TX	Office, Plant
		Centron International, Inc.		
			Mineral Wells, TX	Office, Plant
		Ameron B.V.		
			Geldermalsen, The Netherlands	Office, Plant
		Ameron (Pte) Ltd.		

Industry Segment	Group	Division	Location	Description
			Singapore	*Office, Plant
		Ameron Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	*Office, Plant
WATER TRANSMISSION GROUP				
			Rancho Cucamonga, CA	*Office
			Etiwanda, CA	Office, Plant
			Fontana, CA	Office, Plant
			Lakeside, CA	Office, Plant
			Phoenix, AZ	Office, Plant
			Tracy, CA	Office, Plant
		Protective Linings Division	Brea, CA	Office, Plant
		Fabrication Plant	South Gate, CA	Office, Plant
		American Pipe & Construction International		
			Bogota, Colombia	Office, Plant
INFRASTRUCTURE PRODUCTS GROUP				
		Hawaii Division	Honolulu, Oahu, HI	*Office, Plant
			Kailua, Oahu, HI	*Plant, Quarry
			Barbers Point, Oahu, HI	Office, Plant
			Puunene, Maui, HI	*Office, Plant, Quarry
		Pole Products Division	Ventura, CA	*Office
			Fillmore, CA	Office, Plant
			Oakland, CA	*Plant
			Everett, WA	*Office, Plant
			Tulsa, OK	*Office, Plant
			Anniston, AL	*Office, Plant
CORPORATE				
		Corporate Headquarters	Pasadena, CA	*Office
		Corporate Research & Engineering	South Gate, CA	Office, Laboratory

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ITEM 3 LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

An action was filed in 1992 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD") seeking damages against several parties, including the Company and the Company's customer, Peter Kiewit Sons Company ("Kiewit"), in connection with six prestressed concrete pipe siphons furnished and installed in the 1970's as part of the Central Arizona Project ("CAP"), a federal project to bring water from the Colorado River to Arizona. The CAWCD also filed separate actions against the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("USBR") in the U.S. Court of Claims and with the Arizona Projects Office of the USBR in connection with the CAP siphons. The CAWCD alleged that the six CAP siphons were defective and that the USBR and the defendants in the U.S. District Court action were liable for damages for the repair or replacement of those siphons. On September 14, 1994, the U.S. District Court granted the Company's motion to dismiss the CAWCD action and entered judgment against the CAWCD and in favor of the Company and its co-defendants.

Separately, on September 28, 1995, the Contracting Officer for the USBR issued a final decision claiming for the USBR approximately \$40 million in damages against Kiewit, based in part on the Contracting Officer's finding that the siphons supplied by the Company were defective. That claim amount was considered by the Company to be duplicative of the damages sought by the CAWCD for the repair or replacement of the siphons in the aforementioned action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. The Contracting Officer's final decision was appealed by Kiewit to the U.S. Department of the Interior Board of Contract Appeals ("IBCA"). The Company actively cooperated with and assisted Kiewit in the administrative appeal of that final decision before the IBCA. Trial on that appeal commenced in November 2000, however the proceeding was stayed with the concurrence of

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the parties pending efforts aimed at settlement of the entire matter. Settlement efforts were then undertaken, during which the IBCA appeal was suspended.

As of November 30, 2002, tentative settlements had been reached among the USBR, Kiewit, the Company and various insurance carriers. Since November 30, 2002, those settlements have been finalized and the entire matter, including the aforementioned CAWCD claim, has been resolved on economic terms that did not result in an adverse material effect on the financial position of the Company or its results of operations. The Company will receive sufficient reimbursement from its own and a supplier's insurance companies to fully cover the settlement.

The Company is one of numerous defendants in various pending lawsuits involving, as of November 30, 2002, some 8,382 individuals or their representatives alleging personal injury from exposure to asbestos-containing products. None of such lawsuits specifies any dollar amount sought as damages by such individuals or their representatives, and at this time the Company is not aware of the extent of injuries allegedly suffered by the individuals or the facts supporting the claim that such injuries were caused by the Company's products. Based upon the information available to it at this time, the Company is not in a position to evaluate its potential exposure, if any, as a result of these claims. The Company intends to vigorously defend all asbestos-related lawsuits.

In addition to the above, certain other claims, suits and complaints that arise in the ordinary course of business, have been filed or are pending against the Company. Management believes that these matters are either adequately reserved, covered by insurance, or would not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or its results of operations if disposed of unfavorably.

The Company is subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the environment and is currently participating in administrative proceedings at several sites under these laws. While the Company finds it difficult to estimate with any certainty the total cost of remediation at the several sites, on the basis of currently available information and reserves provided, the Company believes that the outcome of such environmental regulatory proceedings will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or its results of operations.

ITEM 4 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

(Not Applicable)

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ITEM 4A EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The following sets forth information with respect to individuals who served as executive officers as of November 30, 2002 and who are not directors of the Company. All executive officers are appointed by the Board of Directors to serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Title and Year Elected as Officer	
Thomas P. Giese	58	Vice President; Group President Water Transmission Group	1997
James R. McLaughlin	55	Vice President-Treasurer & Controller	1997
Gordon G. Robertson	63	Vice President; Group President Fiberglass-Composite Pipe Group	1997
Javier Solis	56	Senior Vice President of Administration, Secretary & General Counsel	1984
Gary Wagner	51	Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	1990

All of the executive officers named above have held high level managerial or executive positions with the Company for more than the past five years. Gordon Robertson retired in December 2002.

PART II

ITEM 5 MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The Common Stock, \$2.50 Par Value, of the Company, its only outstanding class of common equity, is traded on the New York Stock Exchange, the only exchange on which it is presently listed. On February 11, 2003, there were 1,172 stockholders of record of such stock. Information regarding stock compensation plans is contained in Note (12) on page 37 and 38 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Dividends have been paid each quarter during the prior two years. Information as to the amount of dividends paid during the reporting period and the high and low prices of the Company's Common Stock during that period are set out in Note (16) on page 42 of the Annual Report, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Terms of lending agreements which place restrictions on cash dividends are discussed in Note (10) on pages 36 and 37 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 6 SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The information required by this item is contained in the Selected Consolidated Financial Information shown on page 20 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information required by this item is contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section shown on pages 21 through 26 and Note (1) pages 32, 33 and 34 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7A QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information required by this Item is contained on page 25 of the Annual Report under the caption Market Risks, and is incorporated herein by reference. At November 30, 2002, the Company had foreign currency forward contracts with an aggregate face value of \$6,623,000. In January 2003, the Company finalized a three-year, floating rate, revolving credit facility which permits borrowings up to

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\$100,000,000, and issued seven-year notes payable totaling \$50,000,000 at a fixed rate of 5.36%. Future debt maturities are as follows, adjusted to reflect the refinancing that occurred in January 2003:

	Expected Maturity Date						Total Outstanding As of November 30, 2002	
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Thereafter	Recorded Value	Fair Value
Liabilities								
(US\$ in thousands)								
Long Term Debt:								
Fixed-rate notes, payable in US\$	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,333	\$ 8,334	\$	\$	\$ 33,333	\$ 35,577
Average interest rate	7.92%	7.92%	7.92%	7.92%			7.92%	
Fixed-rate notes, payable in US\$			10,000	10,000	10,000	20,000	50,000	50,000
Average interest rate			5.36%	5.36%	5.36%	5.36%	5.36%	
Variable-rate bank revolving credit facilities, payable in US\$				12,123			12,123	12,123
Average interest rate							2.00%	
Variable-rate industrial development bonds, payable in US\$						7,200	7,200	7,200
Average interest rate							1.25%	
Variable-rate industrial development bonds, payable in US\$						8,500	8,500	8,500
Average interest rate							1.40%	

ITEM 8 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The Consolidated Financial Statements as of November 30, 2002 and 2001 and for each of the three years in the period ended November 30, 2002 and the report thereon of Deloitte & Touche LLP dated February 3, 2003, comprising pages 27 through 44 of the Annual Report, are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9 CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

(Not applicable)

PART III**ITEM 10 DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

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Information with respect to the directors is contained under the section entitled, "Election of Directors" in the Company's Proxy Statement which was filed on February 21, 2003 in connection with the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 26, 2003. Such information is incorporated herein by reference.

Information with respect to the executive officers who are not directors of the Company is located in Part I, Item 4A of this report.

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ITEM 11 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION*

ITEM 12 SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS*

ITEM 13 CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS*

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The information required by Items 11, 12 and 13 is contained in the Company's Proxy Statement which was filed on February 21, 2003 in connection with the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on March 26, 2003. Such information is incorporated herein by reference.

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PART IV

ITEM 14 CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report and incorporated by reference herein were prepared by management, which is responsible for their fairness, integrity, and objectivity. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and include amounts based on management's reasonable estimates and judgments. The other financial information contained in this report has been prepared in a manner consistent with the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

Management has established, maintains and necessarily relies on the Company's system of internal controls and disclosure controls. This system is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that a) the Company's transactions are properly authorized, b) the Company's assets are safeguarded against unauthorized or improper use, and c) the Company's transactions are properly recorded and reported. The concept of reasonable assurance is based on the recognition that in any system of controls there are certain inherent limitations and that the cost of such systems should not exceed the benefits to be derived.

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the control system will be met. No evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company will be detected. Judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, any control can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion, or by management override of the control. Any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any system of controls will succeed under all potential future conditions. 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.

The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's periodic filings made in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is (a) recorded, processed, accumulated and summarized within the time periods specified by the Commission, (b) communicated to the Company's management, including its chief executive and financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and (c) presented in the Company's periodic filings in a manner that fairly portrays the information being

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presented (i) in light of all available facts and circumstances relating to the matters disclosed, and (ii) in conformity with the disclosure requirements promulgated by the Commission.

Within 90 days prior to the filing of the Annual Report and this Form 10-K, an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the chief executive and financial officers. Based on that evaluation, management, including the Company's chief executive and financial officers, concluded that (a) the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting management to material information relating to the Company that is required to be included in the Company's periodic filings and (b) the Company's system of internal controls was effective in providing reasonable assurance that the Company's financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Since the date of the evaluation, there have been no significant changes in the Company's system of disclosure or internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect those controls.

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ITEM 15 EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a)(1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The financial statements to be filed hereunder are cross-referenced, in the index immediately following, to the Annual Report, as to sections incorporated herein by reference.

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(i) Summarized information as to the financial condition and results of operations for Ameron Saudi Arabia, Ltd., Bondstrand, Ltd, Oasis-Ameron, Ltd. and TAMCO is presented in Note (5) of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 34 and 35 of the Annual Report, and is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(2) FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES:

The following additional financial data should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report. Schedules not included with this additional financial data

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have been omitted because they are either not applicable, not required, not significant, or the required information is provided in the consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report.

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Schedule

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One report on Form 8-K was filed by the Company during the last quarter of the fiscal year ended November 30, 2002 as follows:

September 27, 2002 reporting under Item 9, Certification 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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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Ameron International Corporation:

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Ameron International Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of November 30, 2002 and 2001, and for each of the three years in the period ended November 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2003. Such financial statements and report are included in your 2002 Annual Report to Stockholders and are incorporated herein by reference. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in Item 15(a)2. This financial statement schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits. In our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Los Angeles, California
February 3, 2003

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AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2002
(In thousands)

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Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other	Balance at End of Year
<i>DEDUCTED FROM ASSET ACCOUNTS</i>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,699	\$ 1,300	\$ (1,496)	\$ 149	\$ 6,652
Reserve for realization of investments in joint ventures	18,190	(1,282)			16,908
Reserve for write-down of assets related to certain foreign joint ventures	2,360				2,360
<i>INCLUDED IN CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>					
Reserve for pending claims and litigation	\$ 8,227	\$ 210	\$ (3,170)	\$ 41	\$ 5,308
Other reserves	292		(66)	10	236
Reserve for self-insured programs	14,223	3,833	(3,834)		14,222

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2001
(In thousands)

Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other	Balance at End of Year
<i>DEDUCTED FROM ASSET ACCOUNTS</i>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,616	\$ 1,738	\$ (1,649)	\$ (6)	\$ 6,699
Reserve for realization of investments in joint ventures	16,358	1,832			18,190
Reserve for write-down of assets related to certain foreign joint ventures	2,649		(289)		2,360
<i>INCLUDED IN CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>					
Reserve for pending claims and litigation	\$ 13,744	\$ 1,362	\$ (6,864)	\$ (15)	\$ 8,227
Other reserves	217	151	(75)	(1)	292
Reserve for self-insured programs	12,620	5,047	(3,438)	(6)	14,223

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2000
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Classification	Balance at Beginning of Year	Additions Charged to Costs and Expense	Deductions, Payments and Write-offs	Reclassifications and Other	Balance at End of Year
<i>DEDUCTED FROM ASSET ACCOUNTS</i>					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 6,937	\$ 1,953	\$ (2,143)	\$ (131)	\$ 6,616
Reserve for realization of investments in joint ventures	14,183	2,175			16,358
Reserve for write-down of assets related to certain foreign joint ventures	2,698		(49)		2,649
<i>INCLUDED IN CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>					
Reserve for pending claims and litigation	\$ 16,370	\$ 8,259	\$ (10,745)	\$ (140)	\$ 13,744
Other reserves	252	89	(97)	(27)	217
Reserve for self-insured programs	11,239	4,256	(2,694)	(181)	12,620
<i>INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</i>					
Other reserves	\$ 650	\$ 126	\$ (47)	\$ (729)	\$

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

AMERON INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ JAVIER SOLIS

Javier Solis,
Senior Vice President & Secretary

Date: February 24, 2003

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

Date: February 18, 2003 /s/ JAMES MARLEN Director, Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
James Marlen

Date: February 18, 2003 /s/ GARY WAGNER Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial & Accounting Officer)
Gary Wagner

Date: February 19, 2003 /s/ PETER BARKER Director
Peter K. Barker

Date: February 16, 2003 /s/ DAVID DAVENPORT Director

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David Davenport

Date: February 17, 2003 /s/ MICHAEL HAGAN Director

J. Michael Hagan

Date: February 19, 2003 /s/ TERRY HAINES Director

Terry L. Haines

Date: February 18, 2003 /s/ JOHN KING Director

John F. King

Date: February 18, 2003 /s/ THOMAS LEE Director

Thomas L. Lee

Date: February 17, 2003 /s/ JOHN PEPPERCORN Director

John E. Peppercorn

Date: _____ _____ Director

Dennis C. Poulsen

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CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, James S. Marlen, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Ameron International Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the Registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
 - b)

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evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report ("the Evaluation Date"); and

- c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the Registrant's auditors any material weakness in internal controls; and
- b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal controls; and

6. The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

February 24, 2003

/s/ JAMES S. MARLEN

James S. Marlen
*Director, Chairman of the Board,
President & Chief Executive Officer*

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CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Gary Wagner, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Ameron International Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
- 4.

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The Registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the Registrant and have:

- a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
- b) evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report ("the Evaluation Date"); and
- c) presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5.

The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the Registrant's auditors and the audit committee of Registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the Registrant's auditors any material weakness in internal controls; and
- b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Registrant's internal controls; and

6.

The Registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

February 24, 2003

/s/ GARY WAGNER

Gary Wagner
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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