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- REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
OR  
 ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003

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

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BONSO ELECTRONICS INTERNATIONAL INC.  
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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

British Virgin Islands  
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Unit 1106 - 1110  
11/F, Star House  
3 Salisbury Road  
Tsimshatsui  
Kowloon, Hong Kong  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

NONE

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

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.003  
WARRANTS TO PURCHASE COMMON STOCK

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

NONE

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report:

5,709,859 shares of common stock, \$0.003 par value, at March 31, 2003  
(includes 180,726 shares that are disputed and may be repurchased).

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.

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Yes  No

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the Registrant has elected to follow:

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 20-F contains forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements could involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that might materially alter the actual results suggested by the statements. In other words, our performance might be quite different from what the forward-looking statements imply. Factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" under Item 3. - Key Information.

You should rely only on the forward-looking statements that reflect management's view only as of the date of this Annual Report. We undertake no obligation to publicly revise these forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances. You should also carefully review the risk factors described in other documents we file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CURRENCY PRESENTATION

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with

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accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and publish our financial statements in United States Dollars.

### REFERENCES

In this Annual Report, "China" refers to all parts of the People's Republic of China other than the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong. The terms "we," "us," and the "Company" refer to Bonso Electronics International Inc. and, where the context so requires or suggests, our direct and indirect subsidiaries. References to "dollars" or "\$" are to United States Dollars. "HK\$" are to Hong Kong Dollars, "Euros" or "E" are to the European Monetary Union's Currency, "DM" are to the German Deutsch Mark, "RMB" are to Chinese Renminbi and "CDN" are to Canadian Dollars.

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### PART I

#### Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisors

Not Applicable.

#### Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not Applicable.

#### Item 3. Key Information

##### A. Selected Financial Data.

The selected consolidated financial data as of March 31, 2002 and 2003 and for each of the three fiscal years ended March 31, 2003 are derived from the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and notes that are included in this Annual Report, are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America in United States Dollars, and which appear elsewhere in this Annual Report. The selected consolidated financial data set forth below as of March 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and for each of the two fiscal years in the period ended March 31, 2000 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this Annual Report. The selected consolidated financial data are qualified in their entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes and Item 5 - "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" included in this Annual Report. The consolidated financial data as of March 31, 2003 reflects the acquisition of a 51% interest in Gram Precision Scales, Inc. ("Gram Precision"), which was effective as of August 1, 2002. Data for the fiscal years ended prior to March 31, 2003 does not include information relating to Gram Precision. The consolidated financial data as of March 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003 reflects the acquisition of KORONA Haushaltswaren GmbH & Co. KG ("Korona"), which was effective as of May 1, 2001. Data for the fiscal years ending prior to March 31, 2002 does not include information relating to Korona.

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SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement Data

	Year Ended March 31,			
	1999	2000	2001	2002 (2)
Net Sales	\$ 13,046	\$ 15,380	\$ 29,567	\$ 53,303
Cost of Sales	(8,812)	(11,118)	(22,400)	(40,192)
Gross Margin	4,234	4,262	7,167	13,111
Selling Expenses	(197)	(261)	(382)	(2,476)
Salaries and related costs	(1,626)	(1,899)	(2,334)	(3,880)
Research and Development expenses	(566)	(186)	(298)	(427)
Administration and general expenses	(1,601)	(1,646)	(2,411)	(3,411)
Amortization of brand name	--	--	--	(203)
Income (loss) from operations	244	270	1,742	2,714
Interest income	63	130	458	167
Interest expense	(445)	(261)	(338)	(645)
Foreign Exchange gain/(loss)	38	14	43	(40)
Other Income	53	192	205	181
Consultancy Fee	--	--	(381)	(381)
Income/(loss) before income taxes and minority interest	(22)	345	1,729	1,996
Income tax benefit/(expense)	36	3	(125)	(190)
Net income /(loss) before minority interest	\$ 14	\$ 348	\$ 1,604	\$ 1,806
Minority interest	--	--	--	--
Net income/ (loss)	\$ 14	\$ 348	\$ 1,604	\$ 1,806
Earning per share				
- Basic	\$ 0.0045	\$ 0.0989	\$ 0.2882	\$ 0.3232
- Diluted	\$ 0.0037	\$ 0.0874	\$ 0.2824	\$ 0.3194

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Weighted average shares	3,079,219	3,515,690	5,564,536	5,586,920
Diluted weighted average shares	3,674,303	3,978,079	5,679,911	5,652,852
Dividends declared per share	--	--	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10

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(1) Includes financial results of the acquisition of Gram Precision Scales that was effective as of August 1, 2002.

(2) Includes financial results of the acquisition of Korona that was effective as of May 1, 2001

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### Balance Sheet Data

	----- Fiscal Year ending March 31, -----				
	1999	2000	2001	2002 (2)	2003 (1) (2)
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Working capital	\$ 3,316	\$12,765	\$ 9,323	\$ 9,599	\$ 9,777
Total assets	\$18,660	\$33,793	\$37,497	\$44,451	\$48,911
Long-term debt and capital lease	\$ 42	\$ 865	\$ 404	\$ 317	\$ 606
Deferred income tax assets	\$ 112	\$ 126	\$ 97	\$ 112	\$ 167
Common Stock	\$ 9,353	\$17,133	\$16,484	\$16,208	\$16,583
Shareholders' Equity	\$14,626	\$27,022	\$27,673	\$29,200	\$28,379

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(1) Includes financial results of the acquisition of Gram Precision Scales that was effective as of August 1, 2002.

(2) Includes financial results of the acquisition of Korona that was effective as of May 1, 2001.

### Exchange Rate Information

The Hong Kong Dollar and the United States Dollar have been fixed at approximately 7.80 Hong Kong Dollars to 1.00 U.S. Dollars since 1983. The Chinese government expressed its intention in the Basic Law to maintain the stability of the Hong Kong currency after the sovereignty of Hong Kong (the "Basic Law") was transferred to China.

The currency adopted by Korona in Germany changed from the Mark to the Euro on January 1, 2002.

The noon buying rates in New York City for cable transfers as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York were U.S.\$1.00 = CDN\$1.3712, U.S.\$1.00 = RMB 8.2768, U.S.\$1.00 = Euro 1.1766, and U.S.\$1.00 = HK\$7.7987, respectively, on May 30, 2003. The following table sets forth the high and low noon buying rates between Chinese Renminbi and U.S. Dollars, Hong Kong Dollars and U.S. Dollars, and Euros and U.S. Dollars for each month during the five month period ended June 30, 2003.

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NOON BUYING RATE

	CDN\$ Per U.S. \$1		RMB Per U.S. \$1		HK\$ PER U.S. \$1		U.S. \$1 PER EURO	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Jan. 2003	1.5750	1.5220	8.2800	8.2766	7.8001	7.7988	1.0861	1.036
Feb. 2003	1.5315	1.4880	8.2800	8.2768	7.8000	7.7990	1.0875	1.070
March 2003	1.4905	1.4659	8.2776	8.2770	7.7995	7.7987	1.1062	1.054
April 2003	1.4843	1.4336	8.2774	8.2769	7.7998	7.7991	1.1180	1.062
May 2003	1.4221	1.3446	8.2771	8.2768	7.7995	7.7985	1.1853	1.120
June 2003	1.3768	1.3348	8.2776	8.2768	7.7980	7.7993	1.1870	1.142

The following table sets forth the average noon buying rates between Chinese Renminbi and U.S. Dollars, between Hong Kong Dollars and U.S. Dollars, and between Euros and U.S. Dollars for each of the calendar years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 calculated by averaging the noon buying rates on the last day of each month during the relevant year.

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AVERAGE NOON BUYING RATE

	CDN\$ Per U.S. \$1	RMB PER U.S. \$1	HK\$ PER U.S. \$1	U.S. \$1 PER EURO
1998	1.4836	8.2772	7.7996	Not Applicable
1999	1.4858	8.2785	7.7599	Not Applicable
2000	1.4855	8.2784	7.7936	Not Applicable
2001	1.5487	8.2772	7.7936	0.8909
2002	1.5704	8.2772	7.7996	0.9495

B. Risk Factors.

Forward-Looking Statements

Important Factors Related to Forward-Looking Statements and Associated Risks. This Annual Report contains disclosures that are forward-looking statements. These statements address our expectations, intentions, and strategies for the future, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These statements may be identified by such words or phrases as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "project," "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimated," "projected" or similar expressions. These statements are based on information available to us on the date of this Annual Report and we assume no obligation to

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update them. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. Several factors could cause future results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements in this report including, but not limited to:

- o Timely development, market acceptance and warranty performance of new products
- o Impact of competitive products and pricing
- o Continuity of trends
- o Customers' financial condition
- o Continuity of sales to major customers
- o Interruptions of suppliers' operations affecting availability of component materials at reasonable prices
- o Potential emergence of rival technologies
- o Success in integrating and operating Korona and Gram Precision
- o Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates
- o Uncertainties of doing business in China and Hong Kong
- o Such additional risks and uncertainties as are detailed from time to time in the Company's reports and filings with the Commission.

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### Political, Legal, Economic and Other Uncertainties of Operations in China and Hong Kong

We Could Face Increased Currency Risks If China Does Not Maintain The Stability Of The Hong Kong Dollar. The Hong Kong Dollar and the United States Dollar have been fixed at approximately 7.80 Hong Kong Dollars to 1.00 U.S. Dollars since 1983. The Chinese government expressed its intention in the Basic Law to maintain the stability of the Hong Kong currency after the sovereignty of Hong Kong was transferred to China. If the current exchange rate mechanism is changed, we face increased currency risks.

We Face Significant Risks If The Chinese Government Changes Its Policies, Laws, Regulations, Tax Structure, Or Its Current Interpretations Of Its Laws, Rules And Regulations Relating To Our Operations In China. Our manufacturing facility is located in China. As a result, our operations and assets are subject to significant political, economic, legal and other uncertainties. Changes in policies by the Chinese government resulting in changes in laws or regulations or the interpretation of laws or regulations, confiscatory taxation, changes in employment restrictions, restrictions on imports and sources of supply, import duties, corruption, currency revaluation or the expropriation of private enterprise could materially and adversely affect us. Over the past several years, the Chinese government has pursued economic reform policies including the encouragement of private economic activity and greater economic decentralization. If the Chinese government does not continue to pursue its present policies that encourage foreign investment and operations in China, or if these policies are either not successful or are significantly altered, then our business operations in China could be adversely affected. We could even be subject to the risk of nationalization, which could result in the total loss of investment in that country. Following the Chinese government's policy of

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privatizing many state-owned enterprises, the Chinese government has attempted to augment its revenues through increased tax collection. Continued efforts to increase tax revenues could result in increased taxation expenses being incurred by us. Economic development may be limited as well by the imposition of austerity measures intended to reduce inflation, the inadequate development of infrastructure and the potential unavailability of adequate power and water supplies, transportation and communications. If for any reason we were required to move our manufacturing operations outside of China, our profitability would be substantially impaired, our competitiveness and market position would be materially jeopardized and we might have to discontinue our operations.

We Face Risks By Operating In China, Because The Chinese Legal System Relating To Foreign Investment And Foreign Operations Like Bonso's Is New And Evolving And The Application Of Chinese Laws Is Uncertain. The legal system of China relating to foreign investments is both new and continually evolving, and currently there can be no certainty as to the application of its laws and regulations in particular instances. The Chinese legal system is a civil law system based on written statutes. Unlike common law systems, it is a system in which decided legal cases have little precedential value. In 1979, the Chinese government began to promulgate a comprehensive system of laws and regulations governing economic matters in general. Legislation over the past 20 years has significantly enhanced the protections afforded to various forms of foreign investment in Mainland China. Enforcement of existing laws or agreements may be sporadic and implementation and interpretation of laws inconsistent. The Chinese judiciary is relatively inexperienced in enforcing the laws that exist, leading to a higher than usual degree of uncertainty as to the outcome of any litigation. Even where adequate law exists in China, it may not be possible to obtain swift and equitable enforcement of that law.

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We Could Be Adversely Affected If China Changes Its Economic Policies In The Shenzhen Special Economic Zone Where We Operate. As part of its economic reform, China has designated certain areas, including Shenzhen where our manufacturing complex is located, as Special Economic Zones. Foreign enterprises in these areas benefit from greater economic autonomy and more favorable tax treatment than enterprises in other parts of China. Changes in the policies or laws governing Special Economic Zones could have a material adverse effect on us. Moreover, economic reforms and growth in China have been more successful in certain provinces than others, and the continuation or increase of these disparities could affect the political or social stability of China.

Controversies affecting China's trade with the United States could harm our results of operations or depress our stock price. While China has been granted permanent most favored nation trade status in the United States through its entry into the World Trade Organization, controversies between the United States and China may arise that threaten the status quo involving trade between the United States and China. These controversies could materially and adversely affect our business by, among other things, causing our products in the United States to become more expensive resulting in a reduction in the demand for our products by customers in the United States. Political or trade friction between the United States and China, whether or not actually affecting our business, could also materially and adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common shares.

If Our Sole Factory Were Destroyed Or Significantly Damaged As A Result Of Fire Or Some Other Natural Disaster, We Would Be Adversely Affected. All of our products are currently manufactured at our manufacturing facility located in Shenzhen, China. Fire fighting and disaster relief or assistance in China may not be as developed as in Western countries. We currently maintain property damage insurance aggregating approximately \$22,400,000 covering our stock in



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trade, goods and merchandise, furniture and equipment and buildings. We do not maintain business interruption insurance. Investors are cautioned that material damage to, or the loss of, our factory due to fire, severe weather, flood or other act of God or cause, even if insured against, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, business and prospects.

Our results could be harmed if we have to comply with new environmental regulations. Our operations create some environmentally sensitive waste that may increase in the future depending on the nature of our manufacturing operations. The general issue of the disposal of hazardous waste has received increasing attention from the PRC national and local governments and foreign governments and agencies and has been subject to increasing regulation. Our business and operating results could be materially and adversely affected if we were to increase expenditures to comply with environmental regulations affecting our operations.

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### Risk Factors Relating to Our Business

We Depend Upon Our Largest Customers For A Significant Portion Of Our Sales Revenue, And We Cannot Be Certain That Sales To These Customers Will Continue. If Sales To These Customers Do Not Continue, Then Our Sales Will Decline And Our Business Will Be Negatively Impacted. Traditionally, we have relied upon 3-4 customers for a significant portion of our sales during the fiscal year. Four major customers accounted for approximately 44% of our sales in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, one major customer accounted for approximately 22% of our sales in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, and four customers accounted for approximately 31% in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, with one customer accounting for 14% of our sales. We do not enter into long-term contracts with our customers, but manufacture based upon purchase orders and therefore cannot be certain that sales to these customers will continue. The loss of our largest customers could have a material negative impact on our sales revenue and our business.

If We Are Not Able To Increase Our Manufacturing Capacity, We May Not Be Able To Meet The Demands Of Our Customers, Which Could Result In The Loss Of Sales And Our Customer Base. Our long-term competitive position will depend to a significant extent on our ability to increase our manufacturing capacity. We will need to invest in additional plant and equipment to expand capacity in our current facilities or obtain additional capacity through acquisitions. Either of these alternatives will require additional capital, which we may not be able to obtain on favorable terms, or at all. Further, we may not be able to acquire sufficient capacity or successfully integrate and manage additional facilities. The failure to obtain capacity when needed or to successfully integrate and manage additional manufacturing facilities could adversely impact our relationships with our customers and materially harm our business and results of operations.

Defects In Our Products Could Impair Our Ability To Sell Our Products Or Could Result In Litigation And Other Significant Costs. Detection of any significant defects in our products may result in, among other things, delay in time-to-market, loss of market acceptance and sales of our products, diversion of development resources, injury to our reputation, or increased warranty costs. Because our products are complex, they may contain defects that cannot be detected prior to shipment. These defects could harm our reputation, which could result in significant costs to us and could impair our ability to sell our products. The costs we may incur in correcting any product defects may be substantial and could decrease our profit margins.

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Since certain of our products are used in applications that are integral to our customers' businesses, errors, defects, or other performance problems could result in financial or other damages to our customers. Product liability litigation, even if it were unsuccessful, would be time consuming and costly to defend. Our product liability insurance may not be adequate to cover claims.

Our Sales Through Retail Merchants Result In Seasonality And Susceptibility To A Downturn In The Retail Economy And Sales Variances Resulting From Retail Promotional Programs. With the acquisition of Korona, a significant portion of our net sales involve sales of bathroom and kitchen scales to retail merchants

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in Europe. In addition, many of our other customers sell to retail merchants. Accordingly, these portions of our customer base are susceptible to a downturn in the retail economy. Sales of certain of our scale and telecommunications products are seasonal, with sales of our scale products declining in the summer months and sales of our telecommunications products increasing during the summer. A significant portion of our sales in Europe are attributable to the promotional programs of our retail industry customers. These promotional programs result in significant orders by customers who do not carry our products on a regular basis. Promotional programs often involve special pricing terms or require us to spend funds to have our products promoted. We cannot assure you that promotional purchases by our retail industry customers will be repeated regularly, or at all. Our promotional sales could cause our quarterly results to vary significantly.

Our customers are dependent on shipping companies for delivery of our products and interruptions to shipping could materially and adversely affect our business and operating results. Typically, we sell our products F.O.B. Hong Kong and our customers are responsible for the transportation of products from Hong Kong to their final destinations. Our customers rely on a variety of carriers for product transportation through various world ports. A work stoppage, strike or shutdown of one or more major ports or airports could result in shipping delays materially and adversely affecting our customers, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results. Similarly, an increase in freight surcharges due to rising fuel costs or general price increases could materially and adversely affect our business and operating results.

Customer Order Estimates May Not Be Indicative Of Actual Future Sales. Some of our customers have provided us with forecasts of their requirements for our products over a period of time. We make many management decisions based on these customer estimates, including purchasing materials, hiring personnel, and other matters that may increase our production capacity and costs. If a customer reduces its orders from prior estimates after we have increased our production capabilities and costs, this reduction may decrease our net sales and we may not be able to reduce our costs to account for this reduction in customer orders. Many customers do not provide us with forecasts of their requirements for our products. If those customers place significant orders, we may not be able to increase our production quickly enough to fulfill the customers' orders. The inability to fulfill customer orders could damage our relationships with customers and reduce our net sales.

Pressure By Our Customers To Reduce Prices And Agree To Long-Term Supply Arrangements May Cause Our Net Sales Or Profit Margins To Decline. Our customers are under pressure to reduce prices of their products. Therefore, we expect to experience pressure from our customers to reduce the prices of our products. Our customers frequently negotiate supply arrangements with us well in advance of delivery dates, thereby requiring us to commit to price reductions before we can determine if we can achieve the assumed cost reductions. We believe we must

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reduce our manufacturing costs and obtain higher volume orders to offset declining average sales prices. If we are unable to offset declining average sales prices, our gross profit margins will decline.

We Depend Upon Our Key Personnel And The Loss Of Any Key Personnel, Or Our Failure To Attract And Retain Key Personnel, Could Adversely Affect Our Future Performance, Including Product Development, Strategic Plans, Marketing And Other Objectives. The loss or failure to attract and retain key personnel could

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significantly impede our performance, including product development, strategic plans, marketing and other objectives. Our success depends to a substantial extent not only on the ability and experience of our senior management, but particularly upon Anthony So our President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Board. We do not have key man life insurance on Mr. So. To the extent that the services of Mr. So would be unavailable to us, we would be required to obtain another person to perform the duties Mr. So otherwise would perform. We may be unable to employ another qualified person with the appropriate background and expertise to replace Mr. So on terms suitable to us.

We Face The Pressures Of A Competitive Industry. Our business is in an industry that is highly competitive, and many of our competitors, both local and international, have substantially greater technical, financial and marketing resources than we have. We compete with scale manufacturers in the Far East, the United States, and Europe. We believe that our principal competitor in the scale market is Measurement Specialties, Inc. and principal competitors in the telecommunications market are other Original Equipment or OEM manufacturers; however, as a contract and original equipment manufacturer and original design manufacturer, we compete with all companies engaged in the contract and original equipment manufacturing business. Further, subsequent to the acquisitions of Korona and Gram Precision, we compete with distributors of scales in Europe and Canada. Both the scale and the telecommunications markets are highly competitive and we face pressures on pricing and lower margins as evidenced by the decline in margins that we have experienced with our telecommunications products. Lower margins may effect our ability to cover our costs which could have a material negative impact on our operations and our business.

We Are Controlled By Our Management, Whose Interest May Differ From Those Of The Other Shareholders. At the present time, Mr. Anthony So, our founder and President, beneficially owns approximately 35.77% of the outstanding shares of common stock, including shares underlying his outstanding options, or 28.58% without including his outstanding options. Due to his stock ownership, Mr. So may be in a position to elect the board of directors and, therefore, to control our business and affairs including certain significant corporate actions such as acquisitions, the sale or purchase of assets and the issuance and sale of our securities. Mr. So may be able to prevent or cause a change in control. We also may be prevented from entering into transactions that could be beneficial to us without Mr. So's consent. The interest of our largest shareholder may differ from the interests of other shareholders.

Our Operating Results and Stock Price Are Subject To Wide Fluctuations. Our quarterly and annual operating results are affected by a wide variety of factors that could materially and adversely affect net sales, gross profit and profitability. This could result from any one or a combination of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Results of operations in any period should not be considered indicative of results to be expected in any future period, and fluctuations in operating results may also result in fluctuations in the market price of our common stock.

Our results have been affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

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Changes in currency rates involving the Canadian Dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Chinese Renminbi or the Euro could increase our expenses.

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Our financial results have been affected by currency fluctuations, resulting in total foreign exchange losses of \$96,592 during the year ended March 31, 2003. Generally, our revenues are collected in United States Dollars, Euros and Canadian Dollars. Our costs and expenses are paid in United States Dollars, Canadian Dollars, Hong Kong Dollars, Euros and Chinese Renminbi. We face a variety of risks associated with changes among the relative value of these currencies. An appreciation of the Canadian Dollar, Chinese Renminbi, Hong Kong Dollar or the Euro against the U.S. Dollar would increase our expenses when translated into U.S. Dollars and could materially and adversely affect our margins. In addition, a significant devaluation in the Canadian Dollar, Chinese Renminbi, Hong Kong Dollar or Euro could harm our business if it destabilizes the economy of Canada, China, Hong Kong, or the European Union.

Strategic acquisitions. Recently we have acquired Gram Precision and Korona to expand our operations. While we are optimistic about these acquisitions, there can be no assurances that we will be successful in our plans regarding the operation of these acquisitions. Further, we can give you no assurance that our acquisitions will perform in accordance with our expectations. Despite our due diligence efforts, we must necessarily base any assessment of potential acquisitions on inexact and incomplete information and assumptions with respect to operations, profitability and other matters that may prove to be incorrect. Any difficulties with these acquisitions could disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management and employees and increase our expenses. Moreover, our profitability may suffer because of acquisition related costs or amortization of acquired goodwill and other intangible assets.

Protection and Infringement of Intellectual Property. Except for the trademark for the KORONA mark, we have no patents, licenses, franchises, concessions or royalty agreements that are material to our business. We have obtained a trademark registration in Hong Kong and China for the marks BONSO and MODUS in connection with certain electronic apparatus. Unauthorized parties may attempt to copy aspects of our products or trademarks or to obtain and use information that we regard as proprietary. Policing unauthorized use of our products is difficult. Our means of protecting our proprietary rights may not be adequate. In addition, the laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary rights to as great an extent as do the laws of the United States. Our failure to adequately protect our proprietary rights may allow third parties to duplicate our products or develop functionally equivalent or superior technology. In addition, our competitors may independently develop similar technology or design around our proprietary intellectual property.

Further, we may be notified that we are infringing patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property rights owned by other parties. In the event of an infringement claim, we may be required to spend a significant amount of money to develop a non-infringing alternative or to obtain licenses. We may not be successful in developing such an alternative or obtaining a license on reasonable terms, if at all. Any litigation, even without merit, could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and could materially and adversely affect our business and operating results.

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Our business and operating results would be materially and adversely affected if our suppliers of needed components fail to meet our needs. At various times, we have and continue to experience shortages of some of the

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electronic components that we use, and suppliers of some components lack sufficient capacity to meet the demand for these components. In some cases, supply shortages and delays in deliveries of particular components have resulted in curtailed production, or delays in production, of assemblies using that component, which contributed to an increase in our inventory levels and reduction in our gross margins. There can be no assurance that such shortages and delays in deliveries of some components will not occur in the future. If we are unable to obtain sufficient components on a timely basis, we may experience manufacturing delays, which could harm our relationships with current or prospective customers and reduce our sales. We also depend on a small number of suppliers for certain of the components that we use in our business. If we were unable to continue to purchase components from these limited source suppliers, our business and operating results would be materially and adversely affected.

Cancellations or delays in orders could materially and adversely affect our gross margins and operating income. Sales to our OEM customers are primarily based on purchase orders we receive from time to time rather than firm, long-term purchase commitments. Although it is our general practice to purchase raw materials only upon receiving a purchase order, for certain customers we will occasionally purchase raw materials based on such customers' rolling forecasts. Further, during times of potential component shortages we have purchased, and may continue to purchase, raw materials and component parts in the expectation of receiving purchase orders for products that use these components. In the event actual purchase orders are delayed, are not received or are cancelled, we would experience increased inventory levels or possible write-downs of raw material inventory that could materially and adversely affect our business and operating results.

We generally have no written agreements with suppliers to obtain components and our margins and operating results could suffer from increases in component prices. We are typically responsible for purchasing components used in manufacturing products for our customers. We generally do not have written agreements with our suppliers of components. This typically results in our bearing the risk of component price increases because we may be unable to procure the required materials at a price level necessary to generate anticipated margins from the orders of our customers. Accordingly, increases in component prices could materially and adversely affect our gross margins and operating results.

### Certain Legal Consequences of Foreign Incorporation and Operations

Judgments Against The Company And Management May Be Difficult To Obtain Or Enforce. We are a holding corporation organized as an International Business Company under the laws of the British Virgin Islands and our principal operating subsidiary is organized under the laws of Hong Kong. Our principal executive offices are located in Hong Kong and our second operating subsidiary is located in Germany. Outside the United States, it may be difficult for investors to enforce judgments obtained against us in actions brought against us in the United States, including actions predicated upon the civil liability provisions of federal securities laws. In addition, most of our officers and directors reside outside the United States and the assets of these persons and of the

Company are located outside of the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon these persons, or to enforce against the Company or these persons judgments predicated upon the liability provisions of United States securities laws. Our Hong Kong counsel and our British Virgin Islands counsel have advised that there is substantial doubt as to the enforceability against us or any of our directors or officers in original actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of

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United States courts in claims for liability based on the civil liability provisions of federal securities laws.

Because We Are Incorporated In The British Virgin Islands, You May Not Have The Same Protections As Shareholders Of U.S. Corporations. We are organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. Principles of law relating to matters affecting the validity of corporate procedures, the fiduciary duties of our management, directors and controlling shareholders and the rights of our shareholders differ from, and may not be as protective of shareholders as, those that would apply if we were incorporated in a jurisdiction within the United States. Our directors have the power to take certain actions without shareholder approval, including an amendment of our Memorandum or Articles of Association and certain fundamental corporate transactions, including reorganizations, certain mergers or consolidations and the sale or transfer of assets. In addition, there is doubt that the courts of the British Virgin Islands would enforce liabilities predicated upon United States securities laws.

Our Shareholders Do Not Have The Same Protections Or Information Generally Available To Shareholders Of U.S. Corporations Because The Reporting Requirements For Foreign Private Issuers Are More Limited Than Those Applicable To Public Corporations Organized In The United States. We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of rules promulgated under the Exchange Act. We are not subject to certain provisions of the Exchange Act applicable to United States public companies including: the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K, the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations in respect to a security registered under the Exchange Act and the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their stock ownership and trading activities and establishing insider liability for profits realized from any "short-swing" trading transaction (i.e., a purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of the issuer's equity securities within six months or less). Because we are not subject to these rules, our shareholders are not afforded the same protections or information generally available to investors in public companies organized in the United States.

Our Board's ability to amend our charter without shareholder approval could have anti-takeover effects that could prevent a change in control. As permitted by the law of the British Virgin Islands, our Memorandum and Articles of Association, which are the terms used in the British Virgin Islands for a corporation's charter and bylaws, may be amended by our board of directors without shareholder approval provided that a majority of our independent directors do not vote against the amendment. This includes amendments to increase or reduce our authorized capital stock. Our board's ability to amend our charter documents without shareholder approval could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of Bonso, including a tender offer to purchase our common shares at a premium over the then current market price.

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We may not pay dividends in the future. Although we have declared an annual dividend during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002 and on April 2, 2003, we may not be able to declare dividends or may decide not to declare dividends in the future. We will determine the amounts of any dividends when and if they are declared, in the future at the time of declaration.

Dispute With Augusta Technologie AG ("Augusta") Regarding Repurchase Obligation May Result In Obligation For The Company To Repurchase Certain Shares. Effective May 1, 2001, we acquired Korona from Augusta. Part of the purchase price was paid to Augusta by the issue of 180,726 shares of our

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restricted common stock based on an agreed-upon price of \$8.00 per share pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Augusta. For accounting purposes, the issue of the shares was originally recorded at the value of \$5.00 per share, based on the average price per share for a total of 5 days before and after the completion date of the acquisition. Under the terms of the Agreement we had an obligation to register the common stock with the SEC. The Agreement gave Augusta the right to have us redeem the common stock if the registration of the stock had not been declared effective by the SEC on or before January 31, 2002. We filed a registration statement to register the common stock held by Augusta which was declared effective by the SEC on March 7, 2002. In March 2002, Augusta exercised the repurchase obligation requesting to return the 180,726 shares of common stock to us in exchange for a promissory note of \$1,445,808, repayable in nine monthly payments which would have commenced April 1, 2002 and bearing interest at a rate of 8% per annum which would result in an interest cost of approximately \$50,000 for the whole period of the promissory note.

On October 22, 2002, Augusta filed a request for arbitration in the state of New York asserting breach of the Agreement and registration rights agreement. On January 13, 2003, we filed our answer to Augusta's request for arbitration asserting that Augusta breached the Agreement and the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing by withholding consent from Korona's auditors for the release of Korona's financial statements. We are currently in the process of proceeding through the arbitration. Although we are optimistic that we will be successful in the arbitration, there can be no assurance that this will occur. Further, if the arbitration proceeds, there will be legal fees, travel expenses and other costs related to the arbitration that will be incurred by us in defending the matter. If we do not succeed in the arbitration, we may be obligated to repurchase the stock by exchanging it for the promissory note, to be repaid with accrued interest, over a nine-month period of time.

### Item 4. Information on the Company

#### A. History and Development of the Company.

Bonso Electronics International Inc. was formed on August 8, 1988 as a limited liability International Business Company under the laws of the British Virgin Islands under the name "Golden Virtue Limited." On September 14, 1988, we changed our name to Bonso Electronics International, Inc. We operate under the International Business Companies Ordinance, 1984, of the British Virgin Islands.

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As part of our ongoing expansion of the sensor-based product business, effective as of August 1, 2002, we acquired 51% of the equity of Gram Precision from a third party for approximately \$231,000 in cash, a promissory note in the gross amount of \$231,000, and the issuance of 125,000 shares of our common stock valued at approximately \$300,000. The purchase price was determined through arms-length negotiations between us and the third party, which negotiations took into consideration Gram Precision's business, financial position, operating history, products, and other factors relating to Gram Precision's business. Gram Precision is primarily engaged in the distribution and marketing of pocket scales in the United States, Canada, and Europe

Effective as of May 1, 2001 we acquired 100% of the equity of Korona. We originally acquired Korona for approximately \$3,634,000. Augusta exercised its option to redeem the stock it received as part of the purchase price for a promissory note. While Augusta's exercise of the option is disputed, the purchase price has been increased by \$542,178 for accounting purposes to reflect the possible redemption.

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Korona markets consumer scale products throughout Europe to retail merchandisers and distributors. These products feature contemporary designs using the latest materials and attractive packaging. Since 2000, we have manufactured a portion of Korona's product line under an Original Equipment Manufacturers agreement and are very familiar with Korona's stature in Europe and its potential for wider global distribution.

Our corporate administrative matters are conducted through our registered agent, HWR Services Limited, P.O. Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Our principal executive offices are located at Unit 1106 - 1110, 11/F, Star House, 3 Salisbury Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Our telephone number is 852-2605-5822, our facsimile number is 852-2691-1724, our e-mail address is info@bonso.com and our website is www.bonso.com. Our registered agent in the United States is Henry F. Schlueter, Esq., 1050 Seventeenth Street, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80265.

### B. Business Overview.

Bonso Electronics International Inc. designs, develops, produces and sells electronic sensor-based and wireless products for private label Original Equipment Manufacturers (individually "OEM" or collectively "OEMs") and Original Design Manufacturers (individually "ODM" or collectively "ODMs").

Since 1989, we have manufactured all of our products in China in order to take advantage of the lower overhead costs and competitive labor rates. Our factory is located in Shenzhen, China, about 50 miles from Hong Kong. The convenient location permits us to easily manage manufacturing operations from Hong Kong and facilitates transportation of our products out of China through the port of Hong Kong.

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### Business Strategy

We believe that our continued growth depends upon our ability to strengthen our customer base by enhancing and diversifying our products, increasing the number of customers and expanding into additional markets, while maintaining or increasing sales of our products to existing customers. Our continued growth and profitability is also dependent upon our ability to control production costs and increase production capacity. Our strategy to achieve these goals is as follows:

**Product Enhancement And Diversification.** We continually seek to improve and enhance our existing products in order to provide a longer product life-cycle and to meet increasing customer demands for additional features. Our research and development staff are currently working on a variety of projects to enhance our existing scale products and for the telecommunications industry and in the postal scale/meter area. See "Products" below.

**Maintaining And Expanding Business Relations With Existing Customers.** We promote relationships with our significant customers through regular communication with them, including visiting certain of our customers in their home countries and providing direct access to our manufacturing and quality control personnel. This access, together with our concern for quality, has resulted in a relatively low level of defective products. Moreover, we believe that our emphasis on timely delivery, good service and low cost has contributed and will continue to contribute to good relations with our customers and increased orders. Further, we solicit suggestions from our customers for product enhancement and when feasible plan to develop and incorporate the enhancements suggested by our customers into our products.

**Market And Product Expansion.** We have significantly expanded our marketing



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efforts in the United States, Canada and Europe. We have done this through the acquisitions of Gram Precision and Korona, and through efforts to introduce the Korona brand name and products into the United States. Further, we have taken significant steps to expand the products that we sell and to position ourselves as both ODMs and OEMs for other companies that require a manufacturing partner with our capabilities. We intend to increase our marketing and sales efforts with both existing and potential customers.

**Controlling Production Costs.** In 1989, recognizing that labor cost is a major factor permitting effective competition in the consumer electronic products industry, we relocated all of our manufacturing operations to China to take advantage of the large available pool of lower cost manufacturing labor. We located our manufacturing facilities within 50 miles of Hong Kong in order to facilitate transportation of our products to markets outside of China, while benefiting from the advantages associated with manufacturing in China.

We are actively seeking to control production costs by such means as redesigning our existing products in order to decrease material and labor costs, controlling the number of our employees, increasing the efficiency of workers by providing regular training and tools and redesigning the flow of our production lines.

**Increasing Production Capacity.** We have significantly expanded our production capacity by leasing additional factory and dormitory buildings immediately adjacent to our factory in China. We have the opportunity to increase our capacity through the construction and/or leasing of additional factory and dormitory space near our factory in China. We intend to carefully monitor our capacity needs and to expand capacity as necessary.

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### Products

Our sensor-based scale products are comprised of bathroom, kitchen, office, jewelry, laboratory, postal and industrial scales that are used in consumer, commercial and industrial applications. These products accounted for 65% of revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, 63% for 2002 and 59% for 2003.

Our sensor-based healthcare products are comprised primarily of thermometers and blood pressure meters used by consumers. These products accounted for 2% of revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, 0% for 2002 and 0% for 2003.

Our wireless telecommunications products are primarily comprised of two-way radios and cordless telephones that are used in consumer and commercial applications. These products accounted for 29% of revenue for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, 33% for 2002 and 34% for 2003.

We also receive revenue from certain customers for the development and manufacture of tooling and moulding for scales and telecommunication products. Generally these tools and moulds are used by us for the manufacture and sale of products. We also generate some sales of spare parts for repair work by our customers and from repair work performed by us for our customers. These revenues accounted for approximately 4% of net sales for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, 4% for 2002 and 7% for 2003.

The following table sets forth the percentage of net sales for each of the product lines mentioned above, for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

Year ended March 31,

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Product Line	2001	2002	2003
Scales	65%	63%	59%
Healthcare Products	2%	0%	0%
Telecommunications Products	29%	33%	34%
Other products and services	4%	4%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Customers and Marketing

We sell our products primarily in the United States and Europe. Customers for our products are primarily OEMs and ODMs, which market the products under their own brand names. The Gram Precision acquisition allows us to engage in the distribution and marketing of pocket scales in the United States, Canada, and Europe. With the acquisition of Korona, we began to distribute scale products directly to the retail and catalogue markets in Europe.

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Net export sales to customers by geographic area consisted of the following for each of the three years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

	Year ended March 31,					
	2001		2002		2003	
North America	\$13,531,782	46%	\$24,553,379	46%	\$22,017,956	48%
Europe	\$14,160,371	48%	\$25,641,446	48%	\$21,059,227	45%
Asia	\$ 1,538,650	5%	\$ 2,223,602	4%	\$ 2,661,535	6%
Others	\$ 335,877	1%	\$ 884,674	2%	\$ 591,336	1%
Total	\$29,566,680	100%	\$53,303,101	100%	\$46,330,054	100%

We maintain a sales and marketing representative in Hong Kong, a marketing and sales team of ten people in China, a marketing team of two people in Canada and two people in Europe for Gram Precision and a sales team at Korona in Germany of six people (including one sales representative and 4 persons who are directly employed by Korona). Also, our experienced engineering teams work directly with our customers to develop and tailor our products to meet the customer's specific needs. We market our products primarily through a combination of direct contact by our experienced in-house technical sales staff and our sales representatives, and through the use of direct mail catalogues and product literature. Korona sells its products primarily through direct contact by sales agents/employees with customers. In addition, our marketing teams contact existing and potential customers by telephone, mail, facsimile, and in person.

A list of our major electronics sensor customers for each of the prior three fiscal years follows:

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### Percent of Sales - Year ended March 31,

----- Electronics Sensor Customers -----	2001 (1)	2002 (1)	2003 (1)
Ohaus Corporation (USA)	10%	4%	0%
Gram Precision (Canada)	10%	6%	(1)
Gottl Kern & Sohn GmbH (Germany)	8%	4%	4%
Werner Dorsch GmbH & Co. (Germany)	6%	4%	3%

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 (1) The inclusion of Gram Precision Scales has a dilutive effect on sales percentages in the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002. Effective August 1, 2002, we acquired a 51% interest in Gram Precision, and sales information for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, has not been included.

A list of our major telecommunications customers for each of the prior three fiscal years follows:

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### Percent of Sales - Year ended March 31,

----- Telecommunications Customer -----	2001	2002	2003
Trisquare Communications (HK) Company Ltd.	0%	22%	14%
TTI Tech Co., Ltd	0%	4%	8%
Global Link Corporation Ltd.	0%	0%	5%
Telson Information & Communications Co., Ltd. (Korea)	12%	Less Than 1%	0%
Telson Telecommunication Technology Co., Ltd. (Korea)	12%	0%	0%

Sales of our products to OEMs accounted for approximately 97% of our total net sales in the year ended March 31, 2001, 65% for the year ended 2002 and 34% for the year ended 2003. Korona contributed \$13,112,156 of our total net sales or 28% of total net sales for the year ended March 31, 2003. Gram Precision contributed \$4,275,499 of our total net sales or 9% of total net sales for the year ended March 31, 2003.

#### Component Parts and Suppliers

We purchase over 1,000 different component parts from more than 100 major suppliers and are not dependent upon any single supplier for key components. We purchase components for our products primarily from suppliers in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong and the PRC. We have not experienced and don't expect to experience any difficulty in obtaining needed component parts for our products.

#### Quality Control

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We have received ISO 9001: 2000 certification from Det Norske Veritas Certification B.V., the Netherlands. The ISO 9001: 2000 certification was awarded to our subsidiary, Bonso Electronics Limited and to Bonso Electronics Limited subsidiary Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Company Limited, the manufacturing plant. Further, we have received TL 9000 certification for our telecommunications products.

ISO 9001 is one of the ISO 9000 series of quality system standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization, a worldwide federation of national standards bodies. ISO 9001 provides a model for quality assurance (and continuous improvement) in product development, manufacturing, installation and servicing that focuses on meeting customer requirements. The TL 9000 standard was developed by the Quality Excellence for Suppliers of Telecommunications (QuEST) Leadership Forum. The TL 9000 certification process was developed exclusively to address the quality of products and services provided by suppliers to the telecommunications industry.

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### Patents, Licenses, Trademarks, Franchises, Concessions and Royalty Agreements

We have obtained a trademark registration in Hong Kong and China for the marks BONSO and MODUS in connection with certain electronic apparatus. Also, we have acquired the trademark registration rights to the KORONA mark for 16 European countries and in the United States.

We rely on a combination of patent, trademark and trade secret laws, employee and third party non-disclosure agreements and other intellectual property protection methods to protect our proprietary rights. There can be no assurance that third parties will not assert infringement or other claims against us with respect to any existing or future products. We cannot assure you that licenses would be available if any of our technology was successfully challenged by a third party, or if it became desirable to use any third-party technology to enhance the Company's products. Litigation to protect our proprietary information or to determine the validity of any third-party claims could result in a significant expense to us and divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel, whether or not such litigation is determined in our favor.

While we have no knowledge that we are infringing upon the proprietary rights of any third party, there can be no assurance that such claims will not be asserted in the future with respect to existing or future products. Any such assertion by a third party could require us to pay royalties, to participate in costly litigation and defend licensees in any such suit pursuant to indemnification agreements, or to refrain from selling an alleged infringing product or service.

### Product Research and Development/Competition

The major responsibility of the product design, research and development personnel is to develop and produce designs to the satisfaction of and in accordance with the specifications provided by the OEMs and ODMs. We believe our engineering and product development capabilities are important to the future success of our business. As an ODM, we take specifications that are provided to us by the customer and design a product to meet those specifications. Some of our product design, research, and development activities are customer funded and are under agreements with specific customers for specific products. We have successfully lowered the costs for our research and development team by moving most research and development activities to our facility in China. We principally employ Chinese engineers and technicians at costs that are substantially lower than that would be required in Hong Kong.

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Both the electronic sensor-based and wireless products are highly competitive. Competition is primarily based upon unit price, product quality, reliability, product features and management's reputation for integrity. Accordingly, reliance is placed on research and development of new products, line extensions and technological, quality and other continuous product improvement. There can be no assurance that we will enjoy the same degree of success in these efforts in the future. Research and development expenses, aggregated approximately \$298,000 for 2001, \$427,000 for 2002 and \$393,000 for 2003.

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### Seasonality

Generally, the first calendar quarter of each year is typically the slowest sales period because our manufacturing facilities in China are closed for two weeks for the Chinese New Year holidays to permit employees to travel to their homes in China. Throughout the remainder of the year, our products do not appear to be subject to significant seasonal variation. The summer months are generally the lowest sales point of the calendar year for Gram Precision and Korona; however, sales of telecommunication products are generally higher in the summer months offsetting Gram Precision's and Korona's decline in sales. However, the sales patterns may not be indicative of future performance.

Employee incentive compensation is conditioned on the employee's return to work following the Chinese New Year and is paid to employees following the reopening of the factory after the holidays. We believe that this method has resulted in lower employee turnover than might otherwise have occurred.

### Government Regulation

We are subject to comprehensive and changing foreign, federal, state and local environmental requirements, including those governing discharges to the air and water, the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous waste, and the remediation of contamination associated with releases of hazardous substances. We believe that we are in compliance with current environmental requirements. Nevertheless, we use hazardous substances in our operations and as is the case with manufacturers in general, if a release of hazardous substances occurs on or from our properties we may be held liable and may be required to pay the cost of remediation. The amount of any resulting liability could be material.

### Foreign Operations

A significant amount of our products are manufactured at our factory located in China. While China has been granted permanent most favored nation trade status in the United States through its entry into the World Trade Organization, controversies between the United States and China may arise that threaten the status quo involving trade between the United States and China. These controversies could materially and adversely affect our business by, among other things, causing our products in the United States to become more expensive resulting in a reduction in the demand for our products by customers in the United States.

Sovereignty over Hong Kong reverted to China on July 1, 1997. The 1984 Sino-British Joint Declaration, the 1990 Basic Law of Hong Kong, the 1992 United States-Hong Kong Policy Act and other agreements provide some indication of the business climate we believe will continue to exist in Hong Kong. Hong Kong remains a Special Administrative Region ("SAR") of China, with certain autonomies from the Chinese government. Hong Kong is a full member of the WTO. It has separate customs territory from China, with separate tariff rates and

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export control procedures. It has a separate intellectual property registration system. The Hong Kong Dollar is legal tender in the SAR, freely convertible and not subject to foreign currency exchange controls by China. The SAR government

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has sole responsibility for tax policies, though the Chinese government must approve the SAR's budgets. Notwithstanding the provisions of these international agreements, we cannot be assured of the continued stability of political, legal, economic or other conditions in Hong Kong. No treaty exists between Hong Kong and the United States providing for the reciprocal enforcement of foreign judgments. Accordingly, Hong Kong courts might not enforce judgments predicated on the federal securities laws of the United States, whether arising from actions brought in the United States or, if permitted, in Hong Kong.

Generally, our revenues are collected in United States Dollars, Euros and Canadian Dollars. Our costs and expenses are paid in United States Dollars, Canadian Dollars, Hong Kong Dollars, Euros and Chinese Renminbi. Accordingly, the competitiveness of our products relative to locally produced products may be affected by the performance of the United States Dollar compared with that of our foreign customers' currencies. Fluctuations in the value of the Hong Kong Dollar have not been significant since October 17, 1983, when the Hong Kong government pegged the value of the Hong Kong Dollar to that of the United States Dollar. However, there can be no assurance that the value of the Hong Kong Dollar will continue to be tied to that of the United States Dollar. The value of the Chinese Renminbi has been fairly stable for the last few years. A significant portion of Korona's costs and expenses are paid in United States Dollars. An appreciation of the Canadian Dollar, Chinese renminbi, Hong Kong dollar or the Euro against the U.S. dollar would increase our expenses when translated into U.S. dollars and could materially and adversely affect our margins. We cannot be assured that these currencies will remain stable or will fluctuate to our benefit. To manage our exposure to these risks, we may, but have not yet purchased, currency exchange forward contracts, currency options or other derivative instruments.

### C. Organizational Structure.

We have one wholly-owned Hong Kong subsidiary - Bonso Electronics Limited ("BEL"). BEL was organized under the laws of Hong Kong and is responsible for the design, development, manufacture and sale of our products.

BEL has one active Hong Kong subsidiary - Bonso Investment Limited ("BIL"). BIL was organized under the laws of Hong Kong and has been used to acquire and hold our property investments in Hong Kong and China.

BEL also has one active PRC subsidiary - Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Company Limited, which is organized under the laws of the PRC, and is used to manufacture all of our products.

We also have another wholly-owned British Virgin Islands subsidiary - Modus Enterprise International Inc., which owns 100% of Korona and 51% of Gram Precision. Korona is engaged in marketing, distributing and retailing of consumer bathroom and kitchen scale products throughout Europe. Gram Precision is primarily engaged in the distribution and marketing of pocket scales in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

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### D. Property, plant and equipment.

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### British Virgin Islands

Our offices are located at Cragmuir Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Only corporate administrative matters are conducted at such offices, through our registered agent, HWR Services Limited.

### Hong Kong

We own approximately 5,000 square feet of office space located at Unit 1106 - 1110, 11/F, Star House, 3 Salisbury Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong as our principal executive office.

We own approximately 4,593 square feet on the 8th floor of the Universal Industrial Centre, 23-25 Shan Mei Street, Fo Tan, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong. This facility now is used exclusively as warehouse space.

We own a residential property in Hong Kong, which is located at Savanna Garden, House No. 27, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong. House No. 27 consists of approximately 2,475 square feet plus a 177 square foot terrace and a 2,308 square foot garden area. The use of House No. 27 is provided to Mr. Anthony So as part of his compensation. See Item 6 - "Directors, Senior Management and Employees -- Compensation."

### China

Our existing factory in China is located at Shenzhen in the DaYang Synthetical Development District, close to the border between Hong Kong and China. This factory consists of three factory buildings, which contain approximately 245,000 square feet, three workers' dormitories, containing approximately 155,000 square feet, a canteen and recreation center of approximately 25,500 square feet, an office building, consisting of approximately 25,500 square feet, and staff quarters for our supervisory employees, consisting of approximately 35,000 square feet, for a total of approximately 486,000 square feet.

All of the facilities noted above are wholly-owned, except one factory building and one workers' dormitory. These facilities were initially used by us pursuant to a Contract on the Use of Land and Supply of Workers with Shenzhen Baoan Fuan Industrial Company; however, we were granted title to the land on which these buildings are situated by the PRC in May 2001. Prior to being granted title, the Contract on the Use of Land and Supply of Workers provided that we could use approximately 269,000 square feet of land for a period of 50 years, commencing May 10, 1994. To obtain the land lease, we paid \$1,810,344 plus a monthly management fee in the amount of \$2,750. In April 2000, we increased our production capacity by leasing a third factory building and a third workers' dormitory.

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We also own four residential properties described as follows:

- o Lijingge Court, Unit F, 15th Floor, Hai Li Building, Shenzhen, China, consisting of approximately 1,000 square feet.
- o Lakeview Mansion, B-20C, Hujinju Building No. 63, Xinan Road, Boacheng Baoan Shenzhen, China, consisting of approximately 1,591 square feet.
- o Lakeview Mansion, B-11B, Hujinju Building No. 63, Xinan Road, Boacheng Baoan Shenzhen, China, consisting of approximately 1,335 square feet.

The property in the Hai Li Building is rented to an unaffiliated third

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party for RMB 2,500 per month (approximately \$301) The Lakeview Mansion properties are utilized by directors when they require accommodations in China.

We also own two office units in Beijing, namely Units 12 and 13 on the 3rd floor, Block A of Sunshine Plaza in Beijing, China. Unit 12 consists of 1,102 square feet and Unit 13 consists of 1,860 square feet. Both Units are rented to unaffiliated third parties for an aggregate monthly rental of RMB 21,000, or approximately \$2,537.

### Germany

Korona leases approximately 885 square meters of office space located at Auf den Huttenberg 1-3, 35428 Langgons-Niederkleen, Germany. This facility is used as Korona's principal executive offices and the monthly rent for this facility is E 6,427.12.

### Canada

Gram Precision leases from an affiliated entity approximately 5,028 square feet of office space located at 31-5155 Spectrum Way, Mississauga, Ontario, L4W 5A1, Canada. This facility is used as Gram Precision's principal executive offices and the monthly rent for this facility is CDN 4,250 including Goods & Services Tax.

### United Kingdom

Vector Europe Limited, a subsidiary of Gram Precision, leases 3,319 square feet of office and warehouse space located at Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom. The monthly rent for this facility is GBP 833.33.

### Adequacy of Facilities

We believe the manufacturing complex, including the newly leased space, will be adequate for our reasonably foreseeable needs.

### Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

This section contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under Item 3 - "Key Information - Risk Factors." The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with Item 3 - "Key Information - Selected Financial Data" and the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements attached elsewhere in this Annual Report.

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Financial information as of and for the year ended March 31, 2003 reflects the impact of the acquisition of a majority interest in Gram Precision and the financial information as of and for the year ended March 31, 2002 reflects the impact of the acquisition of Korona effected May 1, 2001 and therefore will not be comparable with the financial information as of or for any past dates or periods and will not be indicative of results of operations for future periods.

### Critical Accounting Policies

The methods, estimates and judgments we use in applying our most critical accounting policies have a significant impact on the results we report in our financial statements. The SEC has defined the most critical accounting policies as the ones that are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition



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and results, and require us to make our most difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. Based on this definition, our most critical policies include inventories, impairment, brand name, trade receivables, and deferred income taxes.

Below, we discuss these policies further, as well as the estimates and judgments involved. We also have other key accounting policies, such as revenue recognition. We believe that these other policies either do not generally require us to make estimates and judgments that are as difficult or as subjective, or it is less likely that they would have a material impact on our reported results of operations for a given period. See discussion of all our significant accounting policies in footnote 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group"). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

The companies acquired during the financial period have been consolidated from the date on which control of the net assets and operations was transferred to the Group

Acquisitions of companies are accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase cost over the fair value of assets less liabilities of acquired companies.

During the financial year ending March 31, 2003, the Group adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," which requires discontinuance of goodwill amortization and an annual impairment review. Where an indication of impairment exists, the carrying amount of goodwill is assessed and written down to its recoverable amount.

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### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Net realizable value is the price at which inventories can be sold in the normal course of business after allowing for the costs of completion and disposal. Inventories are reduced by reserves for obsolescence and slow moving parts, which are determined based on management's assessment of their current status.

This provision requires judgment regarding the marketability of certain inventories as certain inventories may be identified as in good condition that are subsequently obsolete and which could result in a subsequent write-off of the related inventories to the statement of operations. Any change in the marketability of inventories that were not previously provided for could significantly change the calculation of reserves and the results of our operations.

### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets held and used by us and intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Goodwill is also subject

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to an annual impairment review.

If a triggering event occurs indicating that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable, an assessment of the carrying amount of that asset is required. Triggering events include significant adverse changes in the market value of an asset, business plans, legal factors, and the business or the regulatory environment. The interpretation of such events requires judgement from management, whether such an event has occurred and whether management feels that assessment of the carrying value of the asset is required. If an event occurs that could affect the carrying value of the asset and management does not identify it as a triggering event, future operations could be adversely affected if this asset is subsequently written off due to sudden downturns in the business environment or sold for less than its carrying value and the asset had not previously been identified as impaired.

Based on occurrence of triggering events the carrying amounts of fixed assets are reviewed to assess whether their recoverable amounts have declined below their carrying amounts. The recoverable amount is the present value of estimated net future cash flows which we expect to recover from the future use of the asset, undiscounted and without interest, plus the asset's residual value on disposal. Where the recoverable amount of fixed and other long-lived assets is less than carrying value, an impairment loss is recognized to write the assets down to their fair value which is based on discounted estimated cash flows from the future use of the asset.

The estimated cash flows arising from future use of the asset that are used in the impairment analysis require judgment regarding what we expect to recover from future use of the asset and includes consideration of the change of our market share and customer base, market competition, change in cost structure and change in technology. In addition, the residual value of the asset on disposal requires judgment based on the estimated fair value of the asset at the time of disposal which could change due to changing market conditions and change in expected use of the asset prior to disposal. Any changes in the estimates of cash flows arising from future use of the asset or the residual value of the asset on disposal based on changes in the market conditions, changes in the use of the assets, management's plans, the determination of the useful life of the assets and technology change in the industry could significantly change the calculation of the fair value or recoverable amount of the asset and the resulting impairment loss, which could significantly affect the results of our operations.

### Brand Name

Brand name acquired as part of the purchase of a business is capitalized based on the estimated fair value as at the date of acquisition and amortized using the straight line method over the related estimated useful life of 15 years.

Expected useful lives are reviewed at each balance sheet date and, where these differ significantly from previous estimates, amortization periods are changed accordingly. Where an indication of impairment exists, such as the downturn of economic inflow from the brand name, changes in business plan and so on, the carrying amounts of brand name is assessed and written down to their recoverable amounts. The measurement of the fair value of brand name is subject to management's assumptions regarding future estimated cash flows, discount rates, etc. Changes in these assumptions could significantly affect the recording of an impairment charge related to this asset.

### Trade Receivables

Provision is made against trade receivables to the extent that collection is considered to be doubtful. This provision requires judgment regarding the

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collectability of certain receivables as certain receivables may be identified as collectible that are subsequently uncollectible and which could result in a subsequent write-off of the related receivable to the statement of operations. Any change in the collectability of accounts receivable that were not previously provided for could significantly change the calculation of such provision and the results of our operations.

### Deferred Income Taxes

Amounts in the consolidated financial statements related to income taxes are calculated using the principles of SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes". SFAS No. 109 requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. As part of this process we are required to estimate our income taxes and tax bases of assets and liabilities in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves us estimating our current tax exposure together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. We must then assess the likelihood of the recoverability of future tax benefits, such as net operating loss carry forwards, based on estimated future taxable income and recognize such benefits to the extent that realization is more likely than not to occur. To the extent we establish a valuation allowance or increase this allowance in a period, we must include an expense within the tax provision in the statement of operations. Any change in the recoverability of the deferred tax assets could significantly affect the results of our operations or cash flows.

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### Overview

We derive our revenues principally from the sale of sensor-based and wireless products manufactured in China, which represent 59% and 34% of total sales for fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 respectively. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, net sales increased to approximately \$29,567,000 and net income increased to approximately \$1,604,000. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, net sales increased to approximately \$53,303,000 and net income increased to approximately \$1,806,000. In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, net sales were \$46,330,000 and net loss was \$1,644,000.

We were operating at full capacity in our prior manufacturing facility and in January 1997, moved our manufacturing operations to a new facility, almost tripling our manufacturing capacity. In April 2000, we leased an additional 90,000 square feet of space on land adjacent to our manufacturing facility. Management believes that we will be able to increase sales to take advantage of our increased manufacturing capacity and improve margins and financial performance. Increased revenue and net income in future periods will depend on our ability to (i) strengthen our customer base by enhancing and diversifying our products; (ii) increase the number of customers; (iii) expand into additional markets; (iv) maintain or increase sales of our products to existing customers; (v) increase production; and (vi) control all of our costs.

Although labor costs are increasing in China, our labor costs continue to represent a relatively small percentage of our total production costs. We believe that increased labor costs in China will not have a significant effect on our total production costs or results of operations, and that we will be able to continue to increase our production at our manufacturing facility without substantially increasing our non-production salaries and related costs. In

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addition, we have not experienced significant difficulties in obtaining raw materials for our products and management does not anticipate any such difficulties in the foreseeable future.

### A. Operating Results.

The following table sets forth selected income data as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated.

	Year ended March 31,		
Income Statement Data	2001	2002	2003
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	(75.8)	(75.4)	(76.7)
Gross margin	24.2	24.6	23.3
Selling expenses	(1.3)	(4.6)	(5.3)
Salaries and related costs	(7.9)	(7.3)	(9.8)
Research and development expenses	(1.0)	(0.8)	(0.8)
Administration and general expenses	(8.2)	(6.4)	(8.5)
Amortization of brand name	--	(0.4)	(0.4)
Income (loss) from operations	5.9	5.1	(1.7)
Interest income	1.6	0.3	0.2
Interest expense	(1.1)	(1.2)	(1.1)
Foreign exchange gains/(loss)	0.1	(0.1)	(0.2)
Other income	0.7	0.3	0.4
Consultancy fee	(1.3)	(0.7)	(0.8)
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Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest	5.8	3.7	(3.3)
Income tax expense	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.1)
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Minority interest	0	0	(0.2)
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Net income (loss)	5.4	3.4	(3.4)
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Fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 compared to fiscal year ended March 31, 2002

**Net Sales.** Our sales decreased 13% from approximately \$53,303,101 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, to approximately \$46,330,054 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, primarily as a result of the poor performance of one of our subsidiaries, Korona, and the decrease in sales of both our scales and telecommunications products due to the poor worldwide economy. Gram Precision had \$4,275,499 in sales consolidated since August 1, 2002 representing 9% of total sales of the group, and Korona had \$13,112,156 in sales for the year representing 28% of total sales for the group for the year ended March 31, 2003. Korona had \$16,039,000 in sales consolidated since May 1, 2001 representing 30% of total sales of the group for the year ended March 31, 2002.

**Gross Margin.** Gross margin declined slightly from 24.6% for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, as compared with 23.3% in the current fiscal year. This is mainly caused by the decrease in selling price of both our scales and telecommunications products.

**Selling Expenses.** Total selling expenses declined only slightly; however, these expenses increased as a percentage of total sales from 4.7% to 5.3%. This increase was attributable primarily to \$302,153 in selling expenses from the acquisition and consolidation of Gram Precision in 2003.

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**Salaries And Related Costs.** Salaries and related costs increased by 17.6% from approximately \$3,880,274 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 to approximately \$4,563,453 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. This increase was primarily due to the inclusion of a full year of Korona salaries of \$1,421,174 versus \$1,287,000, in 2002 and the inclusion of eight months of salaries from Gram Precision of \$495,648.

**Research And Development.** Research and development expenses decreased slightly from \$426,364 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, to \$392,926 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 due to less cost, such as testing fees, involved in the research and development of both our scales and telecommunication projects.

**Administration And General Expenses.** Administration and general expenses increased by 16% from approximately \$3,411,336 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 to approximately \$3,956,858 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. This increase was primarily due to the inclusion of \$394,950 from Gram Precision's general and administrative expenses.

**Amortization Of Brand Name.** We amortized approximately \$200,000 and \$202,000 relating to the brand name acquired upon the acquisition of Korona during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 and March 31, 2002, respectively. The brand name is amortized using the straight line method over the related estimated useful life of 15 years.

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**Income From Operations.** As a result of the above changes, income from operations declined by 128.7% from approximately \$2,713,992 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 to a loss of \$777,779 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

**Interest Income.** Interest income decreased by 48.9% from approximately \$166,723 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, to approximately \$85,178 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. This decrease was primarily the result of the reduction of interest rates in Hong Kong.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense declined 17.4% from approximately \$645,045 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 to approximately \$532,624 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. This decrease was primarily the result of lower interest rates.

**Foreign Exchange Losses/Gains.** Foreign exchange rates produced a loss of approximately \$96,592 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, as compared to a loss of \$39,954 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, an increased loss of 141.7%. The loss was primarily attributable to translating U.S. Dollars to HK Dollars, RMB, EURO or Canadian Dollars for the purchase of raw materials and payments of salaries and wages .

**Other Income.** Other income fell slightly from \$181,272 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 to \$169,456 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. This decrease primarily resulted from the production of less scrap material. The scrap we sell consists primarily of the remains of steel plate and plastics after the production process.

**Consultancy Fee.** We entered into an agreement with a third party to provide consulting/advisory services relating to our capital structure and fund-raising activities. The period of service was from July 2000 to January 2003. A total consultancy fee of \$1,144,260 was capitalized in 2000 and was amortized over three years of the contract, resulting in a non-cash consultancy fee of \$381,420

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for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, relating to warrants that were issued to the consultant.

**Income Tax Expense.** Income tax expense decreased from approximately \$189,962 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 to \$37,314 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, representing 0.36% and 0.08% of net sales respectively. This decrease was primarily attributed to the benefit arising from the net loss during this fiscal year of \$245,405, offset by an increase in the deferred tax asset valuation allowance of \$153,496. The increase in the valuation allowance is due to the portion of the increased net operating losses that more likely than not may not be realized through future taxable earnings of one of our subsidiaries.

**Net Loss.** As a result of the above changes, we incurred a net loss of \$1,643,734 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, compared to net income of \$1,805,606 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, a decrease of approximately \$3,449,340, or 191%.

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Fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 compared to fiscal year ended March 31, 2001

**Net Sales.** Our sales increased 80% from approximately \$29,567,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, to approximately \$53,303,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, primarily as a result of the contribution from our newly acquired subsidiary Korona and more sales of telecommunications products. Korona had \$16,039,000 in sales consolidated since May 1, 2001 representing 30% of total sales of the group. Another source of contribution was originated from additional telecommunications products sales of \$9,016,000 as a result of increased marketing efforts.

**Gross Margin.** Gross margin remained fairly stable at 24.6% for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, as compared with 24.2% in the prior year. The gain from higher gross margin of Korona products is offset by the loss from lower gross margin of telecom products.

**Selling Expenses.** Selling expenses increased by 548% from approximately \$382,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to approximately \$2,476,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This increase was attributable primarily to the addition of Korona's selling expenses such as sales commissions and advertising, which amounted to approximately \$1,904,000 during the year.

**Salaries And Related Costs.** Salaries and related costs increased by 66% from approximately \$2,334,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to approximately \$3,880,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This increase was primarily due to the inclusion of Korona's salaries of \$1,287,000, which constituted 55% of the increase. Further, there was an increase of three people in the production management team.

**Research And Development.** Research and development expenses increased 43% from approximately \$298,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to approximately \$427,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 due to the increased research and development activities for telecommunications products.

**Administration And General Expenses.** Administration and general expenses increased by 41% from approximately \$2,411,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to approximately \$3,411,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This increase was primarily due to inclusion of Korona's general and administrative expenses. Further, there was an increase in the allowance for doubtful trade receivables provision of approximately \$221,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, compared to a nil provision in the fiscal year ended

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March 31, 2001.

**Amortization Of Brand Name.** We amortized approximately \$203,000 relating to the brand name acquired upon the acquisition of Korona during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. The brand name is amortized using the straight line method over the related estimated useful life of 15 years.

**Income From Operations.** As a result of the above changes, income from operations increased by 56% from approximately \$1,742,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to \$2,714,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002.

**Interest Income.** Interest income decreased by 95% from approximately \$458,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, to approximately \$167,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This decrease was primarily the result of a reduction of cash balances with our banks and the reduction of interest rates in Hong Kong.

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**Interest Expenses.** Interest expenses increased 91% from approximately \$338,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to approximately \$645,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This increase was primarily the result of increased borrowings by Korona (i.e., short term loan and overdraft of approximately \$2,847,000 at March 31, 2002). These borrowings incurred an interest expense of approximately \$241,000 representing 79% of the increase.

**Foreign Exchange Losses/Gains.** Foreign exchange rates produced a gain of approximately \$43,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 and a loss of approximately \$40,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. The loss was primarily attributable to the increased strength of the RMB in the People's Republic of China against the U.S. Dollar, which arose when translating U.S. Dollars or H.K. Dollars to RMB for the purchase of raw materials and payments of salaries and wages in the People's Republic of China.

**Other Income.** Other income increased 59% from approximately \$205,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to approximately \$181,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This increase was primarily a result of increased scrap sales. The increase of scrap sales was mainly due to the increase in production volume as the scrap mainly represented the remains of steel plate and plastics after the production process.

**Consultancy Fee.** We entered into an agreement with a third party to provide consulting/advisory services relating to our capital structure and fund-raising activities. The period of service is from July 2000 to January 2003. A total consultancy fee of \$1,144,260 was capitalized in 2000 and is being amortized over three years of the contract, resulting in a non-cash consultancy fee of approximately \$381,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, relating to warrants that were issued to the consultant.

**Income Tax Expense.** Income tax expense increased from approximately \$125,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to \$190,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, representing 7% and 10% of net income respectively. This increase was primarily attributed to an underprovision of income tax for fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 of approximately \$19,000 charged in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002.

**Net Income.** As a result of the above changes, net income increased from approximately \$1,604,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 to \$1,806,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, an increase of approximately \$202,000, or 13%.

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Fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 compared to fiscal year ended March 31, 2000

**Net Sales.** Our net sales increased 92% from approximately \$15,380,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000, to approximately \$29,567,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, primarily as a result of entering into the new wireless telecommunications business during fiscal year ended March 31, 2000. The full year's effect of the sales has contributed an increase in sales of approximately \$7,978,000. In addition, various new and existing customers for electronic sensor-based products have increased their orders resulting in an increase of net sales by 52% in this product segment.

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**Gross Margin.** Gross margin decreased from 27.7% to 24.2% primarily due to the write-off of approximately \$570,000 in inventory and the increased depreciation charges of approximately \$721,000 for newly acquired machinery during the year.

**Selling Expenses.** Selling expenses increased by 46% from approximately \$261,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$382,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. This increase was attributable primarily to increases in freight charges.

**Salaries And Related Costs.** Salaries and related costs increased by 23% from approximately \$1,899,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$2,334,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. This increase was primarily due to increases in administrative staff to support the diversification in business segments and increased sales.

**Research And Development.** Research and development expenses increased 60% from approximately \$186,000 during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$298,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. Research and development costs increased due to development work on our telecommunications products.

**Administration And General Expenses.** Administration and general expenses increased by 46% from approximately \$1,646,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$2,411,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. This increase was primarily due to increased trading activities and the related increase in administrative overhead to support the higher sales.

**Income From Operations.** As a net result of the above changes, income from operations increased by 545% from approximately \$270,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$1,742,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

**Other Income.** Other income increased 7% from approximately \$192,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$205,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. This small increase was primarily a result of increased scrap sales.

**Foreign Exchange Losses/Gains.** Foreign exchange rates produced a gain of approximately \$14,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 and a gain of approximately \$43,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. This difference was primarily attributable to the pegged exchange rate and the actual transaction rate.

**Interest Income.** Interest income increased by 252% from approximately \$130,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$458,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, because of an increase in funds available to earn interest resulting from the exercise of warrants in early 2000.



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Interest Expenses. Interest expenses increased 30% from approximately \$261,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 to approximately \$338,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001. The increase resulted from the Company's increased use of its banking facilities to support the growth in sales.

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Consultancy Fee. We have entered into an agreement with a third party to provide consulting/advisory services relating to our capital structure and fund-raising activities. The period of service is from July 2000 to January 2003 and a consultancy fee of approximately \$381,000 was incurred for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001, relating to warrants issued to the consultant.

Net Income. As a result of the above changes, net income increased from the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 compared to the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 by approximately \$1,256,000.

### Impact of Inflation

We believe that inflation has not had a material affect on our business between 2002 and 2003. During the financial year ended March 31, 2002, Hong Kong had gone through a period of deflation and Germany had sustained a low inflation rate. We have generally been able to modify and improve our product designs so that we could either increase the prices of our products or lower the production cost in order to keep pace with inflation. Although our costs of components used in the manufacture of our products have been relatively stable, we believe that any possible significant increase in material costs would affect the entire electronics industry. Thus it would not have a negative material impact on our competitive position in the industry. We believe any increases in labor costs will not materially impact our operations because of the lower labor costs of operating in China.

### Taxation

Under current British Virgin Islands law, we are not subject to tax on our income. Most of our subsidiaries' profits accrue in Hong Kong, the PRC, Canada and Germany where the corporate tax rates are currently 16%, 15%, 38% and 26.375%, respectively. However, as Korona is a partnership, it is only subject to a local statutory tax rate in Germany of 14.17%. There is no tax payable in Hong Kong on offshore profit or on dividends paid to Bonso Electronics Limited by its subsidiaries or to us by Bonso Electronics Limited. Therefore, our overall effective tax rate may be lower than that of most United States corporations; however, this advantage could be materially and adversely affected by changes in the tax laws of the British Virgin Islands, Germany, Hong Kong or China.

Our subsidiary Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Company Limited was fully exempt from state income tax in the PRC for the first two years starting from the first profit-making year followed by a 50% reduction over the ensuing three years. The first profit-making year of Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Company Limited was deemed to be the financial year ended December 31, 1998. Therefore, we were subject to income tax at the rate of 7.5% in the PRC effective January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002. As of January 1, 2003, are subject to full taxation from the PRC at a rate of 15%.

No reciprocal tax treaty regarding withholding taxes exists between the United States and the British Virgin Islands. Under current British Virgin Islands law, dividends, interest or royalties paid by us to individuals are not subject to tax as long as the recipient is not a resident of the British Virgin Islands. If we were to pay a dividend, we would not be liable to withhold any

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tax, but shareholders would receive gross dividends, if any, irrespective of their residential or national status.

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Dividends, if any, paid to any United States resident or citizen shareholder are treated as dividend income for United States federal income tax purposes. Such dividends are not eligible for the 70% dividends-received deduction allowed to United States corporations on dividends from a domestic corporation under Section 243 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Internal Revenue Code"). Various Internal Revenue Code provisions impose special taxes in certain circumstances on non-United States corporations and their shareholders. You are urged to consult your tax advisor with regard to such possibilities and your own tax situation.

In addition to United States federal income taxation, shareholders may be subject to state and local taxes upon their receipt of dividends.

### Exchange Rates

We sell most of our products to international customers. Our principal export markets are North America (mainly the United States), Europe (mainly Germany) and Asia. Other markets are other European countries (such as the United Kingdom), Australia and Africa. Sales to international customers are made directly by us to our customers. We sell all of our products in United States Dollars and pay for our material components principally in United States Dollars and Hong Kong Dollars. A very small portion of the components used are paid for in Japanese Yen. Most factory expenses incurred are paid in Chinese Renminbi. Because the Hong Kong Dollar is pegged to the United States Dollar, our only material foreign exchange risk previously arose from potential fluctuations in the Chinese Renminbi; however, the Chinese Renminbi was very stable in the past fiscal year and it is unlikely that there will be material fluctuations in the coming year. We don't currently engage in hedging transactions. Gram Precision principally pays for its products in United States Dollars and Canadian dollars and sells its products in Canadian, United States Dollars, and United Kingdom Pound Sterling. Korona primarily pays for its products in United States Dollars and Euros and sells its products in Euros. As a result, we may experience greater foreign exchange risk than we have in the past.

### B. Liquidity and Capital Resources.

We have financed our growth and cash needs to date primarily from internally generated funds and bank debt. We do not use off-balance sheet financing arrangements, such as securitization of receivables or obtaining access to assets through special purpose entities, as sources of liquidity. Our primary uses of cash have been to fund expansions and upgrades of our manufacturing facilities, to make strategic acquisitions and to fund increases in inventory and accounts receivable resulting from increased sales.

We believe that our cash flows from operations, our current cash balance and funds available under our working capital and credit facilities will be sufficient to meet our working capital needs and planned capital expenditures for the next 12 months. However, a decrease in the demand for our products may affect our internally generated funds, and we would further look to our banking facilities to meet our working capital demands.

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Effective May 1, 2001, we acquired Korona from Augusta. Part of the purchase price was paid to Augusta by the issue of 180,726 shares of our

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restricted common stock based on an agreed-upon price of \$8.00 per share pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Augusta. For accounting purposes, the issue of the shares was originally recorded at the value of \$5.00 per share, based on the average price per share for a total of 5 days before and after the completion date of the acquisition. Under the terms of the Agreement, we had an obligation to register the common stock with the SEC. The Agreement gave Augusta the right to have us redeem the common stock if the registration of the stock had not been declared effective by the SEC on or before January 31, 2002. We filed a registration statement to register the common stock held by Augusta but it was not declared effective by the SEC until March 7, 2002. In March, 2002, Augusta exercised the repurchase obligation requesting to return the 180,726 shares of common stock to us in exchange for a promissory note of \$1,445,808, repayable in nine monthly payments which would have commenced April 1, 2002 and bearing interest at a rate of 8% per annum which is approximately \$50,000 for the whole period of the promissory note. If we are not successful in the arbitration, we may have to pay Augusta \$1,445,808 plus interest and attorneys fees. While this would be a large cash expenditure for us, we do not believe making that payment to Augusta would have a material adverse effect upon us.

The following tables set forth information with respect to our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of March 31, 2003.

### Contractual Obligations

	Payments due by Period			
	Total	1 to 3 years	4 to 5 years	More than 5 years
Capital Leases	348,825	348,825	0	0
Operating Leases	1,560,379	1,033,302	244,548	282,529

### Other Commercial Commitments

	Payments due by Period			
	Total	1 to 3 years	4 to 5 years	More than 5 years
Letters of credit	4,818,971	4,818,971	0	0
Short-term loans	4,727,988	4,727,988	0	0
Long-term loans	778,712	691,667	87,045	0
Acquisitions of Plant & Machineries	85,123	85,123	0	0

As of March 31, 2003 we had in place general banking facilities with four financial institutions with amounts available aggregating \$27,849,377. Such facilities include the ability to obtain overdrafts, letters of credit, short-term notes payable, short-term loans and long-term loans. As of March 31, 2003, we had utilized \$11,115,241 from these general banking facilities. Interest on this indebtedness fluctuates with the prime rate and HIBOR as set by

the Hong Kong Bankers Association. The bank credit facilities are collateralized by certain of our bank deposits, real property located at Savanna Garden in Tai Po, the warehouse space in Fo Tan, office space in Tsimshatsui, and bank guarantees. Our bank credit facilities are due for renewal annually. We anticipate that the banking facilities will be renewed on substantially the same terms and our utilization in the next year will remain at a similar level as that in the current year. Excluding the current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations, the amounts of total short-term bank borrowings outstanding as of March 31, 2003 and 2002 were \$9,763,369 and \$6,612,010, respectively. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 we paid a total of \$532,624 in interest on indebtedness.

Operating activities provided \$1,708,044 of net cash for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$5,472,469 of net cash for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. This increase in the use of cash can be primarily attributed to fund losses from operations. The cash used to fund the losses came primarily from advances under our banking facilities in the amount of \$2,934,949. Our investing activities included the purchase of fixed assets for the year ended March 31, 2003 of \$1,912,056 compared to purchase of fixed assets in the prior year of \$756,010, or an increase of \$1,156,046, due to the purchase of an office in Canada and the expansion of the manufacturing facilities.

As of March 31, 2003, we had \$3,633,528 in cash and cash equivalents as opposed to \$1,878,156 as of March 31, 2002. Working capital at March 31, 2003, was \$9,777,000 compared to \$9,599,000 at March 31, 2002. There are no other material unused sources of liquid assets. We believe there are no material restrictions (including foreign exchange controls) on the ability of our subsidiaries to transfer funds to us in the form of cash dividends, loans, advances or product/material purchases. We do not anticipate incurring any significant capital expenditures during this fiscal year. We believe our working capital is sufficient for our present requirements.

Our current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) decreased from 1.71 as of March 31, 2002 to 1.53 as of March 31, 2003. Our quick ratio (cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash deposits and receivables divided by current liabilities) decreased from 1.05 as of March 31, 2002 to 0.84 as of March 31, 2003.

C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, etc.

We believe that our engineering and product development capabilities are important to the future success of our business. We have successfully lowered the costs of our research and development team by moving most research and development activities to our facility in China and principally employing Chinese engineers and technicians at costs that are substantially lower than that would be required in Hong Kong.

At March 31, 2003, we employed three individuals in Hong Kong and 43 individuals (26 for 2002) in China as our engineering staff, who are at various times engaged in research and development. The major responsibility of the product design and research and development personnel is to develop and produce designs of scales products to the satisfaction of and in accordance with the specifications provided by the ODMs and OEMs. We anticipate hiring additional research and development personnel to meet the increased demand for scales products.

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\$393,000 on research and development as opposed to \$427,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002, and approximately \$298,000 during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001.

### D. Trend Information.

During the past three years we have expanded into the telecommunications sector and are manufacturing cordless telephones and family radios (walkie-talkies). Significant expenditures were made to acquire additional production facilities and equipment to support our expansion into the telecommunications market. Although we are optimistic about our future in the manufacture and sale of telecommunications products, we are dependent upon a limited number of customers, and the loss of any of these customers could have a material adverse effect upon us. At May 31, 2003, our backlog of manufacturing orders was \$10,760,341 compared to \$4,996,530 at May 31, 2002 and \$9,009,059 at June 30, 2001. We believe that sales from telecommunications products and scales will be equal in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

In 2002, we acquired 51% of the equity of Gram Precision from a third party. Gram Precision is primarily engaged in the distribution and marketing of pocket scales in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

In 2001, we acquired Korona, a German company that markets consumer scale products throughout Europe to retail merchandisers and distributors. These products feature contemporary designs using the latest materials and attractive packaging. We have manufactured a portion of Korona's product line under an OEM agreement since 2000 and are very familiar with Korona's stature in Europe and its potential for wider global distribution. Further, the acquisition of Korona was our first step in vertically integrating our manufacturing business with the marketing and distribution of the products we manufacture under our own brand name.

Both the scale business and the telecommunication business are subject to some seasonal variation. Typically the first calendar quarter is our slowest quarter. This is due in part to the occurrence of the Chinese New Year's holiday and the fact that our factory workers take leave for the holiday. In addition, sales during the first calendar quarter of both scales and telecommunications products usually dip following the increase in sales during the Christmas season. Retail sales of scales generally decline in the summer, and sales of telecommunications products generally increase during the summer.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 146 "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities". The standard requires companies to recognize costs associated with exit or disposal activities when they are incurred rather than at the date of a commitment to an exit or disposal plan. This standard is effective for exit or disposal activities that are initiated after December 31, 2002. The adoption of this standard does not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation No. ("FIN") 45 "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others." FIN 45 elaborates on the disclosures to be made by a guarantor about its obligations under certain guarantees and indemnifications that it has issued and clarifies that a guarantor is required to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee or indemnification, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in

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issuing the guarantee or indemnification. The initial recognition and measurement provisions of FIN 45 are applicable on a prospective basis to guarantees and indemnifications issued or modified after December 31, 2002 and the disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements ending after December 15, 2002. We believe the adoption of FIN 45 has not significantly impacted our current disclosures and we are currently assessing the impact of FIN 45's initial recognition and measurement provisions on our financial position and results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure," an amendment of FAS 123, which provides alternative transition methods to the expensing of employee stock-based compensation under FAS 123. We are not required to adopt the fair value method prescribed by FAS 123 and, accordingly, will continue to account for stock-based compensation under the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25. FAS 148 also requires new disclosure requirements that are incremental to FAS 123, which have been included in Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." This statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures in its statement of financial position certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. In accordance with the standard, financial instruments that embody obligations for the issuer are required to be classified as liabilities. SFAS No. 150 shall be effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise shall be effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. We are currently assessing the impact of this statement on our financial position and disclosures.

### Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

#### A. Directors and Senior Management.

Our board of directors and executive officers are listed below:

Name	Age	Position with Bonso
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Anthony So	59	President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Chairman of the Board of Directors
Kim Wah Chung	45	Director of Engineering and Research and Development and Director
Cathy Kit Teng Pang	41	Director of Finance and Director
Woo-Ping Fok	54	Director
J. Stewart Jackson, IV	67	Director
George O'Leary	65	Director
Henry F. Schlueter	52	Director and Assistant Secretary

ANTHONY SO is the founder of Bonso. He is our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and has been our President, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Treasurer since inception, and our Secretary since July 1991. Mr. So received his BSE degree in civil engineering from National Taiwan University in 1967 and a master's degree in business administration ("MBA") from the Hong Kong campus of the University of Hull, Hull, England in 1994. Mr. So has been Chairman of the Hong Kong GO Association since 1986, and also served as Chairman

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of the Alumni Association of National Taiwan University for the 1993-1994 academic year. Mr. So has served as a trustee of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, New Asia College since 1994.

KIM WAH CHUNG has been a director since September 21, 1994. Mr. Chung has been employed by us since 1981 and currently holds the position of Director of Engineering and Research and Development. Mr. Chung is responsible for all research projects and product development. Mr. Chung's entire engineering career has been spent with Bonso, and he has been involved in all of our major product developments. Mr. Chung graduated with honors in 1981 from the Chinese University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor of Science degree in electronics.

CATHY KIT TENG PANG has been a director of Bonso since January 1, 1998. Ms. Pang was first employed by us as Financial Controller in December 1996 and was promoted to Director of Finance on April 1, 1998. Ms. Pang was employed as an auditor in an international audit firm from 1987 to 1991, at which time she joined a Hong Kong listed company in the field of magnetic industry as Assistant Financial Controller. From 1994 until she joined us in 1996, she was employed as Deputy Chief Accountant in a management and property development company in Hong Kong and China. Ms. Pang has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from York University in Toronto, Canada. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

WOO-PING FOK was elected to our Board of Directors on September 21, 1994. Mr. Fok and his firm, Norman M.K. Yeung & Co., have served as our Hong Kong counsel since 1993. Mr. Fok was admitted to the Canadian Bar as a Barrister & Solicitor in December 1987 and was a partner in the law firm of Woo & Fok, a Canadian law firm with its head office in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. In 1991, Mr. Fok was qualified to practice as a Solicitor of England & Wales, a Solicitor of Hong Kong and a Barrister & Solicitor of Australian Capital Territory. Mr. Fok practices law in Hong Kong and is a partner with Wong & Fok. Mr. Fok's major areas of practice include conveyancing or real property law, corporations and business law, commercial transactions and international trade with a special emphasis in China trade matters.

J. STEWART JACKSON IV has been a director since January 10, 2000. From 1962 until its merger with Republic Industries in 1996, Mr. Jackson served in various management capacities, including president, of Denver Burglar Alarm Co., Inc., a business founded by his family. In addition, in the mid-1960's, Mr. Jackson founded Denver Burglar Alarm Products, a separate company which invented, patented, manufactured, distributed and installed contained ionization smoke detectors and which was later sold to a conglomerate manufacturer. After the

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merger of Denver Burglar Alarm Co., Inc., Mr. Jackson founded Jackson Burglar Alarm Co., Inc., of which he is currently president. Mr. Jackson served on the advisory board of directors for Underwriter's Laboratories for burglar and fire alarm systems for 25 years and has been an officer in the Central Station Protection Association, which, along with the National Burglar Alarm Association, was formed by his family in the late 1940's. Mr. Jackson graduated from the University of Colorado in 1962 with a degree in Business Management and Engineering.

GEORGE O'LEARY has been a director since January 1997. From November 1994 to the present time, Mr. O'Leary has been President of Pacific Rim Products, Newport Beach, California, a trading company that provides offshore sourcing alternatives to U.S. based electronics companies. For eight years prior to 1994, Mr. O'Leary was President, CEO and a director of Micro General Corporation, Santa Ana, California, a manufacturer and distributor of mechanical and electronic scale products. For eight years prior to that, Mr. O'Leary was Vice

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President and General Manager of Lanier Business Products, Atlanta, Georgia, a manufacturer and distributor of office products. Mr. O'Leary has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

HENRY F. SCHLUETER has been a director since October 2001, and has been our Assistant Secretary since October 6, 1988. Since 1992, Mr. Schlueter has been the Managing Director of Schlueter & Associates, P.C., a law firm, practicing in the areas of securities, mergers and acquisitions, finance and corporate law. Mr. Schlueter has served as our United States corporate and securities counsel since 1988. From 1989 to 1991, prior to establishing Schlueter & Associates, P.C., Mr. Schlueter was a partner in the Denver, Colorado office of Kutak Rock (formerly Kutak, Rock & Campbell), and from 1984 to 1989, he was a partner in the Denver office of Nelson & Harding. Mr. Schlueter is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Colorado Society of CPA's, the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations and the Wyoming State Bar.

There are no family relationships between any of our directors and executive officers.

No arrangement or understanding exists between any such director or officer and any other persons pursuant to which any director or executive officer was elected as a director or executive officer. Our directors are elected annually and serve until their successors take office or until their death, resignation or removal. The executive officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

### B. Compensation.

The aggregate amount of compensation paid by us and our subsidiaries during the year ended March 31, 2003 to all directors and officers as a group for services in all capacities was approximately \$1,269,574 including compensation in the form of housing in Hong Kong for our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Director of Engineering and Research and Development consistent with the practice of other companies in Hong Kong. Total compensation for the benefit of Anthony So was \$671,836, for the benefit of Cathy Kit Teng Pang was \$125,262, for the benefit of Kim Wah Chung was \$149,606, for the benefit of Mr. George O'Leary was \$180,000, and for the benefit of Henry F. Schlueter was an aggregate of \$142,870. The \$142,870 listed as having been paid for the benefit of Mr. Schlueter was paid to his law firm, Schlueter & Associates, P.C. for legal services rendered and expenses incurred.

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We did not set aside or accrue any amounts to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits for directors and officers for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, other than contributions to our Provident Fund Plan which aggregated \$33,553 for officers and directors during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

### Employment Agreements

We have employment agreements with Anthony So, Kim Wah Chung and Cathy Kit Teng Pang. The employment agreements expire on March 31, 2008; however, they are automatically renewable on an annual basis for additional one-year increments. Mr. So's employment agreement provides for a yearly salary of \$700,000 per year plus bonus. Mr. Chung's employment agreement provides for a yearly salary of \$150,000 per year plus bonus and Ms. Pang's employment agreement provides for a yearly salary of \$135,000 per year plus bonus. The employment agreements contain provisions under which we will be obligated to pay Mr. So, Mr. Chung and Ms. Pang all compensation for the remainder of their employment agreements and five times their annual salary and bonus compensation if a change of control as



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defined in the agreements occur.

### Options of Directors and Senior Management

The following table provides information concerning options owned by the directors and senior management at May 31, 2003. The table excludes our publicly traded warrants owned by the directors and senior management, information about which is disclosed in Item 7 of this Report together with information concerning the beneficial ownership of our common shares by directors and senior management and major shareholders.

Name ----	Number of Common Shares Subject to Stock Options -----	Exercise Price Per Share -----	Expiration Date -----
Anthony So	158,000	\$8.00	January 6, 2010
	128,000	\$3.65	April 9, 2011
	128,000	\$2.50	March 6, 2012
	222,500	\$1.61	April 1, 2013
Kim Wah Chung	20,000	\$8.00	January 6, 2010
	20,000	\$3.65	April 9, 2011
	20,000	\$2.50	March 6, 2012
	55,000	\$1.61	April 1, 2013
Cathy Kit Teng Pang	20,000	\$8.00	January 6, 2010
	20,000	\$3.65	April 9, 2011
	20,000	\$2.50	March 6, 2012
	55,000	\$1.61	April 1, 2013
George O'Leary	10,000	\$8.125	January 12, 2010
	10,000	\$7.875	January 9, 2011
	10,000	\$2.55	October 15, 2011
	10,000	\$1.61	April 1, 2013
Woo-Ping Fok	10,000	\$8.125	January 12, 2010
	10,000	\$7.875	January 9, 2011
	10,000	\$2.55	October 15, 2011
	10,000	\$1.61	April 1, 2013
J. Stewart Jackson IV	10,000	\$7.875	January 9, 2011
	10,000	\$2.55	October 15, 2011
	10,000	\$1.61	April 1, 2013
Henry F. Schlueter	10,000	\$8.00	January 6, 2010
	10,000	\$1.61	April 1, 2013

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### Directors

Except for that mentioned above, our directors do not receive any additional monetary compensation for serving in their capacities. However, outside directors receive stock options pursuant to the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan and have been granted other options. (See "Stock Option Plans -- The 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan," below.) All directors are reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with services as a director.

### Provident Fund Plan

With effect from January 1, 1988, Bonso Electronics Limited ("BEL"), our wholly-owned foreign subsidiary, started a Provident Fund Plan (the "Plan") with a major international assurance company to provide life insurance and retirement benefits for its employees. All permanent full time employees who joined BEL before December 2000, excluding factory workers, are eligible to join the Plan.

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Members of the Plan are required to contribute 5% of their monthly salary. The contribution by BEL is as follows:

Years of Service	% of salary as BEL's contribution
Less than 5 years	5.0%
5 to 10 years	7.5%
More than 10 years	10.0%

The Mandatory Provident Fund (the "MPF") was introduced by the Hong Kong Government commencing in December 2000. BEL joined the MPF with a major international assurance company. All permanent full time employees who joined BEL in or after December 2000, excluding factory workers, are eligible to join the MPF. Members' and employers' contributions to the MPF are both at 5% of the members' monthly salaries and are subject to a maximum contribution of HK \$1,000 monthly.

At normal retirement age, death or ill health, the member shall be entitled to receive from the Plan a lump sum equal to the total of the member's and BEL's contributions plus the return on their investment. On resignation prior to normal retirement age, a member shall be entitled to receive from the Plan a lump sum equal to the member's contributions plus a percentage of the employer's balance determined in accordance with a predetermined set scale.

BEL's total contributions to the Plan and the MPF for the years ended March 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 amounted to \$73,945, \$78,995, and \$53,704, respectively.

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### C. Board Practices.

Messrs. Woo Ping Fok and Henry F. Schlueter are members of our Audit Committee. Mr. Henry F. Schlueter has acted as chairman of the Audit Committee; however, Mr. Fok will become the Chairman effective September 1, 2003. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include recommending to the board the selection of our independent auditors, reviewing the arrangements and the scope of the independent audit and reviewing all financial statements. We don't have a compensation committee.

### D. Employees.

At March 31, 2003, we employed 2,876 persons, compared with 2,064 persons at March 31, 2002; 39 employees in Hong Kong (39 for 2002), 2,795 employees in China (2,001 for 2002), 24 employees in Germany (24 for 2002, 2 in UK) and 16 in Canada. Employees are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. We consider our global labor practices and employee relations to be good.

### E. Share Ownership.

The following table shows the number of shares of common stock beneficially owned by our directors and executive officers as of May 31, 2003:

Name	Shares of Common Stock Owned of Record	Options and Warrants Held	Total Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percent of Beneficial Ownership

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Anthony So	1,626,195 (1)	636,500 (2) (3) (4)	2,262,695	35.77%
Kim Wah Chung	93,700	115,000 (5) (6) (7)	208,700	3.60%
Cathy Kit Teng Pang	35,438	115,000 (5) (6) (7)	150,438	2.60%
Henry F. Schlueter	34,403	20,000 (8) (9)	54,403	0.95%
Woo-Ping Fok	61,907	40,000 (10) (11)	101,907	1.77%
George O'Leary	17,775	40,000 (10) (11)	57,775	1.00%
J. Stewart Jackson IV	463,075	130,000 (10) (11) (12)	592,575	10.18%
All Directors and Officers as a group (7 persons)	2,332,493	1,096,500	3,055,993	50.53%

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- (1) Includes 1,143,421 shares of common stock owned of record by a corporation that is wholly owned by a trust of which Mr. So is the sole beneficiary.
  - (2) Includes options to purchase 158,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.00 per share expiring January 6, 2010.
  - (3) Includes options to purchase 128,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$3.65 per share expiring on April 9, 2011, and options to purchase 128,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.50 per share expiring on March 6, 2012.
  - (4) Includes options to purchase 222,500 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share expiring on April 1, 2013.

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- (5) Includes options to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.00 per share expiring January 6, 2010.
- (6) Includes options to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$3.65 per share expiring on April 9, 2011, and options to purchase 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.50 per share expiring on March 6, 2012.
- (7) Includes options to purchase 55,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share expiring on April 1, 2013.
- (8) Includes options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.00 per share expiring January 6, 2010.
- (9) Includes options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share expiring on April 1, 2013.
- (10) Includes options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.125 per share expiring January 12, 2010.
- (11) Includes options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.875 per share expiring on January 9, 2011, options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.55 per share expiring on October 15, 2011 and options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share expiring on April 1, 2003.
- (12) Includes 100,000 public warrants to acquire shares issued in January 2000.

Stock Option Plans

The 1996 Stock Option Plan

In October 1996, our stockholders adopted the 1996 Stock Option Plan (the

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"Employees' Plan") which provides for the grant of options to purchase an aggregate of not more than 400,000 shares of our common stock. In January 2000, our shareholders approved the proposal of the Board of Directors to increase from 400,000 to 900,000 in the aggregate the number of options to purchase common stock under the Employees' Plan. The purpose of the Employees' Plan is to make options available to management and employees in order to encourage them to secure or increase on reasonable terms their stock ownership and to encourage them to remain in our Company.

The Employees' Plan is administered by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors which determines the persons to be granted options under the Employees' Plan, the number of shares subject to each option, the exercise price of each option and the option period, subject to the requirement that no option may be exercisable more than ten years after the date of grant. The exercise price of an option may be less than fair market value of the underlying shares of common stock. No options granted under the Employee Plan are transferable by the optionee other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and each option will be exercisable during the lifetime of the optionee, only by such optionee.

The exercise price of an option granted pursuant to the Employees' Plan may be paid in cash, by the surrender of options, in common stock, in other property, including the optionee's promissory note, or by a combination of the above, at our discretion.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, no options were granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan.

The 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan

In October 1996, our stockholders adopted the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan (the "Non-Employee Directors' Plan") which provides for the grant of options to purchase an aggregate of not more than 100,000 shares of common stock. In January 2000, our shareholders approved the proposal of the Board of Directors to increase from 100,000 to 600,000 in the aggregate the number of options to purchase common stock under the Non-Employee Directors'

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Plan. The purpose of the Non-Employee Directors' Plan is to promote the long-term success of the Company by creating a long-term mutuality of interests between the non-employee directors and the stockholders, to provide an additional inducement for such directors to remain with us and to provide a means through which we may attract able persons to serve as directors. The Non-Employee Directors' Plan is administered by a committee (the "Committee") appointed by the Board of Directors.

Under the Non-Employee Directors' Plan, on the third business day following each Annual Meeting of the stockholders, each director who is not then an employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is automatically granted a stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock. The exercise price of all options granted under the Non-Employee Directors' Plan is equal to the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant, based on guidelines set forth in the Non-Employee Directors' Plan. The exercise price may be paid in cash, by the surrender of options, in common stock, in other property, including the optionee's promissory note, or by a combination of the above, at the discretion of the Company. The term of each option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Plan is ten years from the date of grant; however, no such option may be exercised during the first six months of its term. The term of an option granted pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Plan may be reduced in the event that the optionee ceases to be a director. No option granted

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pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Plan is transferable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, no options were granted under the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Plan.

### Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

#### A. Major Shareholders.

We are not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any foreign government or by another corporation. The following table sets forth, as of May 31, 2003, beneficial ownership of our common stock by each person known by us to own beneficially 5% or more of our common stock outstanding as of such date. Except as otherwise indicated, all shares are owned directly and hold equal voting rights.

Name	Amount Owned		Percent of Class (1) Beneficially Owned
-----	Shares of Common Stock	Options/Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	-----
	-----	-----	
Anthony So	1,626,195 (2)	636,500 (3)	35.77%
John Stewart Jackson IV	462,575	130,000 (3)	10.18%
W. Douglas Moreland	501,400	0	8.81%

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- (1) Based on beneficial ownership of both shares of common stock and of options to purchase common stock that are immediately exercisable.
  - (2) Includes 1,143,421 shares of common stock owned of record by a corporation that is wholly owned by a trust of which Mr. So is the sole beneficiary.
  - (3) See "Share Ownership" for additional information.

There are no arrangements known to us the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the Company.

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Of the 5,689,159 (including 180,726 shares that are disputed and may be repurchased) shares of common stock outstanding as of May 31, 2003, 4,231,350 were held in the United States by 251 holders of record. We have 246 shareholders of record and estimate that we have in excess of 850 shareholders holding their stock in street name (who have not objected to their names being disclosed to us)

#### B. Related Party Transactions.

Mr. George O'Leary, a director, is paid a commission on orders placed by customers which he obtains for us. The amount of the commission is negotiated on a deal-by-deal basis, without a written agreement. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, Mr. O'Leary was paid an aggregate of \$180,000 as consultancy fee for provision of support and marketing services such as soliciting customers, negotiating prices and public relations in the United States.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 we paid Schlueter & Associates, P.C. an aggregate of \$142,870 for legal fees and expenses. Mr. Henry F. Schlueter, a director, is the Managing Director of Schlueter & Associates, P.C.

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C. Interests of Experts and Counsel.

Not Applicable.

D. Legal Proceedings.

We are not a party to any legal proceedings other than routine litigation incidental to our business and there are no material legal proceedings pending with respect to our property or assets. However, we are involved in a dispute with Augusta Technologie AG ("Augusta"), relating to the acquisition of Korona from Augusta. Augusta is based in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Effective May 1, 2001, we acquired Korona from Augusta. Part of the purchase price was paid to Augusta by the issue of 180,726 shares of our restricted common stock based on an agreed-upon price of \$8.00 per share pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Augusta. For accounting purposes, the issue of the shares was originally recorded at the value of \$5.00 per share, based on the average price per share for a total of 5 days before and after the completion date of the acquisition. Under the terms of the Agreement we had an obligation to register the common stock with the SEC. The Agreement gave Augusta the right to have us redeem the common stock if the registration of the stock had not been declared effective on or before January 31, 2002. We filed a registration statement to register the common stock held by Augusta which was declared effective by the SEC on March 7, 2002. In March 2002, Augusta exercised the repurchase obligation. Augusta asserts that it has the right to tender the 180,726 shares of common stock to us in exchange for a promissory note of \$1,445,808, repayable in nine monthly payments.

We believe we are not required to accept Augusta's tender of their shares because Augusta hindered the registration process by refusing to allow Korona's auditors to update and certify Korona's financial statements. Augusta and Korona had used the same auditors and under German law Augusta had to consent to the auditors continuing to work for Korona after the acquisition. Augusta withheld their consent until October 12, 2001. We believe this delay of approximately three months was the direct cause of our inability to meet the January 31, 2002 deadline.

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On October 22, 2002, Augusta filed a request for arbitration in the state of New York asserting breach of the Agreement and the registration rights agreement. On January 13, 2003, we filed our answer to Augusta's request for arbitration asserting that Augusta breached the Agreement and the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing by withholding consent from Korona's auditors for the release of Korona's financial statements. We are currently in the process of proceeding through the arbitration. Although we are optimistic that we will be successful in the arbitration, there can be no assurance that this will occur. Further, if the arbitration proceeds, there will be legal fees, travel expenses and other costs related to the arbitration that will be incurred by us in defending the matter. If we do not succeed in the arbitration, we may be obligated to repurchase the stock by exchanging it for the promissory note to be repaid, with accrued interest, over a nine-month period of time.

Item 8. Financial Information

Financial Statements

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information.

Please refer to Item 18.

B. Significant Changes.

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None.

### Item 9. The Offer and Listing

#### A. Offer and Listing Details.

Our common stock is traded only in the United States over-the-counter market. It is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market System ("NASDAQ") under the trading symbol "BNSO." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the range of high and low closing sales prices per share reported by NASDAQ. The quotations represent prices between dealers and do not include retail markup markdown or commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices as reported by NASDAQ for each of the last five years:

Period -----	High ----	Low ---
April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999	\$11.375	\$3.5625
April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000	\$19.875	\$5.75
April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001	\$17.5625	\$6.00
April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002	\$7.625	\$2.38
April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003	\$3.45	\$1.41

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The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices as reported by NASDAQ during each of the quarters in the two-year period ended March 31, 2003.

Period -----	High ----	Low ---
April 1, 2001 to June 30, 2001	\$7.625	\$3.64
July 1, 2001 to September 30, 2001	\$4.85	\$2.38
October 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001	\$3.42	\$2.45
January 1, 2002 to March 31, 2002	\$3.15	\$2.47
April 1, 2002 to June 30, 2002	\$3.45	\$2.52
July 1, 2002 to September 30, 2002	\$2.90	\$1.80
October 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002	\$2.59	\$1.41
January 1, 2003 to March 31, 2003	\$2.39	\$1.61

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices as reported by NASDAQ during each of the most recent six months.

Period -----	High ----	Low ---
January 2003	\$1.99	\$1.64
February 2003	\$2.39	\$1.84
March 2003	\$2.17	\$1.61
April 2003	\$2.29	\$1.80
May 2003	\$2.28	\$1.96
June 2003	\$5.20	\$2.28

#### Transfer and Warrant Agent

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock and the warrant agent for the warrants is U.S. Stock Transfer Corporation, 1745 Gardena Avenue #200, Glendale, California 91204.

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### Item 10. Additional Information.

#### A. Share Capital.

Our authorized capital is \$170,000 consisting of 23,333,334 shares of common stock, \$0.003 par value per share, and 10,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, divided into 2,500,000 shares each of class A preferred stock, class B preferred stock, class C preferred stock and class D preferred stock. Information with respect to the number of shares of common stock outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the last three fiscal years, is presented in the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 included herein in Item 18.

At May 31, 2003, there were 5,689,159 (including 180,726 shares that are disputed and may be repurchased) shares of our common stock outstanding, all of which were fully paid. At May 31, 2003, we had outstanding 2,174,403 warrants to

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purchase common stock which are publicly traded and are exercisable to purchase 1,087,201 shares of common stock at \$17.50 per share. The warrants originally were exercisable any time prior to 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) on December 31, 2001. In October 2001, our board of directors extended the expiration date until December 31, 2002, and in July 2002, extended the expiration date until December 31, 2003. In addition, at May 31, 2003, we had outstanding 1,044,500 options to purchase common stock as follows:

Number of Options -----	Exercise Price per Share -----	Expiration Date ----
228,000	\$8.00	January 6, 2010
20,000	\$8.125	January 12, 2010
30,000	\$7.875	January 9, 2011
196,000	\$3.65	April 9, 2011
30,000	\$2.55	October 14, 2011
168,000	\$2.50	March 6, 2012
372,500	\$1.61	April 1, 2013

At May 31, 2003 there were no shares of our preferred stock outstanding.

#### B. Memorandum and Articles of Association.

We are registered in the British Virgin Islands and have been assigned company number 9032 in the register of companies. Our registered agent is HWR Services Limited and is at Craigmuir Chambers, P.O. Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The object or purpose of the Company is to engage in any act or activity that is not prohibited under British Virgin Islands law as set forth in Paragraph 4 of our Memorandum of Association. As an International Business Company, we are prohibited from doing business with persons resident in the British Virgin Islands, owning real estate in the British Virgin Islands or acting as a bank or insurance company. We do not believe that these restrictions materially affect our operations.

Paragraph 57(c) of our Amended Articles of Association (the "Articles") provides that a director may be counted as one of a quorum in respect of any contract or arrangement in which the director is materially interested; however, if the agreement or transaction cannot be approved by a resolution of directors without counting the vote or consent of any interested director, the agreement or transaction may only be validated by approval or ratification by a resolution



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of the members. Paragraph 53 of the Articles allows the directors to vote compensation to themselves in respect of services rendered to the Company. Paragraph 66 of the Articles provides that the directors may by resolution exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertakings and property or any part thereof, to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whenever money is borrowed or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of ours or of any third party. Such borrowing powers can be altered by an amendment to the Articles. There is no provision in the Articles for the mandatory retirement of directors. Directors are not required to own shares of the Company in order to serve as directors.

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Our authorized share capital is \$170,000 divided into 23,333,334 shares of common stock, \$0.003 par value, and 10,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each whole share on all matters to be voted upon by shareholders, including the election of directors. Holders of our common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. All of our common shares are equal to each other with respect to liquidation and dividend rights. Holders of our common shares are entitled to receive dividends if and when declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available under British Virgin Islands law. In the event of our liquidation, all assets available for distribution to the holders of our common shares are distributable among them according to their respective holdings. Holders of our common stock have no preemptive rights to purchase any additional unissued common shares.

Paragraph 7 of the Memorandum of Association provides that without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares, any share may be issued with such preferred, deferred or other special rights or such restrictions, whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the directors may from time to time determine.

Paragraph 10 of the Memorandum of Association provides that if at any time the authorized share capital is divided into different classes or series of shares, the rights attached to any class or series may be varied with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the issued shares of any other class or series of shares which may be affected by such variation.

Paragraph 105 of the Articles of Association provide that our Memorandum and Articles of Association may be amended by a resolution of members or a resolution of directors. Thus, our board of directors without shareholder approval may amend our Memorandum and Articles of Association. This includes amendments to increase or reduce our authorized capital stock. Our ability to amend our Memorandum and Articles of Association without shareholder approval could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of the Company, including a tender offer to purchase our common shares at a premium over the then current market price.

Provisions in respect of the holding of general meetings and extraordinary general meetings are set out in Paragraphs 68 through 77 of the Articles and under the International Business Companies Act. The directors may convene meetings of the members at such times and in such manner and places as the directors consider necessary or desirable, and they shall convene such a meeting upon the written request of members holding more than 30% of the votes of our outstanding voting shares.

British Virgin Islands law and our Memorandum and Articles of Association impose no limitations on the right of nonresident or foreign owners to hold or vote our securities. There are no provisions in the Memorandum and Articles of

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Association governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.

A copy of our Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended, has been filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement on Form F-2 (SEC File No. 333-32524).

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### C. Material Contracts.

The following summarizes each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which Bonso or any subsidiary of Bonso is a party, for the two years immediately preceding the filing of this report:

We entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with Augusta Technologie AG relating to the acquisition of Korona Haushaltswaren GmbH & Co. KG dated April 25, 2001.

We entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement dated July 22, 2002, with Modus Enterprise International Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bonso), and a third party relating to the acquisition of 51% of Gram Precision.

We entered into an employment agreement with Anthony So our President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer effective April 1, 2003. This agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.3.

We entered into an employment agreement with Cathy Kit Teng Pang our Director of Finance effective April 1, 2003. This agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.4.

We entered into an employment agreement with Kim Wah Chung our Director of Research and Development effective April 1, 2003. This agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.5.

We signed a credit facility letter on March 31, 2003 with Bank of America (Asia) Ltd. for a HK \$13,000,000 overdraft and import and export line of credit. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.6.

We signed a credit facility letter on April 8, 2003 and amended the letter of April 22, 2003 (exhibit 4.7) with Standard Chartered Bank for a HK \$53,000,000 trade finance facilities agreement. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.8. This letter amended previous agreements with Standard Chartered Bank on May 17, 2002, May 11, 2001 and March 5, 2001. Copies of these agreements are included as Exhibits to this filing as Exhibits 4.9, 4.10 and 4.11 respectively.

We signed a Banking Facility Letter, dated April 25, 2003 between Bonso and DBS Kwong on Bank Limited for a HK \$11,500,000 overdraft, letter of credit, trust receipt, export invoice financing and negotiation under documentary credit. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.12. This letter amended a previous agreement dated May 16, 2002 attached hereto as Exhibit 4.13.

We signed a Banking Facility Letter, dated May 8, 2003 between Korona, Bonso and Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft Bank for a EURO 1,900,000 line of credit. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.14.

We signed a Banking Facility Letter, dated May 21, 2003 between Bonso and Hang Seng Bank Limited for a HK \$49,000,000 letter of credit, trust receipt facility, export D/P bills, export trade loan and overdraft facility. A copy of

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this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.15.

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We signed a Banking Facility Letter, dated April 8, 2003 between Bonso and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited for a HK \$20,000,000 overdraft facility, import/export facility, trust receipt facility and a D/A bill facility. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.16.

We signed a Banking Facility Letter, dated April 8, 2003 between Bonso and the Hong Kong and Natexis Banques Populaires Hong Kong Branch for a U.S. \$2,000,000 Export Credit Insurance Corporation discount invoices, negotiation of export letter of credit discrepancies, and export bills. A copy of this letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.17.

### D. Exchange Controls.

There are no exchange control restrictions on payments of dividends on our common stock or on the conduct of our operations either in Hong Kong, where our principal executive offices are located, or the British Virgin Islands, where we are incorporated. Other jurisdictions in which we conduct operations may have various exchange controls. Taxation and repatriation of profits regarding our China operations are regulated by Chinese laws and regulations. To date, these controls have not had and are not expected to have a material impact on our financial results. There are no material British Virgin Islands laws that impose foreign exchange controls on us or that affect the payment of dividends, interest or other payments to holders of our securities who are not residents of the British Virgin Islands. British Virgin Islands law and our Memorandum and Articles of Association impose no limitations on the right of nonresident or foreign owners to hold or vote our securities.

### E. Taxation.

Under current British Virgin Islands law, we are not subject to tax on our income. Most of our subsidiaries' profits accrue in Hong Kong, Canada and Germany where the corporate tax rates are currently 16%, 38% and 26.375%, respectively. However, as Korona is a partnership, it is only subject to 14.17% of the local statutory rate in Germany. There is no tax payable in Hong Kong on offshore profit or on dividends paid to Bonso Electronics Limited by its subsidiaries or to us by Bonso Electronics Limited. Therefore, our overall effective tax rate may be lower than that of most United States corporations; however, this advantage could be materially and adversely affected by changes in the tax laws of the British Virgin Islands, Germany, Hong Kong or China.

Our subsidiary Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Company Limited was fully exempt from state income tax in the PRC for the first two years starting from the first profit making year followed by a 50% reduction over the ensuing three years. The first profit-making year of Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Company Limited was deemed to be the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998. Therefore, we have been subject to income tax at the rate of 7.5% in the PRC from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002. Effective January 1, 2003, we became subject to tax at the full rate of 15%.

No reciprocal tax treaty regarding withholding exists between the United States and the British Virgin Islands. Under current British Virgin Islands law, dividends, interest or royalties paid by us to individuals are not subject to tax as long as the recipient is not a resident of the British Virgin Islands. If we were to pay a dividend, we would not be liable to withhold any tax, but shareholders would receive gross dividends, if any, irrespective of their residential or national status.

Dividends, if any, paid to any United States resident or citizen shareholder are treated as dividend income for United States federal income tax purposes. Such dividends are not eligible for the 70% dividends-received deduction allowed to United States corporations on dividends from a domestic corporation under Section 243 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Internal Revenue Code"). Various Internal Revenue Code provisions impose special taxes in certain circumstances on non-United States corporations and their shareholders. You are urged to consult your tax advisor with regard to such possibilities and your own tax situation.

In addition to United States federal income taxation, shareholders may be subject to state and local taxes upon their receipt of dividends.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents.

Not Applicable.

G. Statement by Experts.

Not Applicable.

H. Documents on Display.

You may read and copy documents referred to in this Annual Report on Form 20-F that have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. You can also obtain copies of our Commission filings by going to the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this Annual Report on Form 20-F.

I. Subsidiary Information.

Not Applicable.

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to a certain level of foreign currency exchange risk and interest rate risk.

Foreign Currency Risk

The majority of our net sales are priced in United States Dollars. Our costs and expenses are priced in United States Dollars, Hong Kong Dollars, Chinese Renminbi, Euros and Japanese Yen. Accordingly, the competitiveness of

our products relative to products produced domestically (in foreign markets) may be affected by the performance of the United States Dollar compared with that of our foreign customers' currencies. Additionally, we are exposed to the risk of foreign currency transaction and translation losses which might result from

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adverse fluctuations in the values of the Hong Kong Dollar, the Chinese Renminbi, the Euro, the Canadian Dollar and the Japanese Yen. These factors are also applicable as a result of our acquisition of Gram Precision in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 and Korona in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002. Recent fluctuations in the value of the United States dollar versus other currencies (primarily the Canadian dollar and the Euro), and fluctuations in the relative values of those currencies, have had a negative impact upon our financial performance. A significant portion of Gram Precision's net sales were in paid in Canadian Dollars and Euros, while Gram Precision's costs were paid in United States Dollars and Canadian Dollars. The majority of Korona's net sales were in German Marks prior to January 1, 2002 and are currently in Euros, while a significant portion of Korona's costs and expenses are paid for in United States Dollars and Euros. Further fluctuation of the value of the Canadian Dollar or the Euro compared to the United States Dollar could expose us to additional risk of foreign currency transaction and translation losses.

A summary of our debts as at March 31, 2003 which were subjected to foreign currency risk is as below:

Currencies: -----	March 31, 2003 ----
Euro	4,369,800
Hong Kong Dollars	1,924,582
Japanese Yen	179,828
United States Dollars	4,315,888
Canadian Dollars	325,143 -----
	11,115,241 -----

All the balances above are due within one year.

Fluctuations in the value of the Hong Kong Dollar have not been significant since October 17, 1983, when the Hong Kong government tied the value of the Hong Kong Dollar to that of the United States Dollar. However, there can be no assurance that the value of the Hong Kong Dollar will continue to be tied to that of the United States Dollar. China adopted a floating currency system on January 1, 1994, unifying the market and official rates of foreign exchange. China approved current account convertibility of the Chinese Renminbi on July 1, 1996, followed by formal acceptance of the International Monetary Fund's Articles of Agreement on December 1, 1996. These regulations eliminated the requirement for prior government approval to buy foreign exchange for ordinary trade transactions, though approval is still required to repatriate equity or debt, including interest thereon. There can be no assurance that these currencies will remain stable or will fluctuate to our benefit.

To manage our exposure to foreign currency and translation risks, we may purchase currency exchange forward contracts, currency options, or other derivative instruments, provided such instruments may be obtained at suitable prices. Management intends to take corrective action in an effort to attempt to minimize any negative impact foreign currency fluctuations may have upon us. However, to date we have not done so. If we are unsuccessful in hedging against

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currency fluctuations, it may have a material adverse effect on us.

### Interest Rate Risk

Our interest rate risk primarily arises from our long-term debt and our general banking facilities. At March 31, 2003 our total long-term debt was \$778,712, and we had utilized approximately \$11,115,241 of our total banking facilities of \$27,849,377. Based on the maturity profile and composition of our long-term debt and general banking facilities, including the fact that our banking facilities are at variable interest rates, we estimate that changes in interest rates will not have a material impact on our operating results or cash flows. We intend to manage our interest rate risk through appropriate borrowing strategies. We have not entered into interest rate swap or risk management agreements; however, it is possible that we may do so in the future.

A summary of our debts as at March 31, 2003 which were subjected to variable interest rates is as below:

	March 31, 2003 ----	Interest rate ----
Notes payable	\$4,818,971	Prime rate minus 0.5% to prime rate or HIBOR + 2.5%
Short-term loans	\$4,727,988	Prime rate minus 0.5% or HIBOR + 2.25% to HIBOR + 2.5%

HIBOR: Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate

Prime rate: The prime rate as determined by the Hong Kong Bankers Association

All the balances above are due within one year.

For further information concerning our banking facilities the interest rates payable, and repayment terms please see Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Item 12. Description of Securities Other Than Equity Securities

Not applicable.

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## PART II

### Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies.

None.

### Item 14. Material Modifications to the rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds.

None.

### Item 15. Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures

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(as defined in US Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(c)) as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report, have concluded that, as of such date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information relating to the Company was made known to them by others within the Company particularly during the period in which this Form 20-F was being prepared.

There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer completed their evaluation, nor were there any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the Company's internal controls requiring corrective actions.

Item 16. Reserved.

### PART III

Item 17. Financial Statements.

Not applicable.

Item 18. Financial Statements.

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Item 19. Exhibits.

- 4.1 Stock Purchase Agreement between Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Augusta Technologie AG relating to the acquisition of Korona Haushaltswaren GmbH & Co. KG dated April 25, 2001 (1)
- 4.2 Stock Purchase Agreement dated July 22, 2002, between Bonso Electronics International Inc., Modus Enterprise International Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bonso), and Mohan Thadani (2)
- 4.3 Anthony So Employment Agreement effective April 1, 2003
- 4.4 Cathy Kit Teng Pang Employment Agreement effective April 1, 2003
- 4.5 Kim Wah Chung Employment Agreement effective April 1, 2003
- 4.6 Banking Facility Letter, as amended, dated March 31, 2003 between Bonso and Bank of America (Asia) Ltd.
- 4.7 Banking Facility Letter, as amended, dated April 22, 2003 between

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Bonso and Standard Charter Bank

- 4.8 Banking Facility Letter, as amended, dated April 8, 2003 between Bonso and Standard Charter Bank
- 4.9 Banking Facility Letter, dated March 5, 2001 between Bonso and Standard Charter Bank
- 4.10 Banking Facility Letter, as amended, dated May 11, 2001 between Bonso and Standard Charter Bank
- 4.11 Banking Facility Letter, as amended, dated May 17, 2002 between Bonso and Standard Charter Bank
- 4.12 Banking Facility Letter, dated May 16, 2002 between Bonso and DBS Kwong on Bank Limited
- 4.13 Banking Facility Letter, as amended, dated April 25, 2003 between Bonso and DBS Kwong on Bank Limited
- 4.14 Banking Facility Letter, dated May 8, 2003 between Bonso, Korona and Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft Bank
- 4.15 Banking Facility Letter, dated May 21, 2003 between Bonso and Hang Seng Bank Limited
- 4.16 Banking Facility Letter, dated April 8, 2003 between Bonso and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

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- 4.17 Banking Facility Letter, dated February 13, 2003 between Bonso and Natexis Banques Populaires Hong Kong Branch
- 12.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 12.2 Certification of Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 12.3 Certification of Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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- (1) This document has been previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 on Form 20-F and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- (2) This document has been previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002 on Form 20-F and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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SIGNATURE

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this Annual Report on its behalf.

BONSO ELECTRONICS INTERNATIONAL INC.

Dated: July 24, 2003

/s/ Anthony So

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Anthony So, President

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Consolidated Financial Statements

Bonso Electronics International Inc.  
(Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands)  
and Subsidiaries

March 31, 2003

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Report of Independent Auditors  
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Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss), of cash flows and of changes in shareholders' equity present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bonso Electronics International Inc. and its subsidiaries at March 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers  
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Hong Kong,  
July 18, 2003

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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries

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Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(Expressed in United States Dollars)

	March 31	
	2002	2003
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,878,156	3,633,528
Restricted cash deposits	3,972,542	4,104,168
Trade receivables, net	6,838,576	6,191,627
Inventories	8,861,952	12,656,518
Notes receivable	686,258	358,188
Tax recoverable	--	52,087
Deferred income tax assets - current	27,219	38,348
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	822,646	1,166,234
Total current assets	23,087,349	28,200,698
Deposits	16,038	551,399
Deferred income tax assets - non current	84,422	128,887
Goodwill	204,217	1,100,962
Brand name, net	2,797,392	2,597,392
Property, plant and equipment		
Leasehold land and buildings	12,567,309	12,505,141
Plant and machinery	11,995,871	12,801,183
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	4,239,602	5,251,171
Motor vehicles	343,068	343,068
	29,145,850	30,900,563
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(10,884,191)	(14,569,165)
Net property, plant and equipment	18,261,659	16,331,398
Total assets	44,451,077	48,910,736
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Bank overdraft	--	216,410
Notes payable	2,857,533	4,818,971
Accounts payable	4,122,443	6,350,527
Accrued charges and deposits	2,022,472	1,827,286
Income taxes payable	83,614	--
Short-term loans	3,754,477	4,727,988
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	647,501	482,940
Total current liabilities	13,488,040	18,424,122
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, net of current maturities	317,009	606,488
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 6(b) and 12)		

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Minority interests	--	55,275
Redeemable common stock		
Redeemable common stock par value \$0.003 per share		
- issued and outstanding shares: 2002 - 180,726; 2003 - 180,726	1,445,808	1,445,808
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock par value \$0.01 per share		
- authorized shares - 10,000,000		
- issued and outstanding shares: 2002-0; 2003-0	--	--
Common stock par value \$0.003 per share		
- authorized shares - 23,333,334		
- issued and outstanding shares: 2002 - 5,404,133; 2003 - 5,529,133	16,208	16,583
Additional paid-in capital	21,152,502	21,458,376
Deferred consultancy fee	(381,420)	--
Retained earnings	8,176,958	6,533,224
Accumulated other comprehensive income	235,972	409,692
Common stock held in treasury, at cost -19.900 shares	--	(38,832)
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	29,200,220	28,379,043
	-----	-----
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	44,451,077	48,910,736
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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss)  
(Expressed in United States Dollars)

	Year ended March 31,		
	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	
Net sales	29,566,680	53,303,101	46,330,000
Cost of sales	22,400,017	40,192,242	35,527,900
	-----	-----	-----
Gross margin	7,166,663	13,110,859	10,802,100
Selling expenses	382,422	2,476,285	2,466,600
Salaries and related costs	2,333,776	3,880,274	4,563,400
Research and development expenses	297,740	426,364	392,900
Administration and general expenses	2,410,872	3,411,336	3,956,800
Amortization of brand name	--	202,608	200,000
	-----	-----	-----
Income (loss) from operations	1,741,853	2,713,992	(777,700)
Interest income	458,328	166,723	85,100
Interest expenses	(337,526)	(645,045)	(532,600)
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	42,722	(39,954)	(96,500)
Other income	204,585	181,272	169,400
Consultancy fee	(381,420)	(381,420)	(381,400)
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Income (loss) before income taxes and minority interest	1,728,542	1,995,568	(1,533,7
Income tax expense	(124,743)	(189,962)	(37,3
	-----	-----	-----
Net income (loss) before minority interest	1,603,799	1,805,606	(1,571,0
Minority interest	--	--	(72,6
	-----	-----	-----
Net income (loss)	1,603,799	1,805,606	(1,643,7
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments net of tax	--	--	173,7
	-----	-----	-----
Comprehensive income (loss)	1,603,799	1,805,606	(1,470,0
	-----	-----	-----
Earnings (loss) per share			
Basic	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.
	-----	-----	-----
Diluted	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.
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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity  
(Expressed in United States Dollars)

	Common stock		
	Shares	Amount	Additional
	issued and	outstanding	paid-in
	outstanding		capital
	-----	-----	-----
		\$	\$
Balance, March 31, 2000	5,712,610	17,133	22,325,500
Net income	--	--	--
Common stock issued upon exercise of share options	7,023	21	(21
Deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	--	--	1,144,260
Amortization of deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	--	--	--
Common stock issued upon exercise of warrants	50,000	150	399,850
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.1 per share)	--	--	--
Purchase of common stock	--	--	--
Retirement of common stock	(73,500)	(220)	(586,029
Cancellation of common stock subscribed	(200,000)	(600)	(1,429,400
	-----	-----	-----
Balance, March 31, 2001	5,496,133	16,484	21,854,160
Net income	--	--	--
Amortization of deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	--	--	--
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.1 per share)	--	--	--

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Purchase of common stock	--	--	--
Retirement of common stock	(92,000)	(276)	(701,658)
	-----	-----	-----
Balance, March 31, 2002	5,404,133	16,208	21,152,502
Net (loss)	--	--	--
Amortization of deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	--	--	--
Common stock issued upon acquisition of a subsidiary	125,000	375	305,874
Purchase of common stock	--	--	--
Foreign exchange translation adjustment	--	--	--
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Balance, March 31, 2003	5,529,133	16,583	21,458,376
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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity  
(Expressed in United States Dollars)  
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	Deferred consultancy fee	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income-foreign currency adjustments
	----- \$	----- \$	----- \$
Balance, March 31, 2000	--	5,873,656	235,972
Net income	--	1,603,799	--
Common stock issued upon exercise of share options	--	--	--
Deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	(1,144,260)	--	--
Amortization of deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	381,420	--	--
Common stock issued upon exercise of warrants	--	--	--
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.1 per share)	--	(549,613)	--
Purchase of common stock	--	--	--
Retirement of common stock	--	--	--
Cancellation of common stock subscribed	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----
Balance, March 31, 2001	(762,840)	6,927,842	235,972
Net income	--	1,805,606	--
Amortization of deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	381,420	--	--
Cash dividends declared on common stock (\$0.1 per share)	--	(556,490)	--
Purchase of common stock	--	--	--
Retirement of common stock	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----
Balance, March 31, 2002	(381,420)	8,176,958	235,972
Net (loss)	--	(1,643,734)	--
Amortization of deferred consultancy fee (note 16(c))	381,420	--	--
Common stock issued upon acquisition of a subsidiary	--	--	--
Purchase of common stock	--	--	--

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Foreign exchange translation adjustment	--	--	173,720
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Balance, March 31, 2003	--	6,533,224	409,692
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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(Expressed in United States Dollars)

	Year Ended March 31,		
	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income (loss)	1,603,799	1,805,606	(1,643,734)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities :			
Depreciation	2,019,621	2,738,937	3,297,608
Amortization	329,564	548,978	550,300
Consultancy fee	381,420	381,420	381,420
Minority interest	--	--	72,639
Other	124,743	8,040	152,929
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Trade receivables	(1,857,893)	499,236	1,077,932
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	(384,007)	(99,911)	(111,441)
Notes receivable	(561,774)	400,691	328,070
Inventories	865,373	(932,725)	(2,314,599)
Accounts payable	407,603	352,023	2,056,513
Accrued charges and deposits	147,128	(203,540)	(2,094,096)
Other	51,315	(26,286)	(45,497)
	-----	-----	-----
Net cash provided by operating activities	3,126,892	5,472,469	1,708,044
	-----	-----	-----
Cash flows from investing activities			
Restricted cash deposits	(801,946)	(1,098,644)	(131,626)
Deposits for property, plant and equipment	(70,511)	(16,038)	(551,399)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	441	26,555	250,103
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(5,846,296)	(756,010)	(1,912,056)
Acquisition of a subsidiary, net of cash acquired	--	(3,044,184)	(519,805)
	-----	-----	-----
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,718,312)	(4,888,321)	(2,864,783)
	-----	-----	-----
Cash flows from financing activities			
Issue of shares on exercise of warrants and options	400,000	--	--
Repurchase of common stock	(1,185,249)	(102,934)	(38,832)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	--	--	488,389
Principal payments under long-term debt	(65,016)	(38,451)	(65,245)
Capital lease payments	(526,227)	(681,748)	(623,592)

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Net (repayment) advance under banking facilities	2,880,518	(2,648,766)	3,151,359
Capital contribution by minority shareholder	--	--	32
Payment of dividends to stockholders	(549,613)	(556,490)	--
	-----	-----	-----
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	954,413	(4,028,389)	2,912,111
	-----	-----	-----
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,637,007)	(3,444,241)	1,755,372
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	7,959,404	5,322,397	1,878,156
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	5,322,397	1,878,156	3,633,528
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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
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	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest paid	337,526	645,045	532,624
Income tax paid, net of refund	--	204,169	249,873
Non-cash investing and financing activities			
Property acquired under capital leases	--	743,821	--
Acquisition:			
Fair value of net assets acquired	--	1,294,512	(18,107)
Cash acquired	--	8,737	(150,728)

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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
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1 Description of business and significant accounting policies

Bonso Electronics International Inc. ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") are engaged in the designing, manufacturing and selling of a comprehensive line of electronic scales and weighing instruments, electronic consumer products, health care products and telecommunication products.

Effective May 1, 2001, the Group acquired 100% of the equity of Korona



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Haushaltswaren Gmbhlt & Co. KG ("Korona") from Augusta Technologies AG ("Augusta"). Korona is a German company engaged in the distribution of electronic scales in Europe.

Effective August 1, 2002, the Group acquired 51% of the equity of Gram Precision Scales Inc. ("Gram"). Gram is a Canadian company engaged in the distribution of electronic scales in North America and Europe.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in United States dollars and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant estimates made by management include provisions made against inventories and trade receivables, and the valuation of long-lived assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The significant accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group"). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

The companies acquired during the financial period have been consolidated from the date on which control of the net assets and operations was transferred to the Group.

Acquisitions of companies are accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase cost over the fair value of assets acquired less liabilities assumed of acquired companies.

During the financial year ending March 31, 2003, the Group adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", which requires discontinuance of goodwill amortization and an annual impairment review. Where an indication of impairment exists, the carrying amount of goodwill is assessed and written down to its recoverable amount.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value because of the short term maturity of these instruments.

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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
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1 Description of business and significant accounting policies (Continued)

(c) Inventories

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Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value with cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Net realizable value is the price at which inventories can be sold in the normal course of business after allowing for the costs of completion and disposal. Inventories are reduced by reserves for obsolescence and slow moving parts.

(d) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized on the transfer of title of ownership, which generally coincides with the time when the products are shipped to customers.

(e) Impairment of long lived assets

Long-lived assets held and used by the Group and intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. The Group evaluates recoverability of assets to be held and used by comparing the carrying amount of an asset to future net undiscounted cash flows to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment loss is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets calculated using a discounted future cash flows analysis.

Goodwill is subject to an annual impairment review.

(f) Brand name

Brand name acquired as part of the purchase of a business is capitalized based on the estimated fair value as at the date of acquisition and amortized using the straight line method over the related estimated useful life of 15 years. Where an indication of impairment exists, the carrying amount of the brand name is assessed and written down to its recoverable amount.

(g) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Leasehold land and buildings are amortized on a straight-line basis over 15 to 50 years, representing the shorter of the remaining term of the lease or the expected useful life to the Group.

(ii) Other fixed assets are carried at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over their expected useful lives to the Group. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:

Plant and machinery	- 14% to 33.3%
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	- 20%
Motor vehicles	- 20%

(iii) The cost of major improvements and betterments is capitalized, whereas the cost of maintenance and repairs is expensed in the year incurred.

(iv) Any gain or loss on disposal is included in the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss).

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### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Expressed in United States Dollars)

#### 1 Description of business and significant accounting policies (Continued)

##### (h) Trade receivables

Provision is made against trade receivables to the extent that collection is considered to be doubtful.

##### (i) Research and development costs

Research and development costs are expensed in the financial period during which they are incurred.

##### (j) Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included within selling expenses.

##### (k) Deferred income taxes

Amounts in the consolidated financial statements related to income taxes are calculated using the principles of SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes". SFAS No. 109 requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Future tax benefits, such as net operating loss carry forwards, are recognized to the extent that realization of such benefits is more likely than not to occur.

##### (l) Foreign currency translations

(i) The functional currency of the Company, one of its Hong Kong subsidiaries and two subsidiaries in the United States is the United States dollar, the functional currency of the other Hong Kong subsidiaries is the Hong Kong dollar and the functional currency of the German subsidiary is the Euro. The functional currency of the Group's subsidiary in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") is the Renminbi, the national currency of the PRC. The functional currency of the Group's subsidiary in Canada is the Canadian Dollar. The functional currency of the Group's subsidiary in the United Kingdom is the sterling. The Group's functional currency is the United States dollar.

(ii) The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries where the United States dollar is the functional currency and which have certain transactions denominated in non-United States dollar currencies are remeasured into the United States dollar. The remeasurement of local currencies into United States dollars creates transaction adjustments which are included in net income (loss).

(iii) The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries, where the local currency is the functional currency, are translated into United States dollars using exchange rates in effect at period end for assets and liabilities and average exchange rates during each reporting period for statement of income. Adjustments resulting from translation of these financial statements are reflected as a separate component of shareholders' equity in accumulated other comprehensive income.

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1 Description of business and significant accounting policies (Continued)

(m) Stock options and warrants

Stock options are granted to employees, directors and non-employee directors and warrants are issued to certain shareholders. Upon exercise of the options and warrants, the holder can acquire ordinary shares of the Group at an exercise price determined by the board of directors. The options are exercisable based on the vesting terms stipulated in the option schemes. The Group follows the intrinsic method of accounting for these options. For options and warrants granted with an exercise price being equal or higher than the market price of the common stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized in the financial statements.

(n) Warrants issued for non - cash consideration

Warrants issued in consideration for services rendered are recorded at fair value and a charge equivalent to fair value is included in the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss).

(o) Recent accounting pronouncements

In July 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 146 "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities". The standard requires companies to recognize costs associated with exit or disposal activities when they are incurred rather than at the date of a commitment to an exit or disposal plan. This standard is effective for exit or disposal activities that are initiated after December 31, 2002. The adoption of this standard does not have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation No. ("FIN") 45 "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others". FIN 45 elaborates on the disclosures to be made by a guarantor about its obligations under certain guarantees and indemnifications that it has issued and clarifies that a guarantor is required to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee or indemnification, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee or indemnification. The initial recognition and measurement provisions of FIN 45 are applicable on a prospective basis to guarantees and indemnifications issued or modified after December 31, 2002 and the disclosure requirements are effective for financial statements ending after December 15, 2002. The Group believes the adoption of FIN 45 has not significantly impacted its current disclosures and is currently assessing the impact of FIN 45's initial recognition and measurement provisions on its financial position and results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation--Transition and Disclosure--an Amendment of FAS 123." SFAS No. 148 amends SFAS No. 123 to provide alternative methods of transition for an entity that voluntarily changes to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. It also amends the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosure about the effects on reported net income of an entity's accounting policy

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decisions with respect to stock-based employee compensation. Finally, SFAS No. 148 amends APB Opinion No. 28 "Interim Financial Reporting" to require disclosure about those effects in interim financial information. SFAS No. 148 is effective for financial statements for fiscal years ending after and for interim period beginning December 15, 2002. The adoption of this standard does not have a material impact on the Group's financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No.150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity". This statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures in its statement of financial position certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. In accordance with SFAS No.150, financial instruments that embody obligations for the issuer are required to be classified as liabilities. SFAS No. 150 shall be effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise shall be effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The Group is currently assessing the impact of this statement on its financial position and disclosures.

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2 Allowance for doubtful accounts

Changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts comprises:

	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Balance, April 1	--	--	220,838
Exchange adjustment	--	--	28,549
Acquisition of subsidiary	--	--	20,027
Additions charged to expense	--	220,838	290,556
Write-off	--	--	(138,631)
	-----	-----	-----
Balance, March 31	--	220,838	421,339
	-----	-----	-----

3 Inventories

(a) The components of inventories are as follows:

	2002	2003
	-----	-----
	\$	\$
Raw materials	4,287,203	5,720,006
Work in progress	1,012,311	3,339,078
Finished goods	4,131,054	4,181,709
	-----	-----
	9,430,568	13,240,793
Inventories reserves	(568,616)	(584,275)
	-----	-----
	8,861,952	12,656,518
	-----	-----

(b) Changes in the inventories reserves comprises:

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	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Balance, April 1	323,126	339,475	568,616
Additions charged to expense	210,362	229,141	18,451
Write-off	(194,013)	--	(2,792)
	-----	-----	-----
Balance, March 31	339,475	568,616	584,275
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Bonso Electronics International Inc. and Subsidiaries  
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4 Long-term debt

Long-term debt comprises:

	March 31	
	-----	-----
	2002	2003
	-----	-----
	\$	\$
Bank loan for acquisition of fixed assets, denominated in United States dollars, due on February 12, 2006	--	466,667
Long term bank loan at bank's floating base rate + 4%, denominated in Canadian dollars, due on March 2006	--	108,733
Bank loans at 5.3% per annum denominated in Renminbi	30,231	--
Promissory note for the acquisition of Gram due on March 31, 2008 (see Note 10)	--	203,312
Less: current portion	(30,231)	(235,000)
	-----	-----
Long-term debt, less current maturities	--	543,712
	-----	-----

Long term debt principal repayments are due as follows:

	\$
2004	235,000
2005	235,000
2006	221,667
2007	46,381
2008	40,664
	-----
Total	\$778,712
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5 Taxation

- (a) The companies comprising the Group are subject to tax on an entity basis on income arising in or derived from Hong Kong, the PRC, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada. The current rates of taxation of the subsidiaries operating in Hong Kong and, Shenzhen in the PRC are 16% and 15% respectively. The subsidiary of the Group in Germany is registered as a

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partnership in Germany which is subject to a statutory rate of 14.17%. The Group is not subject to income taxes in the British Virgin Islands. The statutory tax rates in the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada are 15%, 19.64%, and 38% respectively.

(b) Pursuant to the relevant income tax laws in the PRC, Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is fully exempt from PRC state income tax for two years starting from the first profit-making year followed by a 50% reduction over the ensuing three years. The first profit-making year of Bonso Electronics (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. was deemed to be the financial year ended December 31, 1998.

(c) The components of the income tax benefit (expense) are as follows:

	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Deferred income tax benefit (expense)	(28,937)	14,206	76,858
Current income tax expense	(95,806)	(204,168)	(114,172)
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Total income tax expense	(124,743)	(189,962)	(37,314)
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5 Taxation (Continued)

(d) Deferred tax assets are comprised of the following:

	2002	2003
	-----	-----
	\$	\$
Deferred tax liabilities		
Accelerated depreciation	(7,147)	(33,626)
Deferred tax assets		
Tax loss carry forwards	85,503	326,158
Inventories reserves	43,434	38,348
Less: Valuation allowance	(10,149)	(163,645)
	-----	-----
	118,788	200,861
	-----	-----
Net deferred tax assets	111,641	167,235
Less: current portion	(27,219)	(38,348)
	-----	-----
Non current portion	84,422	128,887
	-----	-----

As of March 31, 2003, the Group had accumulated tax losses amounting to \$2,224,289 (the tax effect thereon is \$326,157), which may be carried forward and applied to reduce future taxable income which is earned in or derived from Hong Kong and Germany. Realization of deferred tax assets associated with tax loss carry forwards is dependent upon generating sufficient taxable income prior to their expiration. A valuation allowance

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is established against such tax losses when management believes it is more likely than not that a portion may not be utilized by the Group or its subsidiaries.

As of March 31, 2003, the Group's accumulated tax losses have no definite period of expiration.

(e) Changes in the valuation allowance consist of:

	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Balance, April 1	15,420	10,149	10,149
Reduction credited to income tax expense	(5,271)	--	--
Addition debited to income tax expense	--	--	153,496
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Balance, March 31	10,149	10,149	163,645
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5 Taxation (Continued)

(f) The actual income tax expense attributable to earnings for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 differed from the amounts computed by applying the Hong Kong statutory tax rate in accordance with the relevant income tax law as a result of the following:

	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Hong Kong statutory tax rate	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%
Income tax (expense) credit at the Hong Kong statutory tax rate	(276,567)	(319,291)	245,405
Offshore profit not subject to income tax	171,520	197,676	27,544
Expenses not deductible for income tax purposes	(13,480)	(48,049)	(66,920)
Changes in valuation allowance	5,271	--	(153,496)
Over (under) provision for Hong Kong tax in prior years	3,194	(18,803)	(91,129)
Income tax rate differentials	(14,681)	(1,495)	(27,047)
Tax losses utilized	--	--	28,329
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Total income tax expense	(124,743)	(189,962)	(37,314)
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6 Leases

(a) Capital leases

Motor vehicles and plant and machinery include the following amounts for capitalized leases:



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	Motor vehicles		Plant and machinery	
	March 31		March 31	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost	110,065	110,065	2,626,620	939,049
Less: accumulated amortization	(7,338)	(29,351)	(999,432)	(392,966)
	102,727	80,714	1,627,188	546,083

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6 Leases (Continued)

(a) (Continued)

During the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, the Group entered into additional capital lease obligations amounting to \$Nil, \$743,821 and \$Nil respectively.

Future minimum payments under capital leases as of March 31, 2003 with an initial term of more than one year are as follows:

	\$
2003	278,444
2004	70,381
Total minimum lease payments	348,825
Less: amount representing interest	(38,109)
Present value of net minimum lease payments (including current portion of \$247,940 as of March 31, 2003)	310,716

(b) Operating leases

As of March 31, 2003, future minimum lease commitments in respect of noncancellable operating leases for factory, office premises and staff quarters in Hong Kong, the PRC, Germany, the United States, the United Kingdom and Canada are as follows:

	\$
2004	379,131
2005	506,772
2006	147,399
2007	125,043
2008	119,505

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Thereafter	282,529
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	1,560,379
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Rent expense for all operating leases amounted to \$123,124, \$286,351 and \$311,417 for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

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7 Banking facilities

As of March 31, 2003, the Group had general banking facilities for bank overdrafts, letters of credit, notes payable, short-term loans and long-term loans. The facilities are interchangeable with total amounts available of \$27,849,377 (2002: \$25,430,340). The general banking facilities utilized by the Group are denominated in United States dollars, Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi, Japanese Yen and Canadian dollars.

The Group's general banking facilities, expressed in United States Dollars, are further detailed as follows:

	Amount available March 31		Amount utilized March 31		Terms of banking March 31
	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	
Import and export Facilities					Interest rate
Letters of credit	12,012,821	12,756,410	3,308,973	5,595,443	
Including sublimit of:					
Notes payable	12,012,821	12,756,410	2,857,533	4,818,971	Prime rate minus 0.5% to Prime rate or HIBOR +2.5%
Short-term loans	11,656,519	12,869,375	3,754,477	4,727,988	Prime rate minus 0.5% or HIBOR +2.25% to HIBOR +2.5%
Other facilities					
Bank overdrafts	1,730,769	1,648,192	-	216,410	Prime rate or HIBOR +0.5% to Prime rate plus 0.5% or

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					0.75%
Long-term loans (Note 4)	30,231	575,400	30,231	575,400	Prime rate +4% or HIBOR
					+2.25%
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	25,430,340	27,849,377	7,093,681	11,115,241	
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7 Banking facilities (Continued)

The amount of banking facilities utilized by the Group are denominated in the following currency:

	Amount utilized March 31	
	2002	2003
	-----	-----
	\$	\$
Euro	2,846,593	4,369,800
Hong Kong dollars	1,712,006	1,924,582
Japanese Yen	198,755	179,828
Renminbi	30,231	--
United States dollars	2,306,096	4,315,888
Canadian dollars	--	325,143
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	7,093,681	11,115,241
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The Prime rate and HIBOR rate were 5% and 1.375% per annum, respectively, as of March 31, 2003. The Prime rate is determined by the Hong Kong Bankers Association and is subject to revision from time to time.

The banking facilities are collateralized by the following:

- (a) a legal charge over leasehold properties of the Group with net book value of \$3,521,810 (2002: \$3,942,336); and
- (b) bank guarantee of \$6,178,615 (2002:\$5,129,908) and restricted cash deposits of \$4,104,168 (2002: \$3,972,542). The restricted cash deposits have original maturities of less than three months.
- (c) a legal charge over certain assets of one of the Group's subsidiaries.

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- (d) personal guarantee of \$102,000 (2002:Nil) by a director of one of the Group's subsidiaries.

The weighted average interest rate of short-term borrowings of the Group is as follows:

	Year ended March 31	
	2002	2003
Bank overdrafts	6.5%	5.45%
Notes payable	5.9%	5.05%
Short-term loans	5.9%	5.05%

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8 Related party transactions

- (a) The Group paid emoluments, commissions and/or consultancy fees to its directors as follows:

Year ended March 31 -----	Mr So Hung Gun, Anthony -----	Ms Pang Kit Teng, Cathy -----	Mr Chung Kim Wah -----	Mr Luk Kam Sun -----
2001	\$559,672 (iii)	\$106,359	\$137,285(ii)	\$20,816(iv)
2002	\$559,672 (iii)	\$109,497	\$140,016(ii)	N/A
2003	\$671,836 (iii)	\$125,262	\$149,606(ii)	N/A
	Mr Fok Woo Ping -----	Mr George O'Leary -----	Mr J Stewart Jackson -----	Mr Henry Schlueter -----
2001	Nil	\$170,134(i)	Nil	N/A
2002	Nil	\$165,000(i)	Nil	\$108,379(v)
2003	Nil	\$180,000(i)	Nil	\$142,870(v)

- (i) This represented commissions and consultancy fee paid to Mr George O'Leary. Mr O'Leary received commissions on orders placed by customers which he obtained for the Group for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003. Since April 1, 2001, a monthly consultancy fee was paid to Mr O'Leary for provision of support and marketing services in the United States.
- (ii) Included in the emoluments is a housing allowance for \$38,462 for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2003 payable to a company in which Mr Chung Kim Wah has a beneficial interest.
- (iii) Apart from the emoluments paid by the Group as above, one of the properties of the Group in Hong Kong is also provided to Mr So Hung Gun, Anthony as part of his compensation.
- (iv) Mr Luk Kam Sun resigned as a director of the Company on April 3, 2000.
- (v) Mr Henry Schlueter was appointed as a director of the Company on

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October 10, 2001. The amount for the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2003 represented professional fee paid to Schlueter & Associates, P.C., the Group's SEC counsel in which Mr Henry Schlueter is one of the principals.

(b) Promissory note receivable from shareholder

On March 27, 1998, Advantage List & Marketing Corporation ("ALMC") subscribed for 200,000 shares of common stock of the Company at a price of \$6.75 per share which represented the fair market value at the date of subscription, in exchange for ALMC's promissory note of \$1,470,000. On the same date, ALMC entered into a pledge agreement simultaneously under which ALMC agreed to pledge the common stock to the Company as security for the payment of the promissory note. The promissory note was with full recourse, interest free and was fully repayable on or before September 27, 2000. On September 17, 1998, a total of 200,000 shares of common stock were issued and the shares were held by the Company as security for payment of the promissory note. The promissory note was recorded at its discounted value of \$1,350,000. Interest of \$80,000 accrued thereon in the year ended March 31, 1999 was included in additional paid in capital. On November 10, 1999, the Company has entered into an agreement with ALMC to rescind the previous share subscription such that in April 2000, the 200,000 shares of common stock held by ALMC were returned to the Company in exchange for cancellation of the promissory note of \$1,470,000. The 200,000 shares of common stock were cancelled in 2002 and returned to the status of authorized but unissued shares.

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9 Provident fund plan

- (a) With effect from January 1, 1988, Bonso Electronics Limited ("BEL"), a wholly-owned foreign subsidiary of the Company, implemented a defined contribution plan (the "Plan") with a major international assurance company to provide life insurance and retirement benefits for its employees. All permanent full time employees who joined BEL before December 2000, excluding factory workers, are eligible to join the provident fund plan.

The Mandatory Provident Fund (the "MPF") was introduced by the Hong Kong Government, and commenced in December 2000. BEL joined the MPF by implementing a plan with a major international assurance company. All permanent Hong Kong full time employees who joined BEL in or after December 2000, excluding factory workers, are eligible to join the MPF.

- (b) Members of the Plan are required to contribute 5% of their monthly salary. The contribution by BEL is as follows:

Years of service -----	% of salary as BEL's contribution -----
Less than 5 years	5.0%
5 to 10 years	7.5%
More than 10 years	10.0%

Members' and employers' contributions to the MPF are both at 5% of the members' monthly salaries and are subject to a maximum contribution of HK\$1,000 monthly.

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- (b) At normal retirement age, death or ill health, the member shall be entitled to receive from the Plan a lump sum equal to the total of the member's and BEL's contributions plus the return on their investment. On resignation prior to normal retirement age, a member shall be entitled to receive from the Plan a lump sum equal to the member's contributions plus a percentage of the employer's balance determined in accordance with a predetermined set scale.

On resignation or at normal retirement age, death or ill health, the member of the MPF shall be entitled to a lump sum equal to the total of the member's and BEL's contributions plus the return on their investment.

- (c) BEL's total contributions to the Plan and the MPF for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 amounted to \$53,704, \$78,995 and \$73,945 respectively.

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10 Business acquisition

Acquisition of Korona

Effective May 1, 2001, the Group acquired 100% of the equity of Korona from Augusta. Korona is a German company engaged in the distribution of electronic scales in Europe.

The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Under purchase accounting, the total purchase price has been allocated to the acquired assets and liabilities of Korona based on management's best estimate of the fair value of assets acquired and the liabilities assumed as of May 1, 2001. Due to legal restrictions on the timing of the transfer of the title of certain assets, the net assets purchased included a warehouse and an investment in a wholly owned subsidiary of Korona. As required under the terms of the sale and purchase agreement, in June and July 2001, respectively, Augusta repurchased the warehouse and the investment from Korona at their approximate net book values for cash.

The purchase consideration included cash consideration of \$2,730,000 and common stock consideration by issuance of 180,726 shares of restricted common stock based on an agreed-upon price of \$8.00 per share pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Augusta. For accounting purposes, the issue of the shares was originally recorded at the value of \$5.00 per share, based on the average price per share for a total of 5 days before and after the completion date of the acquisition. Under the terms of the Agreement the Company had an obligation to register the common stock with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Agreement gave Augusta the right to redeem the common stock if the registration of the stock had not cleared the SEC by January 31, 2002. The Company filed a registration statement to register the common stock held by Augusta which was declared effective by the SEC on March 7, 2002. In March 2002, Augusta exercised the repurchase obligation requesting to repurchase the 180,726 shares of common stock to the Company in exchange for a promissory note of \$1,445,808, repayable in nine monthly payments which would have commenced April 1, 2002 and bearing interest at a rate of 8% per annum which would result in an interest cost of approximately \$50,000 for

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the whole period of the promissory note.

On October 22, 2002, Augusta filed a request for arbitration in the state of New York and on January 13, 2003, the Group filed its answer to Augusta's request for arbitration asserting that Augusta breached the agreement and the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing by withholding consent from Korona's auditors for the release of Korona's financial statements. It is currently in the process of proceeding through the arbitration process. If the arbitration proceeds, there will be legal fees, travel expenses and other costs related to the arbitration that will be incurred by the Group in defending the case. If the Group does not succeed in the arbitration, we may be obligated to repurchase the stock by exchanging it for the promissory note, to be repaid with accrued interest, over a nine-month period of time.

As the redemption option was exercised by Augusta prior to March 31, 2002, the Group has adjusted the carrying amount of the redeemable common stock to the full redemption amount. The adjustment of \$542,178 to accrete to the value of the promissory note of \$1,445,808 was treated as an adjustment to the original purchase price and resulted in the recognition of goodwill. Any final amendment to the redemption amount resulting from the current negotiations with Augusta will result in a subsequent adjustment to this goodwill amount.

The allocation of the purchase price is as follows:

	\$
Cash consideration	2,730,000
Common stock consideration	1,445,808
Less: Fair value of net assets acquired	(1,294,512)
Less: Fair value of brand name	(3,000,000)
Less: Cash received for the warehouse and investment	(1,176,975)
Plus: Book value of warehouse and investment	1,176,975
Plus: Transaction and closing costs	376,845
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Goodwill	258,141
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The Group incurred additional transaction costs in year ended March 31, 2003 related to the acquisition of Korona, which have resulted in an increase to goodwill of \$53,924. No amortization charge related to goodwill was incurred during the current financial year.

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10 Business acquisition (continued)

Acquisition of Gram

As part of the Group's ongoing expansion of its sensor-based product business, effective August 1, 2002, the Group acquired 51% of the equity of Gram. Gram is a Canadian company engaged in the distribution of digital scales in North America and Europe.

The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Under purchase accounting, the total purchase price has been allocated to the acquired assets and liabilities of Gram based on management's best

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estimate of the fair value of assets acquired and the liabilities assumed as of August 1, 2002.

The allocation of the purchase price is as follows:

	\$
Cash consideration	230,644
Promissory note	203,312
Common stock consideration	306,250
Plus: Fair value of net liabilities acquired	35,503
Less: Minority shareholders' interest	(17,396)
Plus: Transaction and closing costs	84,508
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Goodwill	842,821
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Total consideration consisted of cash, common stock and a promissory note issued by the buyer of Gram. The value of the common stock issued (125,000 shares at \$2.45 each) was determined based on the market price of the Group's stock on the date of the acquisition, which was also the date the terms of acquisition were agreed to and announced. The total promissory note of \$231,000 is unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable in five yearly installments through March 31, 2008 (see Note 4). The value at acquisition of \$203,312 was calculated based on an imputed interest rate of 4%. The goodwill above arose on August 1, 2002 and is not amortized but subject to annual impairment review.

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated summary of operations presents information of the Group's results as if the acquisition occurred on April 1, 2001:

	2002	2003
	\$	\$
	(unaudited)	
Net sales	54,554,827	47,866,091
Net income (loss)	1,713,211	(1,649,072)
Basic earnings (losses) per share	0.31	(0.29)
Diluted earnings (losses) per share	0.30	(0.29)
Shares used in per share calculation:		
Basic	5,586,920	5,599,238
Diluted	5,652,852	5,599,238

These unaudited pro forma results have been prepared for comparative purposes only. They do not purport to be indicative of the results of operations which would have resulted had the acquisition occurred on April 1, 2001 or of future results of operations of the consolidated entities.

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11 Goodwill and Brand name

Goodwill and brand name are analysed as follows:



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	Goodwill		Brand name	
	March 31		March 31	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost	204,217	1,100,962	3,000,000	3,000,000
Less: accumulated amortization	--	--	(202,608)	(402,608)
	204,217	1,100,962	2,797,392	2,597,392

The Group adopted SFAS No. 142 during the year ended March 31, 2003. Goodwill of the Group of \$204,217 and \$1,100,962 as at March 31, 2002 and 2003 respectively was not subject to amortization. Amortization expense related to brand name was nil, \$202,608 and \$200,000 for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

12 Commitments and contingencies

- (a) As of March 31, 2003, the Group had commitments to acquire plant and machineries from third parties for an aggregate consideration of \$125,882 (2002: \$17,820), of which \$40,759 (2002: \$16,038) had been paid as deposits.
- (b) The dispute with Augusta as discussed in Note 10.
- (c) Vector Distribution System Inc., a subsidiary of Gram, was subject to two cases of lawsuits for alleged patent infringement. The Group considers the possibility of an unfavourable outcome to be remote and as such have not made any provision for these cases as at March 31, 2003.

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13 Earnings per share

	Year ended March 31		
	2001	2002	2003
	\$	\$	\$
Income (loss) available to common shareholders	1,603,799	1,805,606	(1,643,734)
Weighted average shares outstanding	5,564,536	5,586,920	5,599,238
Incremental shares from assumed exercise of:			
Warrants	48,547	--	--
Stock options	66,828	65,932	--
Dilutive potential common shares	115,375	65,932	
Diluted weighted average shares	5,679,911	5,652,852	5,599,238

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Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.29)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.29)

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income/(loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed in a manner consistent with that of basic earnings per share while giving effect to all potentially dilutive shares of common stock that were outstanding during the period, including warrants and stock options.

Options to purchase 168,000 shares, 30,000 shares, 196,000 shares, 10,000 shares, 30,000 shares, 218,000 shares and 20,000 shares of common stock at \$2.50, \$2.55, \$3.65, \$5.06, \$7.875, \$8.00 and \$8.125 per share respectively and warrants to purchase 2,174,403 shares of common stock at \$17.50 per share were outstanding during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003 but were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share during the year ended March 31, 2003 due to their anti-dilutive effect.

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14 Shareholders' equity

(a) Repurchase of common stock

In June 2000, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of the common stock of the Company up to a total consideration of \$1,000,000. The Board of Directors believed that the common stock was undervalued, and that the repurchase of common stock would be beneficial to the Company's shareholders. At various times from July 2000 to November 2000, the Company repurchased 123,500 shares of the Company's common stock, at an average cost of \$7.78 per share, for a total cost of \$960,249.

In December 2000, the Board of Directors further authorized the repurchase of 25,000 shares of the common stock of the Company. The Board of Directors believed that the common stock was undervalued, and that the repurchase of common stock would be beneficial to the Company's shareholders. Subsequently in December 2000, the Company repurchased 25,000 shares of the Company's common stock, at an average cost of \$9.00 per share, for a total cost of \$225,000.

In March 2001, 73,500 shares of the repurchased common stock have been cancelled, and returned to the status of authorized but unissued shares. The remaining 75,000 repurchased shares of the common stock were cancelled and returned to the status of authorized but unissued shares in May 2001.

In April 2001, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of the common stock of the Company up to a total consideration of \$500,000. The Board of Directors believed that the common stock was undervalued, and that the repurchase of common stock would be beneficial to the Company's

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shareholders. During April 2001 to October 2001, the Company repurchased 17,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an average cost of \$6.05 per share, for a total cost of \$102,934.

In October 2001 and March 2002, 15,000 shares and 2,000 shares of the repurchased common stock have been cancelled, and returned to the status of authorized but unissued shares respectively.

During December 2002 to March 2003, the Company repurchased 19,900 shares of the Company's common stock at an average cost of \$1.95 per share, for a total cost of \$38,832.

### (b) Preferred stock

On October 10, 2001, the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association were amended such that the authorized share capital of the Company was increased by \$100,000 by the creation of 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with par value of \$0.01 each, divided into 2,500,000 shares each of class A preferred stock, class B preferred stock, class C preferred stock and class D preferred stock. Shares may be issued within each class from time to time by the Company's Board of Directors in its sole discretion without the approval of the shareholders with such designations, power, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitation and restrictions as the Board of Directors shall fix and as have not been fixed in the Company's Memorandum of Association. The Company has not issued any shares of preferred stock up to March 31, 2003.

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### 15 Stock option plan

- (a) In October 1996, the Board of Directors approved the 1996 Stock Option Plan and 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. Under the 1996 Stock Option Plan, the Company may grant options of common stock to certain employees and directors of the Company for a maximum of 900,000 shares. The 1996 Stock Option Plan is administered by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors which determines the terms of options granted, including the exercise price, the option periods and the number of shares to be subject to each option. The exercise price of options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan may be less than the fair market value of the common shares on the date of grant. The maximum term of options granted under the 1996 Stock Option Plan is 10 years. The right to acquire the common shares is not assignable except for certain conditions stipulated in the 1996 Stock Option Plan.

In January 2000, the Company granted options to certain employees to purchase an aggregate of 23,700 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$8.00 per share, which was equal to the market value on the date of grant, in accordance with the 1996 Stock Option Plan. The options shall expire on January 6, 2010 and can be exercised at any time immediately after granting. None of the options were exercised during the year ended March 31, 2000, and 13,700 stock options were exercised to purchase 7,023 shares of common stock of the Company during the year ended March 31, 2001. None of the options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2003.

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15 Stock option plan (Continued)

(a) (Continued)

Under the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan, the non-employee directors are automatically granted stock options on the third business day following the day of each annual general meeting of the Company to purchase an aggregate of 600,000 shares of common stock. The exercise price of all options granted under the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan shall be one hundred percent of the fair market value per share of the common shares on the date of grant. The maximum term of options granted under the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan is 10 years. No stock option may be exercised during the first six months of its term except for certain conditions provided in the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan. The right to acquire the common shares is not assignable except for under certain conditions stipulated in the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan.

In October 1996, the Company issued options to three non-employee directors in accordance with the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan to purchase an aggregate of 30,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$2.25 per share, which was equal to the market value on the date of grant. The options shall expire October 16, 2006 and can be exercised at any time after granting. During the years ended on March 31, 2000 and 2001, 10,000 and 20,000 stock options were exercised to purchase 10,000 and 18,868 shares of common stock of the Company respectively.

In January 2000, the Company issued options to two non-employee directors in accordance with the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan to purchase an aggregate of 20,000 shares of the common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$8.125 per share, which was equal to the market value on the date of grant. The options shall expire on January 12, 2010 and can be exercised at any time immediately after granting. None of the options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

In January 2001, the Company issued options to three non-employee directors in accordance with the 1996 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan to purchase an aggregate of 30,000 shares of the common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$7.875 per share, which was equal to the market value on the date of grant. The options shall expire on January 9, 2011 and can be exercised at any time after granting. None of the options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

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15 Stock option plan (Continued)

(b) In January 2000, the Company issued options to the directors and an employee of the Company to purchase an aggregate of 218,000 shares of

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common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$8.00. The options shall expire on January 6, 2010 and can be exercised at any time after granting. The exercise prices of these options were equal to the fair market value at the time of grant. No options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

- (c) In April 2001, the Company issued options to certain directors and certain employees of the Company to purchase an aggregate of 196,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of US\$3.65. The options shall expire on April 9, 2011 and can be exercised at any time after granting. The exercise prices of these options were equal to the fair market value at the time of grant. No options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2003.

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15 Stock option plan (Continued)

- (d) (Continued)

In October 2001, the Company issued options to certain non-employee directors of the Company to purchase an aggregate of 30,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of US\$2.55. The options shall expire on October 15, 2011 and can be exercised at any time after granting. The exercise prices of these options were equal to the fair market value at the time of grant. No options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2003.

In March 2002, the Company issued options to certain directors of the Company to purchase an aggregate of 168,000 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of US\$2.50. The options shall expire on March 6, 2012 and can be exercised at any time after granting. The exercise prices of these options were equal to the fair market value at the time of grant. No options have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2003.

No options or warrants have been granted or exercised during the year ended March 31, 2003.

The stock options summary as of March 31, 2003 is summarized as follows:

	Number of shares -----	Average per share -----	
	Exercise price -----	Market price -----	
Balance, March 31, 2000	261,700	\$8.01	\$8.01
Exercised	(13,700)	\$8.00	\$8.00
Granted	30,000 -----	\$7.875 -----	\$7.875 -----
Balance March 31, 2001	278,000	\$7.996	\$7.996

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Granted	394,000	\$3.076	\$3.076
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Balance, March 31, 2002 and 2003	672,000	\$5.11	\$5.11
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(e) The following table summarizes the information about all stock options of the Company outstanding at March 31, 2003:

Weighted average exercise price	Number outstanding at March 31, 2003	Weighted average remaining life (years)	Exercisable shares at March 31, 2003
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\$2.50	168,000	8.9	168,000
\$2.55	30,000	8.5	30,000
\$3.65	196,000	8.0	196,000
\$7.875	30,000	7.8	30,000
\$8.00	228,000	6.8	228,000
\$8.125	20,000	6.8	20,000
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\$5.11	672,000	7.8	672,000
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15 Stock option plan (Continued)

(f) The Company applies Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related interpretations in accounting for its employee stock options. Under APB Opinion No. 25, as the exercise price of all the options issued by the Company equals or is higher than the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense has been recognized for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is required by SFAS No. 123 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its employee stock options under the fair value method of SFAS No. 123. The weighted average fair value of options granted during the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 were \$153,988, \$939,314 and \$0 respectively. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes Option Valuation model with the following weighted-average assumptions for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003:

	2001	2002	2003
	\$	\$	\$
Weighted risk-free interest rate	4.70%	4.55%	N/A
Dividend yield	-	-	-
Weighted volatility factor of the expected market price of the Company's common share	76.30%	102.35%	N/A
Weighted average expected life of the option	5 years	5 years	N/A

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For purposes of pro forma disclosure, the estimated fair value of the options is charged to net income (loss) of the respective years. The Group's pro forma information is as follows:

	2001	2002	2003
	-----	-----	-----
	\$	\$	\$
Net income (loss) as reported	1,603,799	1,805,606	(1,643,734)
Deduct:			
Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all stock options, net of related tax effects	(153,988)	(939,314)	--
	-----	-----	-----
Pro forma net income (loss)	1,449,811	866,292	(1,643,734)
Basic earnings (losses) per share			
As reported	\$ 0.29	\$0.32	\$(0.29)
Pro forma	\$ 0.26	\$0.16	\$(0.29)
Diluted earnings (losses) per share			
As reported	\$ 0.28	\$0.32	\$(0.29)
Pro forma	\$ 0.26	\$0.15	\$(0.29)

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16 Warrants

- (a) As a result of the Company's second public offering in December 1994, the Company issued 2,200,000 five-year warrants to its public shareholders. Each warrant entitled the holder thereof to purchase one share of common stock of the Company at \$7.35 per share, which was equal to the market price on the date. The expiration date of the warrants was January 31, 2001. The warrants were redeemable by the Company at \$0.05 per warrant upon 30 to 45 days notice at any time after December 14, 1995, or such earlier date as the representatives of the underwriters may determine, if the closing price per share of common stock of the Company for 20 consecutive trading days within the 30-day period prior to the date of notice of redemption is given equals or exceeds \$8.575 per share. A total of 25,597 warrants and 1,673,776 warrants were exercised to purchase 25,597 shares and 1,673,776 shares of common stock of the Company at \$7.35 per share during the years ended March 31, 1999 and March 31, 2000 respectively. The remaining 500,627 warrants expired on January 31, 2001.
- (b) On January 5, 2000, the Company declared a one-for-one warrant dividend on all warrants which either were outstanding as of the close of trading on January 19, 2000 or which were exercised during the period commencing on November 22, 1999 and ending at the close of trading on January 19, 2000. A total of 2,174,403 new warrants were issued accordingly on June 1, 2000.

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Each two new warrants were exercisable to purchase 1 share of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$17.50, which was equal to the market price on that date. The warrants originally expired on December 31, 2002 but the Board of Directors, in July 2002, extended the expiration date until December 31, 2003. No warrants have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

- (c) On January 14, 2000, the Company entered into an agreement with Profit Concepts Limited ("Profit Concepts"), which provided consulting services to the Company. The agreement provided for the issuance by the Company to Profit Concepts of non-callable warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$8.00 per share, which was equal to the market price on that date. Profit Concepts was engaged in the provision of advisory services for equity fund raising exercise of the Company and the warrants were exercisable for a period of three years from January 14, 2000. No warrants were exercised up to March 31, 2000 and 50,000 warrants were exercised to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock of the Company at \$8.00 per share during the year ended March 31, 2001. No warrants have been exercised during the years ended March 31, 2002 and 2003 and the warrants expired on January 13, 2003.

The fair value of the warrants on the date of issue was US\$1,144,260 and was being recognized as consultancy fee in the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) on a straight-line basis over the period of services by Profit Concepts which commenced on July 1, 2000 and concluded on January 13, 2003. The consultancy fee charged to the Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) and Comprehensive Income (Loss) amounted to \$381,420, \$381,420 and \$381,420 for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively.

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17 Business segment information

- (a) The Group is organized based on the products it offers. Under this organizational structure, the Group's operation can be classified into four business segments, Scales, Telecommunications products, Health care products and Other.

Scales operations principally involves production and marketing of sensor based scales products. These include bathroom, kitchen, office, jewelry, laboratory, postal and industrial scales that are used in consumer, commercial and industrial applications.

Telecommunications products operations principally involve production and modification of two-way radios and cordless telephones that are used in consumer and commercial applications.

Health care products operations principally involve production of thermometers and blood pressure meters used by consumers.

The Group established the "Other" segment which principally includes the activities of (i) tooling and mould charges for scales and telecommunication products, and (ii) supporting service to customers including performing repairs work for customers and sales of spare parts.



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The accounting policies of the Group's reportable segments are the same as those described in the description of business and significant accounting policies.

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17 Business segment information (Continued)

Summarized financial information by business segment for 2001, 2002 and 2003 is as follows:

	Net sales ----- \$	Operating profit/(loss) ----- \$	Identifiable assets as of March 31 ----- \$	Depreciat a amortizati -----
2003				
Scales	27,443,774	3,855,701	24,672,560	2,019,5
Telecommunication products	15,729,490	94,623	7,158,520	1,177,2
Health care products	--	--	--	--
Other	3,156,790	290,626	1,403,184	183,3
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total operating segments	46,330,054	4,240,950	33,234,264	3,380,2
Corporate	--	(5,018,729)	15,676,472	467,6
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Group	46,330,054	(777,779)	48,910,736	3,847,9
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2002				
Scales	33,451,978	6,990,999	21,403,551	1,266,1
Telecommunication products	17,359,570	821,153	6,677,075	1,109,5
Health care products	81,660	1,110	2,499	2
Other	2,409,893	1,762,854	3,967,575	370,6
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total operating segments	53,303,101	9,576,116	32,050,700	2,746,6
Corporate	--	(6,862,124)	12,400,377	541,3
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Group	53,303,101	2,713,992	44,451,077	3,287,9
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2001				
Scales	19,119,293	4,396,476	14,797,805	1,152,3
Telecommunication products	8,679,253	760,968	5,728,041	784,6
Health care products	460,817	11,123	37,439	2,9
Other	1,307,317	815,139	2,743,622	213,6
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total operating segments	29,566,680	5,983,706	23,306,907	2,153,5
Corporate	--	(4,241,853)	14,189,763	195,6
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Group	29,566,680	1,741,853	37,496,670	2,349,1
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Operating profit by segment equals total operating revenues less expenses which are related to the segment's operating revenues. Operating loss of the corporate segment consists principally of salaries and related costs of administrative staff, and administration and general expenses of the Group. Identifiable assets by segment are those assets that are used in the operation of that segment. Corporate assets consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, deferred income tax assets and other identifiable assets not related specifically to individual segments. Goodwill of \$204,217 and \$1,100,962 which is arising from the purchase of Korona and Gram, is included in identifiable assets of the Scales segment as of March 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

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17 Business segment information (Continued)

- (b) The Group primarily operates in Hong Kong, the PRC, Germany, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. The manufacture of components and their assembly into finished products is carried out in the PRC. The Hong Kong office is mainly responsible for the purchase of raw materials, arrangement of shipments and research and development. Subsidiaries in Germany, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom in the Group are responsible for the distribution of electronics scales in Europe and in North America. As the operations are integrated, it is not practicable to distinguish the net income derived among the activities in Hong Kong, the PRC, Germany, Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Identifiable assets by geographical areas are as follows:

	2002	2003
	\$	\$
Hong Kong	14,784,311	17,823,526
The PRC	18,959,106	20,707,989
Germany	10,707,660	6,335,920
Canada	--	1,880,559
United States of America	--	1,444,464
United Kingdom	--	718,278
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Total assets	44,451,077	48,910,736
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- (c) The following is a summary of net export sales by geographical areas constituting 10% or more of total sales of the Group for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003:

	Year ended March 31		
	2001	2002	2003
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	\$	%	\$	%	\$
United States of America	10,945,310	37	23,578,878	44	22,017,956
Europe	14,160,371	48	25,641,446	48	21,059,227
Others	4,460,999	15	4,082,777	8	3,252,871
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	29,566,680	100	53,303,101	100	46,330,054
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- (d) The details of sales made to customers constituting 10% or more of total sales of the Group is as follows:

	Business segment	Year ended March 31			
		2001		2002	
		\$	%	\$	%
Ohaus Corporation	Scales	2,875,027	10	2,078,647	4
Telson Telecommunication and Technology Company Limited	Tele-communication products	3,505,516	12	-	-
Telson Information and Communication Company Limited	Tele-communication products	3,657,135	12	210,978	0
Gram Precision Scales, Inc.	Scales	2,919,960	10	3,245,184	6
Trisquare Communications (HK) Company Limited	Tele-communication products	-	-	11,497,223	22
Salter Weightronix	Scales	2,496,612	8	2,724,635	5
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		19,611,031	66	23,939,604	45
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					14,42

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18 Fair value of financial instruments

SFAS No. 107, "Disclosures About Fair Value of Financial Instruments" defines the fair value of a financial instrument at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties.

The carrying value of all of the Group's financial instruments classified as current assets or current liabilities are deemed to approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. These would include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued and other liabilities, which are reflected on the consolidated balance sheets.

In the opinion of management, the carrying amount of the Group's long-term debt approximates fair value as the interest rate applicable is believed to approximate the market rates that would be offered to the Group for debt of the same remaining maturities.

19 Subsequent event

Pursuant to a special meeting held by the Board of Directors on April 1, 2003, the Group granted options to three employees to purchase an aggregate of 332,500 shares of common stock of the Group at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share, which was equal to the market value on the date of grant, in accordance with the 1996 Stock Option Plan. The options shall expire on March 31, 2013 and can be exercised at any time immediately after granting. The Group also issued options to four non-employee directors in accordance with the 1996 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan to purchase an aggregate of 40,000 shares of common stock of the Group at an exercise price of \$1.61 per share, which was equal to the market value on the date of grant. The options shall expire March 31, 2013 and can be exercised at any time after granting.

Pursuant to a special meeting held by the Board of Directors on April 2, 2003, a cash dividend of \$0.05 per share was declared to common stock shareholders. This cash dividend, totalling \$284,458, was paid on May 31, 2003.