# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

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## FORM 10-Q

[X] Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended: September 27, 2003
or
[ ] Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission File Number: 000-03905
TRANSCAT, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

## Ohio

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

16-0874418
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

35 Vantage Point Drive, Rochester, New York 14624
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
585-352-7777
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes [ ] No [X]
The number of shares of Common Stock of the registrant outstanding as of October 29, 2003 was $6,186,741$.

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TRANSCAT, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)
$\left.\begin{array}{llllll}\text { (Unaudited) } \\ \text { (Unaudited) } \\ \text { Second Quarter Ended }\end{array}\right)$

See the notes to these financial statements.

## TRANSCAT, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In Thousands, Except Share And Per Share Amounts)

|  | (Unaudited) September $\mathbf{2 7 , 2 0 0 3}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ \mathbf{3 1 , 2 0 0 3} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Cash | \$ 102 | \$ 114 |
| Accounts Receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$116 and \$114 as of September 27, 2003 and March 31, 2003, respectively | 6,100 | 6,879 |
| Other Receivables | 378 | 159 |
| Finished Goods Inventory, net | 3,216 | 2,842 |
| Income Taxes Receivable | 484 | 799 |
| Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges | 594 | 454 |
| Total Current Assets | 10,874 | 11,247 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, net | 2,293 | 2,556 |
| Goodwill | 2,524 | 2,524 |
| Deferred Charges | 129 | 197 |
| Other Assets | 244 | 234 |
| Total Assets | \$16,064 | \$16,758 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |
| Current Portion of Long-Term Debt | \$ 595 | \$ 666 |
| Accounts Payable | 3,655 | 3,738 |
| Accrued Payrolls, Commissions and Other | 1,273 | 1,812 |
| Income Taxes Payable | 100 | 100 |
| Deposits | 64 | 64 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 5,687 | 6,380 |
| Long-Term Debt, less current portion | 5,216 | 5,916 |
| Deferred Compensation | 307 | 220 |
| Deferred Gain on TPG Divestiture | 1,544 | 1,544 |
| Total Liabilities | 12,754 | 14,060 |
| Stockholders' Equity: |  |  |
| Common Stock, par value $\$ 0.50$ per share, $30,000,000$ shares authorized; $6,304,915$ and $6,296,000$ shares issued as of September 27, 2003 and March 31, 2003, respectively; 6,185,557 and 6,176,642 shares outstanding as of September 27, 2003 and March 31, 2003, respectively | 3,152 | 3,148 |
| Capital in Excess of Par Value | 3,038 | 3,031 |
| Warrants | 518 | 518 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (164) | (235) |
| Retained Deficit | $(2,781)$ | $(3,311)$ |
| Less: Treasury Stock, at cost, 119,358 shares | (453) | (453) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 3,310 | 2,698 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$16,064 | \$16,758 |

See the notes to these financial statements.

TRANSCAT, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In Thousands)

|  | (Unaudited) <br> Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: |  |  |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ 530 | \$ $(6,108)$ |
| Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle | - | 6,472 |
| Net Income Before Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle | 530 | 364 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income Before Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 833 | 801 |
| Provision for Doubtful Accounts Receivable and Returns | (72) | 88 |
| Common Stock Expense | 11 | 14 |
| Deferred Revenue - MAC | - | (107) |
| Changes in Assets and Liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables | 560 | 1,325 |
| MAC Escrow and Holdback | - | 75 |
| Inventories | (374) | 578 |
| Income Taxes Receivable / Payable | 315 | (245) |
| Prepaid Expenses, Deferred Charges, and Other | (415) | (53) |
| Accounts Payable | (83) | (858) |
| Accrued Payrolls, Commissions, and Other | (467) | (653) |
| Deposits | - | (239) |
| Deferred Compensation | 87 | (28) |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 925 | 1,062 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |
| Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment | (237) | (207) |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities | (237) | (207) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: |  |  |
| Revolving Line of Credit, net | (354) | (795) |
| Payments on Long-Term Borrowings | (417) | (334) |
| Net Cash Used in Financing Activities | (771) | $(1,129)$ |
| Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash | 71 | (5) |
| Net Decrease in Cash | (12) | (279) |
| Cash at Beginning of Period | 114 | 508 |
| Cash at End of Period | \$ 102 | \$ 229 |

See the notes to these financial statements.

## NOTE 1 - NATURE OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

## Description of Business

Transcat, Inc. ("Transcat", "we", "us", or "our") is a leading distributor of professional grade test, measurement, and calibration instruments and a provider of calibration and repair services, primarily throughout the process, life science, and manufacturing industries.

## Basis of Presentation

Our unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, the Consolidated Financial Statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of our management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) have been included. The results for the interim periods are not indicative of the results to be expected for the year. The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with our audited Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the year ended March 31, 2003 contained in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

## NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Fiscal Year

Until April 1, 2003, we operated within a conventional 52-week accounting fiscal year ending on March $31^{\text {st }}$ of each year. As of April 1, 2003, we changed our fiscal year end from March 31 to a 52 / 53 week fiscal year end, ending the last Saturday in March. As a result of this change, in a 52 -week fiscal year, each of our four quarters will be a 13 -week period, and the final month of each quarter will be a 5 -week period. This is not deemed a change in our fiscal year for purposes of reporting subject to Rule 13a-10 or 15d-10 since the new fiscal year commenced with the end of our old fiscal year.

## Revenue Recognition

Sales are recorded when products are shipped or services are rendered to customers, as we generally have no significant post delivery obligations, the product price is fixed and determinable, collection of the resulting receivable is probable and product returns are reasonably estimated. Provisions for customer returns are provided for in the period the related sales are recorded based upon historical data.

## Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share of Common Stock are computed based on the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share of Common Stock reflect the assumed conversion of dilutive stock options, warrants, and nonvested restricted stock. In computing the per share effect of assumed conversion, funds which would have been received from the exercise of options, warrants, and non-vested restricted stock are considered to have been used to purchase shares of Common Stock at the average market prices during the period, and the resulting net additional shares of Common Stock are included in the calculation of average shares of Common Stock outstanding.

For the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003, the net additional shares of Common Stock had a $\$ 0.01$ per share effect on the calculation of dilutive earnings per share. For the three months and six months ended September 30, 2002, the net additional shares of Common Stock had no effect on the calculation of dilutive earnings per share. The total number of dilutive and anti-dilutive shares outstanding from stock options, warrants, and non-vested restricted stock are summarized as follows (shares in thousands, except per share amounts):

|  | (Unaudited) <br> Second Quarter Ended |  | (Unaudited) Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September $27,2003$ | September 30, 2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | September 30, 2002 |
| Dilutive shares | 471 | - | 390 | - |
| Anti-dilutive shares | 1,077 | 1,140 | 1,158 | 1,140 |
| Total | 1,548 | 1,140 | 1,548 | 1,140 |
| Range of Exercise Prices per Share | \$0.80-\$4.75 | \$0.80-\$8.50 | \$0.80-\$4.75 | \$0.80-\$8.50 |

## Goodwill

We recorded an impairment of $\$ 6.5$ million from the implementation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangibles" in our first quarter of fiscal year 2003 as a change in accounting principle.

## Deferred Catalog Costs

We amortize the cost of each major catalog ("Master Catalog") mailed over such catalog's estimated productive life. We review response results from catalog mailings on a continuous basis; and if warranted, we may modify the period over which costs are recognized. Deferred catalog costs were $\$ 0.1$ million at September 27, 2003. There were no deferred catalog costs at March 31, 2003

## Deferred Gain on TPG

As a result of certain post divestiture commitments, according to GAAP, we are unable to recognize the gain of $\$ 1.5$ million on the divestiture of Transmation Products Group ("TPG"), which took place in fiscal year 2002, until those commitments expire in fiscal year 2006.

## Deferred Taxes

We account for certain income and expense items differently for financial reporting purposes than for income tax reporting purposes. Deferred taxes are provided in recognition of these temporary differences. A valuation allowance on deferred tax assets is provided for items for which it is more likely than not that the benefit of such items will not be realized.

## Stock Options

We follow the disclosure provisions of Accounting Practice Board ("APB") No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees", which does not require compensation costs related to stock options to be recorded in net income, as all options granted under our stock option plan had exercise prices equal to the market value of the underlying Common Stock at grant date

The following table provides pro forma amounts, if we accounted for stock-based employee compensation under the fair value method (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|  | (Unaudited)Second Quarter Ended |  | (Unaudited) Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September <br> 27, 2003 | September 30, 2002 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | September 30, 2002 |
| Net Income (Loss), as reported | \$ 355 | \$ 509 | \$ 530 | \$(6,108) |
| Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects | (22) | (54) | (45) | (109) |
| Pro Forma Net Income (Loss) | \$ 333 | \$ 455 | \$ 485 | \$(6,217) |
| Earnings (Loss) Per Share: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic and Diluted - as reported | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.09 | \$ (1.00) |
| Basic and Diluted - pro forma | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.08 | \$ (1.01) |
| Average Shares Outstanding (in thousands) | 6,255 | 6,136 | 6,234 | 6,132 |
| Diluted - as reported | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.08 | \$ 0.08 | \$ (1.00) |
| Diluted - pro forma | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.07 | \$ 0.07 | \$ (1.01) |
| Average Shares Outstanding (in thousands) | 6,726 | 6,136 | 6,624 | 6,132 |

## Reclassification of Amounts

Certain reclassifications of prior year and prior quarter financial information have been made to conform with second quarter and six month presentation.

## New Accounting Pronouncements

The Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 02-16, "Accounting by a Reseller for Cash Consideration Received from a Vendor" provides that cash consideration received from a vendor by a reseller should be considered as a reduction of cost of sales when recognized in the reseller's income statement, as the related inventory is sold. Effective in fiscal year 2004, we applied the provisions of EITF No. 02-16, which resulted in a reduction of Cost of Products Sold on our Consolidated Statements of Operations of $\$ 0.1$ million and $\$ 0.2$ million for the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003, respectively. Prior to the adoption of EITF No. 02-16 and consistent with our historical accounting practices, $\$ 0.3$ million and $\$ 0.4$ million, for the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003, respectively, would have been reported as a reduction of advertising expense. The adoption of EITF No. 02-16 had no material effect on our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 27, 2003

## NOTE 3 - DEBT

On November 13, 2002, we entered into a new Revolving Credit and Loan Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with GMAC Business Credit, LCC ("GMAC"). The Credit Agreement expires on November 13, 2005 and replaces our Revolving Credit and Loan Agreement with Key Bank, N.A. and Citizens Bank originally dated August 3, 1998 and most recently amended on July 12, 2002. The Credit Agreement consists of a term loan and a revolving line of credit (the "Loan"), the terms of which are as set forth below. The Credit Agreement was amended on April 11, 2003 to address certain non-material post-closing conditions

Under the Credit Agreement, we made a term note in the amount of $\$ 1.5$ million in favor of GMAC. This term note requires annual payments totaling $\$ 0.5$ million, payable in equal monthly installments, commencing on December 1, 2002. Interest on the term note is payable at our option, at prime plus $0.5 \%$ or up to $80 \%$ of the Loan at the 30 -day LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus $3.25 \%$. The prime rate and LIBOR as of October 29, 2003 were $4.00 \%$ and $1.12 \%$, respectively. In addition, under the Credit Agreement, we are required to further reduce the term loan, on an annual basis, by excess cash flow, as defined in the Credit Agreement, not to exceed $\$ 0.2$ million per fiscal year. Excess cash flow for the six months ended September 27, 2003 was less than $\$ 0.1$ million.

The maximum amount available under the revolving line of credit portion of the Credit Agreement is $\$ 10$ million. As of September 27, 2003, we had borrowed $\$ 4.9$ million under the revolving line of credit. Availability under the line of credit is determined by a formula based on eligible accounts receivable ( $85 \%$ ) and inventory ( $48 \%$ ). As of September 27, 2003, availability amounted to $\$ 6.3$ million. The Credit Agreement has certain covenants with which we must comply, including a minimum EBITDA (earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization) covenant, as well as, restrictions on capital expenditures and Master Catalog spending. We were not in violation of any loan covenants as of September 27, 2003. Interest on borrowings under the revolving line of credit is payable monthly, at our option, at prime rate, $4.00 \%$ as of October 29, 2003, or up to $80 \%$ of the Loan at the 30 -day LIBOR, $1.12 \%$ as of October 29, 2003, plus $2.75 \%$ Additional terms of the Credit Agreement require an increase in our borrowing rate of two percentage points should an event of default occur and a termination premium of $3 \%$ of the maximum available borrowing under the revolving line of credit plus the then outstanding balance owed under the term note if the Credit Agreement is terminated prior to November 13, 2003 and $1 \%$ if terminated thereafter, but prior to November 13, 2005.

Additionally, we have pledged certain property and fixtures in favor of GMAC, including inventory, equipment, and accounts receivable as collateral security for the loans made under the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement also requires us to make the following principal payments on the term note, excluding any reductions attributable to excess cash flow, as discussed above (in thousands):

| Fiscal Year 2004 | $\$ 500$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Fiscal Year 2005 | 500 |
| Fiscal Year 2006 | 333 |
| Total | $\$ 1,333$ |

After giving effect to the excess cash flow payments made and/or payable as required under the Credit Agreement, the following are the future term loan payments as of March 31, 2003 (in thousands):

| Fiscal Year 2004 | $\$ 666$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fiscal Year 2005 | 500 |
| Fiscal Year 2006 | 167 |
| Total | $\$ 1,333$ |

## NOTE 4 - SEGMENT DATA

Transcat has two reportable segments: Distribution Products ("Product") and Calibration Services ("Service"). Segment data is as follows (in thousands):

|  | (Unaudited) <br> Second Quarter Ended |  | (Unaudited) <br> Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | September 30, 2002 |
| Net Sales: |  |  |  |  |
| Product | \$ 7,620 | \$ 9,832 | \$15,632 | \$19,331 |
| Service | 4,276 | 4,613 | 8,859 | 9,348 |
| Total | 11,896 | 14,445 | 24,491 | 28,679 |
| Gross Profit: |  |  |  |  |
| Product | 2,193 | 2,635 | 4,243 | 5,110 |
| Service | 1,290 | 674 | 2,439 | 1,394 |
| Total | 3,483 | 3,309 | 6,682 | 6,504 |
| Operating Expenses: |  |  |  |  |
| Product | 1,835 | 1,800 | 3,408 | 3,532 |
| Service | 1,432 | 1,108 | 2,868 | 2,478 |
| Total | 3,267 | 2,908 | 6,276 | 6,010 |
| Operating Income (Loss): |  |  |  |  |
| Product | 358 | 835 | 835 | 1,578 |
| Service | (142) | (434) | (429) | $(1,084)$ |
| Total | 216 | 401 | 406 | 494 |
| Unallocated Amounts: |  |  |  |  |
| Other Expense | 30 | 138 | 38 | 376 |
| Benefit for Income Taxes | (169) | (246) | (162) | (246) |
| Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle | (1) | ( | (162) | 6,472 |
| Total | (139) | (108) | (124) | 6,602 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ 355 | \$ 509 | \$ 530 | \$ $(6,108)$ |

## NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS

We entered into a distribution agreement (the "Distribution Agreement") with Fluke Electronics Corporation ("Fluke") to be the exclusive worldwide distributor of Transmation Products Group ("TPG") products until December 25, 2006. Under the Distribution Agreement, we also agreed to purchase a pre-determined amount of inventory from Fluke.

On October 31, 2002, we entered into a new distribution agreement (the "New Agreement") with Fluke, replacing the Distribution Agreement, with an effective date of September 1, 2002, extending through December 31, 2006. Under the terms of the New Agreement, among other items, we agreed to purchase a larger, pre-determined amount of inventory across a broader array of products and brands. We believe that this commitment to future purchases is consistent with our business needs and plans.

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

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report, including but not limited to the "critical accounting policies and estimates" and "outlook" sections of this report, contains forward-looking statements as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These include statements concerning current expectations, estimates, and projections about Transcat's industry, management beliefs and assumptions. Words such as "anticipates", "expects", "intends", "plans", "believes", "seeks", "estimates", and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to forecast. Therefore, our actual results may materially differ from those expressed or forecast in any such forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## RECLASSIFICATION OF AMOUNTS

Certain reclassifications of prior fiscal quarter and prior fiscal year financial information have been made to conform with second quarter and six month presentation.

## ROUNDING

Certain percentages may vary depending on the basis used for the calculation, such as: dollars in thousands and dollars in millions.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth, for the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003 and September 30, 2002, the components of our Consolidated Statements of Operations (calculated on dollars in thousands):

|  | (Unaudited) <br> Second Quarter Ended |  | (Unaudited) <br> Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 27,2003 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Gross Profit Percentage: |  |  |  |  |
| Product Gross Profit | 28.8\% | 26.8\% | 27.1\% | 26.4\% |
| Service Gross Profit | 30.2\% | 14.6\% | 27.5\% | 14.9\% |
| Total Gross Profit | 29.3\% | 22.9\% | 27.3\% | 22.7\% |
| As a Percentage of Net Sales: |  |  |  |  |
| Product Sales | 64.1\% | 68.1\% | 63.8\% | 67.4\% |
| Service Sales | 35.9\% | 31.9\% | 36.2\% | 32.6\% |
| Net Sales | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| Selling, Marketing, and Warehouse Expenses | 16.7\% | 13.4\% | 17.0\% | 14.1\% |
| Administrative Expenses | 10.8\% | 6.7\% | 8.7\% | 6.9\% |
| Total Operating Expenses | 27.5\% | 20.1\% | 25.7\% | 21.0\% |
| Operating Income | 1.8\% | 2.8\% | 1.6\% | 1.7\% |
| Interest Expense | 0.5\% | 1.0\% | 0.6\% | 1.3\% |
| Other Income | (0.3)\% | -\% | (0.4)\% | -\% |
| Total Other Expense | 0.2\% | 1.0\% | 0.2\% | 1.3\% |
| Income Before Income Taxes | 1.6\% | 1.8\% | 1.4\% | 0.4\% |
| Benefit for Income Taxes | (1.4)\% | (1.7)\% | (0.7)\% | (0.9)\% |
| Income Before Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle | 3.0\% | 3.5\% | 2.1\% | 1.3\% |
| Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle | -\% | -\% | -\% | (22.6)\% |
| Net Income (Loss) | 3.0\% | 3.5\% | 2.1\% | (21.3)\% |

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 27, 2003 COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 (dollars in millions):

## Sales:

|  | Second Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September <br> $\mathbf{2 7 , 2 0 0 3}$ | September <br> $\mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2}$ |
| Net Sales: |  |  |
| Product | $\$ 7.6$ | $\$ 9.8$ |
| Service | $\boxed{4.3}$ | 4.6 |
| Total | $\$ 11.9$ | $\$ 14.4$ |

Net sales decreased $\$ 2.5$ million, or $17.4 \%$, from the prior fiscal year quarter to the current fiscal year quarter.
Product sales, which accounted for $64.1 \%$ and $68.1 \%$ of our total net sales in the second quarter of fiscal year 2004 and 2003, respectively, continued to be impacted by a sluggish economy. Project orders, which we categorize as orders greater than $\$ 10,000$, are large, generally onetime opportunities. For the North American market, project orders were as follows for the second quarter of fiscal year 2004 and 2003:


Calibration services sales declined $\$ 0.3$ million, or $6.5 \%$, from the prior fiscal year quarter to the current fiscal year quarter. The decline in sales is solely attributable to calibrations previously conducted on site at three customer facilities that were not renewed by the customer. Excluding these on-sites, calibration service sales increased $\$ 0.1$ million, or $1.6 \%$, inclusive of the consolidation of four laboratories into existing facilities in fiscal year 2003.

## Gross Profit:

|  | Second Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 27,2003 \end{gathered}$ | September $\mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2}$ |
| Gross Profit: |  |  |
| Product | \$2.2 | \$2.6 |
| Service | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| Total | \$3.5 | \$3.3 |

Gross profit increased as a percent of net sales from $22.9 \%$ in the second quarter of fiscal year 2003 to $29.3 \%$ in the current quarter of fiscal year 2004. The primary reason for the increase in gross profit as a percent of sales was the increase in our calibration services gross profit, where we have been able to leverage a $1.6 \%$ increase in volume through four fewer laboratories than we had in the same period of fiscal 2003. Other contributing favorable factors included: 1) the recognition of earned rebates on product purchases of $\$ 0.3$ million, 2) the recognition of cooperative advertising income of $\$ 0.1$ million, in accordance with adopting the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 02-16 (see "New Accounting Pronouncements"), 3) the adjustment of certain estimated liabilities of $\$ 0.2$ million; offset by, 4) an increased level of promotional activity to stimulate product sales.

Product gross profit decreased $\$ 0.4$ million from the prior fiscal year quarter to the current fiscal year quarter; however, as a percent of sales, product gross profit increased by two margin points. This increase as a percent of sales is solely attributable to the favorable factors previously noted. Inclusive of only the unfavorable impact of increased level of promotional activity, product gross profit as a percent of sales would have decreased three margin points. The following table reflects the quarterly historical trend of our product gross profit as a percent of net sales (calculated on dollars in millions):

|  | FY 2004 |  | FY 2003 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q2 | Q1 | Q4 | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 |
| Product Gross Profit | 28.9\% | 25.0\% | 27.7\% | 26.7\% | 26.5\% | 26.3\% |

Calibration services gross profit increased $\$ 0.6$ million, or fifteen margin points, from the prior fiscal year quarter to the current fiscal year quarter. This improvement was the direct result of the laboratory consolidations implemented in fiscal 2003; and to a much smaller extent, the adjustment of certain estimated liabilities. The following table reflects the quarterly historical trend of our calibration services gross profit as a percent of net sales (calculated on dollars in millions):

|  | FY 2004 |  | FY 2003 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Q2 | Q1 | Q4 | Q3 | Q2 | Q1 |
| Service Gross Profit | 30.2\% | 23.9\% | 18.9\% | 16.5\% | 15.2\% | 14.9\% |

## Operating Expenses:

|  | Second Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Operating Expenses: |  |  |
| Selling, Marketing, and Warehouse | \$2.0 | \$1.9 |
| Administrative | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| Total | \$3.3 | \$2.9 |

Operating expenses increased $\$ 0.4$ million, or $13.8 \%$, from the prior fiscal year quarter to the current fiscal year quarter. This increase is primarily attributable to two factors: 1) Directors can elect, under the terms of the Transcat, Inc. Directors' Stock Plan, to receive their compensation in cash or stock, up to a predetermined limit, and defer to a predetermined future date, any elected stock component of that compensation. In the second quarter of fiscal 2004, we recognized $\$ 0.1$ million in increased deferred compensation expense resulting from the increase in our stock price from the beginning to the end of the quarter. 2) During the second quarter of fiscal 2004, we recognized $\$ 0.1$ million in compensation expense resulting from a restricted stock grant to our Chief Executive Officer. In addition, prior to the adoption of EITF No. 02-16, we would have reported, consistent with our historical accounting practices, $\$ 0.3$ million as a reduction of advertising expense rather than $\$ 0.1$ million as a reduction of cost of sales.

## Other Expense:

|  | Second Quarter Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Other Expense (Income): |  |  |
| Interest Expense | \$0.1 | \$0.1 |
| Other Income | - | - |
| Total | \$0.1 | \$0.1 |

Interest expense for the second quarter of fiscal 2004 was reduced $54 \%$ when compared to the prior year second quarter through a combination of lower debt levels and lower interest rates on our debt. The table above reflects flat interest expense solely due to rounding.

## Taxes:



The benefit for income taxes for the second quarter of fiscal 2004 results from a non-recurring election allowing a carry back of certain tax attributes, previously subject to a valuation allowance, which will generate a tax refund. The prior year second quarter tax benefit arose from the recovery of taxes previously paid and expensed.

## SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 27, 2003 COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 (dollars in millions):

Sales:

|  | Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Net Sales: |  |  |
| Product | \$15.6 | \$19.3 |
| Service | 8.9 | 9.3 |
| Total | \$24.5 | \$28.6 |

Net sales decreased $\$ 4.1$ million, or $14.3 \%$, from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004.

Product sales, which accounted for $63.8 \%$ and $67.4 \%$ of our total net sales in the first six months of fiscal year 2004 and 2003, respectively, continued to be impacted by a sluggish economy. Project orders, which we categorize as orders greater than $\$ 10,000$, are large, generally onetime opportunities. For the North American market, project orders were as follows for the first six months of fiscal year 2004 and 2003:

|  | Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| North American Project Orders | \$ 4.1 | \$ 4.7 |
| \% of North American Product Sales | 29.9\% | 27.2\% |

Calibration services sales declined $\$ 0.4$ million, or $4.3 \%$, from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004. The decline in sales is solely attributable to calibrations previously conducted on site at three customer facilities that were not renewed by the customer. Excluding these on-sites, calibration service sales increased $\$ 0.3$ million, or $3.4 \%$, inclusive of the consolidation of four laboratories into existing facilities in fiscal year 2003.

## Gross Profit:

|  | Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September } \\ 27,2003 \end{gathered}$ | September 30, 2002 |
| Gross Profit: |  |  |
| Product | \$4.2 | \$5.1 |
| Service | 2.4 | 1.4 |
| Total | \$6.6 | \$6.5 |

Gross profit increased as a percent of net sales from $22.7 \%$ in the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to $27.3 \%$ in the first six months of fiscal year 2004. The primary reason for the increase in gross profit as a percent of sales was the increase in our calibration services gross profit, where we have been able to leverage a $3.4 \%$ increase in volume through four fewer laboratories than we had in the same period of fiscal 2003. Other contributing favorable factors included: 1) the recognition of earned rebates on product purchases of $\$ 0.3$ million, 2) the recognition of cooperative advertising income of $\$ 0.2$ million, in accordance with adopting EITF Issue No. 02-16 (see "New Accounting Pronouncements"), 3) the adjustment of certain estimated liabilities of $\$ 0.2$ million; offset by, 4) an increased level of promotional activity to stimulate product sales.

Product gross profit decreased $\$ 0.9$ million from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004; however, as a percent of sales, product gross profit increased by less than one margin point from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004. This increase as a percent of sales is solely attributable to the favorable factors previously noted. Inclusive of only the unfavorable impact of increased level of promotional activity, product gross profit as a percent of sales would have decreased less than two margin points.

Calibration services gross profit increased $\$ 1.0$ million, or thirteen margin points, from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004. This improvement was the direct result of the laboratory consolidations implemented in fiscal 2003; and to a much smaller extent, the adjustment of certain estimated liabilities

## Operating Expenses:

|  | Six Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 27,2003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & \mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2} \end{aligned}$ |
| Operating Expenses: |  |  |
| Selling, Marketing, and Warehouse | \$4.2 | \$4.0 |
| Administrative | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Total | \$6.3 | \$6.0 |

Operating expenses increased $\$ 0.3$ million, or $5.0 \%$, from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004. The increase is primarily attributable to two factors: 1) Directors can elect, under the terms of the Transcat, Inc. Directors' Stock Plan, to receive their compensation in cash or stock, up to a predetermined limit, and defer to a predetermined future date, any elected stock component of that compensation. In the second quarter of fiscal 2004, we recognized $\$ 0.1$ million in increased deferred compensation expense resulting from the increase in our stock price from the beginning to the end of the quarter. 2) During the second quarter of fiscal 2004, we recognized $\$ 0.1$ million in compensation expense resulting from a restricted stock grant to our Chief Executive Officer. In addition, prior to the adoption of EITF No. 02-16, we would have reported, consistent with our historical accounting practices, $\$ 0.4$ million as a reduction of advertising expense rather than $\$ 0.2$ million as a reduction of cost of sales.

|  | Six Months Ended |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Other Expense (Income): | September <br> $\mathbf{2 7 , 2 0 0 3}$ | September <br> $\mathbf{3 0 , 2 0 0 2}$ |
| Interest Expense | $\$ 0.1$ | $\$ 0.4$ |
| Other Income | $-(0.1)$ | - |
| Total | $\$-$ | $\$ 0.4$ |

Interest expense has been reduced by $\$ 0.3$ million, or $75.0 \%$, from the first six months of fiscal year 2003 to the first six months of fiscal year 2004. This reduction is caused by lower debt levels as a result of: 1) the restructuring of our debt in the third quarter of fiscal year 2003; and, 2) improving operating cash flow which was used to pay down debt. Other income recorded in the first six months of fiscal year 2004 results from foreign currency transaction gains.

Taxes:

Benefit for Income Taxes \begin{tabular}{ccc}
\multicolumn{2}{c}{ Six Months Ended } <br>

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| :---: | \& $\$(0.2)$

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The benefit for income taxes for the first six months of fiscal 2004 results from a non-recurring election allowing a carry back of certain tax attributes, previously subject to a valuation allowance, which will generate a tax refund. The prior year six months tax benefit arose from the recovery of taxes previously paid and expensed.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

## CASH FLOWS:

The following table summarizes our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands):


Operating Activities. Cash provided by operating activities for the first six months of fiscal year 2004 were reasonably consistent with the first six months of fiscal year 2003. The most significant variations were: 1) Lower decreases in accounts receivable and accounts payable as a result of the decline in sales in the first six months of fiscal year 2004 when compared to the first six months of fiscal year 2003; 2) An increase in inventories in the first six months of fiscal year 2004 when compared to the same period of fiscal year 2003, which reflected the results of a targeted inventory reduction effort; and, 3) Receipt of tax refunds in fiscal year 2004.

Investing Activities. We used $\$ 0.2$ million in net cash for capital spending in the first six months of fiscal year 2004.

Financing Activities. Our operating cash flows provided the capital to reduce outstanding debt by $\$ 0.8$ million.

In conjunction with the sale of Transmation Products Group ("TPG") in fiscal year 2002, we entered into a distribution agreement with Fluke Electronics Corporation, which was revised effective September 1, 2002. Under the terms of the revised agreement, which extends through December 31, 2006, we are the exclusive worldwide distributor of TPG products and have agreed to purchase a pre-determined amount of inventory across a broad array of products and brands, including TPG.

In addition, we are unable to recognize a gain of $\$ 1.5$ million on the sale of TPG until the distribution agreement expires on December 31, 2006, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 02-16, "Accounting by a Reseller for Cash Consideration Received from a Vendor" provides that cash consideration received from a vendor by a reseller should be considered as a reduction of cost of sales when recognized in the reseller's income statement, as the related inventory is sold. Effective in fiscal year 2004, we applied the provisions of EITF No. 02-16, which resulted in a reduction of Cost of Products Sold on our Consolidated Statements of Operations of $\$ 0.1$ million and $\$ 0.2$ million for the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003, respectively. Prior to the adoption of EITF No. 02-16 and consistent with our historical accounting practices, $\$ 0.3$ million and $\$ 0.4$ million, for the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003, respectively, would have been reported as a reduction of advertising expense. The adoption of EITF No. 02-16 had no material effect on our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 27, 2003.

## OUTLOOK

As we entered fiscal year 2004, we indicated that our outlook continues to be uncertain; and, that we anticipated a year, especially in our distribution products business segment, largely driven by the pace of the recovery of the economy. We indicated that our plans assumed little, if any, improvement throughout the first two quarters. If the second half of fiscal year 2004 does not reflect an improvement in the economy, our distribution products business could suffer

We had indicated that we expected our gross margins to improve from our fiscal year 2003 gross margin of approximately $23 \%$ and be in the range of $27 \%$, plus or minus a few points for the full year. We believe we are on track to achieve our objective.

The need for a deferred tax valuation allowance will continue to be reviewed quarterly and may change depending upon the success of our operating plans and other related business developments. Any change in the valuation allowance will impact our effective tax rate.

Finally, we continue to believe it would not be unreasonable to anticipate further reductions in our debt, predicated on the achievement of our operating plans.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

## INTEREST RATES

Our exposure to changes in interest rates results from borrowing activities. In the event interest rates were to move by $1 \%$, our interest expense would increase or decrease by approximately $\$ 0.1$ million assuming average-borrowing levels remained constant from year to year. On September 27, 2003 and September 30, 2002, we had no hedging arrangements in place that would limit our exposure to upward movements in interest rates.

Under the Credit Agreement described in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, interest on the term note is payable at our option, at prime plus $0.5 \%$ or up to $80 \%$ of the Loan at the 30 -day LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus $3.25 \%$. Interest on the revolving line of credit is payable monthly, at our option, at prime rate, $4.00 \%$ as of October 29, 2003, or up to $80 \%$ of the Loan at the 30 -day LIBOR, $1.12 \%$ as of October 29, 2003, plus $2.75 \%$

## FOREIGN CURRENCY

Approximately $94 \%$ of our sales are denominated in United States dollars with the remainder denominated in Canadian dollars for the three months and six months ended September 27, 2003. A $10 \%$ change in the value of the Canadian dollar to the United States dollar would impact our revenues by less than $1 \%$. We monitor the relationship between United States and Canadian currencies on a continuous basis and adjust sales prices for products and services sold in Canadian dollars as we believe to be appropriate to safeguard the profitability of sales recorded in Canadian dollars

## RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully the following risks and all other information included in this Form 10-Q. The risks and uncertainties described below and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q are not the only ones facing our business. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations would likely suffer. In that case, the trading price of our Common Stock could fall and you could lose all or part of your investment.

General Economic Conditions. The electronic instrumentation distribution industry is affected by changes in economic conditions, which are outside our control. We cannot assure you that continued economic slowdowns, adverse economic conditions or cyclical trends in certain customer markets will not have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, and the ability to meet our commitments.

Dependence on Manufacturers. A significant amount of inventory purchases were made from one vendor group. Our reliance on this vendor group leaves us vulnerable to having an inadequate supply of required products, price increases, late deliveries, and poor product quality. Like other distributors in our industry, we occasionally experience supply shortages and are unable to purchase our desired volume of products. If we are unable to enter into and maintain satisfactory distribution arrangements with leading manufacturers and maintain an adequate supply of products, our sales could suffer considerably. Finally, we cannot assure that particular products, or product lines, will be available to us, or available in quantities sufficient to meet customer demand. This is of particular significance to our business because the products we sell are often only available from one source. Any limits to product access could materially and adversely affect our business.

Indebtedness. Although we have paid down a significant portion of the outstanding indebtedness under our secured credit facility, as of September 27, 2003, we owed $\$ 5.8$ million to our secured creditor. We are still required to meet financial tests on a quarterly basis and comply with other covenants customary in secured financings. Although we believe that we will, if we do not meet debt covenant requirements, our lenders may demand immediate repayment of amounts outstanding. Changes in interest rates may have a significant effect on our monthly payment obligations and operating results. Furthermore, we are dependent on credit from our manufacturers to fund our inventory purchases. If our debt burden increases to high levels, our manufacturers may restrict our credit. Our cash requirements will depend on numerous factors, including the rate of growth of our sales, the timing and levels of products purchased, payment terms, and credit limits from manufacturers, the timing and level of our accounts receivable collections and our ability to manage our business profitably. Our ability to satisfy our existing obligations, whether or not under our secured credit facility, will depend upon our future operating performance, which may be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, and other factors described in this Form 10-Q, many of which are beyond our control.

If Existing Shareholders Sell Large Numbers Of Shares Of Our Common Stock, Our Stock Price Could Decline. The market price of our Common Stock could decline as a result of sales by our existing shareholders or holders of stock options of a large number of shares of our Common Stock in the public market or the perception that these sales could occur

Our Stock Price Has Been, And May Continue To Be, Particularly Volatile. The stock market from time to time, has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are both related and unrelated to the operating performance of companies. As our stock may be affected by market volatility, as well as by our own performance, the following factors, among other risk factors, may have a significant effect on the market price of our Common Stock:

- Developments in our relationships with current or future manufacturers of product we distribute;
- Announcements by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- Litigation or governmental proceedings or announcements relating to these matters;
- Economic and other external factors or other disaster or crisis;
- Sales of our Common Stock or other securities in the open market;
- Period-to-period fluctuations in our operating results; and
- Fluctuations in our ability to satisfy our debt obligations.

We Expect That Our Quarterly Results Of Operations Will Fluctuate, And This Fluctuation Could Cause Our Stock Price To Decline. A large portion of our expenses for calibration services, including expenses for facilities, equipment and personnel, are relatively fixed, as is our commitment to purchase a predetermined amount of inventory. Accordingly, if revenues decline or do not grow as we anticipate, we may not be able to correspondingly reduce our operating expenses in any particular quarter. Our quarterly revenue and operating results have fluctuated in the past and are likely to do so in the future. If our operating results in some quarters fail to meet the expectations of stock market analysts and investors, our stock price would likely decline. Some of the factors that could cause our revenue and operating results to fluctuate include:

- Fluctuations in industrial demand for products we sell and/or services we provide; and
- Fluctuations in geographic conditions including currency and other economic conditions.

If We Fail To Attract And Retain Qualified Personnel, We May Not Be Able To Achieve Our Stated Corporate Objectives. Our ability to manage our anticipated growth, if realized, effectively depends on our ability to attract and retain highly qualified executive officers and technical personnel. If we fail to attract and retain qualified individuals, we will not be able to achieve our stated corporate objectives.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Evaluation Of Disclosure Controls And Procedures. Our President and Chief Executive Officer (our principal executive officer) and our Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer (our principal financial officer) evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on this evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of such date.
(b) Changes In Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting. There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this quarterly report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

On August 19, 2003, our Shareholders voted on the following proposals at the Annual Meeting:
Proposal 1:

To elect Francis R. Bradley, Cornelius J. Murphy and Carl E. Sassano as Directors of the Company, each to serve until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in 2006:

| Nomines | Votes For |  | Votes Withheld |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $5,511,801$ |  |
| Francis R. Bradley | $5,015,325$ |  | 607,558 |
| Cornelius J. Murphy | $5,525,865$ |  | 96,494 |

The other directors, whose terms of office continued after the meeting, are E. Lee Garelick, Nancy D. Hessler, Robert G. Klimasewski, Paul D. Moore, Harvey J. Palmer and John T. Smith.

Proposal 2:

To approve the Transcat, Inc. 2003 Incentive Plan:

| Votes For: | $2,736,038$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Votes Against: | 632,623 |
| Votes Abstained: | 74,180 |
| Broker Non-Votes | $2,179,518$ |

Proposal 3:
To approve and ratify the Board's selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ended March 27, 2004.

| Votes For: | $5,553,737$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Votes Against: | 40,642 |
| Votes Abstained: | 27,980 |

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

a) Exhibits.

See Index to Exhibits.
b) Reports on Form 8-K.

The following report on Form 8 -K was filed during the quarter for which this report is filed:
Report dated July 17, 2003 reporting on Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits and Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure (Information furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition). This report furnished our press release regarding 2003 first quarter financial results.

## SIGNATURES

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

Date: October 31, 2003

Date: October 31, 2003

TRANSCAT, INC.
/s/ Carl E. Sassano
Carl E. Sassano
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
/s/ Charles P. Hadeed
Charles P. Hadeed
Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

(2) Plan of acquisition, reorganization, arrangement, liquidation or succession

Not Applicable.
(3) Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws
(i) The Articles of Incorporation, as amended, are incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 33-61665) filed on August 8, 1995 and to Exhibit 3(i) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999.
(ii) Code of Regulations, as amended through August 18, 1987, are incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit (3) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 1988. (SEC File No. 000-03905)
(4) Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures

The documents listed under (3) are incorporated herein by reference.
Loan and Security Agreement dated November 12, 2002 by and among GMAC Business Credit LLC, Transcat, Inc. and Transmation (Canada), Inc. is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2002.

First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement dated April 11, 2003 by GMAC Commercial Finance LLC (successor by merger to GMAC Business Credit, LLC), Transcat, Inc. and Transmation (Canada), Inc. is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4(a) to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2003.
(10) Material Contracts

Transcat, Inc. 2003 Incentive Plan is incorporated herein by reference to Appendix A to the Company's 2003 Definitive Proxy Statement filed on July 18, 2003.
(11) Statement re computation of per share earnings

Computation can be clearly determined from the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) included herein under Part I, Item 1.
(15) Letter re unaudited interim financial information

Not Applicable.
(18) Letter re change in accounting principles

Not Applicable.
(19) Report furnished to security holders

Not Applicable.
(22) Published report regarding matters submitted to vote of security holders

Not Applicable.
(23) Consents of Experts and Counsel

Not Applicable.
(24) Power of Attorney

## Not Applicable.

(31) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications
(32) Section 1350 Certification
(99) Additional Exhibits

## Not Applicable

