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EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

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TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
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AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND STOCK BONUS PLAN
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* All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.



Report of Independent Auditors

To the Participants and Administrator of
the AVX Vancouver Corporation Retirement Savings and Stock Bonus Plan

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the AVX Vancouver Corporation Retirement Savings and Stock Bonus Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2001 and 2002, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2002 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan'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.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of Assets (Held at End of Year) and Reportable Transactions are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These supplemental schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

As further discussed in Notes 1, 2 and 4 to the financial statements, AVX Corporation, the Plan's sponsor, voted in September 2001 to terminate the Plan, effective April 1, 2002. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting from the ongoing plan basis used in presenting the 2001 and 2002 financial statements to the liquidation basis used in presenting the 2001 and 2002 financial statements.


Atlanta, Georgia
June 13, 2003

AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND STOCK BONUS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
as of December 31, 2001 and 2002

<i>ASSETS:</i>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Investments, at fair market value:		
Company Common Stock	\$ 2,078,878	\$ 20,649
Affiliate Company American Depository Shares	466,965	4,687
U.S. Government Securities	415,229	110
Mutual Funds	998,513	4,846
Allocated share of Trust net assets	592,477	10,934
Loan Fund	<u>98,275</u>	<u>10,109</u>
Total Investments	4,650,337	51,335
Cash	<u>49,026</u>	<u>359</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 4,699,363</u>	<u>\$ 51,694</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND STOCK BONUS PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
for the year ended December 31, 2002

Additions:	<u>2002</u>
Investment income (loss):	
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	\$ (342,802)
Interest and dividends	4,794
Allocated share of Trust investment activities	(25,085)
Loan activity	<u>63</u>
Net investment income (loss)	(363,030)
 Contributions:	
Participant	5,107
Employer	<u>2,223</u>
Total contributions	<u>7,330</u>
 Total additions	 (355,700)
 Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	3,654,783
Administrative expenses	<u>9,588</u>
Total deductions	3,664,371
 Plan transfers out	 627,598
 Net decrease	 <u>(4,647,669)</u>
 Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>4,699,363</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 51,694</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND STOCK BONUS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **Description of the Plan:**

The following brief description of the AVX Vancouver Corporation Retirement Savings and Stock Bonus Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more complete information.

General

The Plan became effective January 1, 1994. The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering employees of AVX Vancouver Corporation who have attained at least 21 years of age and have at least ninety consecutive days of service. AVX Vancouver Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of AVX Corporation (the "Company"). The Plan is funded through a qualified trust with HSBC Bank USA ("Trustee") and is administered by the AVX Corporation Retirement Committee. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

During September 2001, the Company decided to terminate the Plan effective April 1, 2002.

Contributions

Retirement Plan Feature:

Participants can contribute from 1% to 10% of pre-tax income. The Company may make a discretionary contribution in such amount as may be determined by the Company's Board of Directors each Plan year. Except for any changes made by the Company's Board of Directors, the Company's matching contribution shall be 50% of each participant's salary reduction contribution up to 4% of participant earnings for investments other than the Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund or Vancouver AVX Stock Bonus Fund (the "Stock Bonus Funds").

Stock Bonus Feature:

For the Stock Bonus Funds, the Company's matching contribution shall be 100% of each participant's salary reduction contribution up to 3% of participant earnings.

Vesting

Under the Plan's graduated vesting schedule, after one year of vesting service, participants become vested in Company contributions to their accounts at a rate of 20% per year thereafter, until fully vested. As of September 2001, all participants have become 100% vested in the Plan due to the Company's decision to terminate the Plan effective April 2002.

Company contributions are allocated to each participant in proportion to the participant's eligible compensation earned during the year to the total eligible compensation of all participants for the year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of employment of a participant other than by retirement, disability or death, such participant is entitled to the vested portion of his account. Participants who participated in the Plan after July 1, 1994 will receive a lump sum cash distribution for all accounts other than the Stock Bonus Funds. For the Stock Bonus Funds, they will receive either whole shares of Kyocera Corporation American Depository Shares or whole shares of AVX Corporation common stock with any partial shares to be paid in cash. For those participants who participated in the Plan prior to July 1, 1994, Plan benefits will be paid in the form of a qualified joint and survivor annuity unless a qualified election is made during the applicable election period. Normal withdrawals can be made after age 59½. Withdrawals before age 59½ can be made for reasons of disability, termination of employment, severe financial hardship or in the event of the employee's death.

Any forfeitures arising during the Plan year shall be first applied to restore any participant's employer matching contribution and any forfeitures remaining shall be applied to reduce employer matching contributions for the Plan year.

2. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The Company has decided to terminate the Plan effective April 1, 2002, therefore, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting used to determine the fair value of net assets available for benefits from the ongoing plan basis to the liquidation basis, used in presenting the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002. The significant accounting policies of the Plan are as follows:

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts of certain assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments

Except for assets in the Seligman Master Trust, Plan assets are co-invested with assets in pooled separate accounts at HSBC Bank USA (the "Trustee").

The Trustee invests the Plan's assets according to participant investment elections in:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund: The Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund seeks the maximum current income consistent with preservation of capital and liquidity by investing in U.S. Treasury obligations and repurchase agreements relating to U.S. Treasury obligations.

T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund: The T.Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund seeks a high level of current income consistent with moderate share price fluctuation by investing primarily in domestic bond funds and also in a foreign bond fund.

Seligman Equity Value Portfolio: The Seligman Equity Value Portfolio seeks capital appreciation through a value-oriented, diversified portfolio comprised of equity investments. The assets for the portfolio are held in the Seligman Master Trust.

Kyocera Stock Fund: This fund is invested exclusively in shares of the Kyocera Corporation. The objective is to give the participant the opportunity to share in the performance of Kyocera and AVX by allowing the participant to become a part owner. The fund's value will fluctuate, based on the success of Kyocera, AVX and the stock market in general.

Templeton Foreign Fund: The Templeton Foreign Fund seeks long-term capital growth by investing in stocks and debt obligations of companies and governments outside the United States.

AVX Stock Fund: This fund is invested exclusively in shares of AVX stock. This fund also gives the participant the opportunity to share in the performance of AVX. The fund's value will fluctuate, based on the success of AVX and the stock market in general.

Janus Fund: The Janus Fund seeks long-term growth of capital, consistent with preservation of capital, by investing primarily in common stock of companies of any size.

MFS Emerging Growth Fund: The MFS Emerging Growth Fund seeks above-average long-term capital growth by investing in common stocks of small to mid-size companies.

Fidelity Magellan Fund: The Fidelity Magellan Fund is a large mutual fund.

Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund: The Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund consists of investments in Kyocera Corporation American Depositary Shares.

Vancouver AVX Stock Bonus Fund: The Vancouver AVX Stock Bonus Fund consists of investments in AVX Corporation common stock.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

Participants in the Plan prior to July 1, 1994 may transfer and withdraw from the Fidelity Magellan Fund and the Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund up to the amount of their respective balances in those funds. A participant may change his investment election once each month. Additionally, restrictions apply to the removal of Stock Bonus contributions and earnings out of the Vancouver Kyocera and AVX Stock Bonus Funds.

No future participant or Company contributions are made to the Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund effective December 31, 1995, but related dividends are reinvested in Kyocera Stock.

The Plan permits the participants to borrow from their accounts. These loans are held in a separate loan fund. Each loan may not exceed the lesser of 50% of the participant's total vested account balance or \$50,000 and must be greater than \$1,000. The term of the loan is not to exceed ten years for mortgage loans or five years for non-mortgage loans. The interest rate charged on loans is such rate as determined appropriate and reasonable by the AVX Corporation Retirement Committee at the time of the loan. All scheduled loan repayments are made through payroll deductions and early loan payoff may be submitted by participants via check or money order.

The market values of the following investments represent 5% or more of the Plan's total assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund	\$ 308,893	\$ *
Fidelity Magellan Fund	344,195	*
Vancouver AVX Stock Bonus Fund	1,846,087	18,787
Seligman Equity Value Portfolio	592,477	10,934
Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	415,229	*
Consolidated Loan Fund	*	10,109

*Amounts were less than 5% of the Plan's total assets available for benefits for the respective year.

Valuation of Trust Investments

Investments in securities (ADS, corporate and government bonds and notes and common and preferred stocks) traded on a national securities exchange are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the year. Temporary cash investments are invested in the HSBC Short-term Temporary Investment Fund and are valued at market value as determined by the Trustee.

Concentrations of credit risk with respect to investments are limited due to the large number of investments and their dispersion across many different industries and geographies.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

Investment Transactions and Investment Income of the Trust

Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income from other investments is recorded as earned on an accrual basis.

The Plan presents in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits, the net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of its investments which consists of the realized gains (losses) and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on those investments.

3. **Investments in Trust:**

For the Seligman Master Trust, the Plan's allocated participation in the trust, as well as the individual participants' balances comprising the Plan's participation in the Trust, is determined by adding to or deducting the Plan's contributions and benefit payments made into the Trust and a proportionate share of the other changes in the Trust's net assets (related principally to investment activities), based on the relative interest of the Plan's net assets to the Trust's net assets at the beginning of the plan year.

4. **Plan Termination:**

During September 2001, the Company decided to terminate the Plan effective April 1, 2002. All participants have become 100% vested and will receive the balance of their account as a lump-sum distribution. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the Plan has changed its basis of accounting used to determine the fair value of net assets available for benefits from the ongoing plan basis to the liquidation basis, used in presenting the financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002.

5. **Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500:**

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits according to the financial statements to Form 5500:

	December 31,	
	2001	2002
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 4,699,363	\$ 51,694
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	(458,743)	-
Net assets available for benefits per Form 5500	<u>\$ 4,240,620</u>	<u>\$ 51,694</u>

The following is a reconciliation of benefits paid to participants according to the financial statements to Form 5500:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

	Year Ended December 31, 2002
Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements	\$ 3,654,783
Add: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2002	-
Less: Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at December 31, 2001	458,743
Benefits paid to participants per Form 5500	<u>\$ 3,196,040</u>

Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants are recorded on Form 5500 for benefit claims that have been processed and approved for payment prior to December 31, 2002 but not yet paid as of that date.

6. Tax Status:

In March 2002, the Plan received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service advising that the Plan constitutes a qualified trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, thereby exempting it from Federal income taxes under provisions of Section 501(a). The Plan administrator and the Plan’s tax counsel believe that the Plan has been operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Participants will not be subject to income tax for contributions made on their behalf by the Company, nor on money earned by the Plan credited to their account until such time as they withdraw their accumulated balance.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

7. Interest In Master Trust (UNAUDITED):

The Plan's allocated share of the Seligman Master Trust net assets was approximately 3.3% and 0.1% at December 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively.

At December 31, 2001 and 2002, the financial position of the Trust was as follows:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets:		
Investments at Fair Market Value:		
Seligman Equity Value Portfolio:		
Common Stock	\$ 17,047,654	\$ 11,443,458
Short-term Temporary Investments	<u>223,979</u>	<u>179,129</u>
Total Investments	17,271,633	11,622,587
Cash	(16,134)	(8,628)
Receivables:		
Employer contributions	426,578	362,408
Interest and dividends	41,471	43,661
Total Receivables	<u>468,049</u>	<u>406,069</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 17,723,548</u>	<u>\$ 12,020,028</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, (Continued)

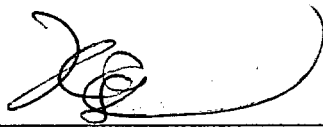
The change in Trust net assets for the year ended December 31, 2002 was as follows:

	<u>2002</u>
Additions:	
Net depreciation of investments	\$ (5,122,791)
Interest and dividends	393,944
Contributions:	
Company contributions	840,665
Participant contributions	594,531
Loan repayments	<u>190,036</u>
Total additions	(3,103,615)
Forfeitures	125
Deductions:	
Benefit payments and withdrawals	1,314,140
Administrative expenses	21,246
Loan activity	484,721
Investment fund transfers	<u>779,923</u>
Total deductions	<u>2,600,030</u>
Net decrease	(5,703,520)
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>17,723,548</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 12,020,028</u>

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Administrative Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND
STOCK BONUS PLAN

By: 

Kurt P. Cummings
Member of Retirement Committee

Date: June 30 2003

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND STOCK BONUS PLAN

PN: 001

EIN: 33-0067659

Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
As of December 31, 2002

Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description	Cost	Current Value
	Company Common Stock:		
HSBC Bank USA	AVX Stock Fund	\$ 4,247	\$ 1,862
HSBC Bank USA	Vancouver AVX Stock Bonus Fund	24,401	18,787
	Affiliate Company Common Stock:		
HSBC Bank USA	Kyocera Stock Fund	2,563	2,172
HSBC Bank USA	Vancouver Kyocera Stock Bonus Fund	2,508	2,515
	U.S. Government Securities:		
HSBC Bank USA	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	110	110
	Mutual Funds:		
HSBC Bank USA	T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund	1,738	1,313
HSBC Bank USA	Janus Fund	4,344	2,076
HSBC Bank USA	Fidelity Magellan Fund	722	495
HSBC Bank USA	MFS Emerging Growth Fund	170	73
HSBC Bank USA	Templeton Foreign Fund	2,831	889
	Allocated share of Seligman Equity Value Portfolio:		
HSBC Bank USA	Master Trust net assets	9,635	10,934
HSBC Bank USA	Loan Fund	<u>10,109</u>	<u>10,109</u>
	Total Investments	<u>\$ 63,378</u>	<u>\$ 51,335</u>

AVX VANCOUVER CORPORATION
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND STOCK BONUS PLAN
PN 001
EIN 33-0067659

Schedule H, Line 4(j) -Schedule of Reportable Transactions
for the year ended December 31, 2002

(a) Identity of Party <u>Involved</u>	(b) <u>Description of Asset</u>	(c) <u>Purchase Price</u>	(d) <u>Selling Price</u>	(f) <u>Expense In- curred with Transaction</u>	(g) <u>Cost of Asset</u>	(h) <u>Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date</u>	(i) <u>Net Gain/(Loss)</u>
HSBC Bank USA	HSBC Short-term Temporary Investment Fund	\$ 9,940,671	\$ 9,940,671	\$ -	\$ 9,940,671	\$9,940,671	\$ -
HSBC Bank USA	Seligman Equity Value Portfolio	870,358	834,701	-	870,358	834,701	(35,657)
HSBC Bank USA	AVX Stock Fund	2,395,307	2,039,645	5,897	2,395,307	2,039,645	(355,662)
HSBC Bank USA	Fidelity Magellan Fund	344,942	332,267	-	344,942	332,267	(12,675)
HSBC Bank USA	Kyocera Stock Fund	350,977	331,108	308	350,977	331,108	(19,869)
HSBC Bank USA	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	388,702	388,702	-	388,702	388,702	-

Column (e), lease rental, has been omitted from this schedule because it is not applicable.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 33-99140) of Kyocera Corporation of our report dated June 13, 2003 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedules of the AVX Vancouver Corporation Retirement Savings and Stock Bonus Plan, which appears in this Form 11-K.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Atlanta, Georgia
June 27, 2003

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-00890) of AVX Corporation of our report dated June 13, 2003 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedules of the AVX Vancouver Corporation Retirement Savings and Stock Bonus Plan, which appears in this Form 11-K.


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Atlanta, Georgia
June 27, 2003
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EXHIBIT 99.1

CERTIFICATION

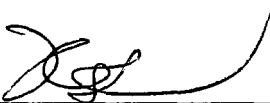
Each of the undersigned hereby certifies, for the purposes of section 1350 of chapter 63 of title 18 of the United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, in his capacity as an officer of AVX Corporation ("AVX"), that, to his knowledge, the Annual Report for the AVX Vancouver Corporation Retirement Savings and Stock Bonus Plan on Form 11-K for the period ended December 31, 2002, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in such report fairly presents, in all material respects the net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits of the Plan. This written statement is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to such Form 11-K. A signed original of this statement has been provided to AVX and will be retained by AVX and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Date: June 30, 2003

By: 

John S. Gilbertson
Chief Executive Officer,
President and Director

Date: June 30 2003

By: 

Kurt P. Cummings
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary