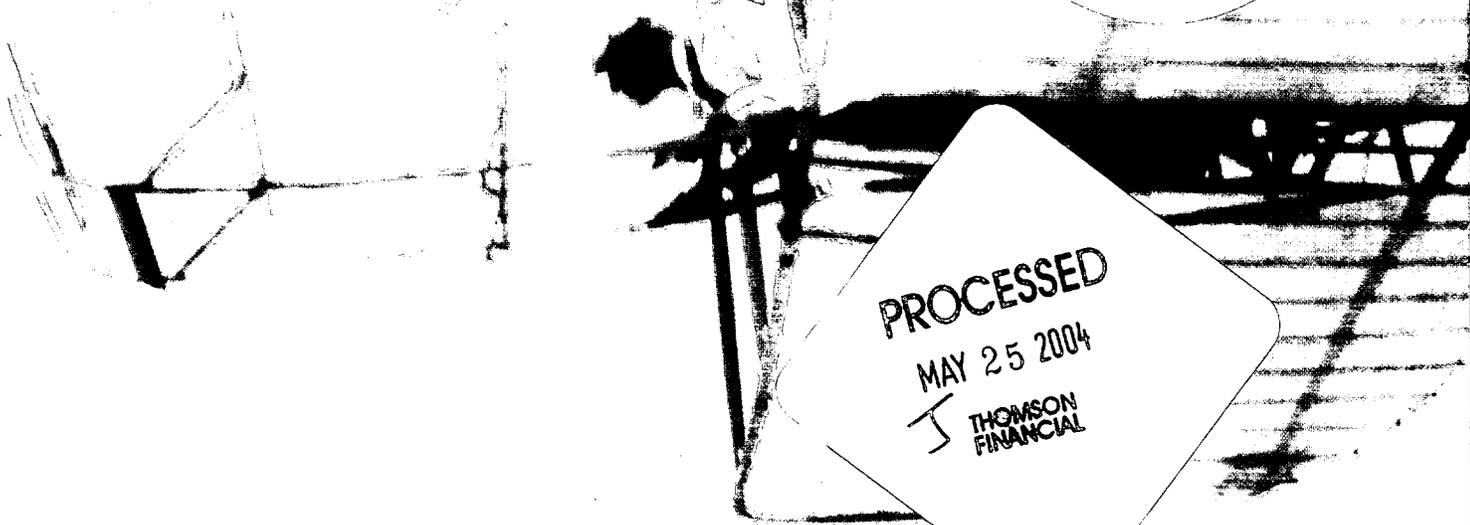




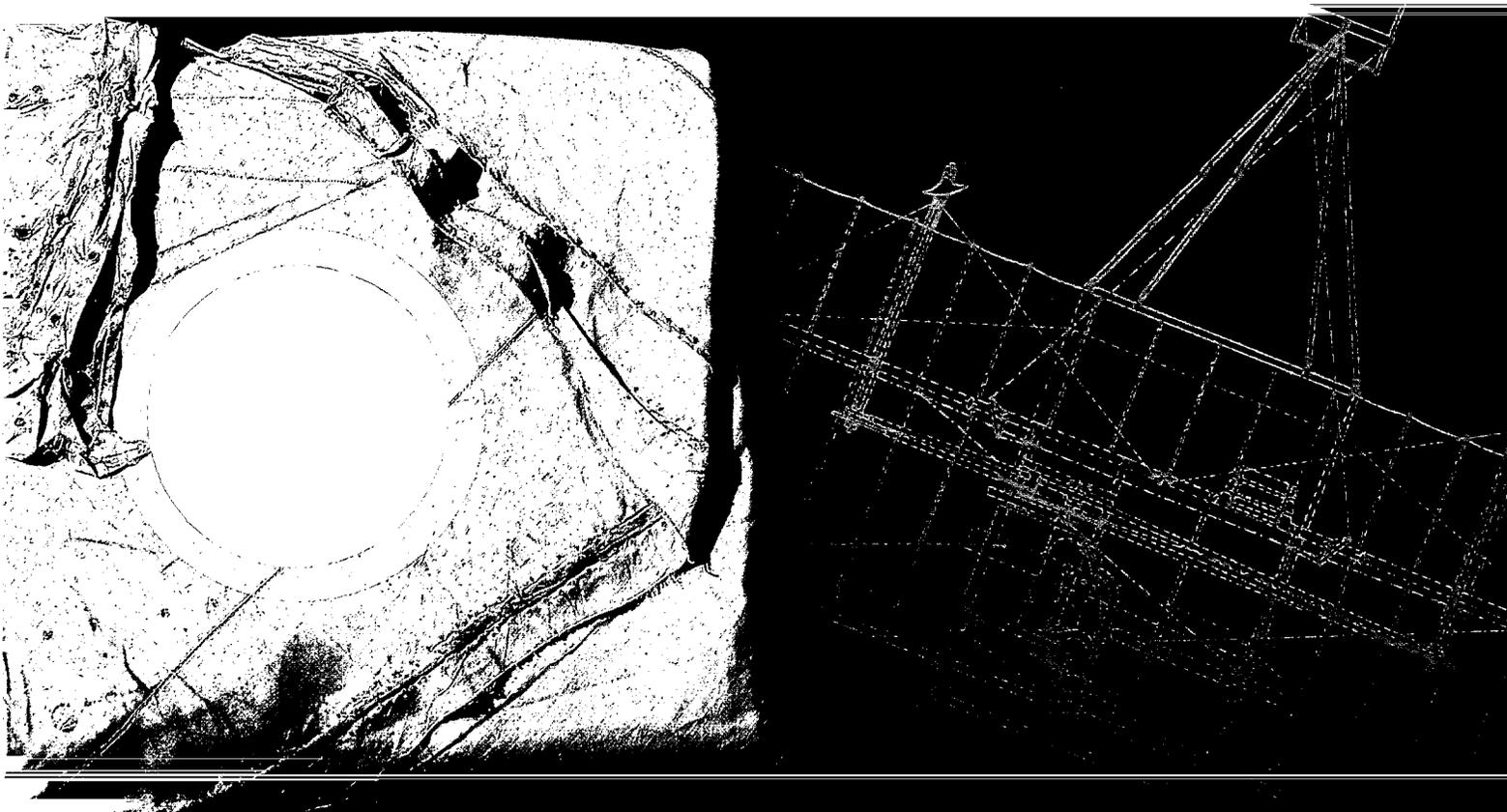
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*Like free spirits
 From the polar snows
 They soar on shining wings
 And climb to dizzy heights above
 And lost the little sordid earthly things
 Up where there is wind
 And space and stars, and time to love.*

HARRY COMBS



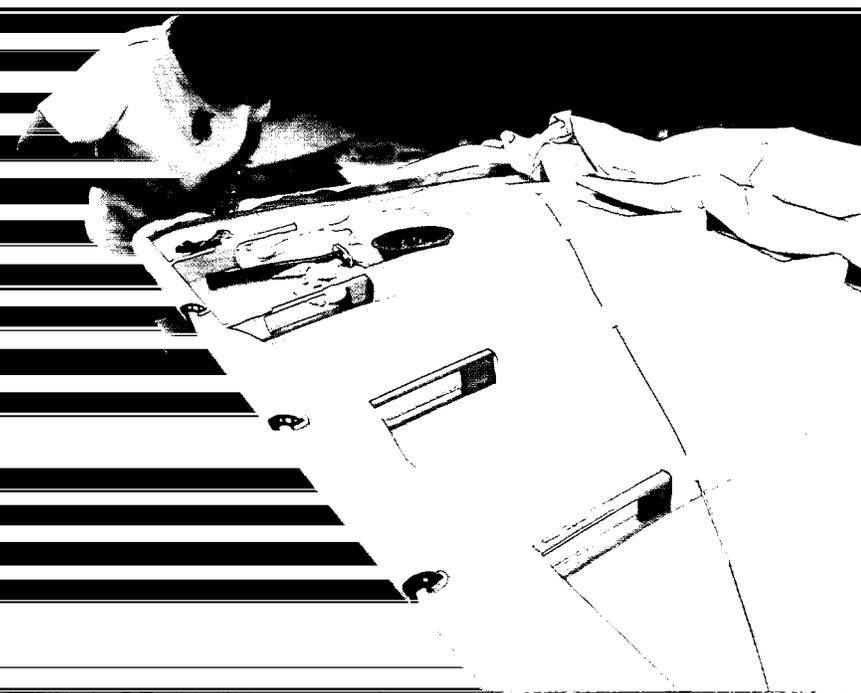


FIRST AVIATION SERVICES SALUTES

The Wright Experience

the fabric swatch in the die-cut window is an exact duplication of the fabric used to cover the original Wright Flyer. It has been meticulously recreated by *The Wright Experience* after careful analysis of samples of the original fabric. Three companies were needed to successfully reproduce the "Pride of the West" muslin – one for the thread, one for the weaving, and one for the finishing. Long strips of the fabric were sewn together to form the basis of the covering, and then laid out according to patterns derived from detailed study of photographs of the Flyer in 1903. It took over 150 yards of fabric to cover the Flyer.

Special thanks to Ken Hyde. For more information on the fabric and the remarkable achievements of The Wright Experience, you can go to www.wrightexperience.com.



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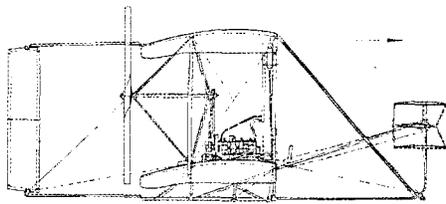
First Aviation Services Inc., together with its principal operating subsidiary, Aerospace Products International, Inc., is one of the premier suppliers of services to the aviation industry worldwide. The services the Company provides the aviation industry include the sale of aircraft parts and components, the provision of supply chain management services, overhaul and repair services for brakes and starter/generators, and the assembly of custom hoses. API (with locations in the U.S., Canada and Asia, plus global partners throughout the world) distributes the products of more than 150 manufacturers and suppliers. Customers of FAvS include passenger and cargo airlines, fleet and corporate aircraft operators, certified repair facilities, governments and military services, flight training schools, fixed base operators, business aviation, helicopter and recreational operators.



This annual report is dedicated to the memory of Harry Combs. Harry had many accomplishments throughout his life, one of the most recent being the sponsorship of the reproduction of the 1903 Wright Flyer, built by The Wright Experience, which he later donated to the National Park Service. Harry was an aviator, a businessman, a historian, an author and a friend.

MISSION STATEMENT

To be a global leader in all the markets that we serve. We are driven by our unfailing commitment to quality and value. In meeting the challenge of emerging as the premier aviation services provider, we will embrace change by constantly breaking new ground, fostering new ideas and developing new technologies.



To Our Shareholders

This past year was an extraordinary landmark for our industry. 100 years after man took to the air in controlled flight we landed the Spirit Rover on Mars to send back images and analyses that will help us understand the history of our solar system.

The Company experienced a remarkable year as well. Despite depressed conditions in the aviation industry for most of the year, sales increased by 4%, exceeding our pre-September 11 sales volumes. Net income improved this year; the Company earned \$11,000 compared to a net loss of \$5.9 million in the prior year. Loss from operations was reduced from \$1.6 million to \$121,000.

We are pleased with the performance of the team. While they grew the top line and improved operating performance, they did so without taking unnecessary risk. The Company's excellent balance sheet, with more than \$25 million of cash at year-end – or \$3.45 per share and a book value of \$5.02 per share – was preserved during these turbulent times. We would rather have reported that a major acquisition was made, but know it is better to "keep the powder dry" than to do something foolish.

We are very grateful to the shareholders who supported us during this difficult economy. We know that we need to continue to earn your trust.

As you will read in more detail in the operations section, we restructured our team around customer-facing units that we believe will make us more agile and efficient. Our team helped

Gulfstream regain the number one position in *Aviation International News* and *Professional Pilot* surveys for customer after-market support and service. Bombardier Recreation Products appointed API to lead after-market support for its new "V" series entry in the piston engine market. We are pleased that Honeywell International's Aircraft Landing Systems recently appointed API to be its logistics manager for consumables, wheels and brakes at its Allentown, Pennsylvania, and Memphis, Tennessee.

We also added two new members to our team: Paul Fanelli as Chief Executive Officer of API and Robert Costantini as Chief Financial Officer of FAVS. We are pleased that two such capable individuals chose to join the Company.

This April, Jerry Schlesinger decided to leave API for NetJets, the firm that introduced fractional ownership. Jerry joined the Company in 1997, making significant contributions since his first day. His vision helped grow API from the number eight player in its market to number two. Jerry's leadership created an excellent platform at API. We are grateful for his efforts and creativity and know he will make a great contribution to NetJets.

The Centennial of Flight represented an important landmark for our industry. The commemoration of this event was made possible in large part by Harry Combs, who played a significant role in *The Wright Experience*. Our cover has a swatch of the fabric that was used to reproduce a perfect replica of the original Wright

Flyer. We lost Harry this year and will miss him. He was an aviator, historian, businessman, writer, visionary and friend. He also was the founder of Combs Aircraft, the company that nurtured API nearly 15 years ago. It was Harry Combs that set the standard of service for the aviation industry – a fundamental culture maintained at API today as the business continues to lead the industry in service with its innovative approaches.

With our strong balance sheet, excellent management team and industry-leading technology, we are positive about the coming years.

We are grateful for the support from the entire FAvS team, the Board of Directors of the

Company and our shareholders. The independent directors are individuals with integrity, knowledge and experience. Few companies of our size have such a group of independent directors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hollander

Michael Culver

The 1903 Wright Flyer, built by The Wright Experience, commemorates the centennial of manned flight.

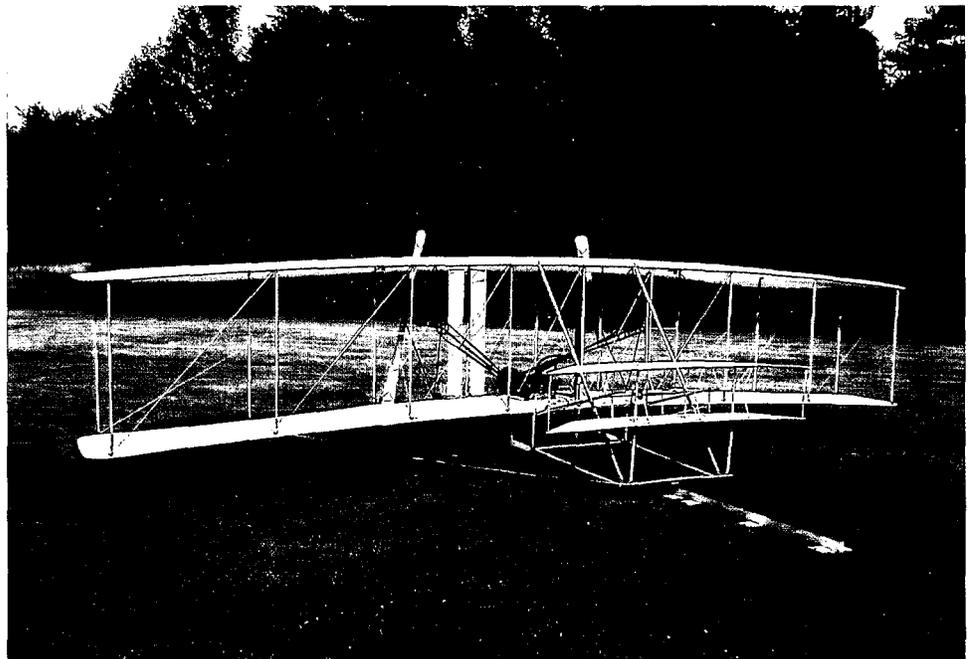
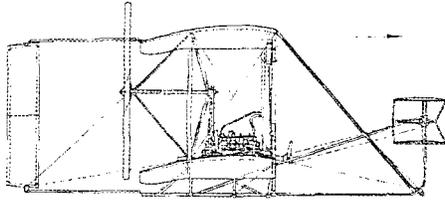


Image courtesy of The Wright Experience



Review of Operations

Aerospace Products International (API), First Aviation's principal subsidiary, based in Memphis, Tennessee, offers supply chain management solutions to the aerospace industry. While API's roots are in parts distribution, it is in the service business, not the parts business. Some of API's supply chain management solutions are sold with API-owned parts, some with customer-owned parts and some without parts.

The mantra "Better Service at Lower Cost" drives every employee and decision at API. In the fourth quarter, in order to better satisfy this objective, API was restructured around customer-facing market segments. While API was previously organized around two customer types, General Aviation and Airline, it is now structured around seven distinct segments. The move to customer-focused market segments was generated by the need to better understand the unique requirements of each market. This reorganization should lead to

better service levels, improved product offerings, and, most importantly, to "Channel Control." With customers along the entire supply chain in each market segment, the implementation of a market-focused structure will give API the agility to play a significant role in providing value-added services at every point in each channel. This strategy coupled with API's operational excellence should provide the company with top line growth and improved margins.

The company offers solutions for improving the efficiency of each customer's aviation supply chain. API sells business processes and technologies that allow all participants in the supply chain to increase operating margins while better serving their customers. API's services also provide the ultimate end-user with a superior ownership experience. This gives API's customers the opportunity to build long-term loyalty with *their* customers at a price premium, and thus create value.

All of API's services use fundamentally the same technology and systems platforms. API's supply chain management business model is based on single point warehousing and distribution for very large geographic regions. This offers highly effective parts supply solutions to various aerospace markets. Availability, documentation/traceability, service and price drive customers' purchase decisions in the supply services business. API's single point distribution model provides its customers with exceptional service levels. The



API, with operations in the United States, Canada and the Philippines, can provide its customers with 97% of their parts requirements on a next-day basis.

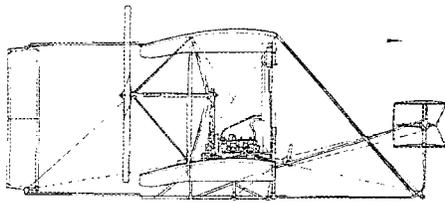


customers with exceptional service levels. The single point concept creates excellent economies of scale in systems, asset management and human resources, giving API the lowest cost structure in the industry.

API provides its customers with 97% of their parts requirements on a worldwide, next-day basis, if desired. API's customers can place orders as late as midnight EST and receive parts on the shop floor by 8 AM the next morning. As a result, API's customers, such as aircraft repair stations, need not hold inventory nor incur the risks associated with inventory management. This illustrates the ability of API to create value for its customers.

API offers diverse supply chain management solutions. API has been awarded vendor-managed supply contracts for oils, lubricants and shelf-life products by Federal Express for the second time. API has an exclusive third-party logistics contract with Superior Air Parts, which also includes order intake, reverse logistics, tier one technical support and invoicing. API has an all-encompassing supply chain management contract from General Dynamics' Gulfstream Aerospace for its aviation services after-market support business.

While each contract is unique, API offers the aerospace industry a portfolio of services and



programs including shelf-life management, IT integration, reverse logistics, call center management, demand forecasting, pricing, specialized product training, inventory management, fulfillment, credit authorization, payment/settlement, quality assurance, MR&O management, e-commerce, technical support, kitting, report and analysis generation, and direct-line feed. In the case of General Dynamics, API's managers and its supply chain team are in-sourced into Gulfstream's after-market support organization. In 2003 Gulfstream was successful in regaining the number one ranking for after-market support in two highly visible market surveys.

API is totally focused on taking process costs and working capital out of the aviation supply chain. Airlines spend an estimated \$.40 to \$.50 of

every maintenance dollar on administrative and overhead costs – not parts, nor direct labor. U.S. airlines spend approximately \$35 to \$40 billion on maintenance; 50% of which represents an enormous opportunity to increase efficiency and increase profitability to airlines.

Outsourcing supply chain functions significantly reduces costs. Using internal processing cost comparisons, a recent study showed that a 70% reduction in administration, warehousing and carrying costs can be realized when these tasks are outsourced to a supply chain expert.

We have been told that customers choose API for their long-term supply chain requirements because of a combination of suitable and robust technology, human creativity, commitment, and a sustainable business model.

API will continue to pursue growth in the supply chain management business. API is examining all logical acquisition candidates in traditional distribution to add volume to its parts supply services infrastructure. At the same time, FAvS is evaluating acquisitions that would provide the business with proprietary market positions or technologies.

API's success and its profitability are directly linked to understanding its customers' needs and increasing its customers' profitability through the reduction of their supply chain process costs and their investments in working capital.

"Better Service at Lower Cost."





Our team helped Gulfstream
regain the number one
position in *Aviation
International News* and
Professional Pilot surveys.

Consolidated Financial Statements (for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002)

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
First Aviation Services Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of First Aviation Services Inc. as of January 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2004. 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 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards 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. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of First Aviation Services Inc. at January 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

As discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for goodwill effective February 1, 2002.

Stamford, Connecticut
April 2, 2004

Ernst & Young LLP



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,144	\$ 26,013
Trade receivables, net	13,499	13,739
Inventories, net	22,344	20,617
Prepaid expenses and other	<u>1,032</u>	<u>1,033</u>
Total current assets	62,019	61,402
Plant and equipment, net	<u>2,963</u>	<u>3,639</u>
	<u>\$ 64,982</u>	<u>\$ 65,041</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,561	\$ 10,324
Accrued compensation and related expenses	1,116	1,060
Other accrued liabilities	1,260	1,009
Income taxes payable	939	1,009
Current obligations under capital leases	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
Total current liabilities	12,876	13,406
Long-term debt	14,500	14,500
Minority interest in subsidiary	<u>1,041</u>	<u>1,041</u>
Total liabilities	28,417	28,947
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, 9,135,699 shares issued	91	91
Additional paid-in capital	38,375	38,445
Retained earnings	7,554	7,543
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>238</u>	<u>(96)</u>
	46,258	45,983
Less: Treasury stock, at cost, 1,851,606 and 1,884,989 shares, respectively	<u>(9,693)</u>	<u>(9,889)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>36,565</u>	<u>36,094</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 64,982</u>	<u>\$ 65,041</u>

see accompanying notes

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Net sales	\$ 105,777	\$ 101,737	\$ 105,696
Cost of sales	<u>86,241</u>	<u>83,264</u>	<u>86,680</u>
Gross profit	19,536	18,473	19,016
Selling, general and administrative expenses	17,032	17,656	16,896
Corporate expenses	2,625	2,394	2,628
Litigation income	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(735)</u>
Income (loss) from operations	(121)	(1,577)	227
Interest income	154	273	592
Interest and other expenses	(5)	(67)	(291)
Minority interest in subsidiary	<u>(42)</u>	<u>(42)</u>	<u>(42)</u>
Income (loss) before income taxes	(14)	(1,413)	486
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	<u>25</u>	<u>(1,786)</u>	<u>(194)</u>
Income (loss) from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change	11	(3,199)	292
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	—	—	960
Cumulative effect of accounting change	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>—</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 11</u>	<u>\$ (5,934)</u>	<u>\$ 1,252</u>
<i>Basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution:</i>			
Income (loss) from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.04
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	—	—	0.13
Cumulative effect of accounting change	<u>—</u>	<u>(0.38)</u>	<u>—</u>
Basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ (0.82)</u>	<u>\$ 0.17</u>
Weighted-average shares outstanding – basic	<u>7,267,368</u>	<u>7,224,532</u>	<u>7,197,941</u>
Weighted-average shares outstanding – assuming dilution	<u>7,281,598</u>	<u>7,224,532</u>	<u>7,208,725</u>

see accompanying notes



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		Treasury Stock	Total
	Number of Shares	Amount			Sub-Total			
Balances at January 31, 2001	7,184,704	\$ 91	\$ 38,625	\$ 19,476	\$ -	\$ 58,192	\$ (10,360)	\$ 47,832
Shares issued to directors	30,149	-	(109)	-	-	(109)	241	132
Common shares repurchased	(1,100)	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	(5)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(193)	(193)	-	(193)
Net income	-	-	-	1,252	-	1,252	-	1,252
Balances at January 31, 2002	<u>7,213,753</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>38,516</u>	<u>20,728</u>	<u>(193)</u>	<u>59,142</u>	<u>(10,124)</u>	<u>49,018</u>
Exercise of stock options to purchase common shares	10,800	-	-	-	-	-	63	63
Shares issued under qualified plans and to directors	26,157	-	(71)	-	-	(71)	172	101
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	97	97	-	97
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(7,251)	-	(7,251)	-	(7,251)
Net loss	-	-	-	(5,934)	-	(5,934)	-	(5,934)
Balances at January 31, 2003	<u>7,250,710</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>38,445</u>	<u>7,543</u>	<u>(96)</u>	<u>45,983</u>	<u>(9,889)</u>	<u>36,094</u>
Shares issued under qualified plans and to directors	33,383	-	(70)	-	-	(70)	196	126
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	334	334	-	334
Net income	-	-	-	11	-	11	-	11
Balances at January 31, 2004	<u>7,284,093</u>	<u>\$ 91</u>	<u>\$ 38,375</u>	<u>\$ 7,554</u>	<u>\$ 238</u>	<u>\$ 46,258</u>	<u>\$ (9,693)</u>	<u>\$ 36,565</u>

see accompanying notes

Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income (loss)	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating activities – non-cash expense (income):			
Depreciation and amortization	1,101	1,372	1,399
Deferred income taxes	–	1,786	–
Compensation paid through issuance of stock	121	104	112
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	–	–	(960)
Cumulative effect of accounting change	–	2,735	–
(Increase) decrease in working capital assets:			
Trade receivables	416	2,418	467
Inventories	(1,561)	2,399	1,708
Prepaid expenses and other assets	10	421	(73)
Increase (decrease) in working capital liabilities:			
Accounts payable	(775)	(1,140)	(2,032)
Other accrued liabilities	188	(685)	–
Income taxes payable	(70)	(87)	–
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(559)</u>	<u>3,389</u>	<u>1,873</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of plant and equipment and other assets	(484)	(925)	(683)
Proceeds from disposals of plant and equipment and other assets	70	–	–
Purchase of assets from Superior, including acquisition costs	–	–	(5,028)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(414)</u>	<u>(925)</u>	<u>(5,711)</u>

see accompanying notes



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS CONTINUED (IN THOUSANDS)

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net borrowings (repayments) on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	\$ (4)	\$ (476)	\$ 3,076
Dividends paid	—	(7,251)	—
Repurchases of common stock for treasury and other	<u>5</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>20</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1	(7,667)	3,096
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<u>103</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>—</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (869)	\$ (5,100)	\$ (742)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>26,013</u>	<u>31,113</u>	<u>31,855</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>\$ 25,144</u>	<u>\$ 26,013</u>	<u>\$ 31,113</u>
Supplemental cash flow disclosures			
Cash paid for:			
Interest	<u>\$ 61</u>	<u>\$ 54</u>	<u>\$ 130</u>
Income taxes (refunded) paid, net	<u>\$ 124</u>	<u>\$ (322)</u>	<u>\$ (748)</u>

see accompanying notes

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements *(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)*

1. Business and Basis of Presentation

First Aviation Services Inc. ("First Aviation"), through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Aircraft Products International, Ltd., API Asia Pacific, Inc., and its majority-owned subsidiary, Aerospace Products International, Inc. ("API"), (collectively the "Company"), is one of the premier suppliers of products and services to the aerospace industry worldwide, including the provisioning of aircraft parts and components, and supply chain management services. The Company also performs overhaul and repair services for brakes and starter/generators, and builds custom hose assemblies. The Company has its headquarters in Westport, Connecticut.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of First Aviation and its subsidiaries. Significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

First Aviation was formed in March 1995 to acquire the capital stock of National Airmotive Corporation ("NAC"). On March 5, 1997, the Company completed an initial public offering of its common stock. A portion of the proceeds was used to acquire API's business from AMR Combs, Inc. ("AMR Combs").

As described in Note 9, during the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company changed its accounting for goodwill and, accordingly, reported the net cumulative effect of the accounting change separately in the consolidated statements of operations.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and the differences may be significant.

Net Sales, Cost of Sales, and Trade Receivables

The Company's net sales consist of sales of products and services, including aircraft parts and components, component overhaul and repair services, and supply chain management services. Net sales are recorded when parts and components are shipped and title transfers to the customer, when overhaul and repair services are completed and the item is shipped back to the customer, or when supply chain management services have been provided to the customer. Shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales. The terms and nature of supply chain management services provided are stipulated in a long-term contract between the Company and the customer. The Company provides its facilities, personnel and systems to provide cost-effective services to the customer. In providing services where the Company distributes inventory on behalf of its customer, the Company may use its own inventory or hold its customer's inventory without taking ownership of such inventory. In cases where the Company

does not take ownership of its customer's inventory, net sales generally are recognized as a fee based on the sales value of the product shipped through the Company's facilities, and not the sales value of the product itself.

Cost of sales consists of costs of inventory sold, costs to overhaul and repair parts and components, and direct costs of providing services.

Sales to unaffiliated foreign customers were approximately 22%, 18% and 17% of net sales for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The majority of these customers were located in Canada, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Europe.

The Company provides credit in the form of trade accounts receivable to its customers. The Company generally does not require collateral to support domestic customer receivables. Receivables arising from export activities may be supported by foreign credit insurance. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and maintains allowances that management believes are adequate for potential credit losses. During the year ended January 31, 2003, due to continued deteriorating economic conditions, especially in the aerospace industry, the Company recorded a charge of \$804 to increase its allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$1,418 and \$1,656, at January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Shipping and Handling Revenues and Costs

Fees billed to customers associated with shipping and handling activities are classified as revenue, and costs associated with shipping and handling are classified as part of cost of sales. Previously, shipping and handling costs were included in selling, general and administrative expenses. For the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company first classified costs associated with shipping and handling as part of cost of sales. These costs have been reclassified to cost of sales for the prior period presented.

Stock-Based Compensation and Stock Options Issued to Employees

In lieu of cash, the Company's directors elect to receive their compensation in the form of the Company's stock. The value of stock issued is equivalent to the compensation expense, and the number of shares issued is based upon the fair market value per share at the date issued.

The Company generally grants stock options to its employees for a fixed number of shares with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of grant. As permitted under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. ("FAS") 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," the Company has elected to follow Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related interpretations in accounting for stock awards to employees. No compensation expense was recognized during the years ending January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, since all grants were issued at the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant.

The Company is required to disclose the fair value, as defined, of options granted to employees and the related compensation expense. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Black-Scholes

option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. In management's opinion, because the Company's employee stock options are not publicly traded, and have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its employee stock options.

The fair value of each option issued was estimated at the date of grant using the following assumptions for the years ended January 31:

	2004	2003	2002
Expected dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Risk-free interest rate	1.9%	2.5%	4.0%
Expected volatility	37.8%	37.4%	41.9%
Expected life of option	5.0 years	5.0 years	4.0 years
Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.64

Using the above-noted assumptions and the weighted-average fair value of each option granted, the following shows the Company's results if the fair value of options issued had been recorded as an expense.

	2004	2003	2002
Net income (loss) as reported	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
Pro forma net compensation expense for issuance of stock options	42	295	122
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ (31)	\$ (6,229)	\$ 1,130
Basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution as reported	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.17
Pro forma basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.86)	\$ 0.16

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at any time may consist of a combination of demand deposits, money market or short-term, high-grade bond funds and short-term certificates of deposit purchased with original maturities of less than three months.

Inventories

Inventories generally consist of aircraft parts and components and are stated at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in, first-out method. Provisions are made in each period for the estimated effect of obsolete and slow moving inventories. Actual obsolete and slow moving inventories may differ significantly from such estimates, and such differences could be material to the financial statements. The allowance for obsolete and slow moving inventory was \$1,013 and \$997, at January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying values of current assets and liabilities approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these assets and liabilities. The carrying amount of the Company's borrowings under its revolving credit agreements approximates fair value, as these obligations have interest rates which vary in conjunction with current market conditions. The carrying amount of the minority interest in subsidiary represents API preferred stock, at face value, which management believes adequately provides for its potential future repurchase.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are stated at cost, less an allowance for depreciation. Additions and improvements that materially increase the productive capacity or extend the useful life of an asset are added to the cost of the asset. Expenditures for normal maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation of plant and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 3 to 15 years. Leasehold improvements generally are amortized over the shorter of the estimated life of the improvement or the term of the related lease.

Goodwill

In prior years, goodwill consisted of the excess of the purchase price of API and Superior over the fair value of the net assets acquired. As described in Note 9, all goodwill was written off during the three months ended April 30, 2002, upon the required adoption of an accounting change. Amortization expense was \$65 and for the year ended January 31, 2002.

Long-Lived Assets

During the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company adopted FAS 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." Under FAS 144, an impairment loss must be recognized when the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. In the event that the carrying amounts of long-lived assets may be impaired, an assessment of recoverability must be performed. The assessment process consists of comparing the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset to the asset's carrying amount to determine if a write-down is required. If this review process indicates that the asset will not be recoverable, the carrying value of the asset must be reduced to its

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estimated realizable value. The adoption of FAS 144 had no effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company. No asset impairments were recorded during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002.

Principal Suppliers

API has five suppliers of parts and components from which approximately 45%, 49% and 53% of its total purchases were made during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Accounts payable to these vendors totaled \$2,152 and \$2,531 at January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. An inability to maintain timely access to parts and components from these vendors on commercially reasonable terms would have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated business, financial condition and results of operations.

Income Taxes

The Company uses the liability method to account for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. The Company records valuation allowances against deferred tax assets as deemed necessary. As described in Note 6, during the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company recorded a charge of \$1,993 to establish a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) arose from the translation of accounts into U.S. dollars where the functional currency is the Canadian dollar. The increase in other comprehensive income during the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, was due to an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. Comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, was as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
Net income (loss)			
as reported	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
Pro forma net impact of foreign currency translation adjustments – gain (loss)	<u>334</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>(193)</u>
Comprehensive net income (loss)	<u>\$ 345</u>	<u>\$ (5,837)</u>	<u>\$ 1,059</u>

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

3. Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment consist of the following:

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Machinery and equipment	\$ 1,982	\$ 2,025
Buildings and leasehold improvements	1,236	1,219
Computer equipment, software, office furniture, fixtures and other office equipment	6,147	5,681
Construction-in-process	<u>153</u>	<u>184</u>
	9,518	9,109
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,555)</u>	<u>(5,470)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,963</u>	<u>\$ 3,639</u>

In years ending prior to January 31, 2004, certain equipment had been pledged as collateral under capital leases. Amortization of these assets was included in depreciation and amortization.

4. Obligations Under Capital Leases and Long-Term Debt

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Current obligations under capital leases	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>
Long-term debt – revolving line of credit	<u>\$ 14,500</u>	<u>\$ 14,500</u>

API has a \$20,000 revolving line of credit through a Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement (the "Facility"). Borrowings under this Facility bear interest equal to the LIBOR rate plus 1.5% and are limited to specified percentages of eligible trade receivables and inventories of API. The Facility contains a number of covenants, including restrictions on mergers, consolidations and acquisitions, the incurrence of indebtedness, transactions with affiliates, the creation of liens, and limitations on capital expenditures. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Facility, the payment of dividends on API's common stock is prohibited, except with the lender's consent, and API is required to maintain minimum levels of net worth and specified interest expense coverage ratios. Substantially all of API's domestic assets are pledged as collateral under the Facility, and First Aviation guarantees all borrowings under the Facility. Borrowings under the Facility were \$14,500 at January 31, 2004, at an interest rate of approximately 2.6%. An additional total of approximately \$3.1 million was available to borrow under the Facility at January 31, 2004. In February 2004, the Company repaid \$13,500

of the debt outstanding. Effective July 31, 2003, API extended the maturity date of the Facility to July 1, 2005 from July 1, 2004. The extension of the agreement was on the same terms and conditions as the prior Facility. As a result of the extension, borrowings under the Facility continue to be classified as long-term. Management believes that the carrying amount of the Company's borrowings approximates fair value because the interest rate is variable and resets frequently.

For the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company had leased certain equipment under leases that had been classified as capital leases. The obligations under the capital leases were recorded at the net present value of the future minimum lease payments. All such obligations due within one year from the balance sheet date are therefore classified as current. Interest expense on the obligations was recorded as incurred.

5. Stockholders' Equity

The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). Under the ESPP, 250,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance. With certain limitations, the plan allows for eligible employees to purchase stock through payroll deductions at 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the Company's common stock as of the first day of each semi-annual offering period or the fair market value of the stock at the end of the offering period. The Company issued 1,283 and 3,640 shares from

treasury stock to employees under the ESPP during the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. At January 31, 2004, 187,845 shares were available for purchase under the ESPP.

The Company also has a Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock grants and stock purchase rights. The Company's shareholders voted at the 2003 annual meeting to approve the increase in the number of shares available under the Plan. On September 12, 2003, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-8 to register 200,000 additional shares of common stock, for issuance pursuant to awards under the Plan. Subsequently, a total of 1,200,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under the Plan. Only employee stock options and shares issued to directors have been issued under the Plan.

All of the stock options vest ratably over two- to five-year periods, beginning one year after the date of the grant, and expire ten years after issuance. Since the exercise price of all of the options granted during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was at or above the fair market value per share of the Company's common stock at the dates of grant, no compensation expense relating to stock options was recorded. At January 31, 2004, options for 753,500 shares (after forfeitures) had been issued under the Plan. The following table is a summary of activity related to stock options for the respective years ended January 31:

	2004		2003		2002	
	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year	598,200	\$ 5.18	389,000	\$ 5.36	375,500	\$ 6.16
Granted	115,000	3.21	220,000	4.82	198,500	4.36
Exercised	-	-	(10,800)	4.31	-	-
Forfeited	(120,500)	4.49	-	-	(185,000)	5.90
Outstanding at end of year	592,700	\$ 4.94	598,200	\$ 5.18	389,000	\$ 5.36
Exercisable at end of year	314,368	\$ 5.59	258,864	\$ 5.14	155,249	\$ 6.57

The following table is a summary of information about stock options outstanding at January 31, 2004:

Options Outstanding				Options Exercisable	
Range of Exercise Prices	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Actual Average Exercise Price	Number Of Options	Weighted Actual Average Exercise Price
\$ 2.74 - 6.00	542,700	7.6 years	\$ 4.47	264,368	\$ 4.75
10.00	50,000	3.4 years	10.00	50,000	10.00
\$ 2.74 - \$10.00	592,700	7.2 years	\$ 4.94	314,368	\$ 5.59

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All of the Company's current directors elected to receive their compensation for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 paid in the form of shares of the Company's common stock. The fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of issuance was charged to expense with a corresponding decrease to treasury stock and additional paid-in capital. Such compensation expense totaled \$121, \$104 and \$109, and the number of shares issued was 32,100, 22,517 and 25,452 for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. A total of 117,404 shares have been issued to directors under the Plan.

At January 31, 2004, 329,096 shares were available to be issued under the Plan.

On January 6, 2003, the Company announced that its Board of Directors, in light of the Company's cash position, had approved a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per share. The dividend was paid on January 30, 2003. The total paid was \$7,251. The Company previously had not declared nor paid any cash dividends or distributions on its common stock since its inception in 1997.

In a series of authorizations commencing November 3, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program of up to 2,118,817 shares of the Company's common stock. The repurchases have been funded from a portion of the proceeds from the sale of NAC, and were made from time to time in open market transactions, block purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise at prices prevailing at the time of the repurchase.

During the year ended January 31, 2002, the Company repurchased 1,100 shares of its common stock. The aggregate share repurchases since the repurchase program began totaled 2,024,498 shares at January 31, 2002. The aggregate cost of the common shares repurchased was approximately \$10,708, or \$5.29 per share at January 31, 2002. Approximately 94,000 shares still may be repurchased under this program.

In conjunction with the API acquisition, AMR Combs purchased 10,407 shares of API Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value (the "Preferred Stock"), at a price of \$100 per share. Total adjusted proceeds to the Company were \$1,041. This transaction has been accounted for as minority interest in subsidiary in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Dividends are payable on a quarterly basis on the Preferred Stock at an annual rate of \$4.00 per share; accordingly, dividends of \$42 were paid during each of the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and have been reflected as minority interest in subsidiary in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. The Preferred Stock is convertible into 10% of the common stock of API as of the date of conversion, prior to any dilution to the Preferred Stock.

Also in conjunction with the API acquisition, First Aviation, API and AMR Combs entered into a Stockholders Agreement. Pursuant to this agreement, API has the right to redeem the Preferred Stock at any time. Subject to certain terms and conditions, AMR Combs has the right to cause the Company to repurchase the Preferred Stock. The redemption price is equal to the fair market value of the Preferred Stock as determined by an independent appraisal. The Stockholders Agreement also contains certain other rights, including: (i) a right of first refusal on the part of First Aviation with respect to any proposed sale of the Preferred Stock; (ii) the right of First Aviation to require AMR Combs to participate, on a pro rata basis, with it in the sale of the capital stock of API to a third party; (iii) the right of AMR Combs to elect to participate, on a pro rata basis, in the sale of the capital stock of API to a third party; and (iv) piggyback and demand registration rights granted to AMR Combs with respect to the Preferred Stock. The demand registration rights became exercisable in March 2000. If API has not previously closed an underwritten public offering of its common stock at the time AMR Combs elects to exercise its demand registration rights, API may elect to treat the demand as an exercise by AMR Combs of its put option with respect to the Preferred Stock. There are no plans to cause API to conduct a public offering of its securities.

On March 5, 1999, AMR Combs was acquired by Signature Flight Support, an affiliate of BBA Group Plc.

6. Income Taxes

The provision (benefit) for income taxes on continuing operations is as follows:

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Current:			
Federal and Foreign State	\$ 68	\$ -	\$ 236
	-	-	(42)
	<u>68</u>	-	<u>194</u>
Deferred:			
Federal State	\$ (93)	\$ 1,760	\$ -
	-	26	-
	<u>(93)</u>	<u>1,786</u>	<u>-</u>
Total provision (benefit)	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$ 1,786</u>	<u>\$ 194</u>

A reconciliation between the income tax provision (benefit) computed at the U.S. federal statutory rate and the effective rate reflected in the consolidated statements of operations is as follows:



	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Provision (benefit) at federal statutory rate	(34.0)%	(34.0)%	34.0%
State tax (benefit), net of federal	(29.3)	(1.8)	(7.9)
Foreign tax provision, net of federal	314.1	-	-
Non-deductible items	328.3	3.0	13.8
Prior year and other items	(2,743.4)	18.2	-
Deferred tax valuation allowance	1,985.7	141.0	-
	<u>(178.6)%</u>	<u>126.4%</u>	<u>39.9%</u>

Deferred tax assets result from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expenses for tax and financial statement purposes. These differences are set forth below:

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Financial statement accruals not currently deductible for income tax purposes, tax goodwill basis in excess of book, and net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 2,271	\$ 1,993
	2,271	1,993
Valuation allowance	(2,271)	(1,993)
Net deferred income tax assets	\$ -	\$ -

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004, the Company recorded a net benefit from income taxes of \$25. The benefit was from a \$93 credit from a U.S. federal refund received that is offset by foreign income tax expense of \$68, for operations in Canada and the Philippines. The accrual for the refund received was offset in its entirety by the valuation reserve that had been recorded by the Company during the prior year, but changes to U.S. federal income tax regulations during the current fiscal year just ended allowed the Company to carry back the benefit to prior years and receive a refund. The effective rate of (178.6)% for the year ended January 31, 2004 is the result of the tax benefit from the U.S. federal refund received, state tax benefits, and changes in the deferred tax valuation allowance due primarily to depreciation expenses. The Company also increased the valuation reserve for the year ended January 31, 2004, by \$278, against deferred tax assets resulting from temporary differences. The Company has net operating loss carryforwards totaling approximately \$1,235 for federal income tax purposes. The carryforwards expire in 2023 and 2024.

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2003, the Company incurred a pre-tax loss for the full fiscal year. The Company had incurred a cumulative loss over the prior three years. This cumulative loss triggered certain provisions under FAS 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," that required the Company to reevaluate its deferred income tax assets. As a result, the Company took a charge of \$1,993 to establish a valuation allowance against its deferred income tax assets since, under the provisions of FAS 109, a greater emphasis is placed on three-year cumulative losses as an indicator of the Company's ability to realize its deferred income tax assets than the potential for future income. The valuation allowance will be reversed in future years if financial results increase sufficiently to support the net book value of the assets. The increase in the deferred tax asset is due principally to the benefit from the Company's write-off of its goodwill. Based upon a number of factors, including the nature of the temporary differences and the timing of their reversal, the Company believed that the utilization of the deferred tax benefit at January 31, 2002 was more likely than not; therefore, a valuation reserve was not provided in that year.

7. Employee Benefits Plan

API maintains a defined contribution savings plan, qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, that covers substantially all of its full-time employees. The savings plan allows employees to defer up to 15% of their salary, with the Company partially matching employee contributions. Employees vest in the Company contribution ratably over three years. The Company expensed \$167, \$195 and \$171 related to the savings plan in the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Employees do not have an option to invest in the Company's stock under the savings plan.

8. Related Parties

Effective February 1, 2002, the Company and First Equity Development Inc. ("First Equity"), the wholly-owned subsidiary of First Equity Group, Inc., the majority stockholder of the Company, entered into a two-year agreement relating to the allocation of potential investment and acquisition opportunities in the aerospace parts distribution and logistics businesses. The agreement was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors, and was renewed on a month-to-month basis effective February 1, 2004. Pursuant to the agreement, First Equity agreed that neither First Equity nor any of its majority-owned subsidiaries would consummate any acquisition of a majority interest in any business anywhere in the world (a "Covered Acquisition"), without first notifying the Company and providing the Company with the opportunity to choose to effect the Covered Acquisition for its own account. The Company's decision as to whether to effect the Covered Acquisition will be made by the independent members of the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement is subject to early termination in the event First Equity reduces its ownership interest in the Company to less than 10% of the Company's

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outstanding voting securities. The agreement does not apply to any proposed acquisition by First Equity of any business that generates less than 15% of its aggregate net sales from aerospace parts distribution or logistics, nor to any advisory services performed by First Equity on behalf of third parties.

Effective February 1, 2002, the Company entered into a two-year advisory agreement with First Equity. The advisory agreement was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors, and was renewed on a month-to-month basis effective February 1, 2004. Pursuant to the terms of this agreement, First Equity provides the Company with investment and financial advisory services relating to potential acquisitions and other financial transactions. The Company pays First Equity a \$30 monthly retainer, and reimburses First Equity for its out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, upon the successful completion of certain transactions, the Company will pay a fee to First Equity (the "Success Fee"). The amount of any Success Fee will be established by the independent members of the Board of Directors and will be dependent upon a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the services provided and the size and the type of transaction. Up to one year's worth of retainer fees paid can be applied as a credit against any Success Fee, subject to certain limitations. During each of the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, the Company paid First Equity retainer fees of \$360, and no Success Fee. During the year ended January 31, 2002, the Company paid First Equity retainer fees of \$340, as First Equity voluntarily reduced the amount of its retainer fees for the four months ended January 31, 2002, and no success fee. The agreement can be terminated by either party upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

The Company and First Equity have entered into an arrangement whereby First Equity provides the Company with various additional services to assist the Company. These services are not part of the advisory agreement, described above, but derive from the work First Equity performs under the agreement. Therefore, First Equity does not charge the Company additional fees in connection with the provision of such services. These services include (i) detailed financial modeling for new business proposals, (ii) Board of Directors presentation analyses, (iii) investor relations marketing and presentations, (iv) various analyses for API, including benchmarking, financial analysis, and competitive market analysis, and (v) other financial analyses for the Company, including stock buy-back, valuations, and capital structure analysis. The Company's CEO and CFO have unlimited access to these resources when requested.

The Company subleases from First Equity approximately 3,000 square feet of office space in Westport, Connecticut. The leased space is utilized by the Company as its corporate headquarters. First Equity also utilizes space in the same premises. The sublease, which became effective April 21, 1997, is for a period of ten years, and is cancelable by either party with six months notice. The Company has the option to renew the sublease for two additional five-year periods. Lease payments under this sublease totaled approximately \$80, \$83, and \$91, for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

The Company and First Equity share certain common expenses that arise from sharing office space in Westport, Connecticut. The Company reimburses First Equity, and vice versa, for expenses each entity incurs related to the common usage of the office space. The allocation of such expenses is based on a methodology approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on a predetermined basis. The amounts are included in the Company's corporate expenses, and include expenses such as telephone, computer consulting, office cleaning, office supplies and utilities. Common expenses are approved by the Company and First Equity, prior to expenditure, when not of a recurring nature. The allocations are reviewed by the Company's CFO and the Controller of First Equity each month. In addition, a member of the Company's Audit Committee reviews the allocation of expenses quarterly. Some business development expenses, such as joint marketing expenses and business organizational dues, are shared on an equal basis. In addition, the amounts of expenses are reimbursed by the Company to First Equity in the amount of the actual costs incurred for Company expenses, without a mark-up of any kind. These expenses average approximately \$5 per month.

In order to simplify the administration of payroll, certain employees of the Company who are authorized to perform services for both the Company and First Equity are paid through the payroll of First Equity. Employees of the Company who work exclusively for the Company by agreement are paid through the payroll of API, the Company's principal subsidiary.

The Company paid Imtek, an affiliate of First Equity, approximately \$29 for printing, insertion and mailing services, for the year ended January 31, 2004 and approximately \$37 per year in each of the years ended January 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, for printing, insertion and mailing services, and reimbursed Imtek for actual expenses incurred. These services were cancelled during the year ended January 31, 2004.

The Company paid an employee of Skip Barber Racing Inc., an affiliate of First Equity, during the year ended January 31, 2004, \$22 to reimburse such affiliate for the use of the affiliates' in-house counsel, for services performed exclusively for the Company.

In the year ended January 31, 2004, a family member of an executive of the Company was paid salary and bonus of approximately \$110 as an employee of a subsidiary of the Company.

9. Accounting Change

During the first quarter ended April 30, 2002, the Company adopted FAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Pursuant to FAS 142, goodwill is not amortized but is tested periodically for impairment using discounted cash flows and other fair value methodologies. Upon adoption of FAS 142, the Company was required to perform transitional impairment tests relating to its goodwill and other intangibles existing as of February 1, 2002, the date of adoption. As a result, upon adoption of FAS 142, the Company took a one-time, non-cash charge of \$2,735, net of applicable income tax benefit of \$922, or \$0.38 per share, to write-off the carrying value of its goodwill.



No charge was required under previous generally accepted accounting principles, which were based upon undiscounted cash flows.

The adoption of FAS 142 represented a change in accounting principle, and the cumulative effect, net of the applicable income tax benefit, has been shown on a separate line in the consolidated statements of operations. The effective rate of the income tax benefit on the charge was approximately 25%. The difference between the effective income tax rate and the statutory rate was due to differences in book and income tax bases of the assets.

10. Acquisition of Superior

On August 10, 2001, the Company completed the acquisition of the distribution business of Superior for \$4,614 in cash. Pursuant to the terms of the acquisition, the Company acquired the distribution business of Superior, including four distribution centers, approximately \$2,945 of inventory and equipment, and was named a worldwide distributor for Superior's product line of replacement parts for certain aircraft engines. The Company also entered into a five-year service agreement with Superior whereby the Company provides Superior with a variety of supply chain management services for a fee based on the scope of services provided. The purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired, principally inventory, based upon their relative fair values. The excess of the purchase price paid over the fair value of the assets acquired, approximately \$2,242, was allocated to goodwill. In addition, the Company recorded approximately \$573 of accruals to cover the estimated costs to complete the acquisition and execute its plan to close the four distribution centers and consolidate facilities. Approximately \$386 of the accruals were paid prior to the year ended January 31, 2002. Substantially all of the remaining accruals were utilized during the year ending January 31, 2003.

The net incremental sales and gross profit from the Superior acquisition were not significant to consolidated results for the year ended January 31, 2002.

11. Gain from Dispositions of Subsidiaries

Details of the gain from dispositions of subsidiaries are as follows:

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries:			
AeroV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191
NAC	-	-	769
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 960</u>

AeroV

In February 2000, the Company established AeroV. The purpose of AeroV was to design a proprietary electronic procurement platform to enable electronic communication between the Internet and airlines' legacy systems, in order to reduce supply chain costs. In December 2000, the Board of Directors of the Company reassessed its strategic position with respect to AeroV, and approved a plan to sell or dispose of AeroV.

In connection with the disposition of AeroV, the Company had accrued \$660 pre-tax for certain transaction, legal and other costs directly relating to the disposition. During the year ended January 31, 2002, \$306 was charged against the accruals and the Company reversed \$298 of accruals no longer needed. This reversal, net of a provision for income taxes of \$107, for a net credit of \$191, was included in gain from dispositions of subsidiaries in the year ended January 31, 2002. At January 31, 2002, \$56 of the accruals remained. The accruals were completely utilized during the year ended January 31, 2003.

NAC

On November 1, 1999, the Company consummated the sale of the stock of NAC to Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. ("RRNA") for \$73,000 in cash, subject to adjustment, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement between First Aviation Services Inc. and Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. dated as of September 9, 1999 (the "Agreement"). During the year ended January 31, 2001, the sales price was adjusted down to \$70,950 to reflect a decrease in the net book value of the net assets sold. The difference was repaid to RRNA and had been accrued previously. NAC's operations included the repair and overhaul of gas turbine engines and accessories, and the remanufacturing of engine components and accessories.

Pursuant to the Agreement, RRNA acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of NAC, excluding income tax liabilities, debt, amounts due to parent (First Aviation) and any contingent liabilities resulting from NAC's previous liquidation of its former qualified defined retirement benefit plan (the "NAC Plan").

The Company recorded a net gain from the disposition of NAC during the year ended January 31, 2000. Included in the net gain on disposition the Company accrued \$3,700 for estimated transaction and other costs directly relating to the sale, excluding the estimated sales price adjustment. In addition, the Company accrued \$600 for estimated liabilities under the NAC Plan, whose liquidation had been audited by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, and who had challenged the amount paid to liquidate the NAC Plan (collectively, the "Accruals").

First Aviation had been liable, without limitation, for any and all income taxes that might have been imposed upon NAC for all taxable periods ending on or prior to the date of sale.

Both First Aviation and RRNA were liable, without limitation, for any losses incurred relating to any breach of any representation or warranty made in the Agreement, and for any loss that occurs relating to matters specifically retained by the parties.

On February 28, 2001, the day prior to the expiration of most of the Company's representations and warranties under the Agreement, RRNA

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filed a \$10 million claim for indemnification with the American Arbitration Association. The claim sought indemnification under provisions of the Agreement relating to environmental and non-environmental covenants and representations. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Company's liability for indemnification claims had been limited to \$5 million for environmental and \$5 million for non-environmental claims (with limited exceptions related to taxes and other specified items).

On May 15, 2001, the Company and RRNA reached an agreement releasing the Company from any claim, cause of action or liability of any nature whatsoever which has arisen, or thereafter may arise from any covenant, negligence, representation, warranty, indemnity, transaction, failure, omission or communication under the Agreement, and the arbitration was discontinued. In addition, RRNA assumed any exposure from the liquidation of the NAC Plan.

During the year ended January 31, 2002, the Company reversed \$1,242 of the Accruals that were deemed unnecessary. The net credit of \$769, after applicable income taxes of \$473, was included in gain on dispositions of subsidiaries. At January 31, 2002, \$57 of the Accruals remained relating to the sale of NAC. The Accruals were completely utilized during the year ended January 31, 2003.

12. Net Income (Loss) per Share

The following sets forth the denominator used in the computation of basic earnings per share and earnings per share – assuming dilution.

	Years ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Denominator for basic net income (loss) per share – weighted-average shares	7,267,368	7,224,532	7,197,941
Effect of dilutive warrants and employee stock options	<u>14,230</u>	N/A	<u>10,784</u>
Denominator for net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution – adjusted weighted-average shares and assumed conversions	<u>7,281,598</u>	<u>7,224,532</u>	<u>7,208,725</u>

For the year ended January 31, 2003, the denominator used in the calculation of loss per share from continuing operations – assuming dilution, was the same as the denominator used for basic loss per share, because the effect of warrants and options would have been antidilutive.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

The Company leases certain warehouse facilities, equipment and office space. Certain of the Company's operating leases have options which allow the Company, at the end of the initial lease term, to renew the leases for periods ranging from three to five years. Certain lease agreements also contain escalation clauses that are based on the consumer price index. Future minimum rental payments under operating leases that have initial noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of January 31, 2004 are as follows:

Year ending January 31, 2005	\$ 931
Year ending January 31, 2006	746
Year ending January 31, 2007	757
Year ending January 31, 2008	729
Year ending January 31, 2009	636
Thereafter	<u>1,913</u>
	<u>\$ 5,712</u>

Future minimum rental payments for the years ended January 31, 2005 through January 31, 2006 are net of sublease income of \$35. Rental expense under noncancelable operating leases amounted to \$1,031, \$982, and \$918 for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is subject to many levels of governmental inquiry and investigation. Among the agencies that oversee the Company's business activities are the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Company does not anticipate that any action as a result of such inquiries and investigations would have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or its ability to conduct business.

In the normal conduct of its business, the Company also is involved in various claims and lawsuits, none of which, in the opinion of the Company's management, will have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial position. The Company maintains what it believes is adequate liability and other insurance to protect it from such claims. However, depending on the amount and timing, unfavorable resolution of any of these matters could have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows in a particular period.

During the fourth quarter ended January 31, 2002, the Company settled litigation previously initiated against Gulf Insurance Company for a cash payment to the Company of \$950. The income was shown separately net of associated legal expenses, on the consolidated statements of operations for the year ended January 31, 2002.

14. Quarterly Financial Information (unaudited)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<i>Year ended January 31, 2004</i>				
Net sales	\$ 25,605	\$ 25,278	\$ 27,756	\$ 27,138
Gross profit	4,875	4,807	5,106	4,748
Net income (loss)	120	(220)	17	94
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.01
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter (1)
<i>Year ended January 31, 2003</i>				
Net sales	\$ 24,998	\$ 26,165	\$ 26,611	\$ 23,963
Gross profit	4,674	4,924	5,131	3,744
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	78	(145)	121	(3,253)
Cumulative effect of accounting change	(2,735)	—	—	—
Net income (loss)	(2,657)	(145)	121	(3,253)
Basic income (loss) per share before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.45)
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.45)

(1) Fourth quarter results include the impact of a non-cash charge of \$804 to increase the allowance for doubtful trade receivables, and a non-cash income tax charge of \$1,993 to establish a valuation allowance against the Company's deferred income tax assets. See Notes 2 and 6 for further explanation.

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Common Stock

The common stock of
First Aviation Services Inc.
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the symbol FAVS.

SEC Forms and Shareholder Inquiries

First Aviation Services welcomes
inquiries from shareholders, analysts,
and prospective investors. A copy of
the Company's Annual Report on
Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on
Form 10-Q as filed with the Securities
and Exchange Commission may be
furnished free of charge upon request
to our headquarters, or may be found
on our website (www.favs.com). In
addition, research analysts are invited
to join our e-mail and fax list to receive
recent news and information about
upcoming conference calls.

Board of Directors

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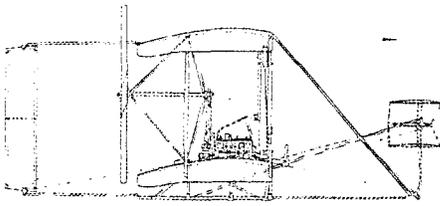
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Senior Vice President – Finance,
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Commitment to Ethics

First Aviation Services Inc. believes that ethics are everyone's responsibility. We are committed to the highest ethical standards, and we demonstrate these beliefs to our employees, our customers, our community and our suppliers. At FAvS, our foundation is *Integrity*, our strength is *Teamwork*, and our goal is *Excellence*.

Join the Team

FAvS is a worldwide leader in providing services, parts and components to aircraft operators of some of the most widely used governmental, commercial, corporate and general aviation aircraft. FAvS is always looking for experienced and energetic individuals who are seeking an excellent career opportunity. If you would like to be a member of "Team FAvS," please mail your resume to the attention of:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements discussed in this Annual Report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts, but rather reflect the Company's current expectations concerning future events and results. Such forward-looking statements, including those concerning the Company's expectations, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond the Company's control, that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and other important factors include, among others: the Company's ability to obtain parts and components from its principal suppliers on a timely basis; depressed domestic and international market and economic conditions, especially those currently facing the aviation industry as a whole; the impact of changes in fuel and other freight-related costs; relationships with its customers; the ability of the Company's customers to meet their financial obligations to the Company; the ability to obtain and service supply chain management contracts; changes in regulations or accounting standards; the ability to consummate suitable acquisitions and expand; other items that are beyond the Company's control which may cause actual results to differ from management's expectations; and other factors as are described in Item 7 (Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations) in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2004. In addition, specific consideration should be given to the various factors described in this Annual Report.



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For the year ended January 31, 2004

Commission File Number 0-21995

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

Title of each class
None

Name of each exchange
on which registered
None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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 1934 during the past 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 or for such short period that the registrant was subject to such filing requirements.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes No

The aggregate market value of voting common and non-voting equity held by non-affiliates as of July 31, 2003 was approximately \$11.3 million.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of April 12, 2004 was 7,290,836 shares.

Documents incorporated by reference:
Portions of the Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference into Part III hereof



First Aviation Services Inc.
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Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended January 31, 2004

Forward-Looking Statements

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PART I

Item 1. Business

General

First Aviation Services Inc. ("First Aviation"), together with its wholly owned subsidiaries, Aircraft Parts International, Ltd. ("API Ltd."), and API Asia Pacific Inc. ("API Asia Pacific"), and its majority-owned subsidiary, Aerospace Products International, Inc. ("API"), (collectively, the "Company"), is one of the premier suppliers of services to the aviation industry worldwide. The services the Company provides the aviation industry include the sale of aircraft parts and components, the provision of supply chain management services, overhaul and repair services for brakes and starter/generators, and the assembly of custom hoses.

First Aviation was incorporated in the state of Delaware in 1995. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 15 Riverside Avenue in Westport, Connecticut 06880. Certain filings that First Aviation makes with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K) are available on First Aviation's corporate website at www.favs.com. These public filings also can be obtained by calling our investor relations department, or by e-mail at first@firstaviation.com.

Industry Overview

The market for aerospace parts and supplies consists of two market sectors, the manufacturing parts sector and the aftermarket parts sector. These two market sectors are related, but require different customer focus to satisfy the needs of the market. The manufacturing parts sector caters to parts installed on new aircraft or engine construction. Large original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") sell directly to aircraft manufacturers and fabricators the parts and supplies needed to manufacture new aircraft. The aftermarket parts sector caters to the needs of aircraft and engines already in service and are typically out of warranty, and out-of-production aircraft and engines, all of which need maintenance, repair or modification. Typically, aircraft and engines that are older or had more use require more parts and services. Furthermore, within the aftermarket parts sector there is a market for new parts and supplies, as well as

used and refurbished parts and supplies. New and used parts and supplies can be further categorized as consumables or repairable parts and supplies. Therefore many companies that cater to the aftermarket parts sector sell new parts and supplies, refurbished and repaired parts and supplies as well as provide overhaul and repair services on parts and components, typically to the same customers. Many suppliers and OEMs of parts and supplies have traditionally relied on third-party distributors, such as the Company, to service the aftermarket parts sector. Some of these suppliers now want to service this market sector directly, but in many cases do not have the market expertise or support infrastructure, so they turn to third party logistics ("3PL") providers for assistance. Similarly, end-users want to outsource their buy-side supply chain management needs and turn to 3PL providers for support. The Company provides the aftermarket supply services including the sale of parts, repair services and other supply chain services to end-users and suppliers.

The Company believes that the current annual worldwide market for new and used parts, components and consumable supplies for aircraft and engines is approximately \$25.0 - \$35.0 billion. This has been decreasing due to reduced business activity levels in the industry over the past three years. Of the worldwide market, an estimated \$2.5 billion is supplied to the general aviation category of the aftermarket parts sector in which the Company principally operates, \$5.0 billion goes through distribution to all market categories, and the balance is supplied direct to the end user. The aviation aftermarket parts sector includes passenger and cargo airlines, fleet and corporate aircraft operators, certified repair facilities, governments and military services, flight training schools, fixed base operators ("FBOs"), business aviation, helicopter and recreational operators. The aviation aftermarket parts sector is highly-fragmented, although there are a limited number of large, well-capitalized companies, including original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs"), and suppliers, selling a broad range of parts and services, as well as numerous smaller competitors serving niche markets.

Aviation Aftermarket Parts Sector. The Company markets its supply chain services, which includes parts sales and service contracts, to several distinct categories of customers within the aftermarket parts sector. These categories consist of airlines, corporate flight departments, independent airline maintenance, repair and overhaul providers ("MROs"), large corporate MROs, retail customers, OEMs and general aviation customers. The Company's products, from more than 150 manufacturers and suppliers, constituting approximately 80,000 new and factory reconditioned parts and components are sold to professional aircraft maintenance organizations, aircraft owners and operators, including fleet operators, airlines, and FBOs. The parts and components supplied to the marketplace by the Company are approved by the FAA and are generally acquired from small, specialized manufacturers as well as major OEMs such as Goodrich Aerospace, Champion, General Electric Lighting, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Lord Corporation, Marathon Power Technologies, Michelin Aircraft Tire, Parker Hannifin, Scott Aviation, and Teledyne Continental Motors. The Company adds value to commonly available products by offering immediate availability, broad product lines, technical assistance and other value added supply chain management services. Supply chain management services allow the Company to offer parts and components to its customers to satisfy the customer's needs. The Company services the aftermarket parts sector as a channel provider, whether it acts as a supplier of parts provided by an OEM, or provides supply chain management services to the OEM who chooses to sell directly to customers. Services contracts are part of a continuum of product lines offered by the Company. The terms and nature of supply chain management services are stipulated in individualized contracts that are unique for each customer. The Company uses its expertise gained in managing its own parts and supply business to manage its customers' product in a seamless method to the end customer, and at less cost to the Company's customer than if they serviced the market themselves. As part of this process, the Company provides its internal resources, such as facilities, personnel and systems to the customer. The Company either may supply its own inventory for the customer, or hold its customers' inventory in its own facility, without taking ownership of such inventory, and supply the inventory on behalf of its customer. As an example, the Company may pick, pack and ship product on behalf of its customer in return for a fee based upon the level of services provided. In providing these services the Company may provide other support services as well to its customers, including sales and billing, and the use of the Company's call center.

Competition. Competition in the aftermarket parts sector for parts and supplies is generally based on availability of product, customer service, price, and quality, including parts traceability to the OEM. The Company's major competitors include Aviall, Inc., AAR Corporation, Cessna Aircraft Company and Satair A/S. There also is substantial competition, both domestically and overseas, from companies who focus on secondary or regional/niche markets. Several of the Company's competitors have faced financial difficulties over the last several years.

Competition in supply chain management services comes from numerous companies both within and outside of the aerospace industry, although many competitors are specialized to a particular industry. The supply chain management service provider market is fragmented and growing as a result of the growing trend to outsource, a trend that is increasing due to economic conditions and the need for companies to reduce their cost structures. Some competitors in the distribution business pay up front fees and acquire their customers' inventory in exchange for supply

chain contracts, a practice that the Company generally does not follow. The Company believes that it has an advantage in the aerospace industry due to its experience, knowledge, focus, and contacts within the industry.

Increasing Consolidation. In order to reduce the costs associated with carrying and managing inventory, satisfy governmental regulatory scrutiny, streamline buying decisions and assure quality, aircraft and fleet operators are seeking to reduce their number of suppliers, including parts and component providers, and are using third parties to manage their parts and components inventories. Operators also have become more sensitive to quick turnaround times. As a result, the Company believes that aircraft and fleet operators increasingly select larger, more sophisticated, technologically capable and better-capitalized service providers that are capable of providing a range of high quality, efficient and timely services, including supply chain management services, at a reasonable price. Additionally, the increasing costs of technology and inventory levels required to compete effectively has made entry into and continued success in the industry more difficult and expensive. The Company believes that well-capitalized, technologically sophisticated providers capable of offering a wide range of services, like the Company, will benefit from this consolidation trend. During the past few years, a number of service providers have consolidated or combined their operations. A number have faced moderate to severe financial difficulties. In addition, some OEMs have decided to by-pass wholesale distributors and are distributing their products directly to their customers. This is a trend that the Company believes will continue, and is another reason for the Company's focus on services, as some potential customers for the Company's supply chain management services include those OEMs who have decided to sell their products themselves, directly to the end customer.

Industry Conditions. The aftermarket parts sector in which the Company operates is affected by general economic conditions and specific market activity like flight activity, flight training, and air travel for business and pleasure. Results for the year ended January 31, 2004 improved over the prior year due to an improving economy, but continue to be adversely effected by reduced levels of specific market activity that were caused by the recession that began in late 2000 and increased after the terrorist acts that occurred on September 11, 2001. Recovery in the market environment has been increasing gradually, but overall business activity in the aftermarket parts sector continues to be depressed. Some categories may improve with the economy, like general aviation and commercial airlines, but they will still be vulnerable to a downturn from terrorist acts. Flight schools have not fully recovered to the level of pre-recession operating levels, and certain flight zones remain restricted for general aviation flights. Bankruptcies have and may continue to occur in the aerospace industry, which have reverberating effects for all market sectors. The Company expects that the current level of business activity in the aftermarket parts sector will continue, but the timing of any recovery remains uncertain. The Company continues to look for new sources of revenue, to control its costs, and expand its offering of services both within the aftermarket parts sector and beyond.

Principal Suppliers

API has five suppliers from whom approximately 45%, 49%, and 53% of its total purchases were made during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

As reported in the last quarterly report on Form 10-Q, filed with the SEC on December 15, 2003, the Company was in discussions with a principal supplier, New Piper Aircraft Inc., to renew the Company's distribution agreement. The Company was not successful in renewing the distribution agreement, which expired on December 31, 2003. However, the Company is in the process of finalizing arrangements to provide supply chain management services to the Piper fleet, which we expect should mitigate the effect of the termination of the distribution agreement on net sales.

Sales and Marketing

New and serviceable parts, supplies and components are sold to professional aircraft maintenance organizations, aircraft owners and operators, including fleet operators and airlines, flight training schools, and FBOs. The Company uses senior management, regional sales managers, inside salespersons, outbound telephone salespersons, electronic commerce, independent contract representatives, associated distributors, and foreign partners in its sales and marketing efforts.

The Company sells supply chain management services by identifying potential customers and opportunities in the industry through contacts within the industry, advertising and targeted marketing, and recommendations from current customers, and leads from regional sales managers. Lead times for the procurement of new contracts is effected by the long-term nature of such contracts, the relationship building with the customer that is required, and the substantial change it often requires of the customer's existing business infrastructure.

Customers

The Company currently has approximately 7,300 customers. The Company is not reliant upon any single customer.

Regulation

Regulatory bodies such as the FAA, the Joint Airworthiness Administration, the Department of Defense (the "DOD"), and governments around the world require all aircraft and engines to follow defined maintenance programs to ensure airworthiness and safety. For parts and components distributed by the Company, including inventory managed by the Company under supply chain management services, the programs are developed by the OEM or customer in coordination with the regulatory body. The Company has received certifications from the FAA covering its repair and overhaul facilities, and its hose shop. The DOD requires that parties providing parts for branches of the U.S. armed services comply with applicable government regulations, and the DOD continually reviews the operations of the Company for compliance with applicable regulations. In addition, the Company's Memphis, Tennessee facility is ISO/9002 certified and subject to periodic reviews.

Environmental Matters and Proceedings

The Company's operations are subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and related regulation by government agencies, including the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Department of Transportation, and the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Among other matters, these regulatory authorities impose requirements that regulate the operation, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous materials, the health and safety of workers, and require the Company to obtain and maintain licenses and permits in connection with its operations. This extensive regulatory framework imposes potentially significant compliance burdens and risks on the Company. The Company believes that it is in material compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing its operations. The Company has not had and does not anticipate that any material capital expenditures will be required during the next fiscal year in order to maintain compliance with the federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Employees

As of January 31, 2004, the Company employed 198 persons on a full-time basis. None of the Company's employees is covered by collective bargaining agreements. The Company believes that its relationship with its employees is good.

Geographic Areas

Sales to unaffiliated foreign customers were approximately 22%, 18%, and 17% of net sales for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The majority of these customers were located in Canada, Southeast Asia, Latin America and Europe.

Item 2. Properties

The Company leases all of its facilities, described below:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Entity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Square Footage</u>	<u>Lease Expiration</u>
Westport, CT	First Aviation	Executive offices	3,000	2007
Memphis, TN	API	Distribution/sales	157,000	2013
Calgary, Canada	API Ltd.	Sales	5,600	2009
Montreal, Canada	API Ltd.	Sales	7,270	2008
Clark Field, Pampanga, Philippines	API Asia Pacific	Distribution/sales	22,235	2010

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company's business exposes it to possible claims for personal injury, death or property damage that may result from a failure of certain parts serviced by the Company or spare parts and components sold by it, or in connection with the provision of its supply chain management services. The Company takes what it believes to be adequate precautions to ensure the quality of the work it performs and the traceability of the aircraft parts and components that it sells. The OEMs that manufacture the parts, components and supplies that the Company sells carry liability insurance on the products they manufacture. In addition, the Company maintains what it believes is adequate liability insurance to protect it from any claims.

In the normal conduct of its business, the Company also is involved in various claims and lawsuits, none of which, in the opinion of the Company's management, will have a material, adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial position. The Company maintains what it believes is adequate liability and other insurance to protect it from such claims. However, depending on the amount and timing, unfavorable resolution of any of these matters could have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows in a particular period.

The Company previously disclosed a lawsuit, filed on June 28, 2000, by SMR Technologies, Inc., as plaintiff, against API in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, Western Division at Memphis, alleging breach of a distribution agreement. This lawsuit was dismissed in March 2004 for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The plaintiff filed for breach of contract on June 28, 2000, and was awarded partial summary judgment in the amount of \$77,000 plus interest, totaling approximately \$94,000. The plaintiff was then granted permission in April 2003 to amend its pleadings for damages to sue for approximately \$13.1 million. In March 2004, API was able to have the entire lawsuit dismissed. API has filed a motion to recover its costs. The plaintiff has indicated it will re-file the case in state court with the appropriate jurisdiction.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

The Company's executive officers, their ages and backgrounds are as follows:

Michael C. Culver, 53, has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of First Aviation since March 1995. Mr. Culver also serves as Chairman of API. In 1985, Mr. Culver co-founded First Equity Group Inc. ("First Equity Group"). First Equity Group's interests, in addition to the Company, include First Equity Development Inc., an aerospace investment and advisory firm, Skip Barber Racing School, LLC and Imtek, Inc. Mr. Culver serves on the Boards of Skip Barber Racing School, LLC and Imtek, Inc.

Robert G. Costantini, 44, became First Aviation's Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President of Finance, and Corporate Secretary in October 2003. Prior to joining First Aviation, from 1999 to 2003, Mr. Costantini was Chief Financial Officer of FocusVision Worldwide, Inc., a technology company providing video transmission services. From 1986 to 1989 he was first Corporate Controller, and from 1989 to 1999 he was Vice President – Finance for M.T. Maritime Management Corp., a global maritime transportation company. Mr. Costantini started his career with Peat Marwick, Mitchell & Co. Mr. Costantini is a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Management Accountant, and a member of the bar of New York and Connecticut.

Paul J. Fanelli, 42, became President and CEO of First Aviation's principal subsidiary Aerospace Products International Inc. on April 5, 2004. Mr. Fanelli was hired February 16, 2004 as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of API. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Fanelli was President – Europe for Brightpoint, Inc., a distributor of wireless voice and data products and a supplier of outsourced services. Previously he was Chief Operating Officer from 1998 to 2000 for Brightpoint Europe, Middle East and Africa. Mr. Fanelli has worked for Ericsson Mobile Communications, Texas Instruments, ITT Avionics and started his career with Loral Electronics.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information. First Aviation's common stock trades on The NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the symbol FAVS. The table below sets forth the quarterly high and low sales prices for the First Aviation's common stock as reported by the NASDAQ Stock Market since February 1, 2002.

	Year Ended January 31, 2004			Year Ended January 31, 2003	
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First Quarter	\$3.72	\$2.62	First Quarter	\$5.15	\$4.60
Second Quarter	\$4.00	\$2.95	Second Quarter	\$5.15	\$4.50
Third Quarter	\$3.99	\$3.36	Third Quarter	\$4.75	\$3.50
Fourth Quarter	\$4.79	\$3.36	Fourth Quarter	\$5.33	\$3.54

Holder. As of April 12, 2004, there were 19 holders of record of the First Aviation's common stock.

Dividends. First Aviation did not pay a dividend in the twelve months ended January 31, 2004. In January 2003, First Aviation paid a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per share. The total cash paid was \$7.3 million. This is the only cash dividend or distribution paid on First Aviation's common stock since its inception. At this time, First Aviation anticipates that, for the foreseeable future, all earnings will be retained for use in the Company's business and no cash dividends will be paid on the common stock. In addition, API's credit facility prohibits the payment of cash dividends from it to First Aviation without the lender's consent. Any payment of cash dividends in the future on the common stock will be dependent upon First Aviation's financial condition, results of operations, current and anticipated cash requirements, plans for expansion, the ability of its subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise make cash payments or advances to it (as described above), and restrictions, if any, under any current or future debt obligations, as well as other factors that the Board of Directors deems relevant.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The selected financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with the "Consolidated Financial Statements", the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements", "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and other financial information included herein.

For the year ended January 31, 2004, the Company recorded revenues of \$105.8 million, and reduced its Loss from Operations to \$121,000 from a Loss from Operations of \$1.6 million, in the prior year. Interest income and a tax refund reduced the Loss from Operations to above breakeven for the year with net income of \$11,000.

Results for the year ended January 31, 2003 were significantly impacted by non-cash charges, totaling \$5.5 million, which had no impact on the Company's cash flow from operations.

	Year Ended January 31,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
<i>(Amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)</i>					
Balance Sheet Summary:					
Working capital	\$ 49,143	\$ 47,996	\$ 56,903	\$ 42,673	\$ 57,445
Cash per share outstanding (1)	3.45	3.59	4.31	4.43	6.16
Total assets	64,982	65,041	80,544	80,714	86,392
Current debt and obligations under capital leases	-	4	180	11,757	163
Long-term debt	14,500	14,500	14,800	-	7,900
Other long-term liabilities	1,041	1,041	1,041	1,188	1,156
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 36,565	\$ 36,094	\$ 49,018	\$ 47,832	\$ 54,143
Book value per share outstanding (2)	\$ 5.02	\$ 4.98	\$ 6.79	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.65
Cash dividends paid per share	-	\$ 1.00	-	-	-
Common shares outstanding	7,284	7,251	7,214	7,185	8,134
Results of Operations Summary (3):					
Net sales	\$ 105,777	\$ 101,737	\$ 105,696	\$ 97,550	\$ 82,999
Gross profit	19,536	18,473	19,016	18,543	15,928
Income (loss) from operations	(121)	(1,577)	227	(2,300)	(92)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(14)	(1,413)	486	(925)	(23)
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(25)	(1,786)	(194)	349	190
Income (loss) from continuing operations before accounting change	11	(3,199)	292	(576)	167
Cumulative effect of change in accounting	-	(2,735)	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252	\$ (1,830)	\$ 15,530
Basic income (loss) per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.02
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.24)	\$ 1.74
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	7,267	7,225	7,198	7,721	8,909
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations – assuming dilution	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.02
Net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.17	\$ (0.24)	\$ 1.72
Weighted average shares outstanding – assuming dilution	7,282	7,225	7,209	7,721	9,006

Notes to Selected Financial Data

- (1) Cash per share outstanding is calculated by taking the cash balance and dividing by common shares outstanding. The Company repurchased for treasury 1.2 million shares for \$4.8 million, and 1.0 million shares for \$5.8 million during the years ended January 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

- (2) Book value per share outstanding is calculated by taking total stockholders' equity and dividing by common shares outstanding.
- (3) During the year ended January 31, 2003 the Company recorded a charge of \$0.8 million to increase its allowance for doubtful trade receivables, recorded an income tax charge of \$2.0 million to establish a valuation allowance against its deferred income tax assets, recorded a net charge of \$2.7 million upon adoption of a new accounting principle related to goodwill, and paid a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per share. In fiscal year 2000 the Company sold its former wholly owned subsidiary, National Airmotive Corporation ("NAC") and in fiscal year 2001 discontinued its e-commerce subsidiary, AeroV Inc. ("AeroV"). As a result of the sale and discontinuance, NAC and AeroV have been accounted for as discontinued operations, and their results of operations and gain or loss on disposition were condensed and reported separately from continuing operations.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Cautionary Statements

Certain statements made in Item 1 "Business", Item 3, "Legal Proceedings", this Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations", "Liquidity and Capital Resources", and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical facts, but rather reflect the Company's current expectations concerning future events and results. Such forward-looking statements, including those concerning the Company's expectations, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond the Company's control, that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties, and other important factors, include, at minimum:

- *The Company's continued ability to obtain parts and components from its principal suppliers on a timely basis.* The Company's distribution services business is dependent upon the availability of parts, components and supplies from its suppliers. API does not have any long-term agreements or commitments from OEMs or other suppliers from whom it purchases parts, and is dependent upon these manufacturers for access to parts for resale. A disruption in the Company's ability to obtain parts, components and supplies, for any reason, and without the ability to find alternative sources, would have an adverse impact on the Company's business. In addition, some OEM's, in an effort to find additional sources of income, are attempting to distribute directly to the customer and by-pass the Company as a distribution channel.
- *Depressed domestic and international market and economic conditions, especially those currently facing the aviation industry as a whole.* The Company is dependent upon the level of activity in the aviation industry, including commercial and recreational flying, and flight training schools. Continued depressed conditions in the aviation industry, as well as depressed overall economic conditions, will have an adverse impact on the Company's future results.
- *The impact of changes in fuel and other freight related costs.* Fuel is a significant cost in the aviation industry and increases in the cost of fuel or lack of availability of fuel could have an adverse impact on overall flight activity levels, and the Company's business.
- *Relationships with its customers.* An inability to maintain good relationships with its customers, or the inability to expand by establishing relationships with new customers, could have an adverse impact on the Company.
- *The ability of the Company's customers to meet their financial obligations to the Company.* The inability of the Company's customers to meet their obligations to the Company, or to meet their general financial obligations and face financial difficulty, would adversely impact the ability of the Company to collect on its receivables and generate future sales.
- *The ability to obtain and service supply chain management contracts.* Supply chain management contracts have a long lead-time and require extensive effort and focus to obtain. An inability to obtain such contracts, or to service the customer appropriately, for any reason, will have an adverse impact on the Company's future results.

- *Changes in regulations or accounting standards.* The Company is subject to regulations (including income tax laws) and accounting standards that could change in the future, and such changes could have an adverse impact on the Company's reported results.
- *The ability to consummate suitable acquisitions and expand.* An inability to expand through acquisitions or through other means of growth, including internationally, will have an adverse impact on the Company.

The factors noted above are not all inclusive. All of the factors should be considered carefully when reviewing the Company's current results and forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements or cautionary factors.

The following analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements, including the Notes thereto, and selected financial data of the Company included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. (Amounts in millions, *except* share and per share amounts, and where specifically noted.)

General

The Company is one of the premier suppliers of products and services to the aerospace industry worldwide, including the provisioning and the supply of aircraft parts and components, and supply chain management services. The Company also builds custom hose assemblies, and performs overhaul and repair services for brakes and starters/generators.

The Company recorded revenues for the year ended January 31, 2004 exceeding revenues last seen in Fiscal Year 2002. For the full year, the Company was able to narrow its Loss from Operations as a result of slightly improving margins due to supply chain management contracts, and cost controls on selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company continues to maintain a large cash position and a strong balance sheet, although cash levels decreased primarily due to planned inventory buying at year end. The Company believes that its results show that it continues to take market share from its competitors, as it managed to grow even though the industry outlook remains cautious for growth.

Results for the three months and year ended January 31, 2004 improved as the economy showed improvement. Although revenues improved from the prior year, the Company continues to be adversely impacted by the recession in the aerospace industry that began in late 2000 and increased after the terrorist acts that occurred on September 11, 2001. Recovery in the industry has been minimal, and overall business activity in the aerospace industry continues to be depressed. While improvement has been seen in the general aviation and commercial airline categories, other categories continue to operate at significantly reduced levels. The Company expects the current level of reduced business activity in the industry will continue, and the timing of any recovery in the industry is uncertain. The Company continues to look for new sources of revenue, to control its costs, and expand its offerings.

As reported in the last quarterly report on Form 10-Q, filed with the SEC on December 15, 2003, the Company was in discussions with a principal supplier, New Piper Aircraft Inc., to renew the Company's distribution agreement. The Company was not successful in renewing the distribution agreement, which expired on December 31, 2003. For the year ended January 31, 2004, sales of Piper parts represented approximately 10% of total net sales, the loss of which could have a significant impact on future revenues. However, the Company is in the process of finalizing arrangements to provide supply chain management services to the Piper fleet, which we expect should mitigate the effect of the termination of the distribution agreement on net sales.

During the year ended January 31, 2003 the Company, due to the loss incurred for the year, and in accordance with requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. ("FAS") 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", recorded a non-cash deferred income tax charge of \$2.0 million to establish a full valuation allowance against its net deferred income tax assets. The establishment of the valuation allowance is not a reflection of the future or long-term profitability of the Company, and the Company expects that it will reverse in future years if financial results increase sufficiently to support the value of the assets.

On July 24, 2002, the Company announced that it had entered into a multi-year contract with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation for the provision of supply chain management services, effective July 1, 2002. Net sales from this contract favorably impacted results beginning in the quarter ended October 31, 2002.

During the first quarter ended April 30, 2002, the Company adopted FAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". Pursuant to FAS 142, goodwill is not amortized but is tested periodically for impairment using discounted cash flows and other fair value methodologies. Upon adoption of FAS 142, the Company was required to perform transitional impairment tests relating to its goodwill existing as of February 1, 2002, the date of adoption. As a result, upon adoption of FAS 142, the Company took a non-cash charge of \$2,735, net of applicable income tax benefit of \$922, or \$0.38 per share, to write-off the carrying value of its goodwill. No charge was required under previous generally accepted accounting principles, which were based upon undiscounted cash flows. The adoption of FAS 142 represented a change in accounting principle, and the cumulative effect, net of the applicable income tax benefit, has been shown on a separate line in the consolidated statements of operations.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company is required to provide additional disclosure and commentary on those accounting policies considered most critical. An accounting policy is deemed to be critical if it is important to the Company's financial condition and results, and requires judgment and estimates on the part of management in its application. The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires the use of judgments, estimates and assumptions to determine the measurement of revenues and expenses, and the realizable value of certain assets and liabilities. These estimates and assumptions are based upon information available at the time the estimates or assumptions are made. The estimates and assumptions could change significantly as conditions within and beyond management's control change. Therefore, actual results could differ significantly from the estimates. The most significant estimates made in preparing the Company's financial statements include revenue recognition, the determination of the allowance for doubtful trade receivables, the allowance for excess and obsolete inventories, deferred income tax asset valuations, the valuation of goodwill, and, in prior years, estimates made relating to discontinued operations, including the determination of the amount of gain or loss upon disposition. The following is a discussion of the critical accounting policies and the related judgments, estimates and assumptions utilized in preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements. A summary of significant accounting policies is included in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Revenue Recognition

The Company's net sales consist of sales of products and services, including parts and components, component overhaul and repair services, and supply chain management services. Net sales are recorded when parts and components are shipped and title transfers to the customer, when overhauled and repaired items are completed and shipped back to the customer, or when supply chain management services have been provided to the customer. Shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales. The terms and nature of supply chain management services provided are stipulated in a long-term contract between the Company and the customer, and fees are recognized as services are provided under the contract. In providing services where the Company distributes parts and components on behalf of its customer, the Company may use its own inventory or hold its customers' inventory without taking ownership of such inventory. In some cases where the Company does not take ownership of its customers' inventory, net sales are recognized as a fee based on the sales value of the product shipped through the Company's facilities ("throughput"), and not the sales value of the product itself.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The allowance for doubtful trade receivables is established based on estimates of the amount of uncollectible trade receivables, utilizing financial formulas based principally upon historical experience, the credit worthiness of the customer, the age of the account, the estimated risk that the account can be collected, and specific identification. Collection of trade receivables is affected by aviation industry and market trends, overall economic trends and conditions, and customers' credit issues and financial condition. Changes in any of these factors may have a significant negative impact upon the estimated allowance, and the Company's financial performance.

Allowance for Excess and Obsolete Inventories

Inventories generally consist of aircraft parts and components, and are valued at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in, first-out method. Provisions are made in each period for the estimated effect of excess and obsolete inventories based upon financial formulas that take into account quantities, costs, the age of the inventory on hand, historical and projected sales, and other inventory movements, adjusted for known or estimated factors such as new product lines and product return allowances. Actual excess and obsolete inventories may differ

significantly from such estimates, and such differences could have a significant negative impact on the estimated allowance, and the Company's financial performance.

Goodwill

Goodwill arises from the excess of the purchase price paid over the underlying fair value of assets acquired in transactions accounted for under the purchase method of accounting for business combinations. Goodwill was recognized upon First Aviation's acquisition of API's business in 1997 and upon the acquisition of Superior's distribution business in 2001. A significant amount of judgment is used to estimate the fair value of assets acquired and to allocate the purchase price to the underlying assets and liabilities, including the recognition of liabilities incurred directly as a result of the acquisition. Most of the assumptions and estimates utilized in this process were based upon known factors and exposures, historical information and management's experience.

Deferred Income Tax Assets

The Company uses the liability method to account for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and are estimated using the enacted tax rates and laws that are estimated to be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. The realization of the assets is subject to estimates and judgments, and may change based upon a variety of factors, including future profitability of the Company and tax law changes. If an asset is not deemed more likely than not to be fully realizable, a valuation allowance must be established against all or part of the asset. In addition, FAS 109 requires the establishment of a valuation allowance under certain conditions.

Discontinued Operations

Upon the sale or disposition of a subsidiary, management estimates what it believes to be costs to be incurred upon and after the sale or disposal of the subsidiary, including income taxes that relate directly to the sale or disposal transaction, or the operations of the former entity. Such estimates are subject to change, and the changes may be significant.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation ("FIN") No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." FIN No. 46 requires variable interest entities to be consolidated if the equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit an entity to finance its activities without support from other parties or the equity investors lack certain specified characteristics of a controlling financial interest. The Company believes that the adoption of FIN No. 46 will not have a material impact on its results of operations or financial condition.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). The provision of SFAS No. 150 are effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise are effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The Company determined that the adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact on its results of operation or financial condition.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the percentages of the Company's net sales that certain income and expense items represent.

	Year Ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	81.5	81.8	82.0
Gross profit	18.5	18.2	18.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses	16.1	17.4	16.0
Corporate expenses	2.5	2.4	2.5
Litigation (income)	-	-	(0.7)
Income (loss) from operations	(0.1)	(1.6)	0.2
Interest income	0.1	0.3	0.6
Interest and other expenses	-	(0.1)	(0.3)
Income (loss) before income taxes	0.0	(1.4)	0.5
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	0.0	(1.7)	(0.2)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	0.0	(3.1)	0.3
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	-	-	0.9
Cumulative effect of accounting change	-	(2.7)	-
Net income (loss)	0.0%	(5.8)%	1.2%

Year ended January 31, 2004 compared to year ended January 31, 2003

Net sales

Net sales for the year ended January 31, 2004 increased \$4.0 million, or 4.0%, to \$105.8 million from \$101.7 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. Net sales increased primarily due to increased sales of parts and components to general aviation customers, as economic conditions improved slightly for the general economy as a whole for the year, leading to slightly more flight activity than the previous year, and increases in maintenance and repairs. Sales to airlines were still affected by depressed industry conditions, and continued additional security measures that especially affected the commercial airline markets. In addition, as a result of economic and industry conditions, the Company previously had tightened its credit policies, and this further contributed to the decline in airline sales. The majority of the increase in sales occurred in the U.S. market, but a significant improvement in sales growth occurred in Asia, Europe and Canada. Sales to the Latin America region continued to decline, partially due to continued economic weakness in that region, as well as maintaining previously tightened credit policies toward customers in that region.

Freight revenue is a component of net sales and it represents freight billed to customers. Freight revenue for the year ended January 31, 2004 declined 15% to \$2.4 million from \$2.8 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. This was due to increased customer incentives resulting from promotional activities and industry competition. This had an adverse effect on Gross Profit as explained below in the section *Gross Profit*.

Sales to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's) also increased over the prior year as the Company continues to increase sales of supply chain management services. The increase in revenues from supply chain management services, is due to expanded offerings to existing customers for the year. These contracts often are based upon a fee relative to the services provided, so the impact on sales is less than if the Company was also selling the product itself. However, the Company's investment in its personnel, facilities and systems are scalable, so as services contracts increase throughput the Company's capacity utilization will improve.

The Company expects to continue to expand into new markets, especially internationally, add additional product lines, and invest in new product offerings.

Cost of sales

Cost of sales consists of costs of inventory sold, direct costs to overhaul and repair parts and components, and direct costs of providing services. Freight costs for parts and components sold are also included in cost of sales. Costs of sales for the year ended January 31, 2004 increased \$3.0 million, or 3.6%, to \$86.2 million from \$83.3 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. The increase in cost of sales is due primarily to the increase in net sales of parts and components. In addition, the increase in cost of sales was due to an increase in freight expenses, and an increase in services contracts.

Gross profit

Gross profit for the year ended January 31, 2004 increased \$1.0 million, or 5.8%, to \$19.5 million from \$18.5 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. Gross profit margin increased to 18.5% from 18.2%. The increase in gross profit was due principally to the increase in net sales, due to the reasons described above under *Net sales*. Adding to this increase, which also was the reason for the increase in the gross profit margin, was an increase in gross profit from services contracts, which have a higher gross margin, as explained below.

A significant portion of the costs relating to services contracts are indirect costs, including indirect personnel, warehouse and related, and systems, and these costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. Therefore, gross profit margins for services sales will be higher than for product sales.

Gross Profit is also impacted by net freight expenses, which represents freight expense recorded in cost of sales, less freight billed to customers in net sales. Net freight expenses decreased gross profit by 3.9% for the year ended January 31, 2004, compared to a decrease of 1.8% in the prior year ended January 31, 2003, due primarily to increased customer incentives from promotional activities offering customers reduced, or eliminated, freight on shipments. These promotional activities related to e-commerce sales and matching industry competitors offering freight incentives to customers.

Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended January 31, 2004 decreased \$0.6 million, or 3.5%, to \$17.0 million from \$17.6 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. The decrease is due principally to decreases in charges for estimated bad debts, offset by increases in charges for legal fees due to increased litigation, insurance rate increases, expiration of local government property tax incentives, and increased advertising expenses.

Corporate expenses

Corporate expenses for the year ended January 31, 2004 increased \$0.2 million to \$2.6 million from \$2.4 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. The increase was due principally to legal expenses related to general corporate matters, and costs associated with the proxy contest conducted by a large shareholder for the 2003 Annual Meeting.

Interest income and interest and other expenses

Interest income of \$0.2 million earned during the year ended January 31, 2004 was derived from investing the Company's cash in short term investments. The decrease from the \$0.3 million earned during the year ended January 31, 2003, was due principally to lower cash balances in fiscal year 2004 as a result of a cash dividend paid by the Company on January 31, 2003. Interest and other expense was nil for the year ended January 31, 2004, from \$0.1 million for the year ended January 31, 2003, due to exchange gains on foreign currency transactions by the Canadian subsidiary offsetting expenses for interest and other expenses that were essentially unchanged from the amounts recorded for prior year ended January 31, 2003.

(Provision) benefit for income taxes

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004, the Company recorded a benefit from income taxes of \$25,000. The benefit was from a \$93,000 credit from a U.S. federal refund received that is offset by foreign income tax expense estimates for operations in Canada and the Philippines. The accrual for the refund received was offset in its entirety by the valuation reserve that had been recorded by the Company during the prior year, but changes to U.S. federal income tax regulations during the year just ended allowed the Company to carry back the benefit to prior years, and receive a refund. The effective benefit rate of 178.6% for the year ended January 31, 2004 is the result of the tax benefit from the U.S. federal refund received, state tax benefits, and changes in the deferred tax valuation allowance due primarily to depreciation expenses.

Income (loss) from continuing operations

For the year ended January 31, 2004 the Company earned \$11,000 from continuing operations, compared to a loss of \$3.2 million for the year ended January 31, 2003. The increase in income is primarily the result of higher sales and gross profit, and reductions in selling, general and administrative expenses as described in the foregoing paragraphs, as well as the recording of the tax valuation reserve in the prior year.

Net income (loss) and Net income (loss) per share

The Company earned \$11,000, which is \$0.00 per share for the year ended January 31, 2004, as compared to a net loss of \$5.9 million, or \$(0.82) per share for the year ended January 31, 2003. The net income and increase in net income are due principally to the reasons described above.

Year ended January 31, 2003 compared to year ended January 31, 2002

Net sales

Net sales for the year ended January 31, 2003 decreased \$4.0 million, or 3.7%, to \$101.7 million from \$105.7 million for the year ended January 31, 2002. Net sales decreased principally as a result of depressed economic and industry conditions, and continued additional security measures that especially affected the commercial airline and general aviation markets, including flight training schools. The result was significantly less flight activity and therefore less requirements for parts and components. In addition, as a result of economic and industry conditions, the Company previously had tightened its credit policies, and this further contributed to the decline in sales. Price reductions by competitors seeking to maintain and/or regain market share have and are expected to continue to adversely affect the rate of growth and profit margins in the near term, as will adverse industry conditions. The majority of the decrease in sales occurred in the U.S. market, but continued weakness in Asia and Latin America, due to economic weakness in those areas, also negatively impacted sales. Canada and Europe experienced sales growth.

Partially offsetting the decline in sales of parts and components was an increase in sales relating to supply chain management contracts due to new customers and expanded service offerings. However, as these contracts often are based upon a fee relative to the services provided, the impact on sales is less than if the Company was selling the product itself.

Cost of sales

Cost of sales consists of costs of inventory sold, direct costs to overhaul and repair parts and components, and direct costs of providing services. Freight costs also are included in cost of sales. Costs of sales for the year ended January 31, 2003 decreased \$3.4 million, or 3.9%, to \$83.3 million from \$86.7 million for the year ended January 31, 2002. The decrease in cost of sales is consistent with the decrease in net sales. In addition, the decrease in cost of sales was impacted by a shift in mix toward more supply chain management services contracts, which have a higher margin, as described below under *Gross profit*.

Gross profit

Gross profit for the year ended January 31, 2003 decreased \$0.5 million, or 2.9%, to \$18.5 million from \$19.0 million for the year ended January 31, 2002. Gross margin increased to 18.2% from 18.0%. The decline in gross profit was due principally to the decrease in net sales, due to the reasons described above under *Net sales*. Offsetting this decrease, which also was the reason for the increase in the gross margin, was an increase in gross profit from services contracts, which have a higher gross margin, as explained below.

A significant portion of the costs relating to services contracts are indirect costs, including indirect personnel, warehouse and related, and systems, and these costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. Therefore, gross margins for services sales will be higher than for product sales. As net sales of services increase, the trend of increased gross profit and gross margin from the current year compared to the prior year will continue, along with smaller increases in selling, general and administrative expenses. For the year ended January 31, 2003, gross profit from services sales doubled that of the prior year.

Services contracts are part of a continuum of product lines offered by the Company to its customers, and represent a growth opportunity for the Company. The Company considers its business to be distributing parts and components and providing services to manage and/or distribute its customers' parts and components.

Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended January 31, 2003 increased \$0.8 million, or 4.5%, to \$17.7 million from \$16.9 million for the year ended January 31, 2002. The increase is due principally to increased charges for estimated bad debts, and an increase in indirect costs related to services contracts. As stated in *gross profit*, indirect costs relating to services sales are classified as part of selling, general and administrative expenses. As net sales from services increase, selling, general and administrative costs also will increase, though generally at a lower rate.

Corporate expenses

Corporate expenses for the year ended January 31, 2003 decreased \$0.2 million to \$2.4 million from \$2.6 million for the year ended January 31, 2002. The reduction was due principally to less personnel related costs.

Interest income and interest and other expenses

Interest income of \$0.3 million earned during the year ended January 31, 2003 was derived from investing the Company's cash in short term investments. The decrease from the \$0.6 million earned during the year ended January 31, 2002, was due principally to the marked decrease in interest rates from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2003. Interest and other expense of \$0.1 million for the year ended January 31, 2003 decreased from \$0.3 million for the year ended January 31, 2002, principally for the same reason.

(Provision) benefit for income taxes

For the first three quarters of the fiscal year ended January 31, 2003, the Company's results showed pre-tax income before the cumulative effect of the accounting change. As a result of the pre-tax loss incurred by the Company in the fourth quarter, the Company incurred a pre-tax loss before the effect of the accounting change for the full fiscal year. After considering this loss, the Company had incurred a cumulative loss over the prior three years. This cumulative loss triggered certain provisions under FAS 109 that required the Company to re-evaluate its deferred income tax assets. As a result, the Company took a charge of \$2.0 million to establish a valuation allowance against its deferred income tax assets since, under the provisions of FAS 109, a greater emphasis is placed on three-year cumulative losses as an indicator of the Company's ability to realize its deferred income tax assets than the potential for future income. The requirement to establish the valuation allowance is not an indication of management's evaluation of the Company's future or long-term profitability, performance or financial condition of the Company. The valuation allowance will be reversed in future years if financial results increase sufficiently to support the value of the assets. The difference between the effective rate for the year January 31, 2003 as compared to the statutory rate of 34% is due principally to changes in the valuation allowance.

Income (loss) from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change

For the year ended January 31, 2003 the Company incurred a loss of \$3.2 million from continuing operations, compared to income of \$0.3 million for the year ended January 31, 2002. The decrease in income principally was due to lower sales and gross profit, significant charges to increase the Company's allowance for bad debts, and the charge taken to establish a valuation allowance against the Company's deferred income tax assets.

Cumulative effect of accounting change

As previously described, during the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company adopted FAS 142 and recorded a net charge of \$2.7 million upon adoption. There was no accounting change during the year ended January 31, 2002.

Net income (loss) and Net income (loss) per share

The Company incurred a net loss of \$5.9 million, or \$0.82 per share for the year ended January 31, 2003, as compared to net income of \$1.3 million, or \$0.17 per share for the year ended January 31, 2002. The net loss and decrease in net income principally were due to the reasons described above.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's liquidity requirements arise principally from its working capital needs. In addition, the Company has liquidity requirements to fund capital expenditures to support its current operations, and facilitate growth and expansion. The Company funds its liquidity requirements with a combination of cash on hand, cash flows from operations, and from borrowings. The Company manages its cash and debt to minimize its interest expense.

Cash and cash equivalents at any time may consist of a combination of demand deposits, money market or short-term, high-grade bond funds, and short-term certificates of deposit.

The reduction in cash for the year ended January 31, 2004 principally was the result of planned inventory buying by the Company on cash basis terms, thus increasing inventory levels at year end without an increase in accounts payable. The Company continues to maintain a large cash position and a strong balance sheet.

The Company's cash provided by (used in) operations for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was \$(0.6) million, \$3.4 million, and \$1.9 million, respectively. Cash used in operations for the year ended January 31, 2004 was impacted by an increase in inventory due to a planned increase in inventory buying in the fourth quarter, and payments that lowered accounts payable balances, which was partially offset by reductions in receivables. Cash used in investing activities for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was \$(0.4) million, \$(0.9) million, and \$(5.7) million, respectively. Cash used in investing activities for the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003 was related to purchases of fixed assets. Cash used in investing activities for the year ended January 31, 2002 includes \$5.0 million related to the acquisition of the distribution business of Superior Air Products. Cash provided by (used in) financing activities for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was \$1 thousand, \$(7.7) million, and \$3.1 million, respectively. Cash used in financing activities for the year ended January 31, 2003 includes \$7.3 million to pay stockholders a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per share, and \$0.5 million to pay down long-term debt and capital lease obligations. In the year January 31, 2002, the Company had borrowed cash to fund a portion of its acquisition of the distribution business of Superior.

First Aviation's aggregate cash used for capital expenditures, excluding the acquisition of the distribution business of Superior, for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was \$0.4 million, \$0.9 million, and \$0.7 million, respectively. The decrease over the three years is due to the discontinuance of subsidiaries, NAC and AeroV, and less capital requirements as a result of heavy spending in prior years to upgrade the Company's systems and equipment to handle the Company's growth and expansion. For fiscal year 2005 the amount required for capital expenditures currently is expected to range between \$0.6 million and \$1.0 million. Management expects to fund these requirements from cash on hand, cash flows from operations, and from borrowings.

API has a \$20 million revolving line of credit through a Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement (the "Facility"). Borrowings under this Facility bear interest equal to the LIBOR rate plus 1.5% and are limited to specified percentages of eligible trade receivables and inventories of API. The Facility contains a number of covenants, including restrictions on mergers, consolidations and acquisitions, the incurrence of indebtedness, transactions with

affiliates, the creation of liens, and limitations on capital expenditures. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Facility, the payment of dividends on API's common stock is prohibited, except with the lender's consent, and API is required to maintain minimum levels of net worth and specified interest expense coverage ratios. Substantially all of API's domestic assets are pledged as collateral under the Facility, and First Aviation guarantees all borrowings under the Facility. Borrowings under the Facility were \$14.5 million at January 31, 2004, at an interest rate of approximately 2.6%. An additional total of approximately \$3.1 million was available to borrow under the Facility at January 31, 2004. In February 2004, the Company repaid \$13.5 million of the debt outstanding. During the quarter ended July 31, 2003, API extended the maturity date of the Facility to July 1, 2005 from July 1, 2004. The extension of the agreement was on the same terms and conditions as the prior Facility. As a result of the extension, borrowings under the Facility continue to be classified as long-term. Management believes that the carrying amount of the Company's borrowings approximates fair market value because the interest rate is variable and resets frequently.

Based upon current and anticipated levels of operations, the Company believes that its cash on hand and cash flow from operations, combined with borrowings available under its line of credit, will be sufficient to meet its current and anticipated cash operating requirements through the year ending January 31, 2005, including scheduled interest payments, working capital needs, capital expenditures and subsidiary preferred dividend requirements.

On January 6, 2003, the Company announced that its Board of Directors, in light of the Company's cash position, had approved a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per share. The dividend was paid on January 30, 2003. The total paid was \$7.3 million. The Company previously had not declared nor paid any cash dividends or distributions on its common stock since its inception in 1997. In addition, API's credit facility prohibits the payment of cash dividends from it to First Aviation without the lender's consent. At this time, the Company anticipates that all future earnings will be retained for use in the Company's business. Any payment of cash dividends in the future on the Company's common stock will be dependent upon the Company's financial condition, its results of operations, current and anticipated cash requirements, plans for expansion, the ability of its subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise make cash payments or advances to it (as described above), and restrictions, if any, under any future debt obligations, as well as any other factors that the Board of Directors deems relevant.

In a series of authorizations commencing November 3, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program of up to 2,118,817 shares of the Company's common stock. The repurchases were funded from a portion of the proceeds from the sale of NAC, and were made from time to time in open market transactions, block purchases, and privately negotiated transactions or otherwise at prices prevailing at the time of the repurchase.

During the years ended January 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively, the Company repurchased 1,100 and 1,023,398 shares of its common stock. Common shares reacquired to date under the Company's share repurchase program totaled 2,024,498 shares at January 31, 2002, with an aggregate cost of approximately \$10.7 million, or \$5.29 per share. Approximately 94,000 shares still may be repurchased under this program.

The Company acquired API's domestic distribution business from AMR Combs, Inc. ("AMR Combs") in 1997. In conjunction with this acquisition, AMR Combs purchased preferred stock of API, convertible into ten percent of the common stock of API as of the date of conversion, prior to any dilution (the "Preferred Stock"). In addition, First Aviation, API and AMR Combs entered into a Stockholders Agreement. Pursuant to this agreement, API has the right to redeem the Preferred Stock at any time. Subject to certain terms and conditions, AMR Combs has the right to cause the Company to repurchase the Preferred Stock. The redemption price is equal to the fair market value of the Preferred Stock as determined by an independent appraisal. The Stockholders Agreement also contains certain other rights, including: (i) a right of first refusal on the part of First Aviation with respect to any proposed sale of the Preferred Stock; (ii) the right of First Aviation to require AMR Combs to participate, on a pro rata basis, with it in the sale of the capital stock of API to a third party; (iii) the right of AMR Combs to elect to participate, on a pro rata basis, in the sale of the capital stock of API to a third party; and (iv) piggyback and demand registration rights granted to AMR Combs with respect to the Preferred Stock. The demand registration rights became exercisable in March 2000. If API has not previously closed an underwritten public offering of its common stock at the time AMR Combs elects to exercise its demand registration rights, API may elect to treat the demand as an exercise by AMR Combs of its put option with respect to the Preferred Stock. There are no plans to cause API to conduct a public offering of its securities.

On March 5, 1999, AMR Combs was acquired by Signature Flight Support, an affiliate of BBA Group Plc.

Inflation

The Company does not believe that the relatively moderate levels of inflation that have been experienced in the United States have had a significant impact on its revenues or operations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no material off-balance sheet arrangements as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

Contractual Obligations

<i>(Amounts in thousands)</i>	Total	Payments due by period			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Long-Term Debt Obligations (1)	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ 14,500	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Lease Obligations	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Lease Obligations (2)	5,747	961	1,508	1,365	1,913
Purchase Obligations (3)	15,324	15,324	-	-	-
Other Long-Term Liabilities (4)	1,041	-	-	-	1,041
Total	\$ 36,612	\$ 16,285	\$ 16,008	\$ 1,365	\$ 2,954

Notes to Contractual Obligations Data:

- (1) Long-term debt consists of API's \$20 million revolving line of credit through a Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement as described in the *Liquidity and Capital Resources*, above.
- (2) Operating leases includes minimum rental payments under noncancellable operating leases of one year or longer.
- (3) Purchase obligations represent cancelable open purchase orders in the normal course of business for parts inventory. Although such open purchase orders are generally cancelable, the Company intends to execute substantially all of them.
- (4) Other long-term liabilities represent a minority interest in subsidiary consisting of preferred stock, at face value, in the Company's principal subsidiary, Aerospace Products International, Inc., which was purchased by AMR Combs Inc. and is now held by Signature Flight Support, an affiliate of BBA Group Plc., the acquirer of AMR Combs, Inc. as described in *Liquidity and Capital Resources*, above.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risks

The Company's Canadian operations utilize the Canadian dollar as their functional currency, while the Company's Asian operation utilizes the U.S. dollar as its functional currency. The Company has transactions denominated in Canadian dollars and Philippine pesos. Foreign currency transaction exposure principally arises from the transfer of foreign currency to and/or from U.S. dollars from one subsidiary to another within the Company, and from foreign currency denominated trade receivables. Currency transaction and translation exposures are not hedged. Foreign currency transaction gains and losses are included in earnings, and gains and losses will increase in significance with the growth of the Canadian operations. Unrealized currency translation gains and losses resulting from the translation of foreign subsidiaries balance sheets to U.S. dollars are not recorded as income or expense, but are recognized in the Balance Sheet as other comprehensive income or loss as a component of Stockholders Equity. The Company does have risk principally relating to the translation of accounts in which the Canadian dollar is the functional currency. During the year ended January 31, 2004, the Company experienced an increase in other comprehensive income of \$334,000, due to an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar.

Borrowings of the Company are denominated in U.S. dollars. Management believes that the carrying amount of the Company's borrowings approximates fair value because the interest rates are variable and reset frequently.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

See Index to Financial Statements, which appears on page F-1 hereof.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

The Company's management evaluated, with the participation of First Aviation's principal executive and principal financial officers, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), as of January 31, 2004. Based on their evaluation, First Aviation's principal executive and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of January 31, 2004.

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the Company's fourth fiscal quarter of the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

Other than information with respect to First Aviation's executive officers, which is set forth after Item 4 of Part I of this Form 10-K, the information required to be disclosed pursuant to this Item 10 is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the Company's last fiscal year.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required to be disclosed pursuant to this Item 11 is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the Company's last fiscal year.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management, and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required to be disclosed pursuant to this Item 12 is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the Company's last fiscal year.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

The information required to be disclosed pursuant to this Item 13 is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the Company's last fiscal year.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees & Services

The information required to be disclosed pursuant to this Item 14 is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the Company's last fiscal year.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Documents filed as part of this report:

- (1) Financial Statements: See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements, which appears on Page F-1 hereof.
- (2) Financial Statement Schedule II – Valuation and Qualifying Accounts, which appears on Page F-22 hereof. (All other schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is shown in the Consolidated Financial Statements or the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.)
- (3) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
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| 3.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on December 23, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.1 | Form of Director Indemnification Agreement between the Company and each of its directors (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on December 23, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.2 | Asset Purchase Agreement, dated November 25, 1996, by and between AMR Combs and API (filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on January 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.3 * | First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.4 * | First Aviation Services Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.5 | Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 21, 1996, by and between the Company and FAS Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.24 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.6 | Sublease Agreement, dated as of December 31, 1996, between First Equity and the Company (filed as Exhibit 10.30 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.7 * | Amendment No. 1 to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as exhibit 10.39 to Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference). |
| 10.8 | Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement, dated March 30, 2000, by and between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.43 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference). |

- 10.9 Guaranty, dated as of March 30, 2000, between First Aviation Services Inc. and Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.44 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.10 Second Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of April 27, 2001 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.11 Second Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of April 27, 2001 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.12 Third Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of June 28, 2001 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.13 Third Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of June 28, 2001 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.14 * Amendment No. 2 to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Form S-8 (No. 333-25915) on September 20, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.15 Letter, effective February 1, 2002, by and between First Equity Development Inc. and its affiliates and First Aviation Services Inc. regarding pursuit of acquisition opportunities (filed as Exhibit 10.23 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.16 Engagement Letter between First Equity Development Inc. and its affiliate, FED Securities Inc., and First Aviation Services Inc. effective February 1, 2002 (filed as Exhibit 10.40 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.17 Fourth Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 31, 2002 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.18 Fourth Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of July 31, 2002 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.19 Fifth Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 31, 2003 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.20 Fifth Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of July 31, 2003 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.21 Amendment No. 3 to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.22 * Employment Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2003, between the Company and Robert G. Costantini.

- 10.23 * Form of Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement Letter Pursuant to the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan.
- 10.24 * Officer Indemnification Agreement dated as of October 27, 2003 between the Company and Robert G. Costantini.
- 10.25 * Employment Agreement, dated as of February 2, 2004, between Aerospace Products International, Inc. and Paul J. Fanelli.
- 10.26 * Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of April 5, 2004, between Aerospace Products International, Inc. and Paul J. Fanelli.
- 10.27 * Relocation Agreement, dated as of February 16, 2004, between Aerospace Products International, Inc. and Paul J. Fanelli.
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a).
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a).
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (furnished herewith).
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (furnished herewith).

* Management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

None, except that a Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 15, 2003 was furnished, announcing under Item 12, the Company's third quarter results for the quarterly period ended October 31, 2003.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has fully caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized on April 29, 2004.

FIRST AVIATION SERVICES INC.

By: /s/ Robert G. Costantini
Robert G. Costantini
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Aaron P. Hollander</u> Aaron P. Hollander	Chairman of the Board	April 29, 2004
<u>/s/ Michael C. Culver</u> Michael C. Culver	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	April 29, 2004
<u>/s/ Stanley J. Hill</u> Stanley J. Hill	Director	April 29, 2004
<u>/s/ Robert L. Kirk</u> Robert L. Kirk	Director	April 29, 2004
<u>/s/ Joseph J. Lhota</u> Joseph J. Lhota	Director	April 29, 2004

First Aviation Services Inc.

Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
First Aviation Services Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of First Aviation Services Inc. as of January 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2004. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)2. These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards 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. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of First Aviation Services Inc. at January 31, 2004 and 2003, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for goodwill effective February 1, 2002.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Stamford, Connecticut
April 28, 2004

First Aviation Services Inc.

Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except share amounts)

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,144	\$ 26,013
Trade receivables, net	13,499	13,739
Inventories, net	22,344	20,617
Prepaid expenses and other	1,032	1,033
Total current assets	62,019	61,402
Plant and equipment, net	2,963	3,639
	\$ 64,982	\$ 65,041
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,561	\$ 10,324
Accrued compensation and related expenses	1,116	1,060
Other accrued liabilities	1,260	1,009
Income taxes payable	939	1,009
Current obligations under capital leases	-	4
Total current liabilities	12,876	13,406
Long-term debt	14,500	14,500
Minority interest in subsidiary	1,041	1,041
Total liabilities	28,417	28,947
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, 9,135,699 shares issued	91	91
Additional paid-in capital	38,375	38,445
Retained earnings	7,554	7,543
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	238	(96)
	46,258	45,983
Less: Treasury stock, at cost, 1,851,606 and 1,884,989 shares, respectively	(9,693)	(9,889)
Total stockholders' equity	36,565	36,094
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 64,982	\$ 65,041

See accompanying notes.

First Aviation Services Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Net sales	\$ 105,777	\$ 101,737	\$ 105,696
Cost of sales	86,241	83,264	86,680
Gross profit	19,536	18,473	19,016
Selling, general and administrative expenses	17,032	17,656	16,896
Corporate expenses	2,625	2,394	2,628
Litigation income	-	-	(735)
Income (loss) from operations	(121)	(1,577)	227
Interest income	154	273	592
Interest and other expenses	(5)	(67)	(291)
Minority interest in subsidiary	(42)	(42)	(42)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(14)	(1,413)	486
(Provision) benefit for income taxes	25	(1,786)	(194)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change	11	(3,199)	292
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	-	-	960
Cumulative effect of accounting change	-	(2,735)	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
<i>Basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share - assuming dilution:</i>			
Income (loss) from continuing operations before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$0.00	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.04
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	-	-	0.13
Cumulative effect of accounting change	-	(0.38)	-
Basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share - assuming dilution	\$0.00	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.17
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	7,267,368	7,224,532	7,197,941
Weighted average shares outstanding - assuming dilution	7,281,598	7,224,532	7,208,725

See accompanying notes.

First Aviation Services Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (in thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		Treasury Stock	Total
	Number of Shares	Amount	Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount		
<i>Balances at January 31, 2001</i>	7,184,704	\$ 91	\$ 38,625	\$ 19,476	\$ -	\$ 58,192	\$ (10,360)	\$ 47,832	
Shares issued to directors	30,149	-	(109)	-	-	(109)	241	132	
Common shares repurchased	(1,100)	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	(5)	
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(193)	(193)	-	(193)	
Net income	-	-	-	1,252	-	1,252	-	1,252	
<i>Balances at January 31, 2002</i>	7,213,753	91	38,516	20,728	(193)	59,142	(10,124)	49,018	
Exercise of stock options to purchase common shares	10,800	-	-	-	-	-	63	63	
Shares issued under qualified plans and to directors	26,157	-	(71)	-	-	(71)	172	101	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	97	97	-	97	
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(7,251)	-	(7,251)	-	(7,251)	
Net loss	-	-	-	(5,934)	-	(5,934)	-	(5,934)	
<i>Balances at January 31, 2003</i>	7,250,710	\$ 91	\$ 38,445	\$ 7,543	\$ (96)	\$ 45,983	\$ (9,889)	\$ 36,094	
Shares issued under qualified plans and to directors	33,383	-	(70)	-	-	(70)	196	126	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	334	334	-	334	
Net Income	-	-	-	11	-	11	-	11	
<i>Balances at January 31, 2004</i>	7,284,093	\$ 91	\$ 38,375	\$ 7,554	\$ 238	\$ 46,258	\$ (9,693)	\$ 36,565	

See accompanying notes.

First Aviation Services Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net income (loss)	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating activities - non cash expense (income):			
Depreciation and amortization	1,101	1,372	1,399
Deferred income taxes	-	1,786	-
Compensation paid through issuance of stock	121	104	112
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries	-	-	(960)
Cumulative effect of accounting change	-	2,735	-
(Increase) decrease in working capital assets:			
Trade receivables	416	2,418	467
Inventories	(1,561)	2,399	1,708
Prepaid expenses and other assets	10	421	(73)
Increase (decrease) in working capital liabilities:			
Accounts payable	(775)	(1,140)	(2,032)
Other accrued liabilities	188	(685)	-
Income taxes payable	(70)	(87)	-
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(559)</u>	<u>3,389</u>	<u>1,873</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of plant and equipment and other assets	(484)	(925)	(683)
Proceeds from disposals of plant and equipment and other assets	70	-	-
Purchase of assets from Superior, including acquisition costs	-	-	(5,028)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(414)</u>	<u>(925)</u>	<u>(5,711)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net borrowings (repayments) on long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(4)	(476)	3,076
Dividends paid	-	(7,251)	-
Repurchases of common stock for treasury and other	5	60	20
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>1</u>	<u>(7,667)</u>	<u>3,096</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	103	103	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (869)</u>	<u>\$ (5,100)</u>	<u>\$ (742)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	26,013	31,113	31,855
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>\$ 25,144</u>	<u>\$ 26,013</u>	<u>\$ 31,113</u>
Supplemental cash flow disclosures			
Cash paid for:			
Interest	\$ 61	\$ 54	\$ 130
Income taxes (refunded) paid, net	<u>\$ 124</u>	<u>\$ (322)</u>	<u>\$ (748)</u>

See accompanying notes.

First Aviation Services Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

1. Business and Basis of Presentation

First Aviation Services Inc. ("First Aviation"), through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Aircraft Products International, Ltd., API Asia Pacific, Inc., and its majority-owned subsidiary, Aerospace Products International, Inc. ("API"), (collectively the "Company"), is one of the premier suppliers of products and services to the aerospace industry worldwide, including the provisioning of aircraft parts and components, and supply chain management services. The Company also performs overhaul and repair services for brakes and starter/generators, and builds custom hose assemblies. The Company has its headquarters in Westport, Connecticut.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of First Aviation and its subsidiaries. Significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

First Aviation was formed in March 1995 to acquire the capital stock of National Airmotive Corporation ("NAC"). On March 5, 1997, the Company completed an initial public offering of its common stock. A portion of the proceeds was used to acquire API's business from AMR Combs, Inc. ("AMR Combs").

As described in Note 9, during the year ended January 31, 2003 the Company changed its accounting for goodwill and, accordingly, reported the net cumulative effect of the accounting change separately in the consolidated statements of operations.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and the differences may be significant.

Net Sales, Cost of Sales, and Trade Receivables

The Company's net sales consist of sales of products and services, including aircraft parts and components, component overhaul and repair services, and supply chain management services. Net sales are recorded when parts and components are shipped and title transfers to the customer, when overhaul and repair services are completed and the item is shipped back to the customer, or when supply chain management services have been provided to the customer. Shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales. The terms and nature of supply chain management services provided are stipulated in a long-term contract between the Company and the customer. The Company provides its facilities, personnel and systems to provide cost effective services to the customer. In providing services where the Company distributes inventory on behalf of its customer, the Company may use its own inventory or hold its customers' inventory without taking ownership of such inventory. In cases where the Company does not take ownership of its customers' inventory, net sales generally are recognized as a fee based on the sales value of the product shipped through the Company's facilities, and not the sales value of the product itself.

Cost of sales consists of costs of inventory sold, costs to overhaul and repair parts and components, and direct costs of providing services.

Sales to unaffiliated foreign customers were approximately 22%, 18% and 17% of net sales for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The majority of these customers were located in Canada, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Europe.

The Company provides credit in the form of trade accounts receivable to its customers. The Company generally does not require collateral to support domestic customer receivables. Receivables arising from export activities may be supported by foreign credit insurance. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and maintains allowances that management believes are adequate for potential credit losses. During the year ended January 31, 2003, due to continued deteriorating economic conditions, especially in the aerospace industry, the Company recorded a charge of \$804 to increase its allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$1,418 and \$1,656, at January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Shipping and Handling Revenues and Costs

Fees billed to customers associated with shipping and handling activities are classified as revenue, and costs associated with shipping and handling, are classified as part of cost of sales. Previously, shipping and handling costs were included in selling, general and administrative expenses. For the year ended January 31, 2003 the Company first classified costs associated with shipping and handling as part of cost of sales. These costs have been reclassified to cost of sales for the prior period presented.

Stock Based Compensation and Stock Options Issued to Employees

In lieu of cash, the Company's directors elect to receive their compensation in the form of the Company's stock. The value of stock issued is equivalent to the compensation expense, and the number of shares issued is based upon the fair market value per share at the date issued.

The Company generally grants stock options to its employees for a fixed number of shares with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the stock on the date of grant. As permitted under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. ("FAS") 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", the Company has elected to follow Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees", and related interpretations in accounting for stock awards to employees. No compensation expense was recognized during the years ending January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 since all grants were issued at the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant.

The Company is required to disclose the fair value, as defined, of options granted to employees and the related compensation expense. The fair value of the stock options granted was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. In management's opinion, because the Company's employee stock options are not publicly traded, and have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its employee stock options.

The fair value of each option issued was estimated at the date of grant using the following assumptions for the years ended January 31:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Expected dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Risk-free interest rate	1.9%	2.5%	4.0%
Expected volatility	37.8%	37.4%	41.9%
Expected life of option	5.0 years	5.0 years	4.0 years
Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.64

Using the above noted assumptions and the weighted-average fair value of each option granted, the following shows the Company's results if the fair value of options issued had been recorded as an expense.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Net income (loss) as reported	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
Pro forma net compensation expense for issuance of stock options	<u>42</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>122</u>
Pro forma net income (loss)	<u>\$ (31)</u>	<u>\$ (6,229)</u>	<u>\$ 1,130</u>
<i>Basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share - assuming dilution as reported</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.82)	\$ 0.17
<i>Pro forma basic net income (loss) per share, and net income (loss) per share - assuming dilution</i>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ (0.86)</u>	<u>\$ 0.16</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at any time may consist of a combination of demand deposits, money market or short-term, high-grade bond funds and short-term certificates of deposit purchased with original maturities of less than three months.

Inventories

Inventories generally consist of aircraft parts and components and are stated at the lower of cost or market, using the first-in, first-out method. Provisions are made in each period for the estimated effect of obsolete and slow moving inventories. Actual obsolete and slow moving inventories may differ significantly from such estimates, and such differences could be material to the financial statements. The allowance for obsolete and slow moving inventory was \$1,013 and \$997, at January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying values of current assets and liabilities approximate fair value due to the short-term maturities of these assets and liabilities. The carrying amount of the Company's borrowings under its revolving credit agreements approximates fair value, as these obligations have interest rates which vary in conjunction with current market conditions. The carrying amount of the minority interest in subsidiary represents API preferred stock, at face value, which management believes adequately provides for its potential future repurchase.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are stated at cost, less an allowance for depreciation. Additions and improvements that materially increase the productive capacity or extend the useful life of an asset are added to the cost of the asset. Expenditures for normal maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

Depreciation of plant and equipment is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 3 to 15 years. Leasehold improvements generally are amortized over the shorter of the estimated life of the improvement or the term of the related lease.

Goodwill

In prior years, goodwill consisted of the excess of the purchase price of API and Superior over the fair value of the net assets acquired. As described in Note 9, all goodwill was written off during the three months ended April 30, 2002 upon the required adoption of an accounting change. Amortization expense was \$65 for the year ended January 31, 2002.

Long-Lived Assets

During the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company adopted FAS 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets". Under FAS 144, an impairment loss must be recognized when the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. In the event that the carrying amounts of long-lived assets may be impaired, an assessment of recoverability must be performed. The assessment process consists of comparing the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset to the asset's carrying amount to determine if a write-down is required. If this review process indicates that the asset will not be recoverable, the carrying value of the asset must be reduced to its estimated realizable value. The adoption of FAS 144 had no effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company. No asset impairments were recorded during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002.

Principal Suppliers

API has five suppliers of parts and components from which approximately 45%, 49% and 53% of its total purchases were made during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Accounts payable to these vendors totaled \$2,152 and \$2,531 at January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. An inability to maintain timely access to parts and components from these vendors on commercially reasonable terms would have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated business, financial condition and results of operations.

Income Taxes

The Company uses the liability method to account for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities, and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. The Company records valuation allowances against deferred tax assets as deemed necessary. As described in Note 6, during the year ended January 31, 2003 the Company recorded a charge of \$1,993 to establish a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) arose from the translation of accounts into U.S. dollars where the functional currency is the Canadian dollar. The increase in other comprehensive income during the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, was due to an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar. Comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, was as follows:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Net income (loss) as reported	\$ 11	\$ (5,934)	\$ 1,252
Pro forma net impact of foreign currency translation adjustments – gain (loss)	<u>334</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>(193)</u>
Comprehensive net income (loss)	<u>\$ 345</u>	<u>\$ (5,837)</u>	<u>\$ 1,059</u>

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

3. Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment consist of the following:

	January 31,	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Machinery and equipment	\$ 1,982	\$ 2,025
Buildings and leasehold improvements	1,236	1,219
Computer equipment, software, office furniture, fixtures and other office equipment	6,147	5,681
Construction-in-process	<u>153</u>	<u>184</u>
	9,518	9,109
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,555)</u>	<u>(5,470)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,963</u>	<u>\$ 3,639</u>

In years ending prior to January 31, 2004, certain equipment had been pledged as collateral under capital leases. Amortization of these assets was included in depreciation and amortization.

4. Obligations Under Capital Leases and Long-Term Debt

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Current obligations under capital leases	\$ -	\$ 4
Long-term debt - revolving line of credit	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500

API has a \$20,000 revolving line of credit through a Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement (the "Facility"). Borrowings under this Facility bear interest equal to the LIBOR rate plus 1.5% and are limited to specified percentages of eligible trade receivables and inventories of API. The Facility contains a number of covenants, including restrictions on mergers, consolidations and acquisitions, the incurrence of indebtedness, transactions with affiliates, the creation of liens, and limitations on capital expenditures. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Facility, the payment of dividends on API's common stock is prohibited, except with the lender's consent, and API is required to maintain minimum levels of net worth and specified interest expense coverage ratios. Substantially all of API's domestic assets are pledged as collateral under the Facility, and First Aviation guarantees all borrowings under the Facility. Borrowings under the Facility were \$14,500 at January 31, 2004, at an interest rate of approximately 2.6%. An additional total of approximately \$3.1 million was available to borrow under the Facility at January 31, 2004. In February 2004, the Company repaid \$13,500 of the debt outstanding. Effective July 31, 2003, API extended the maturity date of the Facility to July 1, 2005 from July 1, 2004. The extension of the agreement was on the same terms and conditions as the prior Facility. As a result of the extension, borrowings under the Facility continue to be classified as long-term. Management believes that the carrying amount of the Company's borrowings approximates fair value because the interest rate is variable and resets frequently.

For the year ended January 31, 2003, the Company had leased certain equipment under leases that had been classified as capital leases. The obligations under the capital leases were recorded at the net present value of the future minimum lease payments. All such obligations due within one year from the balance sheet date are therefore classified as current. Interest expense on the obligations was recorded as incurred.

5. Stockholders' Equity

The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). Under the ESPP, 250,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance. With certain limitations, the plan allows for eligible employees to purchase stock through payroll deductions at 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the Company's common stock as of the first day of each semi-annual offering period or the fair market value of the stock at the end of the offering period. The Company issued 1,283 and 3,640 shares from treasury stock to employees under the ESPP during the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. At January 31, 2004, 187,845 shares were available for purchase under the ESPP.

The Company also has a Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock grants and stock purchase rights. The Company's shareholders voted at the 2003 annual meeting to approve the increase in the number of shares available under the Plan. On September 12, 2003, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-8 to register 200,000 additional shares of common stock, for issuance pursuant to awards under the Plan. Subsequently, a total of 1,200,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under the Plan. Only employee stock options and shares issued to directors have been issued under the Plan.

All of the stock options vest ratably over two to five-year periods, beginning one year after the date of the grant, and expire ten years after issuance. Since the exercise price of all of the options granted during the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 was at or above the fair market value per share of the Company's common stock at the dates of grant, no compensation expense relating to stock options was recorded. At January 31, 2004, options for 753,500 shares (after forfeitures) had been issued under the Plan. The following table is a summary of activity related to stock options for the respective years ended January 31,:

	2004		2003		2002	
	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year	598,200	\$ 5.18	389,000	\$ 5.36	375,500	\$ 6.16
Granted	115,000	3.21	220,000	4.82	198,500	4.36
Exercised	-	-	(10,800)	4.31	-	-
Forfeited	(120,500)	4.49	-	-	(185,000)	5.90
Outstanding at end of year	<u>592,700</u>	<u>\$ 4.94</u>	<u>598,200</u>	<u>\$ 5.18</u>	<u>389,000</u>	<u>\$ 5.36</u>
Exercisable at end of year	<u>314,368</u>	<u>\$ 5.59</u>	<u>258,864</u>	<u>\$ 5.14</u>	<u>155,249</u>	<u>\$ 6.57</u>

The following table is a summary of information about stock options outstanding at January 31, 2004:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable	
	Number Of Options	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted-Actual Average Exercise Price	Number of Options	Weighted-Actual Average Exercise Price
\$2.74 – 6.00	542,700	7.6 years	\$ 4.47	264,368	\$ 4.75
10.00	50,000	3.4 years	10.00	50,000	10.00
<u>\$2.74 - \$10.00</u>	<u>592,700</u>	<u>7.2 years</u>	<u>\$ 4.94</u>	<u>314,368</u>	<u>\$ 5.59</u>

All of the Company's current directors elected to receive their compensation for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 paid in the form of shares of the Company's common stock. The fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of issuance was charged to expense with a corresponding decrease to treasury stock and additional paid-in capital. Such compensation expense totaled \$121, \$104 and \$109, and the number of shares issued was 32,100, 22,517 and 25,452 for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. A total of 117,404 shares have been issued to directors under the Plan.

At January 31, 2004, 329,096 shares were available to be issued under the Plan.

On January 6, 2003, the Company announced that its Board of Directors, in light of the Company's cash position, had approved a special cash dividend of \$1.00 per share. The dividend was paid on January 30, 2003. The total paid was \$7,251. The Company previously had not declared nor paid any cash dividends or distributions on its common stock since its inception in 1997.

In a series of authorizations commencing November 3, 1999, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program of up to 2,118,817 shares of the Company's common stock. The repurchases have been funded from a portion of the proceeds from the sale of NAC, and were made from time to time in open market transactions, block purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise at prices prevailing at the time of the repurchase.

During the year ended January 31, 2002, the Company repurchased 1,100 shares of its common stock. The aggregate share repurchases since the repurchase program began totaled 2,024,498 shares at January 31, 2002. The aggregate cost of the common shares repurchased was approximately \$10,708, or \$5.29 per share at January 31, 2002. Approximately 94,000 shares still may be repurchased under this program.

In conjunction with the API acquisition, AMR Combs purchased 10,407 shares of API Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value (the "Preferred Stock"), at a price of \$100 per share. Total adjusted proceeds to the Company were \$1,041. This transaction has been accounted for as minority interest in subsidiary in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Dividends are payable on a quarterly basis on the Preferred Stock at an annual rate of \$4.00 per share; accordingly, dividends of \$42 were paid during each of the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and have been reflected as minority interest in subsidiary in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. The Preferred Stock is convertible into ten percent of the common stock of API as of the date of conversion, prior to any dilution to the Preferred Stock.

Also in conjunction with the API acquisition, First Aviation, API and AMR Combs entered into a Stockholders Agreement. Pursuant to this agreement, API has the right to redeem the Preferred Stock at any time. Subject to certain terms and conditions, AMR Combs has the right to cause the Company to repurchase the Preferred Stock. The redemption price is equal to the fair market value of the Preferred Stock as determined by an independent appraisal. The Stockholders Agreement also contains certain other rights, including: (i) a right of first refusal on the part of First Aviation with respect to any proposed sale of the Preferred Stock; (ii) the right of First Aviation to require AMR Combs to participate, on a pro rata basis, with it in the sale of the capital stock of API to a third party; (iii) the right of AMR Combs to elect to participate, on a pro rata basis, in the sale of the capital stock of API to a third party; and (iv) piggyback and demand registration rights granted to AMR Combs with respect to the Preferred Stock. The demand registration rights became exercisable in March 2000. If API has not previously closed an underwritten public offering of its common stock at the time AMR Combs elects to exercise its demand registration rights, API may elect to treat the demand as an exercise by AMR Combs of its put option with respect to the Preferred Stock. There are no plans to cause API to conduct a public offering of its securities.

On March 5, 1999, AMR Combs was acquired by Signature Flight Support, an affiliate of BBA Group Plc.

6. Income Taxes

The provision (benefit) for income taxes on continuing operations is as follows:

	<u>Year ended January 31,</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Current:			
Federal & Foreign	\$ 68	\$ -	\$ 236
State	-	-	(42)
	<u>68</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194</u>
Deferred:			
Federal	\$ (93)	\$ 1,760	\$ -
State	-	26	-
	<u>(93)</u>	<u>1,786</u>	<u>-</u>
Total provision (benefit)	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$ 1,786</u>	<u>\$ 194</u>

A reconciliation between the income tax provision (benefit) computed at the U.S. federal statutory rate and the effective rate reflected in the consolidated statements of operations is as follows:

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Provision (benefit) at federal statutory rate	(34.0)%	(34.0)%	34.0%
State tax (benefit), net of federal	(29.3)	(1.8)	(7.9)
Foreign tax provision, net of federal	314.1	-	-
Non-deductible items	328.3	3.0	13.8
Prior year and other items	(2,743.4)	18.2	-
Deferred tax valuation allowance	1,985.7	141.0	-
	(178.6)%	126.4%	39.9%

Deferred tax assets result from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expenses for tax and financial statement purposes. These differences are set forth below:

	January 31,	
	2004	2003
Financial statement accruals not currently deductible for income tax purposes, tax goodwill basis in excess of book, and net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 2,271	\$ 1,993
	2,271	1,993
Valuation allowance	(2,271)	(1,993)
Net deferred income tax assets	\$ -	\$ -

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004, the Company recorded a net benefit from income taxes of \$25. The benefit was from a \$93 credit from a U.S. federal refund received that is offset by foreign income tax expense of \$68, for operations in Canada and the Philippines. The accrual for the refund received was offset in its entirety by the valuation reserve that had been recorded by the Company during the prior year, but changes to U.S. federal income tax regulations during the current fiscal year just ended allowed the Company to carry back the benefit to prior years, and receive a refund. The effective rate of (178.6%) for the year ended January 31, 2004 is the result of the tax benefit from the U.S. federal refund received, state tax benefits and changes in the deferred tax valuation allowance due primarily to depreciation expenses. The Company also increased the valuation reserve for the year ended January 31, 2004, by \$278, against deferred tax assets resulting from temporary differences. The Company has net operating loss carryforwards totaling approximately \$1,235 for federal income tax purposes. The carryforwards expire in 2023 and 2024.

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2003, the Company incurred a pre-tax loss for the full fiscal year. The Company had incurred a cumulative loss over the prior three years. This cumulative loss triggered certain provisions under FAS 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", that required the Company to re-evaluate its deferred income tax assets. As a result, the Company took a charge of \$1,993 to establish a valuation allowance against its deferred income tax assets since, under the provisions of FAS 109, a greater emphasis is placed on three-year cumulative losses as an indicator of the Company's ability to realize its deferred income tax assets than the potential for future income. The valuation allowance will be reversed in future years if financial results increase sufficiently to support the net book value of the assets. The increase in the deferred tax asset is due principally to the benefit from the Company's write-off of its goodwill. Based upon a number of factors, including the nature of the temporary differences and the timing of their reversal, the Company believed that the utilization of the deferred tax benefit at January 31, 2002 was more likely than not; therefore, a valuation reserve was not provided in that year.

7. Employee Benefits Plan

API maintains a defined contribution savings plan, qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, that covers substantially all of its full-time employees. The savings plan allows employees to defer up to 15 percent of their salary, with the Company partially matching employee contributions. Employees vest in the Company contribution ratably over three years. The Company expensed \$167, \$195 and \$171 related to the savings plan in the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Employees do not have an option to invest in the Company's stock under the savings plan.

8. Related Parties

Effective February 1, 2002, the Company and First Equity Development Inc. ("First Equity"), the wholly-owned subsidiary of First Equity Group, Inc., the majority stockholder of the Company, entered into a two-year agreement relating to the allocation of potential investment and acquisition opportunities in the aerospace parts distribution and logistics businesses. The agreement was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors, and was renewed on a month-to-month basis effective February 1, 2004. Pursuant to the agreement, First Equity agreed that neither First Equity nor any of its majority-owned subsidiaries would consummate any acquisition of a majority interest in any business anywhere in the world (a "Covered Acquisition"), without first notifying the Company and providing the Company with the opportunity to choose to effect the Covered Acquisition for its own account. The Company's decision as to whether to effect the Covered Acquisition will be made by the independent members of the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement is subject to early termination in the event First Equity reduces its ownership interest in the Company to less than 10% of the Company's outstanding voting securities. The agreement does not apply to any proposed acquisition by First Equity of any business that generates less than 15% of its aggregate net sales from aerospace parts distribution or logistics, nor to any advisory services performed by First Equity on behalf of third parties.

Effective February 1, 2002, the Company entered into a two-year advisory agreement with First Equity. The advisory agreement was approved by the independent members of the Board of Directors, and was renewed on a month-to-month basis effective February 1, 2004. Pursuant to the terms of this agreement, First Equity provides the Company with investment and financial advisory services relating to potential acquisitions and other financial transactions. The Company pays First Equity a \$30 monthly retainer, and reimburses First Equity for its out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, upon the successful completion of certain transactions, the Company will pay a fee to First Equity (the "Success Fee"). The amount of any Success Fee will be established by the independent members of the Board of Directors and will be dependent upon a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the services provided and the size and the type of transaction. Up to one year's worth of retainer fees paid can be applied as a credit against any Success Fee, subject to certain limitations. During each of the years ended January 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, the Company paid First Equity retainer fees of \$360, and no Success Fee. During the year ended January 31, 2002 the Company paid First Equity retainer fees of \$340, as First Equity voluntarily reduced the amount of its retainer fees for the four months ended January 31, 2002, and no Success Fee. The agreement can be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice to the other party.

The Company and First Equity have entered into an arrangement whereby First Equity provides the Company with various additional services to assist the Company. These services are not part of the advisory agreement, described above, but derive from the work First Equity performs under the agreement. Therefore, First Equity does not charge the Company additional fees in connection with the provision of such services. These services include (i) detailed financial modeling for new business proposals, (ii) Board of Directors presentation analysis, (iii) investor relations marketing and presentations, (iv) various analysis for API, including benchmarking, financial analysis, and competitive market analyses, and (v) other financial analyses for the Company, including stock buy-back, valuations, and capital structure analyses. The Company's CEO and CFO have unlimited access to these resources when requested.

The Company subleases from First Equity approximately 3,000 square feet of office space in Westport, Connecticut. The leased space is utilized by the Company as its corporate headquarters. First Equity also utilizes space in the same

premises. The sublease, which became effective April 21, 1997, is for a period of ten years, and is cancelable by either party with six months notice. The Company has the option to renew the sublease for two additional five-year periods. Lease payments under this sublease totaled approximately \$80, \$83, and \$91, for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

The Company and First Equity share certain common expenses that arise from sharing office space in Westport, CT. The Company reimburses First Equity and vice versa, for expenses each entity incurs related to the common usage of the office space. The allocation of such expenses is based on a methodology approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors on a pre-determined basis. The amounts are included in the Company's corporate expenses, and include expenses such as telephone, computer consulting, office cleaning, office supplies and utilities. Common expenses are approved by the Company and First Equity, prior to expenditure, when not of a recurring nature. The allocations are reviewed by the Company's CFO and the Controller of First Equity each month. In addition, a member of the Company's audit committee reviews the allocation of expenses quarterly. In addition, a member of the Company's Audit Committee Reviews the allocation of expenses quarterly. Some business development expenses, such as joint marketing expenses and business organizational dues, are shared on an equal basis. In addition, the amounts of expenses are reimbursed by the Company to First Equity in the amount of the actual costs incurred for Company expenses, without a markup of any kind. These expenses average approximately \$5 per month.

In order to simplify the administration of payroll, certain employees of the Company who are authorized to perform services for both the Company and First Equity are paid through the payroll of First Equity. Employees of the Company who work exclusively for the Company by agreement are paid through the payroll of API, the Company's principal subsidiary.

The Company paid Imtek, an affiliate of First Equity, approximately \$29 for printing, insertion, and mailing services, for the year ended January 31, 2004 and approximately \$37 per year in each of the years ended January 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, for printing, insertion and mailing services, and reimbursed Imtek for actual expenses incurred. These services were cancelled during the year ended January 31, 2004.

The Company paid an employee of Skip Barber Racing Inc., an affiliate of First Equity, during the year ended January 31, 2004, \$22 to reimburse such affiliate for the use of the affiliates' in-house counsel, for services performed exclusively for the Company.

In the year ended January 31, 2004, a family member of an executive of the Company was paid salary and bonus of approximately \$110 as an employee of a subsidiary of the Company.

9. Accounting Change

During the first quarter ended April 30, 2002, the Company adopted FAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". Pursuant to FAS 142, goodwill is not amortized but is tested periodically for impairment using discounted cash flows and other fair value methodologies. Upon adoption of FAS 142, the Company was required to perform transitional impairment tests relating to its goodwill and other intangibles existing as of February 1, 2002, the date of adoption. As a result, upon adoption of FAS 142, the Company took a one-time, non-cash charge of \$2,735, net of applicable income tax benefit of \$922, or \$0.38 per share, to write-off the carrying value of its goodwill. No charge was required under previous generally accepted accounting principles, which were based upon undiscounted cash flows.

The adoption of FAS 142 represented a change in accounting principle, and the cumulative effect, net of the applicable income tax benefit, has been shown on a separate line in the consolidated statements of operations. The effective rate of the income tax benefit on the charge was approximately 25%. The difference between the effective income tax rate and the statutory rate was due to differences in book and income tax bases of the assets.

10. Acquisition of Superior

On August 10, 2001 the Company completed the acquisition of the distribution business of Superior for \$4,614 in cash. Pursuant to the terms of the acquisition, the Company acquired the distribution business of Superior, including four distribution centers, approximately \$2,945 of inventory and equipment, and was named a worldwide distributor for Superior's product line of replacement parts for certain aircraft engines. The Company also entered into a five-year service agreement with Superior whereby the Company provides Superior with a variety of supply chain management services for a fee based on the scope of services provided. The purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired, principally inventory, based upon their relative fair values. The excess of the purchase price paid over the fair value of the assets acquired, approximately \$2,242, was allocated to goodwill. In addition, the Company recorded approximately \$573 of accruals to cover the estimated costs to complete the acquisition and execute its plan to close the four distribution centers and consolidate facilities. Approximately \$386 of the accruals were paid prior to the year ended January 31, 2002. Substantially all of the remaining accruals were utilized during the year ending January 31, 2003.

The net incremental sales and gross profit from the Superior acquisition were not significant to consolidated results for the year ended January 31, 2002.

11. Gain from Dispositions of Subsidiaries

Details of the gain from dispositions of subsidiaries, are as follows:

	Year ended January 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
Gain from dispositions of subsidiaries:			
AeroV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191
NAC	-	-	769
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 960</u>

AeroV

In February 2000 the Company established AeroV. The purpose of AeroV was to design a proprietary electronic procurement platform to enable electronic communication between the Internet and airlines' legacy systems, in order to reduce supply chain costs. In December 2000 the Board of Directors of the Company reassessed its strategic position with respect to AeroV, and approved a plan to sell or dispose AeroV.

In connection with the disposition of AeroV, the Company had accrued \$660 pre-tax for certain transaction, legal and other costs directly relating to the disposition. During the year ended January 31, 2002, \$306 was charged against the accruals and the Company reversed \$298 of accruals no longer needed. This reversal, net of a provision for income taxes of \$107, for a net credit of \$191, was included in gain from dispositions of subsidiaries in the year ended January 31, 2002. At January 31, 2002, \$56 of the accruals remained. The accruals were completely utilized during the year ended January 31, 2003.

NAC

On November 1, 1999, the Company consummated the sale of the stock of NAC to Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. ("RRNA") for \$73,000 in cash, subject to adjustment, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement between First Aviation Services Inc. and Rolls-Royce North America, Inc. dated as of September 9, 1999 (the "Agreement"). During the year ended January 31, 2001, the sales price was adjusted down to \$70,950 to reflect a decrease in the net book value of the net assets sold. The difference was repaid to RRNA and had been accrued previously. NAC's operations included the repair and overhaul of gas turbine engines and accessories, and the remanufacturing of engine components and accessories.

Pursuant to the Agreement, RRNA acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of NAC, excluding income tax liabilities, debt, amounts due to parent (First Aviation) and any contingent liabilities resulting from NAC's previous liquidation of its former qualified defined retirement benefit plan (the "NAC Plan").

The Company recorded a net gain from the disposition of NAC during the year ended January 31, 2000. Included in the net gain on disposition the Company accrued \$3,700 for estimated transaction and other costs directly relating to the sale, excluding the estimated sales price adjustment. In addition, the Company accrued \$600 for estimated liabilities under the NAC Plan, whose liquidation had been audited by the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, and who had challenged the amount paid to liquidate the NAC Plan (collectively, the "Accruals").

First Aviation had been liable, without limitation, for any and all income taxes that might have been imposed upon NAC for all taxable periods ending on or prior to the date of sale.

Both First Aviation and RRNA were liable, without limitation, for any losses incurred relating to any breach of any representation or warranty made in the Agreement, and for any loss that occurs relating to matters specifically retained by the parties.

On February 28, 2001, the day prior to the expiration of most of the Company's representations and warranties under the Agreement, RRNA filed a \$10 million claim for indemnification with the American Arbitration Association. The claim sought indemnification under provisions of the Agreement relating to environmental and non-environmental covenants and representations. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Company's liability for indemnification claims had been limited to \$5 million for environmental and \$5 million for non-environmental claims (with limited exceptions related to taxes and other specified items).

On May 15, 2001, the Company and RRNA reached an agreement releasing the Company from any claim, cause of action or liability of any nature whatsoever which has arisen, or thereafter may arise from any covenant, negligence, representation, warranty, indemnity, transaction, failure, omission or communication under the Agreement, and the arbitration was discontinued. In addition, RRNA assumed any exposure from the liquidation of the NAC Plan.

During the year ended January 31, 2002, the Company reversed \$1,242 of the Accruals that were deemed unnecessary. The net credit of \$769, after applicable income taxes of \$473, was included in gain on dispositions of subsidiaries. At January 31, 2002, \$57 of the Accruals remained relating to the sale of NAC. The Accruals were completely utilized during the year ended January 31, 2003.

12. Net Income (Loss) per Share

The following sets forth the denominator used in the computation of basic earnings per share and earnings per share - assuming dilution.

	<u>Years ended January 31,</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Denominator for basic net income (loss) per share – weighted average shares	<u>7,267,368</u>	7,224,532	7,197,941
Effect of dilutive warrants and employee stock options	<u>14,230</u>	N/A	<u>10,784</u>
Denominator for net income (loss) per share – assuming dilution – adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	<u>7,281,598</u>	<u>7,224,532</u>	<u>7,208,725</u>

For the year ended January 31, 2003, the denominator used in the calculation of loss per share from continuing operations – assuming dilution, was the same as the denominator used for basic loss per share because the effect of warrants and options would have been antidilutive.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

The Company leases certain warehouse facilities, equipment and office space. Certain of the Company's operating leases have options which allow the Company, at the end of the initial lease term, to renew the leases for periods ranging from three to five years. Certain lease agreements also contain escalation clauses that are based on the consumer price index. Future minimum rental payments under operating leases that have initial noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of January 31, 2004 are as follows:

Year ending January 31, 2005	\$ 931
Year ending January 31, 2006	746
Year ending January 31, 2007	757
Year ending January 31, 2008	729
Year ending January 31, 2009	636
Thereafter	1,913
	<u>\$ 5,712</u>

Future minimum rental payments for the years ended January 31, 2005 through January 31, 2006 are net of sublease income of \$35. Rental expense under noncancelable operating leases amounted to \$1,031, \$982, and \$918 for the years ended January 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is subject to many levels of governmental inquiry and investigation. Among the agencies that oversee the Company's business activities are the Federal Aviation Administration, the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Company does not anticipate that any action as a result of such inquiries and investigations would have a material adverse affect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or its ability to conduct business.

In the normal conduct of its business, the Company also is involved in various claims and lawsuits, none of which, in the opinion of the Company's management, will have a material adverse impact on the Company's consolidated financial position. The Company maintains what it believes is adequate liability and other insurance to protect it from such claims. However, depending on the amount and timing, unfavorable resolution of any of these matters could have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows in a particular period.

During the fourth quarter ended January 31, 2002, the Company settled litigation previously initiated against Gulf Insurance Company for a cash payment to the Company of \$950. The income was shown separately net of associated legal expenses on the consolidated statements of operations for the year ended January 31, 2002.

14. Quarterly Financial Information (unaudited)

	<u>First Quarter</u>	<u>Second Quarter</u>	<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Fourth Quarter</u>
<i>Year ended January 31, 2004</i>				
Net sales	\$ 25,605	\$ 25,278	\$ 27,756	\$ 27,138
Gross profit	4,875	4,807	5,106	4,748
Net income (loss)	120	(220)	17	94
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.01

	<u>First Quarter</u>	<u>Second Quarter</u>	<u>Third Quarter</u>	<u>Fourth Quarter (1)</u>
<i>Year ended January 31, 2003</i>				
Net sales	\$ 24,998	\$ 26,165	\$ 26,611	\$ 23,963
Gross profit	4,674	4,924	5,131	3,744
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting change	78	(145)	121	(3,253)
Cumulative effect of accounting change	(2,735)	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	(2,657)	(145)	121	(3,253)
Basic income (loss) per share before cumulative effect of accounting change	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.45)
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.37)	\$ (0.02)	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.45)

(1) Fourth quarter results include the impact of a non-cash charge of \$804 to increase the allowance for doubtful trade receivables, and a non-cash income tax charge of \$1,993 to establish a valuation allowance against the Company's deferred income tax assets. See Notes 2 and 6 for further explanation.

Schedule II – Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

First Aviation Services Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries
 (amounts in thousands)

Description:	Balance at beginning of period	Additions	Deductions	Balance as of end of period
Year ended January 31, 2002				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 947	310	550 (a)	\$ 707
Year ended January 31, 2003				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 707	1,302	353 (a)	\$ 1,656
Year ended January 31, 2004				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 1,656	106	344 (a)	\$ 1,418
Year ended January 31, 2002				
Slow moving and obsolete inventory	\$ 376	1,089	580 (b)	\$ 885
Year ended January 31, 2003				
Slow moving and obsolete inventory	\$ 885	442	330 (b)	\$ 997
Year ended January 31, 2004				
Slow moving and obsolete inventory	\$ 997	41	25 (b)	\$ 1,013

(a) Write off of uncollectible accounts, net of recoveries.

(b) Write off of excess and obsolete inventory.

First Aviation Services Inc.
EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on December 23, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.1	Form of Director Indemnification Agreement between the Company and each of its directors (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on December 23, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.2	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated November 25, 1996, by and between AMR Combs and API (filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on January 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.3 *	First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.4 *	First Aviation Services Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.5	Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 21, 1996, by and between the Company and FAS Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.24 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.6	Sublease Agreement, dated as of December 31, 1996, between First Equity and the Company (filed as Exhibit 10.30 to the Company's Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-18647), as amended, filed on February 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.7 *	Amendment No. 1 to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as exhibit 10.39 to Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.8	Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement, dated March 30, 2000, by and between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.43 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.9	Guaranty, dated as of March 30, 2000, between First Aviation Services Inc. and Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.44 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference).
10.10	Second Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of April 27, 2001 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the

- Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.11 Second Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of April 27, 2001 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.12 Third Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of June 28, 2001 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.13 Third Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of June 28, 2001 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.14 * Amendment No. 2 to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Form S-8 (No. 333-25915) on September 20, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.15 Letter, effective February 1, 2002, by and between First Equity Development Inc. and its affiliates and First Aviation Services Inc. regarding pursuit of acquisition opportunities (filed as Exhibit 10.23 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.16 Engagement Letter between First Equity Development Inc. and its affiliate, FED Securities Inc., and First Aviation Services Inc. effective February 1, 2002 (filed as Exhibit 10.40 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.17 Fourth Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 31, 2002 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.48 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.18 Fourth Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of July 31, 2002 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2002, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.19 Fifth Amendment to Commercial Revolving Loan and Security Agreement dated as of July 31, 2003 between Hudson United Bank and Aerospace Products International, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.20 Fifth Reaffirmation of Guaranty dated as of July 31, 2003 by First Aviation Services Inc. and in favor of Hudson United Bank (filed as Exhibit 10.20 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.21 Amendment No. 3 to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.22 * Employment Agreement, dated as of October 7, 2003, between the Company and Robert G. Costantini.
- 10.23 * Form of Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement Letter Pursuant to the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan.

- 10.24 * Officer Indemnification Agreement dated as of October 27, 2003 between the Company and its Robert G. Costantini.
- 10.25 * Employment Agreement, dated as of February 2, 2004, between Aerospace Products International, Inc. and Paul J. Fanelli.
- 10.26 * Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated as of April 5, 2004, between Aerospace Products International, Inc. and Paul J. Fanelli.
- 10.27 * Relocation Agreement, dated as of February 16, 2004, between Aerospace Products International, Inc. and Paul J. Fanelli.
- 21.1 List of Subsidiaries.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a).
- 31.2 *Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a).*
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (furnished herewith).
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (furnished herewith).

* Management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements.

FIRST AVIATION SERVICES INC.

LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Incorporation</u>
Aerospace Products International Inc.	Delaware
Pieces D'Avion Produits, Ltée, (d/b/a Aircraft Parts International, Ltd.)	Quebec, Canada
API Asia Pacific Inc.	Delaware
API Logistics Services, Inc. (Inactive)	Delaware
AeroV, Inc. (Inactive)	Delaware

Consent of Independent Auditors

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-25915; 333-80125; 333-69716; and 333-108745) pertaining to the First Aviation Services Inc. Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-25909) pertaining to the First Aviation Services Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, of our report dated April 2, 2004 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of First Aviation Services Inc., included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended January 31, 2004.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Stamford, Connecticut
April 28, 2004

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Michael C. Culver, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of First Aviation Services Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 29, 2004

/s/ Michael C. Culver

Name: Michael C. Culver

Title: Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Robert G. Costantini, certify that:

6. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of First Aviation Services Inc.;
7. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
8. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
9. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
10. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 29, 2004

/s/ Robert G. Costantini
Name: Robert G. Costantini
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

CEO Certification. In connection with the Annual Report of First Aviation Services Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending January 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Michael C. Culver, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Michael C. Culver
Chief Executive Officer
April 29, 2004

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

CFO Certification. In connection with the Quarterly Report of First Aviation Services Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending January 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Robert G. Costantini, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

(1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Robert G. Costantini
Chief Financial Officer
April 29, 2004

