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| FIBERMARK, INC. <br> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME <br> (In thousands, except per share amounts) |  |

Unaudited
Three Months Ended June 30, 2001

Net sales

Cost of sales
\$ 102,081
\$91,388

85,227
73,936

16,854
17,452

## Six Months Ende

 2001\$ 192,425

161,831

30,594

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> FIBERMARK, INC.
> CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
> (In thousands, except per share amounts)

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash
Accounts receivable, net of allowances
Inventories

Audit December 200

| Other | 1,838 | 77 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,959 | 4,95 |
| Total current assets | 158,181 | 134,12 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 211,724 | 194,50 |
| Goodwill, net | 151,057 | 44,94 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 14,918 | 6,77 |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,900 |  |
| Other long-term assets | 1,735 | 1,84 |
| Other pension assets | 4,018 | 4, 01 |
| Total assets | \$ 549,533 | \$ 386,21 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |
| Current portion long-term debt | 2,500 | 9,67 |
| Accounts payable | 27,576 | 29,78 |
| Accrued liabilities | 39,134 | 15,24 |
| Accrued income taxes payable | 2,159 | 3, 02 |
| Total current liabilities | 71,369 | 57,72 |
| Long-term liabilities: |  |  |
| Revolving credit line | 8,908 | 39,02 |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 340,582 | 143,26 |
| Deferred income taxes | 16,169 | 21,43 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 20,655 | 21,80 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 386,314 | 225,54 |
| Total liabilities | 457,683 | 283,26 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity |  |  |
| Preferred stock, par value $\$ .001$ per share; 2,000,000 shares authorized, and none issued | -- |  |
| Common stock, par value $\$ .001$ per share; 20,000,000 shares authorized |  |  |
| $6,905,458$ and $6,901,658$ shares issued and outstanding in 2001 and $6,830,483$ and $6,826,683$ shares issued and outstanding in 2000 | 7 |  |
| Additional paid-in capital | 64,746 | 64,39 |
| Retained earnings | 37,357 | 42,8 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | $(10,225)$ | $(4,2)$ |
| Less treasury stock, 3,800 shares at cost in 2001 and 2000 | (35) |  |
| Total stockholders' equity | 91,850 | 102,94 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 549,533 | \$ 386,21 |

FIBERMARK, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS Six Months Ended June 30, 2001 and 2000
(In thousands)
Unaudited

|  | 2001 | 2000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from operating activities: <br> Net (loss) income |  |  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization | 7,222 | 5,499 |
| Loss on closure of facility | 12,869 | -- |
| Loss on sale of technology | 172 | -- |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 696 | -- |
| Deferred taxes | $(5,243)$ | -- |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | 2,872 | $(5,066)$ |
| Inventories | 4,959 | $(7,595)$ |
| Other | (84) | (21) |
| Accounts payable | $(8,481)$ | (183) |
| Accrued pension and other liabilities | 4,632 | (556) |
| Other long-term liabilities | $(1,267)$ | 395 |
| Accrued income taxes payable | (357) | 5,437 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 12,471 | 5,804 |
| Cash flows used for investing activities: |  |  |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | $(16,644)$ | $(15,613)$ |
| Payments for acquisitions | $(147,534)$ | -- |
| (Increase) decrease in other intangible assets | (176) | 256 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(164,354)$ | $(15,357)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |
| Proceeds from issuance of bank debt | 231,972 | -- |
| Repayment of debt | $(41,832)$ | $(2,944)$ |
| Net (repayments) borrowings under revolving line of credit | $(30,119)$ | 9,836 |
| Net proceeds from exercise of stock options | 347 | -- |
| Debt issuance costs | $(8,321)$ | -- |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 152,047 | 6,892 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (241) | $(1,060)$ |


| Net decrease in cash | (77) |  | $(3,721)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash at beginning of period |  | 11,133 |  | 12,466 |
| Cash at end of period | \$ | 11,056 | \$ | 8,745 |

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FIBERMARK, INC.<br>NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS<br>JUNE 30, 2001 AND 2000 (UNAUDITED)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

The balance sheet as of June 30,2001 and the statements of income and cash flows for the quarters, and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of such financial statements have been recorded. Such adjustments consist only of normal recurring items.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. The year-end balance sheet was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. It is suggested that these interim financial statements be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2000 included in the company's Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$.
2. INVENTORIES:

Inventories at June 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000 consisted of the following (000's):
(Unaudited) 06/30/01
-_---------12/31/00
--------

Raw Material

| $\$ 22,359$ | $\$ 20,377$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 25,232 | 19,413 |
| 21,899 | 21,914 |
| 6,678 | 5,437 |
| 2,688 | 2,750 |
| 2,515 | 2,469 |
| ------- | $--=----$ |
| $\$ 81,371$ | $\$ 72,360$ |
| $=======$ | $=======$ |

Work in Progress
25,232
19,413
Finished Goods 21,899 21,914

Finished Goods on Consignment 6,678 5,437
Stores Inventory 2, 2,688 2,750
Operating Supplies
$=======$
3. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE:

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The reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings per

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common share computations for the company's reported net income (loss) follows:



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Comprehensive income (loss) $\$(11,363) \quad \$ 3,740 \quad \$(11,445) \quad \$ 6,004$

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION:

The following table categorizes net sales in each market segment into the appropriate operating segment:


6 months ended June 30, 2001
Net sales

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| MARKET SEGMENT |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Filter Media | \$46,436 | \$ 2,597 | \$ | \$ |
| Technical Specialties | 25,980 | 22,925 | -- |  |
| Durable Specialties | 13,408 | -- | 32,155 |  |
| Office Products | -- | 22,696 | -- |  |
| Decorative Specialties | -- | -- | -- | 26,22 |
| Total | \$85,824 | \$48, 218 | \$32,155 | \$26,22 |

6 months ended June 30, 2000
Net sales
MARKET SEGMENT
Filter Media
Technical Specialties
Durable Specialties Office Products Decorative Specialties

Total
$\$ 91,522$
\$58, 13
\$36, 817

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## 5. SEGMENT INFORMATION: (CONTINUED)

The following table details selected financial data by operating segment:

|  |  |  | (In Thousands) <br> Unaudited Operating Segment |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 months ended June 30, 2001 | German Oper. \& Filter Media | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Technical } \\ \text { \& Office } \\ \text { Products } \end{array}$ | Durable Specialties | Decorative Specialties |
| Net sales <br> Inter-segment net sales | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 39,403 \\ 7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ \quad 21,450 \\ 1,818 \end{array}$ | $\$ 15,000$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 26,228 \\ 1,237 \end{array}$ |
| Total net sales | \$ 39,410 | \$ 23,268 | \$ 15,000 | \$27,465 |
| Earnings before interest and taxes | \$ 5,855 | \$ $(5,405)$ | \$ 2,966 | \$ 4,852 |
| Depreciation \& Amortization | \$ 834 | \$ 1,356 | \$ 680 | \$ 1,371 |
| Total Assets | \$137,203 | \$ 136,965 | \$ 35,736 | \$71,719 |

3 months ended June 30, 2000
Net sales
Inter-segment net sales
Total net sales
Earnings before interest and taxes
Depreciation and Amortization
Total Assets

| \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44,742 \\ 91 \end{array}$ | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 27,771 \\ 1,507 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 44,833 | \$ | 29,278 |
| \$ | 6,660 | \$ | 1,285 |
| \$ | 893 | \$ | 1,273 |


| \$ 18,875 |  | \$ | -- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | -- |
| \$ 18,875 |  | \$ | -- |
| \$ | 2,689 | \$ | -- |
| \$ | 577 | \$ | -- |
| \$ | 33,059 | \$ | -- |

(In Thousands) Unaudited
Operating Segment

6 months ended June 30, 2001
Net sales
Inter-segment net sales

Total net sales
Earnings before interest and taxes

Depreciation \& Amortization
Total Assets

6 months ended June 30, 2000
Net sales
Inter-segment net sales
Total net sales
Earnings before interest and taxes
Depreciation and Amortization
Total Assets

| $\begin{array}{r} 91,522 \\ 135 \end{array}$ | \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 58,137 \\ 2,013 \end{array}$ | $\$ 36,817$ | \$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ 91,657 | \$ | 60,150 | \$36,817 | \$ | -- |
| \$ 13,967 | \$ | 2,334 | \$ 5,190 | \$ | -- |
| \$ 1,805 | \$ | 2,541 | \$ 1,153 | \$ | -- |
| \$147,132 | \$ | 129,981 | \$33,059 | \$ | -- |

(1) 2001 Other Includes

Facility Closure (Technical \& Office Products Segmen Facility Closure Reversal (Technical \& Office Produc
(2) Corporate assets not allocated to operating segments.

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## 6. ACQUISITION:

Effective April 18, 2001, the company acquired Rexam Decorative Specialties International (DSI) for a purchase price of $\$ 140$ million. DSI is a leading global manufacturer of specialty decorative covering materials serving the publishing, stationery and premium packaging markets, with a particular focus on latex-saturated paper products. This acquisition was financed with the issuance of $\$ 230$ million of $10.75 \%$ Senior Notes due 2011. The balance of the Senior Notes was used to repay existing indebtedness, including German bank debt, and for financing and acquisition fees. The retirement of German bank debt resulted in an after tax prepayment fee of $\$ 0.7$ million. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method. Accordingly, the full purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their respective fair values. This resulted in approximately $\$ 108.2$ million of cost in excess of net assets acquired or goodwill which is being amortized on a straight line basis over thirty years. The 2001 consolidated results include DSI's results of operations beginning with the period ending June 30, 2001, which includes two and a half months of consolidated operations.

The following summarizes unaudited pro forma results of operations for the quarters and six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000, assumes the DSI acquisition occurred as of the beginning of the periods presented (in thousands, except for share amounts):

|  | THREE MONTHS ENDED |  | SIX MONTHS ENDED |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (UNAUDITED) |  | (UNAUDITED) |  |
|  | 6/30/01 | 6/30/00 | 6/30/01 | 6/30/00 |
| Net Sales | \$108,647 | \$129,563 | \$229,882 | \$259,175 |
| Net Income (loss) | $(7,896)$ | 4,769 | $(6,718)$ | 8,728 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ (1.15) | \$ 0.70 | \$ (0.98) | \$ 1.28 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ (1.15) | \$ 0.68 | \$ (0.98) | \$ 1.25 |

The unaudited pro forma results are not necessarily indicative of actual results of operations that would have occurred had the acquisitions been consummated as of the above dates, nor are they necessarily indicative of future operating results.

## 7. FACILITY CLOSURE:

During the period, the company reached a decision to continue to operate its Hughesville, New Jersey, facility, previously slated for closure as of June 30 ,

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2001. The company reversed a facility closure charge of $\$ 7.0$ million to recognize severance and benefits for the employees to be terminated (\$0.4 million) and ( $\$ 6.6$ million) to reflect property, plant, and equipment that had been written down.

Also during the period, the company reached a decision to cease operations at its Fitchburg, Massachusetts facility and to relocate its production to its Warren Glen and Hughesville, New Jersey facilities. As of June 30, 2001, the company recorded facility closure charges of $\$ 19.9$ million, to reflect the write-off of property, plant and equipment (\$18.2 million) and to recognize severance and benefits for employees to be terminated (\$1.7 million). The company expects to
terminate 96 salary and hourly employees. Results of operations of the facility amounted to income of $\$ 0.2$ million for the six months ended June 30, 2001.

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

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2000

Net sales for the second quarter of 2001 were $\$ 102.1$ million compared with $\$ 91.4$ million for the second quarter of 2000 , an $11.7 \%$ increase. Sales in our German operations and filter media operating segment decreased by $11.9 \%$ to $\$ 39.4$ million compared with $\$ 44.7$ million for the second quarter of 2000 . The technical and office products operating segment sales decreased by $22.7 \%$ to $\$ 21.5$ million compared with $\$ 27.8$ million for the same period in 2000 . Sales in the durable specialties operating segment decreased by $20.6 \%$ to $\$ 15.0$ million compared with $\$ 18.9$ million for the second quarter of 2000 . The newly acquired decorative specialties operating segment contributed sales of $\$ 26.2$ million in the second quarter of 2001.

Sales in the German operations and filter media segment were down primarily in the North American filter business due to the sale of technology to Ahlstrom in September 2000 and weakening demand in the automotive sector. German filter media business, however, remained steady. The decrease in the technical and office products segment was primarily due to weak sales across most of our markets due to a weak economy. Our technical specialties product lines, notably art and archival materials, coating base and printing and packaging materials, were particularly weak. The decrease in durable specialties reflects a continual slowing economy with particular softness in our masking tape product line and the initial impact of a key customer bringing some business in house.

Gross margin for the quarter was $16.5 \%$ compared with $19.1 \%$ last year. The lower gross margin was attributable to lower volume, higher raw material and energy costs and expenses associated with the startup of our new paper machine at Warren Glen, New Jersey.

General and administrative expenses for the quarter were $\$ 7.1$ million compared with $\$ 6.7$ million for the same period in 2000. Excluding the DSI acquisition, which added $\$ 2.3$ million to second quarter expenses, general and administrative expenses were down $\$ 1.9$ million. The decrease is due primarily to lower salary expenses and $\$ 1.0$ million in marketing support payments received from suppliers.

Interest expense was $\$ 7.3$ million for the quarter compared with $\$ 3.6$ million last year. The increase is due to the DSI acquisition.

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The effective income tax rate was $36.5 \%$ compared with $45.4 \%$ for the second quarter of 2000. The decrease is primarily due to reduced tax rates in Germany.

During the second quarter, the company experienced a net loss of $\$ 8.4$ million, or $\$ 1.22$ per diluted share, compared with net income for the comparable 2000 quarter of $\$ 3.8$ million, or $\$ .55$ per diluted share. The write-off of the Fitchburg facility negatively impacted

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net income in the quarter by $\$ 12.3$ million, or $\$ 1.79$ per diluted share. The reversal of the facility closure charge for the Hughesville facility added \$4.3 million, to net income or $\$ 0.63$ per diluted share. An adjustment to the sale of a portion of the technology for the filter media business produced in Richmond reduced net income by $\$ 0.1$ million, or $\$ 0.01$ per diluted share. The loss on the early extinguishment of debt was $\$ 0.7$ million, or $\$ 0.10$ per diluted share. Excluding the tax adjusted impact of these nonrecurring items, net income would have been $\$ 0.4$ million or $\$ 0.05$ per diluted share.

SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2000
Net sales for the first half of 2001 were $\$ 192.4$ million compared with $\$ 186.5$ million for the first half of 2000, a $3.2 \%$ increase. Sales in FiberMark's German operations and filter media operating segment decreased by $6.2 \%$ to $\$ 85.8$ million compared with $\$ 91.5$ million in the first half of 2000 . The technical and office products operating segment sales decreased by $17.2 \%$ to $\$ 48.2$ million compared with $\$ 58.2$ million for the same period in 2000 . Sales in the durable specialties operating segment decreased by $12.5 \%$ to $\$ 32.2$ million compared with $\$ 36.8$ million for the first half of 2000. Our new decorative specialties operating segment contributed $\$ 26.2$ million in the first half of 2001.

Sales in the German operations and filter media segment were down due to weakening demand in automotive and vacuum bag filter markets in the United States and, to a lesser extent, in Europe, as well as the sale of technology to Ahlstrom in September 2000. The decrease in the technical and office products segment is attributable to a general softening in the U.S. economy, consolidation in the office products industry, weaker demand for matboard and archival materials and reduced levels of electronic fabrication due to slumping high tech sales worldwide. The decrease in durable specialties reflects a slowing economy with softness in both masking and binding tape markets and the initial impact of a key customer bringing manufacturing in house.

Gross margin for the first half of 2001 was $15.9 \%$ compared with $19.1 \%$ last year. The lower gross margin was attributable to lower volume, higher raw material and energy costs and expenses associated with the startup of our new paper machine at Warren Glen, New Jersey.

General and administrative expenses for the first half of 2001 were $\$ 12.5$ million compared with $\$ 13.5$ million for the same period in 2000. Excluding $\$ 2.3$ million added with the DSI acquisition, expenses were down $\$ 3.3$ million. The decrease is due primarily to lower salary expenses, professional fees and \$1.0 million in marketing support payments received from suppliers.

Interest expense was $\$ 10.6$ million for the first half of 2001 compared with $\$ 7.0$ million for the same period in 2000. The increase is due to the DSI acquisition.

The effective income tax rate for the first half of 2001 was $34.6 \%$ compared with $45.6 \%$ for the first half of 2000 . The decrease is primarily due to reduced tax rates in Germany.

The net loss for the first half of 2001 was $\$ 5.5$ million, or $\$ 0.81$ per diluted share, compared with a net income of $\$ 7.9$ million, or $\$ 1.13$ per diluted share, for the first half of last year. The write-off of the Fitchburg facility in the second quarter reduced net income by $\$ 12.3$ million or, $\$ 1.79$ per diluted share. The reversal of the facility closure charge added $\$ 4.3$ million, to income or $\$ 0.63$ per diluted share. In addition, net income was reduced by an adjustment to the sale of a portion of the technology for the filter media business by $\$ 0.1$ million, or $\$ 0.01$ per diluted share and the loss

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on early extinguishment of debt of $\$ 0.7$ or $\$ 0.10$ per diluted share.
LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES
As of June 30, 2001, we had outstanding $\$ 100.0$ million of senior notes, which have a ten-year term beginning October 16, 1996, are non-amortizing and carry a fixed interest rate of $9.375 \%$. On April 18, 2001, $\$ 230.0$ million of senior notes in conjunction with the DSI acquisition were issued. These notes have a ten-year term beginning April 19, 2001, were issued at a discounted price of $\$ 228.3$ million and carry a fixed rate of 10.75\%. Additionally, we have available to us a $\$ 50.0$ million revolving credit facility. As of June $30,2001, \$ 8.9$ million was outstanding under this credit facility. A portion of the balance was at an interest rate of LIBOR plus $2 \%$ and the remainder was at an interest rate of prime plus . $5 \%$. On June 30,2001 , Gessner had a $\$ 6.5$ million line of credit. At that date, no advances were outstanding under this facility. At June 30, 2001, $\$ 12.1$ million was outstanding on a term loan with Jules and Associates secured by the paper machine at the Warren Glen, New Jersey, facility. The interest rate on this loan is $8.47 \%$ with the balance amortizing over seven years. As of the same date, $\$ 2.7$ million was outstanding on a term loan with CIT secured by machinery at the Quakertown, Pennsylvania, facility. The interest rate on this loan is LIBOR + 2\% with the balance amortizing through November 2007.

The company's historical requirements for capital have been primarily for servicing debt, capital expenditures and working capital. For the six months ended June 30, cash flows from operating activities were $\$ 12.5$ million in 2001 and $\$ 5.8$ million for 2000. During these periods, additions to property, plant and equipment totaled $\$ 16.6$ million in 2001 and $\$ 15.6$ million in 2000 . The company is currently in the process of installing a new paper machine at its Warren Glen, New Jersey, facility, which the company believes will provide quality improvements, cost reductions, product performance enhancements and the ability to produce a broader range of products. This project is expected to cost $\$ 31.0$ million in total. The company believes that cash flow from operations, plus amounts available under credit facilities will be sufficient to fund its capital requirements, debt service and working capital requirements for the foreseeable future.

## INFLATION

The company attempts to minimize the effect of inflation on earnings by controlling operating expenses. During the past several years, the rate of general inflation has been relatively low and has not had a significant impact on the company's results of operations. The company purchases raw materials that are subject to cyclical changes in costs that may not reflect the rate of general inflation.

## SEASONALITY

The company's business is mildly seasonal, with the third quarter of each year

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typically having the lowest level of net sales and operating income. Lower December revenues tend to reduce fourth quarter revenues relative to the first two quarters. This seasonality is the result of a lower level of purchasing activity, since many of our U.S. customers shut down their manufacturing operations during portions of July and many European manufacturers shut down during portions of August and December.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" and SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" in June 2001. These statements address how intangible assets that are acquired individually, with a group of other assets or in connection with a business combination should be accounted for in financial statements upon and subsequent to their acquisition. The new statements require that all business combinations initiated after June 30,2001 be accounted for using the purchase method and establish specific criteria for the recognition of intangible assets separately from goodwill.

We adopted SFAS No. 141 on July 1, 2001, as required by the new statement. The adoption of SFAS No. 141 does not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

We will adopt SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002 , as required by the new statement. Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142, we will no longer amortize goodwill and other indefinite lived intangible assets. We will be required to test our goodwill and intangible assets that are deemed to have an indefinite life for impairment at least annually. Other than in those periods in which we may report an asset impairment, we expect that the adoption of SFAS No. 142 will result in increased income as a result of reduced amortization expense. We are currently evaluating the impact adoption of SFAS No. 142 will have on our financial position and results of operations.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements in this report that are not historical are forward-looking statements subject to risk and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Such risk and uncertainties include fluctuations in economies worldwide, fluctuations in our customers' demand and inventory levels (including the loss of certain major customers), the price and availability of raw materials and of competitive materials, which may preclude passing increases on or maintaining prices with customers; changes in environmental and other governmental regulations, changes in terms from lenders, ability to retain key management and to reach agreement on labor issues, failure to identify or carry out suitable strategic acquisitions.

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

The company believes it has minimal exposure to financial market risks. All debt is at a fixed rate. Most of the company's sales transactions have been conducted in the currency where the shipment originated, limiting our exposure to changes in currency exchange rates. The company does not use derivative financial instruments.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

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The annual meeting of shareholders was held on May 15, 2001, where the following actions were taken.

Shareholders of record of the Company's common stock at the close of business on March 30, 2001, were entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Votes were cast as follows:
a) All of management's nominees for members of the Board of Directors were elected with votes

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cast as follows:

| NAME | FOR | WITHHELD |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Alex Kwader | $5,469,831$ | 91,407 |
| K. Peter Norrie | $5,542,436$ | 18,802 |
| Brian C. Kerester | $5,542,436$ | 18,802 |
| Marion A. Keyes, IV | $5,540,936$ | 20,302 |
| Glenn S. McKenzie | $5,542,936$ | 18,802 |
| Jon H. Miller | $5,540,936$ | 20,302 |
| Elmar B. Schulte | $5,542,136$ | 19,102 |
| Edward P. Swain, Jr. | $5,540,936$ | 20,302 |

b) The selection of KPMG as the independent public auditors for the company for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 was ratified.

| FOR | AGAINST | ABSTAIN |
| :---: | ---: | :---: |
| $5,526,216$ | 32,303 | 2,716 |

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable.

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

Reports on Form 8-K:

Not applicable.

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## SIGNATURES

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

FiberMark, Inc.

Date: August 14, 2001
/s/ Bruce Moore

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Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)

