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**FORM 20-F**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

or

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

**For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

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**HIGHWAY HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None**

Title of each class

Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

**Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None**

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Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report. 3,819,900 Common Shares were outstanding as of March 31, 2008.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registration has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

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

Item 17  Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

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## FORWARD - LOOKING STATEMENTS

Except for any historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this Annual Report on Form 20-F contain certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to our financial condition, results of operation and business. Forward-looking statements relate to analyses and other information which are based on forecasts of future results and estimates of amounts not yet determinable, including statements about our future prospects, developments and business strategies. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” and “predict” and similar terms and phrases, including references to assumptions. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those suggested or described in this Annual Report on Form 20-F. These risks include: product demand; customer satisfaction and quality issues; labor disputes; competition; health and economic factors affecting China and Hong Kong; political relations between the United States and China; changes in policies by the Chinese government; currency exchange rate fluctuations; increased price competition; our ability to achieve and execute internal business plans; worldwide political instability and economic growth; and the impact of any economic downturns and inflation.

If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materializes, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Given these uncertainties, users of the information included in this Annual Report on Form 20-F, including investors and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update the forward-looking statements included in this Annual Report.

## CONVENTIONS

Highway Holdings Limited operates through various controlled subsidiaries. Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references herein to “the Company” refer collectively to Highway Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries. References to “China” or “PRC” are to the People’s Republic of China (excluding Hong Kong), whereas references to “Hong Kong” are to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China. Unless otherwise stated, all references to “dollars” or \$ are to United States dollars. “RMB” and “Renminbi” are references to the legal currency of China.

## PART I

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

Not Applicable

### Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not Applicable

**Item 3. Key Information**

Our historical Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) and presented in United States dollars. The following selected statements of operations data for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2008 and the balance sheet data as of March 31, 2008 and 2007 are derived from our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in this Annual Report. The selected statements of operations data for each of the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 and the balance sheet data as of March 31, 2004, 2005 and 2006 were derived from the Company’s audited financial statements, which are not included in this Annual Report. The selected information is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, such consolidated financial statements, related notes and “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects” included as Item 5 in this report.

Selected Consolidated Financial Information (In thousands, except per share amounts):

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Statement of Operations</b>					
Net sales	\$ 25,356	\$ 27,678	\$ 25,843	\$ 31,469	\$ 33,164
Gross profit	5,094	5,130	4,243	6,236	5,074
Operating income (loss)	875	(269)	602	386	(2,277)
Net income (loss)	982	(152)	42	594	(1,921)
Dividend declared and paid <sup>(1)</sup>	237	323	1,389	1,288	132
Per share amounts					
Net income (loss)-basic	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.50)
Net income (loss)-diluted	\$ 0.30	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.16	\$ (0.50)
Dividend declared & paid <sup>(1)</sup>	0.08	0.10	0.40	0.36	0.035
Weighted average number of shares:					
Basic	3,030	3,260	3,465	3,636	3,810
Diluted	3,258	3,260	3,544	3,690	3,810
<b>Balance Sheet Data</b>					
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 3,780	\$ 3,473	\$ 2,787	\$ 3,980	\$ 3,646
Working capital	8,774	9,850	9,960	8,944	7,556
Total assets	18,688	20,100	18,891	22,414	20,490
Long term debt	385	967	803	1,133	833
Shareholders’ equity	12,842	13,058	12,274	12,167	10,394

(1) Dividends declared for all periods were declared as cash dividends.

**RISK FACTORS**

The Company’s business and operations involve numerous risks, some of which are beyond the Company’s control, that may affect future results and the market price of the Company’s Common Shares. The following discussion highlights some of the risks the Company faces.

*Risks Relating to Operating in China*

*Dependence on Agreements with Chinese State-Owned Enterprises.* All of the Company's operations are currently dependent on its manufacturing operations conducted at four facilities in China. The principal facility, at which over 70% of the Company's operations were conducted during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, is located in Long Hua, Shenzhen, China. Pursuant to its six leases (the "Premises Leases"), the Company utilizes approximately 450,000 square feet of space for manufacturing operations and dormitory facilities at the site of its principal factory complex in Long Hua, Shenzhen. The Company's operations in Long Hua, Shenzhen, are conducted pursuant to agreements entered into between certain China companies and the Shenzhen City Baoan District Foreign Economic Development Head Company and its designees (collectively, the "BFDC") (the agreements, collectively the "BFDC Agreements"). The Premises Leases currently expire on February 28, 2009, and may be terminated by either the Company or the landlord upon six months notice to the other party. The Company currently is negotiating with its landlord to extend the term of the Premises Leases, but has not to date entered into any extension. The Company currently believes that it will be able to reach an agreement with its landlord to extend the term of the Premises Leases, although no assurance can be given that such an agreement will be reached or that any such agreement will be on terms favorable to the Company. However, in the event that the Company is unable to renew the Premises Lease or is unwilling to do so under the landlord's new terms, the operations of the Company at its largest facility will have to be relocated to other, as yet unidentified, facilities. The Company believes that other suitable alternative facilities are available to the Company in or near Long Hua, Shenzhen, on terms that equal to, or better than the terms of the Premises Leases should the Company not be able extend the Premises Leases. However, any such relocation of the Company's principal manufacturing facilities to alternative facilities would be costly, could materially disrupt the Company's operations, would result in the Company having to pay increased fees (including higher customs deposits) and costs, and would adversely affect the Company's operations, its business, and its financial condition during the relocation and for at least one year thereafter. Accordingly, unless the Company is able to renew or extend the Premises Leases, the expiration of the Premises Leases would have a material adverse affect on the Company's operations and financial condition in the near future.

To facilitate the Company's operations in Long Hua, Shenzhen, the local government initially set up three separate China companies that are parties to the BFDC Agreements. The term of two of these agreements have been extended with the remaining two China companies, and these two agreements now expire in 2016 (by the mutual consent of the parties, the third agreement with the local government agency no longer is active). Pursuant to the BFDC Agreements, the BFDC is the party responsible for providing manufacturing facilities and supplying workers to the Company and the Company is responsible for paying a management fee, and certain other charges to the BFDC. As a result of structuring its operations so that they are conducted pursuant to the BFDC Agreements and the Premises Leases, the Company's operations in Long Hua, Shenzhen, are not subject to certain rules and regulations that would be imposed on entities which are considered under China law to be doing business in China by utilizing other business structures such as joint ventures or wholly owned subsidiaries organized in China. For example, the Company has not been required to apply for permits or licenses in China or to register to do business in China. Should there be any adverse change in the Company's dealings with the BFDC, or should the local or federal government change the rules under which the Company currently operates, all of the Company's operations and assets could be jeopardized.

The Company also is a party to an agreement with the Shenzhen City Longang District Foreign Economic Development Limited regarding the operations of its Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited subsidiary in Pinghu Lisu, and an agreement with the He Yuan Foreign Trade & Economy Cooperation Bureau regarding the He Yuan facility that, in substance, is similar to the BFDC agreements. The Company's agreement for the Pinghu Lisu facility expires in 2020, and the agreement regarding He Yuan expires in 2009.

The BFDC Agreements concerning the Long Hua facilities, the agreement with Shenzhen City Longang District Foreign Economic Development Limited regarding the Golden Bright operations in Pinghu Lisu, and the agreement with the He Yuan Foreign Trade & Economy Cooperation Bureau regarding the He Yuan facility (collectively, the "Operating Arrangements") are dependent on the Company's continuing good relationship with the designees of the local government. In the event of a dispute involving these government agencies involving the Operating Arrangements, the Company could have difficulty trying to enforce its rights under these agreements because the parties to the agreements are Chinese governmental agencies. The Company's operations and prospects would be materially and adversely affected if the governmental parties to the Operating Arrangements do not honor the current agreements under the Operating Arrangements.

To date, the Company, the BFDC, Shenzhen City Longang District Foreign Economic Development Limited, and the He Yuan Foreign Trade & Economy Cooperation Bureau have been dealing with each other on terms different in certain respects from those contained in their respective Operating Arrangements. There can be no assurance that neither the BFDC, Shenzhen City Longang District Foreign Economic Development Limited nor the He Yuan Foreign Trade & Economy Cooperation Bureau will insist upon a change in the current practices so as to require stricter adherence to the terms of their agreements, which strict adherence could be less favorable to the Company than the practices currently in effect. If the Company were required to adhere to the terms of the Operating Arrangements, the Company's business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

*Recent Changes in Labor Laws, Environmental Regulation, Safety Regulation and Business Practices in China, and in Shenzhen in Particular, Have Significantly Increased the Costs and Risks of Doing Business.* As further described in this Annual Report, the Chinese government has recently changed and/or increased the enforcement of a number of laws affecting employees (including regulations regarding their salaries and benefits, labor unions, working conditions and overtime restrictions, and contract duration--in particular, requirements leading to life long employment), environmental regulations, and safety regulations for buildings and workers. In addition, increased taxes (including higher customs duties and fees), significant increases in raw material prices, increases in the Company's funds deposited with the government (which could increase up to \$1 million in 2008), and the fluctuating exchange rate between the renminbi and the U.S. dollar have also contributed to a major increase in the cost of doing business in China. The foregoing factors have increased the risks of doing business in China and have caused many companies to terminate their operations in Southern China and have caused most of the remaining companies operating in Shenzhen, China to restructure their operations. Although the foregoing changes materially and adversely affected the Company's financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company believes that its financial strength, its high-quality operations, and its current business plan will allow it to remain viable, and even grow, as these new changes are being implemented in China. However, no assurance can be given that other business changes will not be implemented that will further negatively affect the Company and that the Company will, in fact, be able to continue to operate and/or prosper.



*Internal Political and Other Risks.* As of the date of this Annual Report, all of the Company's manufacturing facilities are located in China. As a result, the Company's operations and assets are subject to significant political, economic, legal and other uncertainties associated with doing business in China. Changes in policies by the Chinese government resulting in changes in laws, regulations, or the interpretation thereof, confiscatory taxation, restrictions on imports and sources of supply, currency re-valuations or the expropriation of private enterprise could materially adversely affect the Company. The Chinese government has been pursuing economic reform policies, including the encouragement of private economic activity and greater economic decentralization. There can be no assurance, however, that the Chinese government will continue to pursue such policies, that such policies will be successfully pursued, that such policies will not be significantly altered from time to time, or that business operations in China would not become subject to the risk of nationalization, which could result in the total loss of investments in that country.

Economic development in China, particularly in Shenzhen, China, may be limited as well by other factors, such as the overburdened infrastructure, inadequate transportation, power, and water supplies. Certain parts of China, including the Company's facilities in Long Hua, Shenzhen, have in the past experienced severe shortages of electricity and water, which could negatively affect the Company. During the past fiscal year, the Company has experienced both water and electricity shortages, which have caused the Company to supplement its electricity needs through its diesel electricity generators. All of these factors have increased the cost and risks of doing business in China and negatively affected the Company's on-going operations.

*Further Revaluation of Renminbi Yuan.* As a company whose operations are entirely based in China, it is exposed to fluctuations in the value of the renminbi yuan, or RMB, the local currency of China. The United States and certain European countries have been calling for the re-valuation of the RMB, which revaluation would result in the appreciation of the RMB. In response to the demand for a revaluation of the renminbi, the Chinese government has on several occasions since 2005 permitted the RMB to appreciate in value (over 15% of cumulative appreciation to date). There remains significant international pressure on the PRC government to adopt a more flexible currency policy, which could result in a further and more significant appreciation of the renminbi against the U.S. dollar. Since an increase in the value of the RMB results in an increase of the Company's operating costs in China, any future increases in the value of the RMB compared to the U.S. dollar and other currencies will have a negative affect on the Company's financial results. Should the RMB continue to appreciate in value compared to the U.S. dollar, the Company's cost structure and pricing would change and have a material negative effect on its operations, sales and financial results.

*Recent changes in the China's labor laws negatively affect the Company's operations and increase its operating costs.* In June 2007, the National People's Congress of the PRC enacted new labor law legislation called the Labor Contract Law and more strictly enforced certain existing labor laws. The new law, which became effective on January 1, 2008, amended and formalized workers' rights concerning overtime hours, pensions, layoffs, employment contracts and the role of trade unions. As a result of the new law, the Company has had to reduce the number of hours of overtime its workers can work, substantially increase salaries of its workers, provide additional benefits to its workers, and revise certain other of its labor practices. The increase in labor costs has increased the Company's operating costs, which increase the Company has not always been able to pass through to its customers. As a result, the Company has incurred certain operating losses as its cost of manufacturing increased. The Company's attempt to increase its prices to reflect the increase in labor and other costs has strained its relations with certain of its principal customers. In addition, under the new law, employees who either have worked for the Company for 10 years or more or who have had two consecutive fixed-term contracts must be given an "open-ended employment contract" that, in effect, constitutes a lifetime, permanent contract, which is terminable only in the event the employee materially breaches the Company's rules and regulations or is in serious dereliction of his duty. Such non-cancelable employment contracts will substantially increase its employment related risks and limit the Company's ability to downsize its workforce in the event of an economic downturn. The changes in the labor laws directly contributed to four strikes that affected three of the Company's manufacturing facilities, caused other labor slow-downs, required to the Company to make significant financial payments and concessions to its worker, and has resulted in the filing of 94 labor claims by employees against the Company (resulting in a possible aggregate liability to the Company of \$510,000). Although the Company has established a \$510,000 reserve for this potential liability in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2008, these claims have materially contributed to the net losses incurred during that fiscal year. No assurance can be given that the Company will not in the future be subject to additional strikes or that it will not have to make other payments to resolve future labor issues caused by the new laws.

*Uncertain Legal System and Application of Laws.* The legal system of China is often unclear and is continually evolving, and currently there can be no certainty as to the application of its laws and regulations in particular instances. While China has a comprehensive system of laws, the application of these laws by the existing regional and local authorities are often in conflict and subject to inconsistent interpretation, implementation and enforcement. New laws and changes to existing laws occur quickly and sometimes unpredictably. As is the case with all businesses operating in China, the Company often is also required to comply with informal laws and trade practices imposed by local and regional administrators. Local taxes and other charges are levied depending on the local needs for tax revenues and may not be predictable or evenly applied. These local and regional taxes/charges and governmentally imposed business practices often affect the Company's cost of doing business and require the Company to constantly modify its business methods to both comply with these local rules and to lessen the financial impact and operational interference of such policies. For example, the Company and other companies have periodically been taxed on foreign currency bank transfers, which taxes can be substantial. In addition, it is often extremely burdensome for businesses to comply with some of the local and regional laws and regulations. Recently, the local and regional agencies have increasingly enforced rules that previously were not enforced, thereby increasing the burden on the Company and the other businesses operating in the region. While the Company has, to date, been able to increase its compliance with the regulations and operate with the newly enforced rules and business practices, no assurance can be given that it will continue to be able to do so in the future. Should the local or regional governments or administrators impose new practices or levies that the Company cannot effectively respond to, or should the administrators continue to enforce more of those rules that they have not previously enforced, the Company's operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely impacted. The Company's ability to appeal many of the local and regionally imposed laws and regulations is limited, and the Company may not be able to seek adequate redress for laws that materially damage its business. The Chinese judiciary is relatively inexperienced in enforcing the laws that exist, leading to a higher than usual degree of uncertainty as to the outcome of any litigation. Even where adequate laws do exist in China, it may not be possible to obtain swift and equitable enforcement of that law.



*Current Favorable Tax Policy Could Change.* Under the BFDC Agreements, the Company is not considered by local tax authorities to be doing business in China; therefore, the Company's activities in China have not been subject to local taxes on its operations. The BFDC is responsible for paying its own taxes incurred as a result of its operations under the BFDC Agreements. Since the Company reimburses the BFDC for its expenses related to the Company's activities in China, the Company effectively pays the taxes on its operations. There can be no assurances, however, that the Company will not be subject to direct taxation on its operations in the future. If China did impose a direct tax upon the Company, the tax could materially adversely affect the Company's business and results of operations. See Note 4 of Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on taxation.

*Current Tax Benefit for the Company's Chinese Subsidiary.* The Company's Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited subsidiary was incorporated in the PRC and commenced operations in November 2006. As a result, the subsidiary currently qualifies for a two year tax holiday and is entitled to a 50% reduction for the next three years (through 2010). There is no assurance that the Chinese government will not cancel or revise this tax holiday before 2010. To date, Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited has not been able to generate any profit and has not been able to utilize these tax benefits.

*Tax Risks of Operating in China.* Although the Company's principal operations in Long Hua, Shenzhen, China are not taxed, the Company's other operations are subject to certain locally imposed taxes. The imposition and amount of these taxes often is uncertain and unpredictable. For example, the Company was previously informed that its operations in He Yuan would be treated substantially the same as those in Shenzhen and, therefore, would not subject to local taxation. However, during the past year the Company was told that its operations in He Yuan would, in fact, be taxed. Although the operations in He Yuan were not profitable, and therefore, should not have been taxed, the local authorities nevertheless imposed a tax based on their estimates of the Company's He Yuan profits despite the fact that the Company paid the required He Yuan subcontract license fees. These unexpected taxes and levies could detrimentally affect the Company's cost structure in China and its future results from operations.

In addition, the Company is not required to withhold taxes in China for its Hong Kong based employees who reside less than 183 days in China. While the Company carefully monitors the amount of time that its affected employees spend in China, an inadvertent violation of the employment restrictions in China by some of the Company's employees could expose the Company to significant additional taxes in China.

*Recent Turbulent Relations with the United States.* Relations between the U.S. and China have during the past few years been strained as a result of numerous events, including the controversies over the protection in China of intellectual property rights that have threatened the business relations between the countries. These strains on U.S./China relations could affect the ability of foreign companies operating in China, such as the Company, from engaging in business with, or selling to the U.S. or U.S. companies. Any disruption of the current trade relations with the U.S. could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. No assurance can be given that these and any other future controversies will not change the status quo involving peaceful trade relations between the U.S. and China, or that the Company's business and operations in China will not be materially and adversely affected. Even if trade relations between the U.S. and China are not affected by political difficulties between the two countries, such political friction could adversely affect the prevailing market price for the Company's Common Shares.

*Labor Shortages and Employee Difficulties.* One of the principal economic advantages of locating the Company's operations in China has been the availability of low cost labor. Due to the enormous growth in manufacturing in China and the effects of China's one-child policy, the Company has recently experienced some difficulty in filling its labor needs. In addition to the recently developing tight labor market, the Company has also been affected by cyclical trends and other shortages in labor supply. For approximately two months each year, there are severe labor shortages in China as a result of the Chinese New Year during which time the Company follows the customary practice at its factory complex to grant its employees home leave and to, therefore, temporarily discontinuing operations. The Company has also experienced labor shortages in the past as a result of road and weather conditions and natural disasters. Any material or prolonged shortage of labor would have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

China's strict, communist era labor laws are difficult to comply with and costly to implement. In addition, the Chinese government has made sweeping changes to labor laws, including increasing minimum wages, limiting overtime hours, permitting workers to join labor unions, permitted workers to sue their employers to enforce labor law violations, and requiring employers to provide other employee benefits. As a result of the foregoing labor law changes, the cost of hiring workers has substantially increased, which has negatively affected the Company's cost advantage it enjoyed compared to non-China manufacturers. Employers found to be violating these labor rules are often severely penalized, partly in order to intimidate other companies into compliance. The strict enforcement of the labor laws, combined with the shortages in the available labor pool, have increased the Company's costs of finding, hiring, paying, and otherwise providing for employees.

*Risks Related to Operations*

*Significant Financial and Operational Risks Related To Opening Additional Facilities in China.* As a result of the acquisition of one company and the establishment of two other facilities, the Company now has operations in four separate locations in China. The cost of acquiring, establishing, refurbishing, upgrading and integrating these new facilities has been substantial and has negatively affected the Company's earnings and financial condition for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2008. For example, in 2006 the Company acquired Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited, a company engaged in the business of the manufacture and supply of plastic parts and products. The significant expenses that the Company has incurred to date as a result of the Golden Bright acquisition (including due diligence expenses, integration costs, the cost of upgrading certain machinery and equipment at Golden Bright's facilities, and the significant costs incurred to upgrade and integrate the financial and accounting systems of Golden Bright with those of the Company) have to date reduced the Company's overall cash flow and earnings. Furthermore, during the March 31, 2008 fiscal year, the Golden Bright employees disrupted the Company's operations with work slow downs and general strikes, and made demands for the Company to terminate their existing employment agreements and rehire them under new employment agreements that would have resulted in large severance payments mainly based on their prior years' of employment. The Company made payments of approximately \$290,000 to settle these demands. While the Company was able to charge a majority of the unexpected expenses back to the previous owners of Golden Bright by reducing the purchase price, such work disputes led to a loss of sales turnover, which eventually resulted in a majority of the Company's previous customers moving their business away from the Company, effectively reducing the sales volume to less than half of the sales prior acquisition.

The acquisition and establishment of the other operations during 2006 (such as the tool making equipment the Company purchased from Kyoei Bright) have likewise negatively affected the Company's earnings and cash position. While the Company believes that the acquisition of Golden Bright and the Kyoei Bright equipment have significantly enhanced the economic value and operating capabilities of the Company's plastics operations, and that these acquisitions will significantly contribute to the future growth of the Company and the expansion of the Company's growing plastics manufacturing operations, to date, these acquisitions have negatively affected the Company's net income and financial condition. Although the Company believes that these new acquisitions are on a path to profitability, no assurance can be given that these new acquisitions will, in fact, become profitable or will otherwise improve the Company's overall operations, business or future profitability. The Company may, in the future, acquire additional businesses, or may establish additional facilities, which additional facilities may likewise have a negative impact on the Company's short-term cash position and on its results of operations.

*The Company Is Highly Dependent Upon Its Executive Officers And Its Other Managers.* The Company is highly dependent upon Roland Kohl, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, and its other officers and managers, including Fong Po Shan, Satoru Saito, May Tsang Shu Mui, and Quan Vinh Can (Joseph). Although the Company has employment contracts with the foregoing persons, no assurance can be given that those employees will remain with the Company during the terms of their employment agreements. The loss of the services of either of the foregoing persons would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and operations. Mr. Kohl's employment agreement expires in March 2009. The Company currently owns a life insurance policy for Mr. Kohl in the amount of \$2,000,000, but otherwise does not carry key man life insurance on either of its officers or key managers.

*Dependence on Credit Facilities.* The Company currently obtains financing through credit facilities provided by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC), by DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, and by Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited. These credit facilities in the aggregate provide the Company with up to \$7,134,000 of financial resources. Although the Company, to date, has financed its working capital needs primarily through cash generated from its operations and from its internal financial resources, as a result of its recent operating losses, the increasing amount of customs and other deposits the Company is required to maintain with governmental agencies, the faster payment demands of its vendors and the slower payment made by its customers, the Company expects to utilize more of its credit facilities in the future and is more dependent upon those credit facilities. Should these credit facilities not be available to the Company, or should the amounts be reduced or otherwise restricted, the Company's ability to fund its working capital and other needs would negatively impacted, which could materially and adversely affect its operations and business. No assurance can be given that the Company's lenders will continue to provide the Company with the credit facilities that it will need in the future.

*The Company Must Continuously Adapt Its Operations To Suit Its Customers Needs, Or Else It Will Lose Customers.* The Company's customers are continuously changing the mix of their products. Accordingly, the Company must continuously adapt its manufacturing abilities to suit the needs of its customers. The failure to anticipate, detect or react to its customers changes can have severe adverse affects on the Company's operations. No assurance can be given that the Company will be able to detect and correctly react to future changes in the needs of its principal customers, or that its investments in equipment and machinery in anticipation of such changes will result in the anticipated return. Should the Company incorrectly react to changes in the needs of its current or future customers, its business, operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

*The Company is Increasingly Financially Dependent Upon a Few Major Customer.* Historically, a substantial percentage of the Company's sales has been to small number of customers. The Company's current business plan calls for reducing the number of smaller clients and shifting the Company's sales and operations to a fewer, large customers. During the years ended March 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, the Company's sales to its three largest customers for such periods accounted for approximately 51.3%, 46.9% and 46.1% of net sales respectively. See "Business—Major Customers." The Company's success will depend to a significant extent on maintaining its major customers and on the success achieved by its major customers. The Company could be materially adversely affected if it loses any major customers or if the business and operations of its major customers decreases. While the Company has in the past been able to replace major customers, no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to do so in the future. Since most of the Company's sales transactions with its customers are based on purchase orders received by the Company from time to time, the Company is to a large extent dependent upon continuously receiving new purchase orders for its future sales. As a result, most of the Company's revenues are dependent upon periodic orders and the amount of sales to its customers fluctuate from time to time. In addition, with fewer, larger customers, the Company's operations have become more dependent upon fewer customers and would be more significantly impacted by a delay or reduction of any anticipated purchase orders or by the loss of any one or more of its major customers.

In addition to its increasing dependence on generating revenues from fewer, larger customers, the Company's risk exposure to the collection of its accounts receivable likewise is increasing as the size of receivables from individual clients increases. A substantial portion of the Company's sales to its major customers are made on credit, which exposes the Company to the risk of significant revenue loss if a major customer is unable to honor its credit obligations to the Company. Any material delay in being paid by its larger customers, or any default by a major customer on its obligations to the Company would significantly and adversely affect the Company's liquidity. During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, accounts receivable from the five customers with the largest receivable balances at year-end represented 76.6%, 44.9% and 61.0% of the total outstanding receivables, and the largest customer's accounts receivable represented 33.1% of the Company's total receivables as of March 31, 2008.

*The Company Faces Significant Competition From Numerous Larger, Better Capitalized, and International Competitors.* The Company competes against numerous manufacturers for all of its current products. Such competition arises from both third party manufacturers (such as the Company) and from the in-house manufacturing capabilities of existing customers. To a large extent, the Company competes in its OEM business on the basis of quality, price, service, and the ability to deliver products on a reliable basis. Due to intense price competition, the Company has at times during the past few years had to reduce its price and its operating margins. In addition, because of significant competition and the availability of alternate OEM suppliers for the Company's customers, the Company has, at times, been unable to pass through significant materials cost increases. This has led to lower gross margins and even to net losses in some product lines. During the past few years, the Company has at times lost manufacturing contracts because of its price increases, which has negatively affected the Company's net sales and lowered its market share. As a result of these factors, the Company will have to continue to operate at narrow gross profit margins, which could jeopardize the Company's financial position.

Since locating its facilities in Shenzhen, China, in 1991, the Company has been able to compete with other manufacturers based its cost of operations in Shenzhen, the availability of a large labor pool, its favorable tax status, and its convenient access to Hong Kong's shipping port and business/banking facilities. However, since the Company first moved to Shenzhen as one of the first manufacturers in that locality, many other manufacturers have re-located or established new facilities in Shenzhen, and the Company's competitive advantage has been significantly diminished. In addition, many of the larger, international companies that have established competing facilities in Shenzhen have also established manufacturing facilities in other low-cost manufacturing locations, many located sites outside of China, which have given those competitors the ability to shift their manufacturing to those locations whenever costs at those other locations was cheaper than in Shenzhen. Accordingly, the Company has indirectly been competing against both the competitors in Shenzhen as well as the other facilities outside of China. Recent events in China have significantly increased the cost of operating in China, including changes in labor laws, changes in environmental regulations and in the enforcement of such regulations, increases in safety regulations, and a general increase in the cost of doing business have all collectively significantly eroded the advantages of operating in China. No assurance can be given that the Company will continue to be able to compete effectively against companies outside of China in its principal businesses.



*Continuing Dependence on the Long Hua, Shenzhen, Factory Complex.* Until July 2005, all of the Company's operations in China were based at a single facility in Long Hua, Shenzhen. In July 2005 the Company opened a second, smaller manufacturing facility, in He Yuan, China. In 2006, the Company also commenced operations at a small manufacturing facility in Wuxi, China, and purchased a plastic products manufacturer in Pinghu, approximately 15 kilometers from the Company's main facility in Long Hua. As a result, at March 31, 2008, the Company was operating at four locations. However, despite these new sites, over 70% of the Company's estimated operations for the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2008 are expected to be generated from the Long Hua, Shenzhen facility. Accordingly, the Company is still dependent upon its principal Shenzhen facility and will remain so despite the new facilities. The Company's leases for its Long Hua facilities under the Premises Leases that expire in February 2009. Unless the Premises Leases are renewed or extended, the Company could be forced to relocate these facilities in 2009. The Company is currently in negotiations to extend or renew the Premises Leases, although no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to reach an agreement with its landlord. Although the Company believes that other suitable facilities are available near the current Long Hua facilities that it could lease on terms that are equal to, or more favorable to the Company than the Premises Leases, the relocation of its largest facility would be costly, could materially disrupt the Company's operations, and would have a material and adverse impact on the Company's operations and financial condition. The Company currently maintains fire, casualty and theft insurance aggregating approximately \$30,000,000 covering various of its stock in trade goods and merchandize, furniture and equipment in China. The proceeds of this insurance may not be sufficient to cover material damage to, or, the loss of, all or material portions of the factory complex due to fire, severe weather, flood, or other act of God or cause, and such damage or loss would have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, business and prospects. Although the Company has diversified its operations with the new He Yuan, Wuxi and Pinghu facilities, the Company will continue to be principally dependent upon the Long Hua in the near future.

*The Company's Operations May be Significantly Disrupted and Negatively Affected if The Company Relocates its Manufacturing Facilities.* The Company's facilities leases in Long Hua, Shenzhen, expire in February 2009, and it is uncertain whether the Company will be able to obtain a new lease from its landlord. The Company has investigated relocating its facilities to a new facility, either elsewhere in, or outside of Long Hua, Shenzhen if the Premises Leases are not extended or renewed and believes that suitable alternate facilities are available. However, if the Company does relocate its facilities in 2009 (voluntarily or otherwise), its entire operations, including its business, its manufacturing operations, and its relationships with clients and local government offices and landlords, will be adversely affected while the Company disassembles, moves and reinstalls its equipment and manufacturing capabilities. Any such disruption could affect the Company's relationship with its vendors and customers. In addition, the Company will incur significant expenses in relocating its entire facilities and, in all likelihood, will have to significantly increase the amount of customs deposits it has to keep with the governmental authorities. All of the foregoing factors related to any relocation are expected to negatively impact the Company's revenues and financial position during the fiscal year in which the relocation occurs and for an unknown period thereafter.

*The cost of purchasing components has been increasing and could increase further, thereby negatively affecting the Company's margins and operating results.* The Company purchases many of the components used in manufacturing its products. An estimate of the cost of these components is included in the price that the Company quotes to its customers. However, the Company does not have written agreements with most of its suppliers of components. This typically results in the Company bearing the risk of component price increases because the Company may be unable to procure the required materials at a price level necessary to generate anticipated margins. Recently, the cost of many components has increased substantially. Accordingly, increases in component prices could materially and adversely affect the Company's gross margins and operating results.

*Fluctuation in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates.* Because the Company engages in international trade, the Company is subject to the risks of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. In prior years, the Company's exposure to currency fluctuations was limited because most of its sales were denominated in either U.S. or Hong Kong dollars. However, as a result of its increasing sales to European customers, many of which are paid in Euros, the Company is exposed to the risks associated with possible foreign currency controls, currency exchange rate fluctuations or devaluations. The Company's financial results have, from time to time, been affected by currency fluctuations. Although the Company recognized a net foreign currency exchange gain of \$283,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 due to the appreciation of the value of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar, a decrease in the value of the Euro could result in a future currency exchange loss. Notwithstanding these currency conversion rate fluctuations, the Company does not attempt to hedge its currency exchange risks and, therefore, will continue to experience certain gains or losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company does attempt to limit its currency exchange rate exposure in certain of its OEM contracts through contractual provisions, which may limit, though not eliminate, these currency risks.

*Significant Worldwide Political, Economic, Legal And Other Risks Related To International Operations.* The Company is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, has its executive and administrative offices in Hong Kong, and has all of its manufacturing facilities in China. The Company sells its products to customers in Hong Kong, North America, Europe, and Japan. As a result, its operations are subject to significant political and economic risks and legal uncertainties, including changes in international and domestic customs regulations, changes in tariffs, trade restrictions, trade agreements and taxation, changes in economic and political conditions and in governmental policies, difficulties in managing or overseeing foreign operations, and wars, civil unrest, acts of terrorism and other conflicts. The occurrence or consequences of any of these factors may restrict the Company's ability to operate in the affected region and decrease the profitability of the Company's operations in that region.

*The New ROHS Regulations May Affect the Company's Operations And Expose It To Liability.* The European Union and Japan have adopted, and other major markets are considering adopting, the Restriction on Hazardous Substances ("RoHS") rules and regulations that prohibit the importation products and parts that contain certain levels of toxic materials (such as lead, cadmium and mercury). RoHS directives took effect in July 2006. Certain of the toxic materials on the RoHS banned list have previously been used, and may currently still be used in the manufacture of products that we purchase or that we supply to our customers. The Company's European and Japanese customers have required that the Company comply with the new RoHS rules and regulations and that the Company give its customers assurance that the products and parts delivered by the Company are RoHS compliant. In the event that the Company cannot produce products that are RoHS compliant, it will lose sales of those products. In addition, there is a risk that shipments of our products may be seized and, if found to be non-compliant, that the we may be fined. Although the Company is attempting to comply with all of the new rules, and it is requiring that its parts suppliers comply with the new rules, no assurance can be given that the Company will be fully compliant or that its suppliers will correctly certify that the materials that they supply to the Company are compliant. Manufacturing products in compliance with RoHS will require the Company to incur additional manufacturing and administrative costs. However, failure to comply with the RoHS rules could result in the loss of sales, the loss of customers, and financial penalties. Since these rules have not yet been fully implemented, the costs and additional burdens on our business and operations of the RoHS rules and regulations are uncertain, but could be substantial.

*Future acquisitions or strategic investments may not be successful and may harm the Company's operating results.* As part of its strategy, the Company has in the past acquired or established smaller facilities in China, and it may do so in the future. For example, during the past three years, the Company has established three new manufacturing facilities in China in He Yuan, Wuxi and Pinghu. While the Company believes that its recent acquisition of Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited will in the longer term substantially contribute to the Company's overall sales, profitability and development, to date that acquisition been a drain on the Company's financial and other resources. To date, the Company has had to invest substantially more than it anticipated in restructuring Golden Bright and in resolving that subsidiary's numerous employee, managerial and operational problems. Future acquisitions or strategic investments could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and operating results because of:

- The assumption of unknown liabilities, including employee obligations. Although the Company normally conducts extensive legal and accounting due diligence in connection with its acquisitions, there are many liabilities that cannot be discovered, and which liabilities could be material. For example, the Company could become subject to penalties due to the prior non-compliant practices of an acquired business under law, rules and regulations that most companies operating under agreements with the BFDC did not follow with the tacit approval of the local authorities. Many of the Company's employee related problems during the past fiscal year were the result of labor issues related to its acquisition of Golden Bright.
- The Company may become subject to significant expenses related to bringing the financial, accounting and internal control procedures of the acquired business into compliance with U.S. GAAP financial accounting standards and the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

- The Company's operating results could be impaired as a result of restructuring or impairment charges related to amortization expenses associated with intangible assets.
- The Company could experience significant difficulties in successfully integrating any acquired operations, technologies, customers products and businesses with its operations.
  - Future acquisitions could divert the Company's capital and management's attention to other business concerns.
- The Company may not be able to hire the key employees necessary to manage or staff the acquired enterprise operations.

#### *Risks Relating to Hong Kong*

*Political and Economic Developments Affecting Hong Kong.* The Company's registered offices and sales offices and several of its principal customers and suppliers are located in Hong Kong. Accordingly, the Company may be materially adversely affected by factors affecting Hong Kong's political situation and its economy or its international, political and economic relations. Pursuant to a Joint Declaration (the "Joint Declaration") signed between the governments of China and Britain on December 19, 1984, China recovered sovereignty over Hong Kong on July 1, 1997. Although the Joint Declaration provides Hong Kong with a high degree of legislative, judicial and economic autonomy (except in foreign and defense affairs), there can be no assurance as to the continued stability of political, economic or commercial conditions in Hong Kong and that the Company's financial conditions and results of operations will not be adversely affected as a consequence of these events.

A substantial portion of the Company's net sales and expenses are denominated in the Hong Kong monetary unit, the Hong Kong dollar. Since 1983, the exchange rate between Hong Kong dollar and the U.S. dollar has been fixed at approximately HK\$7.78 to \$1.00. However, due to the currency turmoil that has affected many countries in Southeast Asia, there has been pressure to re-value the Hong Kong dollar. All dollar amounts ("\$\$") set forth in this Annual Report are in U.S. dollars. The peg of the Hong Kong dollar to the U.S. dollar has remained and been defended by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. While the Hong Kong Government has indicated that it has no plans to break the peg with the U.S. dollars, no assurances can be given that this will remain so in the future. The Company incurs significant amount of its expenses in Hong Kong dollars and generates its revenue's primarily in U.S. dollars and Euros. As a result, the Company would be negatively affected if the value of the Hong Kong dollar were to appreciate. An appreciation of the Hong Kong dollar against the U.S. dollar would increase the expenses of the Company when translated into U.S. dollars and could adversely affect profit margins. There can be no assurance that the exchange rate of the Hong Kong dollar will not fluctuate in the future and that such fluctuations will not have a materially adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

*Certain Legal Consequences of Incorporation in the British Virgin Islands*

The Company is incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands, and its corporate affairs are governed by its Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association and by the International Business Companies Act of the British Virgin Islands. Principles of law relating to such matters as the validity of corporate procedures, the fiduciary duties of the Company's management, directors and controlling shareholders and the rights of the Company's shareholders differ from those that would apply if the Company were incorporated in a jurisdiction within the U.S. Further, the rights of shareholders under British Virgin Islands law are not as clearly established as the rights of shareholders under legislation or judicial precedent in existence in most U.S. jurisdictions. Thus, the public shareholders of the Company may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions of the management, directors or controlling shareholders than they might have as shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a U.S. jurisdiction. In addition, there is doubt that the courts of the British Virgin Islands would enforce, either in original action or in an action for enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, liabilities that are predicated upon the securities laws of the U.S.

Further, pursuant to the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and pursuant to the laws of the British Virgin Islands, the Company Memorandum and Articles of Association may be amended by the board of directors without shareholder approval (provided that a majority of the Company's independent directors do not vote against such amendment). Amendments which may be made by the board of directors without shareholder approval include amendments increasing or reducing the authorized capital stock of the Company and increasing or reducing the par value of its securities.

*Risks Associated With An Investment in the Company's Securities*

*Volatility Of Market Price Of the Company's Shares.* The markets for equity securities have been volatile and the price of the Company's Common Shares has been and could continue to be subject to material fluctuations in response to quarter to quarter variations in operating results, news announcements, trading volume, sales of Common Shares by officers, directors and principal shareholders of the Company, news issued from competing companies, customers, suppliers or other publicly traded companies, general market trends both domestically and internationally, currency movements and interest rate fluctuations. Certain events, such as the issuance of Common Shares upon the exercise of outstanding stock options of the Company could also adversely affect the prevailing market prices of the Company's securities.

*Exemptions Under The Exchange Act As A Foreign Private Issuer.* The Company is a foreign private issuer within the meaning of rules promulgated under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). As such, and though its Common Shares are registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, it is exempt from certain provisions of the Exchange Act applicable to United States public companies including: the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the Commission of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or current reports on Form 8-K; the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations with respect to a security registered under the Exchange Act; the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their stock ownership and trading activities and establishing insider liability for profits realized from any "short-swing" trading transaction (i.e., a purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of the issuer's equity securities within six months or less), and the provisions of Regulation FD aimed at preventing issuers from making selective disclosures of material information. In addition, certain provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 either do not apply to the Company or the implementation of the provisions has been deferred. Because of the exemptions under the Exchange Act and Sarbanes-Oxley Act applicable to foreign private issuers, shareholders of the Company are not afforded the same protections or information generally available to investors in public companies organized in the United States.



*Failure to establish and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting could have a material and adverse effect on the accuracy in reporting our financial results or preventing fraud.* We are subject to the reporting obligations under the U.S. securities laws. The SEC, as required under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, has adopted rules requiring public companies to include a report of management on the effectiveness of such companies' internal control over financial reporting in its annual report. In addition, commencing with the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, an independent registered public accounting firm for a public company must attest to and report on the effectiveness of our company's internal control over financial reporting. Because of the difficulty in hiring and keeping highly qualified accounting personnel (which have been exacerbated by the recent acquisitions of the Golden Bright and Wuxi facilities), management may not be able to conclude that the Company's internal control over financial reporting is fully effective. Moreover, even if management concludes that the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm may issue a report that is qualified if such firm is not satisfied with the Company's internal controls over financial reporting or the level at which those controls are documented, designed, operated or reviewed, or if such firm interprets the relevant requirements differently from the Company. In addition, during the course of such evaluation, documentation and testing, the Company may identify deficiencies which the Company may not be able to remedy in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for compliance with the requirements. Any of these possible outcomes could result in an adverse reaction in the financial marketplace due to a loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our reporting processes, which in turn could harm the Company's business and negatively impact the trading price of the Company's common shares.

*The Financial Costs and Administrative Burdens of Implementing The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 Could Materially and Adversely Affect Our Financial Results and Financial Condition.* To date, the Company has been exempted from some of the regulations under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that are applicable to U.S. public companies. Except for the provisions of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act that requires our independent registered public accounting firm to attest to our internal controls, all of the provisions of that act that will apply to the Company must now be implemented. These rules require the Company to make a number of changes in some of its corporate governance, securities disclosure and compliance practices. In addition, in response to the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Nasdaq Stock Market has also promulgated new rules on a variety of subjects. Compliance with all of these new rules imposed by the SEC and by the Nasdaq Stock Market as well as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will continue to be a significantly burden on the Company's legal, financial and accounting costs, and the Company expects these increased costs to continue in the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

## **Item 4. Information on the Company**

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

Highway Holdings Limited is a holding corporation that was incorporated on July 20, 1990 as a limited liability International Business Company under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. The Company's corporate administrative matters are conducted in the British Virgin Islands through its registered agent: HWR Services Limited, P.O. Box 71, Craigmuir Chambers, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The Company's principal executive offices are located in Hong Kong at Suite No. 810, Level 8, Landmark North, Sheung Shui, New Territories, Hong Kong. Highway Holdings Limited currently operates through seven active controlled subsidiaries.

The Company began its operations in 1990 in Hong Kong as a metal stamping company. In 1991, the Company transferred the metal stamping operations to a factory in Long Hua, Shenzhen, China, where the metal stamping and the Company's other operations have been conducted pursuant to agreements entered into between certain China companies set up by the local government and the Shenzhen City Baoan District Foreign Economic Development Head Company and its designees (collectively, the "BFDC") (the agreements, collectively the "BFDC Agreements"). As a result of the BFDC Agreements, the Company's Long Hua operations are provided with manufacturing facilities and labor by affiliates of local government instrumentalities, for which the Company pays management fees, based on a negotiated sum per factory worker, and other charges, as well as rent for the factory complex.

Since its organization in 1990, the Company has primarily been a manufacturer of high quality metal parts for major Japanese and German OEMs. The Company's metal stamping capabilities have, however, over the years been supplemented with additional manufacturing and assembly capabilities, such as the ability to manufacture and assemble plastic, electronic and electrical parts and products. As a result, the Company has evolved from a company that was only engaged in manufacturing simple metal parts to a company that has the capabilities to manufacture and assemble larger complex components, subsystems, subassemblies and even entire products for its OEM clients. The metal manufacturing operations have, since the formation of the Company, always been the largest segment of the Company's business and have generated most of the revenues for the Company.

After establishing its metal manufacturing operations, the Company in 1991 began a camera manufacturing business by acquiring the Hi-Lite Camera Company, a Hong Kong camera company. The Company's camera operations consisted primarily of manufacturing 35mm cameras and recycling single-use cameras. The Company mainly manufactured cameras for distribution in Europe, the United States and Hong Kong. As a result of the advent and massive proliferation during the past few years of digital cameras and mobile telephones with photographic capabilities, demand for the Company's film-based cameras dramatically decreased. Accordingly, in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, the Company terminated virtually all of its single-use camera operations and sold most of its existing inventory of camera products. The Company currently still manufactures some camera related products (such as underwater camera specialty products) for its OEM customers, but revenues from such products no longer contribute significantly to the Company's overall operations.



In 1997, the Company purchased substantially all the assets of Kienzle Uhrenfabrik GmbH (“Kienzle Uhren”), a clock and watch manufacturer that traces its origin back to 1822 in Germany, that was at the time in receivership. The purchase included the trademark to the “Kienzle” name and the equipment, machinery, tools, patents and furniture and office equipment of Kienzle Uhren. Subsequent to purchasing the equipment, the assets of Kienzle Uhren were dismantled, packed and shipped from Germany to the Company’s facilities in Hong Kong and China. Thereafter, the Company commenced manufacturing clocks for third parties for sale under various brand names (such as Braun, Swatch, and Casio), as well as clocks for the Company’s own account (which clocks were sold under the Company’s own “Kienzle” brand name). During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2003 and 2004, the Company has also licensed the “Kienzle” mark for use with various other products in Europe, which products were manufactured by others. The Company also manufactured and sold watches, both under its “Kienzle” brand name and for sale under other labels. However, as with the camera operations, because of the clock and alarm features of mobile telephones, the market for clocks and watches has significantly decreased and become extremely price competitive. As a result, in fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, the Company sold all of its rights to the “Kienzle” trademark for an aggregate purchase price of \$2,160,000 and terminated most of its clock and watch operations. The Company now only manufactures clocks and watches on a limited basis as an OEM manufacturer for third party clock/watch companies.

### **Revised Business Strategy—Increase In Manufacturing Capabilities and Facilities**

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, the Company completed a major restructuring and reorganization of its operations, which reorganization resulted in the termination of virtually all of the Company’s camera and clock/watch manufacturing operations as well as selling off the “Kienzle” trademark and related manufacturing and trading operations. In connection the restructuring, the Company wound down its marketing office in Germany (the office in Germany is being formally closed this year).

The principal goal and outcome of the reorganization was to terminate the Company’s unprofitable camera and clock/watch manufacturing and marketing operations, and to shift the Company’s resources and focus primarily to its OEM manufacturing and ODM design operations. As an integrated OEM manufacturer of metal, plastic and electric parts, components, subassemblies and competed products, the Company’s manufacturing capabilities have improved and evolved over the past few years, and it is now able to manufacture complete subassemblies and products for its customers. Unlike most of its smaller competitors in Shenzhen that can either (i) only manufacture metal parts or (ii) only manufacture plastic and electric parts, the Company has the ability to manufacture and assemble high quality components, subassemblies and products that require all of the foregoing metal, plastic and electric manufacturing capabilities. The Company business strategy is to further develop and leverage its multi-disciplinary manufacturing strengths, its cost structure, its logistical advantages, its reputation as a high-quality manufacturer, and its existing relationships with blue chip European and Japanese customers to further expand its manufacturing operations. In addition, the Company is attempting to leverage these advantages by upgrading its equipment and machinery, expanding its manufacturing capabilities, and diversifying its manufacturing locations to take advantage of cost and logistical advantages. During the past three years, the Company has taken the following steps to achieve these goals:

1. Additional Facilities. In addition to its principal manufacturing facility in Long Hua, Shenzhen, the Company has established three new manufacturing facilities in China in He Yuan, Wuxi and Pinghu.

He Yuan. In July 2005, the Company established a new, smaller facility in He Yuan, China, which commenced operations in November 2005 and currently employs about 94 employees in its light fixture manufacturing operations. The He Yuan facility was established in order to evaluate the costs, benefits and difficulties of operating a large facility at He Yuan. The Company is currently leasing its 3,500 square meter facilities in He Yuan. He Yuan is located about 180 kilometers from the Company's Long Hua, Shenzhen, facility. The Company's operations in He Yuan have, to date, produced mixed results. While the Company still is not certain whether it should commit to maintaining the He Yuan facility, the economic benefits of the He Yuan facility have recently adversely changed as a result of He Yuan's determination to tax the Company's operations in He Yuan in addition to the subcontract license fee the Company is paying.

Wuxi. In December 2005, the Company also incorporated Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited under the laws of China. The new Chinese subsidiary was established in Wuxi, China, to manufacture metal tools and parts for the internal Chinese market. Unlike the facilities in Shenzhen and He Yuan, because it is a Chinese company, the Wuxi subsidiary is able to sell its products in China to Chinese purchasers for use in China. The Wuxi subsidiary was established for the purpose of accessing the growing business opportunities in the Shanghai region and to serve the large number of European and Japanese OEMs in the region, most of whom require local delivery. The Wuxi subsidiary was established by the Company by purchasing the assets and business of an existing local manufacturing operation. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company completed the terms of the acquisition by transferring rights equivalent to a 29% stake in its Kayser Wuxi subsidiary to two shareholders. However, because of the substantial difficulties and exceptionally high costs involved in evaluating non-cash investments, the Company has not yet formally transferred 29% of the stock of the Wuxi subsidiary to the two shareholders, and the Company currently officially still owns 100% of the shares of the Wuxi local foreign invested company. Accordingly, the Company, currently owns a 71% financial interest in the Wuxi subsidiary and the two others hold a 29% financial interest. The Wuxi facility currently employs approximately 44 employees. Kayser Wuxi has, to date, operated at a negative cash flow. As a result, the Company is considering alternatives for increasing the amount of operations conducted at that facility, is planning on increasing marketing efforts for that facility, and is evaluating other alternatives if the operations do not improve.

Pinghu. In September 2006, the Company acquired all of the shares of Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited, a company primarily engaged in the business of the manufacture and supply of plastic parts and products. Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing specializes in tool making, plastic injection molding, silk screen printing, spray painting and mechanic and electronic assembly. Golden Bright produces components, subassemblies and finished products for its OEM customers. Golden Bright is located in Pinghu, approximately 15 kilometers from the Company's principal facilities in Long Hua, Shenzhen. The Golden Bright facility currently employs approximately 237 employees at a 14,600 square meter facility. The Company purchased the shares of Golden Bright for an initial cash payment of \$514,000 (HK \$4,000,000) and subsequent additional payments of up to approximately \$1.0 million, subject to certain performance measures, payable over a three-year period. The purchase price payments are as follows: (i) \$514,000 (HK \$4,000,000) was paid at the closing in September 2006; (ii) Subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, the Company is obligated to make three equal additional payments of \$171,333 totaling \$514,000 (HK \$4,000,000) in September 2007, September 2008 and September 2009; and (iii) A final contingent purchase price payment of \$514,000 (HK \$4,000,000) is due in September 2009 if certain additional contingencies are met. As security for the obligation of the Company to make the foregoing final contingent \$514,000 (HK \$4,000,000) purchase price payment, the Company issued 128,534 of its common shares to the sellers, which shares were to be held in escrow by an escrow agent. The operations of Golden Bright were severely affected by the labor strikes that affected the Company during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, and the Company incurred more than \$100,000 of costs related to these undisclosed employee liabilities. As a result, the previous owners of Golden Bright were not able to meet all of the conditions required to earn the September 2009 purchase price payment, and the third payment

secured by 128,534 escrowed common shares will not become payable (the 128,534 shares that were held in escrow by an escrow agent have been returned to the Company and will be cancelled). The undisclosed liabilities that the Company assumed in the Golden Bright acquisition also triggered Golden Bright's previous owners' responsibility for these undisclosed liabilities pursuant to the terms of the acquisition.

2. Upgrading Equipment-Increased Automation. In order to attract major European and Japanese OEM customers and in order to reduce its labor costs, the Company has been upgrading the design and manufacturing equipment at its facilities. During the past two years, the Company made significant investments in new tool making equipment, including the purchase of seven state-of-art machines for use at the plastics manufacturing facilities at Golden Bright and the purchase of new stamping machines, spectrum analyzers and robotic equipment. The new Golden Bright equipment included five CNC tooling machines, one CNC measurement machine, and one electronic injection molding machine. Concurrently, the Company entered into a cooperation agreement with Kyoei Engineering Co. Ltd., a Japanese company, for the use and operation of this equipment. Pursuant to the cooperation agreement, the Company has agreed to permit Kyoei Engineering to utilize the measurement equipment for up to 50 percent of the available operating time, calculated weekly, during normal business hours, for its own purposes and benefit, provided that Kyoei Engineering supplies a full-time Japanese engineer to operate the machinery for both the Company and Kyoei Engineering. The Company also intends to purchase additional equipment that will increase the automation of certain of its manufacturing processes in order to reduce the effect that the recent increases in labor costs and to reduce the Company's dependence on short-term workers.

During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2008 the Company's total investment in new equipment and machinery was approximately \$2,137,000 and \$330,000, respectively, and the Company currently anticipates investing an additional \$500,000 in new equipment and machinery this fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

As its manufacturing capabilities and the quality of its products have improved, the Company has received additional product orders from its larger customers and has attracted new clients, including new customers from the U.S. The Company has also been improving its operating capabilities, has been improving and upgrading its manufacturing facilities, and has taken steps to improve its image as a manufacturer to such clients. The Company has received and actively maintains its ISO 9001 quality management system certification and its ISO 14001 environmental management systems certification.

3. **Increased Capabilities.** As part of offering its major European and Japanese customers additional facilities and modern, upgraded manufacturing equipment, the Company has also been enhancing its manufacturing capabilities. In order to become a one-stop manufacturing facility for the design, development and manufacture of components, subassemblies and complete products that require metal, plastic and electronics capabilities, the Company has been improving its plastics manufacturing and assembly capabilities. As indicated above, the Company has purchased Golden Bright to expand its plastics operations, and has complemented those operations with the state of the art equipment it purchased for that facility. In addition, by utilizing the expertise that it developed from prior its electronic clock making and camera operations, the Company has organically been growing and improving its electronic manufacturing abilities.

As a result of the foregoing strategic changes, the Company's OEM manufacturing business and operations have expanded significantly beyond merely manufacturing and assembling metal parts used in subsystems or other products. Under its revised business strategy, the Company now manufactures a wider variety of parts and components for its European OEM customers, including, for example, ballast casings for fluorescent lighting, stepping motors, dishwasher and washing machines water control assemblies, turbines for vacuum cleaners, air pumps, wireless chimes, coils for induction generators, complete lighting fixtures, ventilation units, LED lights, waterproof camera housings as well as various functional units such as hinges, and stands and spring pack assemblies for photocopiers, laptop computers and flat panel monitors.

#### **Business Overview**

The Company is primarily a fully integrated manufacturer of high quality metal, plastic, electric and electronic components, subassemblies and finished products for major Japanese, German and United States OEMs and contract manufacturers. All of the Company's manufacturing activities are currently conducted in four locations in China. The Company's principal, and oldest factory complex is located in Long Hua, in Shenzhen, China, at which the Company currently employs approximately 1,030 employees in all areas of its operations. In July 2005, the Company established a new, smaller facility in He Yuan, China, which commenced operations in November 2005 and currently employs about 94 employees in its light fixture manufacturing operations. In 2006, the Company commenced operations at its new Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited subsidiary in Wuxi, China, to manufacture metal tools and parts for the internal Chinese market. The Wuxi facility currently employs 44 persons. In September 2006, the Company acquired Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited, a company primarily engaged in the business of the manufacture and supply of plastic parts and products. The Golden Bright facility employs approximately 237 persons.

The Company currently manufactures and supplies a wide variety of high quality metal, plastic and electric parts, components and products to its OEM clients, which products are used by the Company's customers in the manufacturing of such products as photocopiers, laser printers, compact disc players, laser disc players, cassette players, computer equipment, electrical components, electrical connectors, cameras, clocks, automobile accessories, vacuum cleaners, light fixtures and dishwasher and other washing machine components. As part of its manufacturing operations, the Company assists customers in the design and development of the tooling used in the metal and plastic manufacturing process and provides a broad array of other manufacturing and engineering services. The metal manufacturing services include metal stamping, spray painting, screen printing, plastic injection molding, pad printing and electronic assembly services. The electronic assembly services include chip on board assembly, IC-bonding, and SMT automatic components assembly of printed circuit boards. Because it is able to provide these services, the Company eliminates the need to outsource these needed functions, and the Company is better able to assure product quality, control overall manufacturing costs and provide timely product delivery, all of which management believes is essential to maintaining, expanding and increasing the Company's customer base. The Company believes its historical success as a supplier to respected multi-national companies is due in large part to: (i) its international management structure which includes Japanese, German, American and Chinese nationals; (ii) its comparatively low labor and operating costs resulting from locating its manufacturing operations in China; (iii) its ability to consistently manufacture the type of high quality products required by the Company's targeted customers; (iv) its expertise in manufacturing these products in the required quality at a reasonable cost; (v) the breadth of its manufacturing capabilities, and (vi) its engineering design and development capabilities (which it uses to assist its customers to design their products).

The Company has continuously tried to strategically align its manufacturing operations with the needs of its major customers to attract new OEM clients and retain its existing clients. For example, the Company is now capable of manufacturing and assembling a wide variety of complex products that require metal, plastics and electronics manufacturing capabilities. In order to distinguish itself from the many other smaller metal stamping operations with which it used to compete in Shenzhen, the Company has adopted a plan to shift its focus from smaller, simple metal stamping projects for which the Company competes solely on price, to the manufacture of more complex parts, components and entire products that utilize more of the Company's vertically integrated technologies. Since the Company has the ability to design, manufacture and assemble complete components containing metal, plastic and electronics, and not just metal stamped parts, the Company's new focus is on manufacturing more customized products for global companies. By shifting to the manufacturing of larger, customized products that utilize more of the Company's vertically integrated and multi-disciplinary capabilities, the Company believes that it will be able to increase its revenues while regaining reasonable gross margins. The Company believes that its restructured strategy will lead to additional business opportunities which will increase the utilization ratios of its facilities.

Although the Company has divested itself of its principal clock and watch manufacturing business, the Company still manufactures a complete clock series on an OEM basis for one internationally well known clock company. The Company also manufactures underwater digital camera casings and waterproof LED lights for various OEM customers. Neither the clock/watch sales, the camera casing sales nor the LED product sales represent a material part of its current business.

## Industry Overview

Management believes that the third-party manufacturing industry has experienced major increases over the past decade as manufacturers increasingly outsource the manufacture of some or all of their component and/or product requirements to independent manufacturers. The benefits to OEMs of using contract manufacturers include: access to manufacturers in regions with low labor and overhead cost, reduced time to market, reduced capital investment, improved inventory management, improved purchasing power and improved product quality. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, approximately 96% of its revenues were derived from the metal, plastics and electric OEM manufacturing operations of the Company; the balance represented OEM sales of clocks and cameral products.

The Company first commenced its metal stamping operations in China in 1991. At that time, the Company gained a significant cost and logistical advantage over other manufacturers by basing its manufacturing facilities in Long Hua, Shenzhen, China, less than 50 kilometers from Hong Kong. During the past few years, however, many other manufacturers have located their facilities in Shenzhen and in other similar low-cost areas in China and Asia. As a result, the Company now faces significantly more competition as a manufacturer of OEM parts. The Company has responded to the increased competition by restructuring its operations and by trying to move from manufacturing low margin, low-cost individual parts to manufacturing higher margin, more expensive components, subassemblies and even complete units for its OEM customers.

Historically, the Company has manufactured high-quality metal parts, mostly for Japanese customers. Recently, however, the Company has focused on manufacturing products for European (primarily German) companies. The Company also is actively attempting to expand its OEM business to U.S. based companies, and has to date established a small, but active, customer base in the U.S.

## The Company's Strategy

Management believes that the Company's future growth and profitability depend on its ability to compete as a third party manufacturer.

*Capitalize on, and leverage its manufacturing strength:* Unlike many of its metal parts manufacturing competitors, primarily those in Shenzhen, China, the Company has a vertically integrated manufacturing facility that can design, manufacture and assemble more complex components and subassemblies. In addition, unlike some of its competitors in Shenzhen that are limited to either metal stamping or to electronic and plastics manufacturing, the Company also has the ability to combine metal stamping and electronics and plastics manufacturing. For example, manufacturing stepping motors, just to mention one of the Company's products, utilizes all of the Company's capabilities, starting with mold and die making for the metal and plastic parts, metal stamping, deep drawing and plastic injection molding, electric coil winding, soldering, and assembling all the parts by using spot welding and riveting technologies. Accordingly, the Company's strategy is to focus on manufacturing more complex products that utilize the Company's various manufacturing strengths. As the Company expands its manufacturing capabilities into new and varied products, the Company has commenced promoting the use of its assembly facilities to manufacture more of the end-product than just some parts or components by emphasizing the efficiencies of assembling the products by one manufacturer. Management believes that the Company's close relationships with its customers can increase the number of parts and services the Company provides to its customers. In addition, as more German and other European companies seek to establish a manufacturing base in China, the Company will provide manufacturing solutions for these European companies.

*Expansion by acquisition, merger and other means:* The Company believes it has the opportunity to expand its business through acquisitions and through the establishment of additional manufacturing facilities. During the past three years, the Company has established a new manufacturing facility in He Yuan and has purchased two existing manufacturing operations in Wuxi and in Pinghu, China. The Company continues to consider and evaluate other possible acquisitions, both in China and elsewhere to gain technology know how, additional management and technicians and an increased customer base.

In addition to expanding its manufacturing capabilities in China through acquisition, merger, etc., the Company may also acquire and/or establish additional manufacturing facilities in other countries. However, no such other locations have been selected, and no assurance can be given that the Company will be able to duplicate its China business in other countries.

*Maintain production quality:* Management believes that maintaining close relations with the Company's customers is important to the success of the Company's business. Understanding each customer's needs and efficiently and quickly addressing its needs is vital to maintaining a competitive advantage. Certain Japanese and German companies have built the goodwill associated with their products and tradenames on a high level of perceived quality. By employing the type of high quality management standards, production standards and quality control standards historically utilized by many leading Japanese and German companies, the Company has been able to satisfy the stringent requirements of its customers which ordinarily cannot be written into a specification or contract. Management believes that the Company's commitment to high level service, attention to detail and quality has the effect of providing customers with a sense of confidence and security that their product requirement will be met and their products will be delivered on time and a competitive price.

The Company conducts most of its manufacturing operations in accordance with typical Japanese and German manufacturing standards, paying particular attention to cleanliness, incoming material control, in process quality control, finished goods quality control and final quality audit. The Company's metal factory complex has received and maintained its ISO 9001 quality management system certification and an ISO 14001 environmental management systems certification. The Company's quality system helps to minimize defects and customer returns and create a higher confidence level among customers. Management believes that these factors increase demand for the Company's services and products.

## **Manufacturing**

The Company's manufacturing business consists of various stages: (i) tooling design and production; (ii) manufacturing parts made by metal stamping and plastic injection molding; (iii) mechanical and/or electric/electronic assemblies, and (iv) finishing, packaging and shipping.



*Tooling design and production:* The metal manufacturing process generally begins when a customer has completed the design of a new product and contacts the Company to supply certain metal and plastic components to be used in the product. Generally, the Company must design and fabricate the tooling necessary to manufacture these components in its tooling workshop. In some instances, however, the customer already possesses the tooling necessary to manufacture the metal component and simply delivers the tools to the Company. Customer will sometimes also pay the Company to purchase and install the equipment necessary to manufacture the customer's products. The Company uses various computer controlled manufacturing equipment to efficiently produce high quality tools designed to produce a high quality product. As many of the metal parts manufactured by the Company make use of progressive, multi-stage stamping techniques, tools and machines must be precisely fine tuned and aligned to achieve the required quality standard and maximum efficiency.

The tool making process for metal parts generally takes between 14 to 60 working days depending on the size and complexity of the tool. Customers typically bear the cost of producing the tools and, as is customary in the industry, the customers hold title to the tooling. However, the Company maintains and stores the tools at its factory for use in production and the Company usually does not make tooling for customers unless they permit the Company to store the tools on site and manufacture the related parts.

The Company also makes highly sophisticated plastic injection molds based on its customers' orders and requirements in a manner similar to the Company's metal tool manufacturing process.

*Metal Stamping; Plastic Injection Molding:* Following the completion of the tooling, the materials required for the specific product is selected and purchased. See "Raw Material, Components Parts and Suppliers." Often the customer specifies the materials to be used as well as the supplier. The completed tooling is fitted to the press which is selected for its size and pressing force.

Using separate shifts, part stamping and plastic molding can be conducted 24 hours a day, seven days per week other than during normal down time periods required for maintenance and changing of tools and during the traditional Chinese public holidays. Due to the strict quality requirements of customers, each machine is subject to stringent in-process quality controls; the Company's quality control personnel inspect the products produced each hour and update in-process logs at each pressing machine in which they record the quantity produced, defect rate and product dimensions and specifications. When defects are found during production, the Company's maintenance personnel inspect the tooling and the machine to determine which is responsible. If the tooling is the cause of the defect, it will be immediately removed from the machine and serviced or repaired by a team of technicians from the Company's tooling maintenance department. If the machine is the source of the defect, the machine is serviced immediately by the Company's technicians and engineers. In a continuous effort to assure quality, all stages of the production process are closely monitored so that all equipment and tools can be well maintained.

*Electronic Assembly:* The Company's electronic assembly manufacturing consists of chip on board assembly, IC-bonding and SMT technology.

*Finishing, Packaging and Shipping:* After pressing, the metal parts are degreased, inspected for defects and checked with custom-built test gauges. Some components are then sprayed in the Company's dedicated spray-paint facilities. After being painted, the parts are baked at high temperatures in drying ovens before final inspection and packaging. Some parts are also screen printed by the Company. In addition, for certain metal products, the Company assembles metal components and these parts are delivered to the assembly department for spot welding, threading, riveting other sub-assembly processed. Each of the parts, assemblies and products is then inspected, packaged to the customer's specific requirement and delivered to the final quality audit department for final quality inspection which is conducted on a random sample basis. All parts, assemblies and products are shipped by truck directly from the factory to the customer's factory in China or elsewhere through the port of Shenzhen and/or Hong Kong.

### **Raw Material, Component Parts and Suppliers**

The primary raw materials used by the Company to manufacture its metal stamped parts are various types of steel including pre-painted steel sheet, electrolytic zinc plated steel sheet, PVC laminated steel sheet and cold roll steel sheet. The Company selects suppliers based on the price they charge and the quality and availability of their materials. Often, the customer requires the Company to use specific suppliers. Many of the Company's suppliers of steel operate through Hong Kong or China-based companies which deliver the materials directly to the site of the Company's operations in China.

During the past few years, the price of metal and plastics raw materials has increased significantly, and there have been shortages for some materials. The Company estimates that the cost of some metal and plastic products increased during the past few years by between 10% and 100% on some materials. For example, during the last six months of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, certain steel prices increased by as much as 50%. The increase in raw materials prices has also increased the price of packaging. The increases in these prices has reduced the Company's gross margins on some of its OEM manufacturing products. As a result of the significant, and mostly unexpected, increase in raw material prices, the Company has tried to pass on these price increases to its customers and the Company has refused to enter into certain longer-term, fixed price manufacturing agreements. The Company's increases in the price it charges its customers, and its refusal to enter into longer-term fixed price agreements has, at times, resulted in some reduction of new purchase orders and strained relations with certain customers. However, the refusal to enter into certain longer term contracts has limited the Company's losses. Furthermore, because the Company's competitors have also been forced to increase prices and likely also have refused long term price agreements, the Company has been able to maintain its basic business and relationships with most of its customers.

The parts, components and products manufactured by the Company include various plastic injected and metal stamped components, as well as integrated circuits, electronic components and paper packaging products. The Company manufactures many of these products, but also purchases many other products that it uses in its products. These materials are subject to price fluctuations, and the Company has, at times, been materially adversely affected by price increases or shortages of supply. Under many of its prior OEM agreements, the Company did not have the right to change the price it charges its customers, despite increases in the Company's cost of raw materials or the price of parts that the Company has to purchase. Nevertheless, many of the Company's customers have, when cost increases are significant, after some delay, permitted the Company to change its pricing.

## Transportation

The Company transports components and finished products to customers in China and to and from Hong Kong and China by truck. Generally, the Company sells its products “free carrier” (“F.C.A.”) Hong Kong or “free-on-board” (F.O.B.) Hong Kong. To date the Company has not been materially affected by any transportation problems as it uses subcontract trucking services which have been readily available in the past. The Company’s transportation costs have, however, increased recently as a result of the world-wide increase in fuel costs. Similarly, recent improvements in the roads and highways in China have facilitated intra-China transportation. The Hong Kong and China customs departments have opened additional border crossings, extended their operating hours, and have been working continually to improve the flow of cross-border goods. In addition, the Company’s customers have recently elected to use the Shenzhen sea port rather than the port of Hong Kong. In considering establishing new manufacturing facilities for the Company, the Company may move away from Shenzhen and Hong Kong. However, any new facility that the Company considers must have good transportation connections to Hong Kong and other key delivery sites, although transportation costs may increase due to the additional distance to the delivery sites.

The Company’s new Golden Bright facilities in Pinghu are located near Hong Kong, and its new facility in He Yuan has easy access by highway or rail to Hong Kong and the other major markets and sea ports. Similarly, the new Wuxi subsidiary has good access to the Shanghai ports by highway and railroads. However, unlike its other facilities, it is expected that most of Wuxi’s products will be provided to local customers and not to sold to foreign markets.

## Customers and Marketing

The Company’s sales are generated from sales in Hong Kong/China, Europe, the United States, and other Asian countries. Net sales to customers by geographic area are determined by reference to the physical locations of the Company’s customers. For example, if the products are delivered to the customer in China, the sales are recorded as generated in Hong Kong; if the customer directs the Company to ship its products to Europe, the sales are recorded as sold in Europe. Payments are paid in Hong Kong dollars, United States dollars and European Euros. Net sales as a percentage of net sales to customers by geographic area consisted of the following for the years ended March 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008:

<u>GEOGRAPHIC AREAS:</u>	Year Ended March 31		
	2006	2007	2008
Hong Kong & China	54.1%	53.3%	49.6%
Europe	39.9%	41.7%	43.5%
Other Asian countries	2.0%	0.6%	0.7%
United States	3.8%	4.0%	5.9%
Others	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%

The Company's customers for its parts, components, and subassemblies generally are themselves manufacturers. The Company's products are sold primarily to Japanese and German owned companies that are finished goods manufacturers or contract manufacturers in China.

Until recently, the Company has marketed its metal stamping products and services to existing customers primarily through direct contact with the Company's management and senior purchasing officers of the customers. Historically, metal pressing sales were primarily conducted by the managing director of the metal stamping company, Nissin, Mr. Satoru Saito, a Japanese national, and Mr. Roland Kohl, a German national, who serves as the Chief Executive Officer, using existing contacts, word-of-mouth referrals and references from associated or related companies of the customers. During the past few years, the Company has gradually increased the number of foreign sales person to complement the activities of Mr. Kohl and Saito. Due to the international nature of senior management, the Company believes that it has been able to set itself apart from its competitions and bridge the cultural, language and quality gaps that most Japanese and German companies fear when dealing in China.

### **Major Customers**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, three customers each accounted for more than 10% of the Company's net revenues (or 46% collectively of the Company's net sales). During the past few years, the Company has relied to a large extent on a few larger customers and on many smaller customers. If the Company loses any of its major customers who account for a material portion of total net sales, or if any of those customer's order decrease substantially, the Company's results of operations and financial position would be materially and adversely affected if the Company is unable to replace any of its major customers.

Customers place manufacturing orders with the Company in the form of purchase orders which are usually supported by a delivery schedule covering one to two months of orders. Customers usually do not provide long term contracts for their purchases and are able to cancel or amend their orders at any time without penalty. In addition, certain customers enter into agreements with the Company in which the parties agree upon their purchase and sale procedures, but such agreements do not always contain any specific purchase orders or purchase requirements. However, customers often provide the Company with non-binding forecasts of their anticipated needs for the next year. Orders from such customers are thereafter received from time to time by customers based on the customers' needs, not on contractually fixed amounts or time periods. Accordingly, until recently, backlog has not been meaningful to the Company's business. As a result of the labor strikes and work slow-downs that the Company experienced during the past year, as of March 31, 2008 the Company had a significant backlog of unfilled orders, which orders it expects to satisfy during the first quarter of the current fiscal year. Sales of manufactured products to established existing clients are primarily on credit terms between 45 to 90 days with payment in Hong Kong dollars, while the sale to new or lesser known customers are completed on a wire transfer payment basis before shipment or other similar payment terms. Management constantly communicates with its credit sale customers and closely monitors the status of payment in an effort to keep its default rate low. However, as a result of the concentration of sales among a few of the Company's larger customers, the Company is required to bear significant credit risk with respect to these customers. Typically, metal part orders are spread over a three-month period and the Company is able to withhold delivery or slow down shipments in the event of any delinquency in payment for past shipments. Parts are generally shipped 30-60 days after an order has been placed unless the Company is required to manufacture new tools which requires approximately 14-60 days to complete prior to commencing manufacturing. While the Company has not experienced material difficulty in securing payment from its major customers, there can be no assurance that the Company's favorable collection experience will continue. The Company could be adversely affected if a major customer was unable to pay for the Company's products or services.

## **Industrial Property Rights**

As a manufacturer of parts, components and finished products for OEMs and contract manufacturers, the Company has no industrial property rights, such as patents, licenses, franchises, concessions or royalty agreements, which it considers material to its OEM manufacturing business. The Company does, however, currently own some patents on its clock and camera technologies. Since the Company does not currently generate significant revenues from products covered by these patents, the patents currently are not relevant to the Company's principal operations, and their carrying value has been written off on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## **Competition**

The Company competes against numerous manufacturers, including both smaller local companies as well as large international companies. For example, management believes that firms which are smaller than the Company make up the largest segment of the metal manufacturing industry in China, although it is not aware of any empirical data defining the metal manufacturing industry in China. These metal stamping companies compete with the Company for standard metal stamping work. However, since some of the Company's customers are large international enterprises that source their products from many international sources, the Company also competes against metal manufacturing companies in other low cost manufacturing countries. As a vertically integrated, multi-disciplinary manufacturer of complex components and products, the Company also competes against numerous global OEM manufacturers, whether those other manufacturers are located in Shenzhen, China or elsewhere. Most of the international competitors of the Company have substantially greater manufacturing, financial and marketing resources than the Company. The Company believes that the significant competitive factors are quality, price, service, and the ability to deliver products on a reliable basis. The Company believes that it is able to compete in its segment of the OEM manufacturing market by providing good quality products at a competitive prices with reliable delivery and service. In addition, since the Company's main manufacturing facilities are located in the Shenzhen area, near some of its OEM customers, the Company has a competitive advantage by being able to reduce delivery times and transportation costs for these customers, by being able to offer "just in time" supply services, and by being able to recycle packaging materials for multi-use purposes.

## **Other Activities**

Because the Company has been established in Shenzhen for over a decade, its also has some other minor activities in that area unrelated to its manufacturing operations. These other activities usually are conducted to test the market for potential expansion of the Company's operations into other businesses that that could benefit from the Company's capabilities. However, none of these other activities is material to the Company's operations or financial condition.

## **Organizational Structure**

Highway Holdings Limited is a holding company that operates through its subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2008, Highway Holdings Limited owned twelve subsidiaries, ten of which were wholly-owned by Highway Holdings Limited; the Company owns 100% of the shares of, but only a 71% economic interest in, Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited and owns 50% of the stock of Kayser Technik Overseas (Panama), a small trading company, which the Company holds in equal partnership with one of the previous customers from its camera business. However, the Company currently conducts its business primarily through eight of these subsidiaries, seven of which are incorporated in Hong Kong and the eighth is a Chinese company. The Company also still owns a subsidiary that is incorporated in Germany, but it no longer conducts any business through this subsidiary. For details regarding the names of these subsidiaries, the principal activities of subsidiaries, the country of their incorporation, and the dates of their organization, see Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements appearing in Item 18 of this Annual Report.

## **Property, Plants and Equipment**

### *British Virgin Islands*

The Registered Office of the Company is located at Craigmuir Chambers, Road Town, Tortola British Virgin Islands. Only corporate administrative matters are conducted at these offices, through the Company's registered agent, HWR Service Ltd. The Company does not own or lease any property in the British Virgin Islands.

### *Hong Kong*

The Company leases Suite 810, Level 8, Landmark North, 39 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui, New Territories, Hong Kong as its executive offices. These premises, consisting of approximately 1,912 sq. ft., are leased under a lease that expires in July 2011 and has a monthly rental cost of \$4,172 per month.

The Company also rents an approximately 5,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Hong Kong at a rental cost of \$1,900 per month under an agreement that expires in December 2009.

### *China*

The Company currently leases a total of approximately 45,000 square meters of space at the site of its factory complex located at Long Hua, Shenzhen, China from the Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. pursuant to five related leases. The leased space consists of 37,800 square meters of manufacturing space, with the balance representing dormitories for the Company's employees. This space is used predominately for the Company's metal manufacturing, OEM product assembly, camera and clock manufacturing, plastic injection, tooling workshop and warehouse operations. There are also offices for management and administration on the premises. The term of the leases expires on February 28, 2009. The Company is currently negotiating to extend or renew the leases for these facilities. No assurance can be given that the Company will enter into an extension or renewal for these leases. However, any new leases are expected to be leased at rental rates that are higher than those currently effect. The Company estimates that, depending on the Company's operations, the utilization rate of these facilities during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 fluctuated between an estimated 50% and 80% of its maximum capacity. Accordingly, the Company has sufficient manufacturing space for its current needs, and its current facilities will continue to satisfy the Company's space needs in the near future. If the Company is does not extend or renew the current lease, the Company will have to relocated its Long Hua facilities to one or more as yet unidentified sites.

The Company also obtains materials and assets under its two BFDC Agreements which expire in 2016. The BFDC is the local government of Long Hua, the town in which the factory complex is located. Pursuant to the BFDC Agreements, the BFDC is the party responsible for providing manufacturing facilities and supplying workers to the Company. The Company is responsible for paying a management fee, and certain other charges to the BFDC.

As is common in southern China, the factory complex has dormitory facilities to accommodate factory workers. The Company has leased approximately 72,000 square feet of space at Long Hua, Shenzhen, China which is used as dormitories for approximately 600 factory workers.

Effective June 1, 2008, the Company entered into a one-year lease for (i) an approximately 2,500 square meter manufacturing facility and (ii) an approximately 1,000 square meters of dormitory living quarters in He Yuan City, China. The facilities in He Yuan are approximately 180 kilometers from the Company's current principal facilities in Long Hua, Shenzhen, approximately 130 kilometers from the nearest ocean port, and are located near a major railroad station and highway. Under the lease, the Company pays \$3,900 per month as rent. The facilities are currently used solely for manufacturing light fixtures.

As part of its acquisition of Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited in Pinghu, the Company assumed that company's obligations under an operating license agreement with Shenzhen City Longang District Foreign Economic Development Limited that expires in 2020. The Golden Bright facilities consist of (i) an approximately 94,000 square feet manufacturing facility and dormitory living quarters that are leased under a lease that expires in June, 2012, and (ii) 52,000 square feet of manufacturing facilities and dormitory living quarters than are leased under a lease that expire in March 2014.

The Company's Wuxi subsidiary leased a 46,000 square feet facility in February 2007. The facilities are leased for \$5,000 per month under a lease that expires in February 2016.

#### *Germany*

When the Company's subsidiary in Germany is party to a lease for a 1,370 square foot office in Villingen-Schwenningen, Germany. The lease for this office expires in February 2009. The Company currently is winding down its operations in Germany and expects to cease all operations at this site before the expiration of this lease.

## Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

### Overview

The Company's net sales during the past three years were derived primarily from the manufacture and sale of metal, plastic and electronic components, assemblies and products for its multi-national clients. Although the Company manufactures metal, plastic and electronic parts and products for its customers, it treats all of these interrelated OEM manufacturing operations as one business segment. Approximately 98% of the Company's revenues are generated by the Company's three facilities located in the Guangdong province in Southern China (the Company's fourth, and smallest facility, is located in Wuxi near Shanghai).

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company incurred a net loss of \$1,921,000 (compared to net income of \$594,000 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007) as a result of a number of factors including, in particular, to four labor strikes that affected production at the Company's main three facilities in Guangdong province and to significant increases in the price of raw materials. During fiscal 2008 China adopted the "Labor Contract Law," which became effective on January 1, 2008. As a result of this new law, workers throughout Southern China went on strike to demand back pay and other payments. Although exact figures are not available, the Company estimates that most factories surrounding its facilities also experienced at least one workers' strike since July 2007. The Company's factories were subject to four workers' strikes and to a number of other labor activities that slowed down production at the Company's three major facilities and affected the quality of some of its products. The Company's operations at its newly acquired Golden Bright subsidiary were particularly negatively affected, with production at the facility decreasing by approximately 30% compared to the year earlier. In addition to lost productivity caused by the strikes and worker slow-downs, the Company also had to pay approximately \$205,000 as back-pay, severance payments, penalties and other settlement payments during fiscal 2008. As a result of the foregoing labor issues and laws, the Company's labor and labor related costs have almost doubled since the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007. In addition to the foregoing costs and payments incurred due to the labor law issues, the Company (and all other manufacturers in Southern China) also experienced large increases in the cost of raw materials. For example, the cost of steel, plastic, packaging, transportation, and most energy sources increased by approximately 20% to 50%. The Company was not immediately able to pass most of the foregoing costs through to its customers.

During the past three years, the Company has established one new manufacturing facility and acquired two other businesses. The cost and effort of acquiring, establishing, refurbishing, and integrating these three new operations into the Company's overall business have significantly and continue to adversely affected the Company's operations and its earnings. Among others effects, the recent acquisitions burdened the Company's technical, administrative and managerial staffs and have negatively impacted some of the internal operational targets and Company goals. The employees that the Company inherited in its acquisition of the Golden Bright subsidiary have significantly disrupted the Company's operations, have instituted strikes and worker slow-downs, and have lowered the quality of products manufactured at that facility. As a result, the Company has had to lay off substantially all of those employees and rebuild those operations.



The Company is not taxed in the British Virgin Islands, the state of its incorporation. The location of the Company's executive offices in Hong Kong enables the Company to pay low rates of income tax due to Hong Kong's tax structure. The Company's income arising from its Hong Kong operations or derived from its operations within Hong Kong is subject to Hong Kong income tax. The Company has successfully claimed a tax benefit from the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department by providing support for its position that more than half of its income is derived from its activities outside of Hong Kong, namely in China. The statutory tax rate in Hong Kong currently is 17.5%, and there are no taxes on dividends or capital gains. However, because of the Company's multi-jurisdictional operations, the Company's overall tax rate varies from the current 17.5% rate.

Under the BFDC Agreements that apply to the Company's principal operations in Shenzhen, the Company does not pay taxes in China based on the operations of the Shenzhen facilities because it is not considered to be doing business in China under current China law. The BFDC is responsible for paying its own taxes incurred as a result of its operations under the BFDC Agreements (which taxes are indirectly passed through to the Company). Arrangements such as the BFDC Agreements under which the Company operates in China are common in southern China for Hong Kong manufacturers. Management believes the Company will continue to benefit from a low overall effective tax rate in the future, barring unforeseen changes in tax laws. The Golden Bright subsidiary that the Company acquired in Pinghu in fiscal 2007 operates on a similar basis as in Shenzhen, and the Company therefore does not directly pay taxes on its Pinghu operations in China. However, the Company is taxed on its operations in both He Yuan and on the operations of its wholly-owned subsidiary in Wuxi. Because the Wuxi facilities are operated by a registered company in China that pays domestic taxes on its operations, it is authorized to manufacture and sell products for China domestic market.

Net sales to customers by geographic area are generally determined by the physical locations of the customers. For example, if a customer is incorporated in the USA, the sale is recorded as a sale to the U.S.

## **Results of Operations**

### *General*

During the past three years discussed below, the Company's revenues have been derived primarily from the manufacture and sale of OEM manufacture of metal, plastic and electronic parts and components. To a lesser extent, the Company also derived some revenues from the manufacture and sale of clocks, clock movements, watches, cameras, camera accessories and some LED lighting products. Revenues during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 also include revenues generated by the Company from the sale of "Kienzle" branded watches and other products that it did not manufacture. As described elsewhere in this Annual Report, as part of its reorganization and restructuring in 2006, the Company sold the rights to the "Kienzle" trademark and substantially terminated all clock/watch and camera manufacturing operations, other than a small amount of OEM manufacturing of these products.

The following table sets forth the percentages of net sales of certain income and expense items of the Company for each of the three most recent fiscal years.

	2006	Year Ended March 31, 2007	2008
Net Sales	100%	100%	100%
Cost of sales	83.6	80.2	84.7
Gross profit	16.4	19.8	15.3
Operating income (loss) <sup>(1)</sup>	2.3	1.2	(6.9)
Non-operating income (loss) <sup>(2)</sup>	(1.8)	0.8	1.0
Income (loss) before income taxes before minority interest	0.5	2.0	(5.9)
Income taxes	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.1)
Income (loss) before minority interest	0.2	1.8	(6.0)
Minority interest	0	0	0.2
Net income (loss)	0.2%	1.8	(5.8)

Note:

- (1) Operating income (loss) for the year ended March 31, 2006 includes (i) impairment loss of long-lived assets, and (ii) gain on sale of “Kienzle” industrial property rights.
- (2) Non operating income (loss) includes (i) exchange gain (loss) net, (ii) interest income (loss) net, and (iii) gain on disposal of partial interest in a subsidiary and investment.

*Year Ended March 31, 2008 Compared to Year Ended March 31, 2007*

Net sales for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 (“fiscal 2008”) increased by \$1,695,000, or 5.4%, from the year ended March 31, 2007 (“fiscal 2007”) due to a \$889,000 increase in sales of OEM metal/plastic product sales, and to a \$1,268,000 increase in OEM electric product sales. The Company’s metal/plastic and electric products constitute the Company’s largest operations, representing approximately 96% of its net sales. The foregoing increases in net sales were partially offset by a \$462,000 decrease in sales of clocks, watches and camera and underwater products. Because the Company discontinued most of its manufacturing of clocks, watches and camera and underwater products several years ago, sales of these products will remain small in the future.

The increase in net sales occurred despite the disruption in its operations caused by the four labor strikes that occurred during fiscal 2008 and despite the other production slow-downs that resulted from the labor issues that affected the Company and certain of its suppliers in Southern China. In addition, the Company also lost a number of purchase orders because the orders did not reflect the Company’s increase in the cost of its labor and raw materials. As a result of the turmoil caused by the newly enacted labor laws, by the significant increase in the cost of raw materials, and by the general increase in the cost of doing business in China (higher rents, higher utility costs, more stringent environmental and safety regulations, increased taxes and levies, etc.), a number of the Company’s competitors have ceased operating. The Company, however, has continued its focus on providing high quality products with high quality service to its customers at competitive prices and, as a result, it currently has a significant backlog of orders. If the Company can recruit and maintain a stable workforce during the current fiscal year, and if no further labor strikes occur, the Company anticipates that its net sales during the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2009 will further increase compared to fiscal 2008.

Despite a \$1,695,000 increase in net sales, the Company's gross profits decreased by \$1,162,000 in fiscal 2008 from \$6,236,000 in fiscal 2007 to \$5,074,000 in fiscal 2008. The Company's gross profits as a percentage of its net sales also decreased, from 19.8% fiscal 2007 to 15.3% in fiscal 2008. The decrease in both the Company's gross profits and in its gross profits as a percentage of sales was the result of the significant increases in both the Company's cost of labor and the cost of raw materials. As discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report, the Company's cost of labor increased due to the new labor laws that increased salaries, required the Company to provide additional benefits, and required the Company to make other labor related payments. In addition to increased labor costs, the Company also paid \$188,000 (net after indemnification adjustments made at the Golden Bright facility) to resolve its labor issues, which payments increased its cost of goods sold. During fiscal 2008, the cost of most raw material also increased significantly, including significant increases in the cost of steel, plastic and components. Because the cost of labor and materials increased so rapidly, the Company could not pass all of these cost through to its customers, which resulted in lower gross margins and less gross profit in fiscal 2008. In addition, during fiscal 2008, the RMB increased substantially in value compared to the U.S. dollar. The Company has adjusted its pricing for new orders to take into account the new higher prices and other manufacturing costs, and therefore expects that its gross margins will increase during the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2009.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2008 increased by \$1,501,000, or 25.7%, over fiscal 2007. The principal reasons for the increase include (1) substantial increases in professional fees, including payments to its auditors and attorneys, (2) the additional general and administrative expenses attributable to the newly acquired Golden Bright operations (Golden Bright was acquired during fiscal 2007 and, therefore, only approximately one-half year's expenses were included in last fiscal year's expenses), (3) increased charges from local governmental agencies, (4) increased payroll expenses of its staff in China, (5) increased transportation expenses, (6) and a rise in bad debt expenses. In addition, the Company's operating expenses also increased due to the appreciation during fiscal 2008 of the Chinese renminbi against the U.S. dollar. The Company currently is attempting to renew or extend the term of the leases on its principal manufacturing facility. If the Company is successful in extending or renewing these leases, the rental costs are expected to increase by at least 10%. Accordingly, commencing in February 2009, the Company's lease expenses will be higher than its recent expenses.

As a result of a decrease in gross profits and a significant increase in operating costs, the Company incurred an operating loss of \$2,277,000 in fiscal 2008 compared to operating income of \$386,000 in fiscal 2007. The Company's operating loss in fiscal 2008 was reduced by \$331,000 of non-operating income earned by the Company.

The Company's interest expenses decreased slightly in fiscal 2008 from \$242,000 in fiscal 2007 to \$225,000 in fiscal 2008 due to the decrease in interest rates. However, the Company's interest income in fiscal 2008 also decreased by \$61,000 due to the decrease in the interest rates. As in fiscal 2007, the Company in fiscal 2008 received income from currency exchange gains. The currency exchange gains in both fiscal 2007 and 2008 were the result of the increase in the value of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar, which increased the value of payments the Company received in Euros from its sales in Europe. Sales to European customers who paid in Euros represented approximately 18% of the Company's net sales in fiscal 2008 and 20% in fiscal 2007. Since the Company does not undertake any currency hedging transactions, its financial results will be affected by the future fluctuations of currencies (the Company does, however, have agreements with certain of its European customers that limit the risk of currency fluctuations to 5%).

Fiscal 2008 was a difficult year for the Company as it incurred higher labor costs, lost productivity due to strikes and labor slow-downs, rising raw material prices, and higher operating costs. As a result of these factors, the Company incurred a net loss of \$1,921,000. Many of the Company's competitors in Southern China also were affected by these issues, and a number of these competitors have moved out of China or otherwise ceased doing business. Despite the difficulties, the Company has managed to retain its high quality clients and to adjust its pricing structure so that it will be able to further increase sale and return to profitability if no other unexpected events occur.

Year Ended March 31, 2007 Compared to Year Ended March 31, 2006

Net sales for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007 ("fiscal 2007") increased by \$5,626,000, or 21.8%, from the year ended March 31, 2006 ("fiscal 2006"). The increase in net sales was due to (i) an increase in sales from the Company's existing OEM clients, (ii) and the addition of an entire year's revenues from the He Yuan facility (that facility opened in November 2005 and therefore only contributed to net sales in fiscal 2006 for less than five months), and (iii) the addition of revenues from the Golden Bright facilities that the Company acquired in September 2006 and the Wuxi subsidiary that started operations in February 2006. These increases offset the loss of revenues that the Company experiences due to the termination of its camera, watch and clocks operations in fiscal 2006.

The Company's gross profits as a percentage of its net sales increased from 16.4% fiscal 2006 to 19.8% in fiscal 2007. The Company's gross profits increased to \$6,236,000 in fiscal 2007 from \$4,243,000 in fiscal 2006 due to the increase in new sales and the increase in the Company's gross margins. Traditionally, the Company's OEM net sales have a higher gross margin than the gross margins it derives from its clocks and camera sales. During fiscal 2007 substantially all of its net sales were the result of the higher margin OEM sales, whereas the Company still had a significant amount of net sales in fiscal 2006 from its lower margin clock and camera operations. In addition, during fiscal 2006, the Company sold a large part of its single-use cameras at prices less than the historical prices in order to liquidate its inventory. The inventory of single-use cameras, as well as all the watch and clock inventory not directly related to the watch and clock OEM business that remained at March 31, 2006, was written off. During fiscal 2007, the value of the Chinese renminbi appreciated compared to the U.S. dollar, which increased some of the Company's manufacturing costs in China. Future appreciation of the value of the renminbi may further increase the Company's manufacturing costs and reduce its future gross margins.

The reorganization and restructuring of the Company during fiscal 2006 resulted in various expenses that negatively affected the Company's financial performance. Included in the impacts were (i) an approximately \$358,000 charge attributed to the liquidation of inventory below cost and the write-off of \$592,000 of the unsold inventory; (ii) an approximately \$197,000 impairment loss of property, plant and equipment and a \$60,000 impairment loss of industrial property rights, and (iii) an approximately \$80,000 expense to close the Company's offices in Germany.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for fiscal 2007 increased by \$685,000, or 13.3%, over fiscal 2006. The principal reason for the increase was the addition of the three additional facilities that the Company added during fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2007. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses was partially offset by a decrease in general and administrative expenses at the Company's operations in Germany, which operations that Company is winding down. Selling, general and administrative expenses also increased due to the significant additional costs the Company incurred in establishing and integrating the financial and accounting functions of its new facilities, particularly those of the new Golden Bright subsidiary that it acquired in September 2006. Approximately \$85,000 was recorded as an expense for the additional payments for acquiring Golden Bright. In addition, the Company's operating expenses also increased due to the appreciation during fiscal 2007 of the Chinese renminbi against the U.S. dollar. Although the amount of selling, general and administrative costs increased in fiscal 2007, as a percentage of net sales those expenses decreased from 20.0% of total net sales in fiscal 2006 to 18.6% in fiscal 2007.

The Company's operating income was negatively affected during the fiscal 2006 due to a \$614,000 currency exchange net loss as a result of adverse currency rate fluctuations. However, in fiscal 2007, the Company realized a currency exchange rate gain of \$245,000. The currency exchange loss in fiscal 2006 was the result of the decrease in the value of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar, which decreased the value of payments the Company received in Euros from its sales in Europe. As the Company's sales to European customers increases (sales to European customers who paid in Euros represented approximately 20% of the Company's net sales in fiscal 2007), so does the Company's risk exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations.

During fiscal 2006, the Company realized a gain of \$1,781,000 from the sale of its industrial property rights (mostly the sale of the rights to the "Kienzle" trademark). No such gain was realized in fiscal 2007. As a result of this one-time gain in fiscal 2006, the Company experienced operating income of \$602,000 in fiscal 2006 compared to operating income of \$ 386,000 in fiscal 2007.

The Company's interest expenses increased in fiscal 2007 by \$108,000 over the prior fiscal year, but the increased interest expense was partially offset by a \$95,000 increase in interest income. The increase in the amount of interest that the Company earned was due to an increase in the interest rates and the finance lease.

As a result of an increase in sales, higher gross margins and gross profits, and lower selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales, the Company generated net income \$ 594,000 in fiscal 2007 compared to net income of \$42,000 in fiscal 2006.

The Company believes that the results of its fiscal 2007 operations reflect the success of the reorganization and restructuring that the Company has been implementing since fiscal 2005. Net sales have increased from \$27,678,000 in fiscal 2005 to \$31,469,000 in fiscal 2007. In addition, excluding the \$1,781,000 one-time gain that the Company recognized in fiscal 2006 as a result of the sale of the “Kienzle” industrial property rights, the Company realized net income in fiscal 2007 for the first time during the past three years.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table sets forth a summary of our cash flows for the periods indicated:

	2006	Year Ended March 31, 2007 (In thousands)	2008
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,655	\$ 75
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	1,984	(1,518)	(5)
Net cash used in financing activities	(995)	(1,244)	(1,496)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,304	(1,107)	(1,426)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,948	6,384	5,299
Effect of exchange rate changes	132	22	16
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 6,384	\$ 5,299	\$ 3,889

At March 31, 2008, the Company had working capital of \$7,556,000 compared to working capital of \$8,944,000 at March 31, 2007. The Company’s working capital decreased by \$1,388,000 in fiscal 2008 due to the net losses incurred by the Company in fiscal 2008.

The Company has historically generated sufficient funds from its operating activities to finance its operations and there has been little need for external financing other than capital leases which are used to finance equipment acquisitions. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company had \$75,000 of positive cash from its operating activities primarily because of \$812,000 of depreciation, \$542,000 increase in accrued payroll and employee benefits (which includes a \$510,000 contingent reserve for amounts potentially owing by the Company to its prior employees pending the resolution of certain labor claims), and \$550,000 increase in other liabilities and accrued expenses.

Because of the Company’s international operations, the Company’s banking arrangements provide the Company with credit facilities for letters of credit and import loans. The Company also uses these credit facilities to fund certain of its capital requirements, to post the stand-by letters of credit required for the governmentally imposed import deposits, and to finance some of its machinery and equipment purchases. The foregoing banking facilities are currently being provided to the Company through credit facilities extended to the Company by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC), by DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, and by Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited (OCBC).

The HSBC credit facility, as of the date of this Annual Report, provides for a maximum credit facility of \$2,571,000 (subject to various sub-limits). The HSBC credit facility consists of an import loan facility that bears interest at 1.0% over the banks' best lending rate as in effect in Hong Kong from time to time, and is secured by a charge on certain time deposits the Company maintains at the bank and cross guarantees and indemnities among certain of the Company's subsidiaries.

The DBS facility is in favor of the Company's metal, clock and camera subsidiaries and provides for a maximum letter or credit/trust receipt facility of \$3,342,000 and for an aggregate of \$4,062,000 for capital expenditure/equipment loans. The interest rates under the DBS letter of credit facility is 1% over the best lending rate quoted by the bank from time to time for Hong Kong dollar credits, and the bank's standard bills rate for U.S. dollar credits. The DBS capital expenditure loans are repayable in monthly installments ranging from 5 months to 48 months. Interest rates under the DBS capital expenditure facility are set at 0.25% below the prime rate quoted by the bank from time to time. The DBS facility is also secured by a charge on various accounts maintained by the Company at that bank and by cross guarantees indemnities by Highway Holdings Limited and the various borrowing subsidiaries.

The OCBC credit facility, as of the date of this Annual Report, provides for a maximum credit facility of \$1,221,000 (subject to various sub-limits). The OCBC credit facility consists of an import loan facility that bears interest at 1.0% over the banks' best lending rate as in effect in Hong Kong from time to time, and is secured by a charge on certain time deposits the Company maintains at the bank and cross guarantees and indemnities among certain of the Company's subsidiaries.

As of March 31, 2008, the Company had borrowings of a total of \$2,214,000 outstanding under its credit facilities and had a total of \$4,535,000 of available credit remaining under the three credit facilities. The Company's long-term debt was \$833,000 as of March 31, 2008. The three credit facilities currently are sufficient for the Company's projected needs. However, should the Company be required to incur significant unanticipated expenses (such as relocating its Long Hua facilities in 2009 or posting additional deposits/bonds with governmental agencies) combined with a reduction of revenues, the current facilities may not be sufficient.

During fiscal 2008, the Company experienced four labor strikes, as a result of which the Company made net cash payments of \$188,000 (net after indemnification adjustments under the Golden Bright purchase agreement) in the aggregate to settle certain labor demands. In addition to the foregoing payments, a number of workers who went on strike and were not re-hired by the Company have filed approximately 94 labor claims against the Company, which claims were estimated to have an exposure of up to \$510,000 as of March 31, 2008. In a preliminary ruling, a labor tribunal has reduced the amount that the Company owes under these claims to \$141,000. However, since the workers have appealed this ruling, the actual amount that the Company may owe, if anything, is still unclear. As a result of the workers' appeal of the initial ruling, these labor claims are still pending before various judicial and administrative bodies. The Company is unable to estimate how much of the foregoing \$510,000 it will have to pay once the foregoing claims have been formally resolved. The Company has established a \$510,000 reserve for these claims in its financial statements. In the event that the Company is ultimately required to pay all, or substantially all of the foregoing demands, the Company's liquidity could be negatively affected.

The Company's Premises Leases expire in February 2009. If the Company is able to extend or renew the Premises Leases, its annual lease expenses are expected to increase, which increases may negatively affect the Company's liquidity. However, if the Company does not extend or renew the Premises Leases, the Company will have to relocate its largest manufacturing facilities, which relocation will (i) be costly and will significantly impact the Company's cash resources, and (ii) interfere with the Company's operations, thereby reducing sales and profits. The combination of the significant relocation expenses (and other cash outlays related thereto, such as new lease deposits and increased customs deposits) and decreased sales and profits is expected to significantly reduce the Company's future liquidity.

As a result of its currently available working capital and its internal projections for the next year, the Company expects that its working capital requirements and capital needs for at least the next 12 months can be funded through a combination of internally generated funds and existing facilities. The Company also expects to incur additional administrative costs in the current fiscal year as it further implements the additional financial internal controls and procedures that it is required to maintain under Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

The Company is not a party to off-balance sheet arrangements and does not engage in trading activities involving non-exchange traded contracts. In addition, the Company has no financial guarantees, debt or lease agreements or other arrangements that could trigger a requirement for an early payment or that could change the value of the Company's assets.

The following is a summary of the Company's contractual obligations as of March 31, 2008 is as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Payment due by Year Ended March 31,					
	Total \$'000	2009 \$'000	2010 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2012 \$'000	2013 and thereafter \$'000
Facility Leases	2,138	1,191	318	301	180	148
Finance Leases	833	311	249	242	31	0
Capital commitment on purchase of property, plant and equipment	69	69	0	0	0	0
Purchase obligations	1,307	1,307	0	0	0	0
Short term borrowing	2,214	2,214	0	0	0	0
Interest commitments	66	36	21	8	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,627</b>	<b>5,128</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>148</b>

### Impact of Inflation

The rapid growth of China's economy in general, and the growth in Shenzhen in particular, has resulted in increased levels of price inflation for raw materials, fuel and labor. These increased costs have adversely affected the Company's cost of operations. While the Company has attempted to pass through most of these costs to its customers, certain of these increased expenses have negatively affected the Company's gross margins and its overall administrative costs. If inflation continues, the Company's costs will likely further increase, and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to increase its prices to an extent that would offset the increase in expenses.



### **Seasonality**

The first calendar quarter (the last quarter of the Company's March 31 fiscal year) is typically the Company's lowest sales period because, as is customary in China, the Company's manufacturing facilities in China are usually closed for one to two weeks for the Chinese New Year holidays. In addition, during the one month before and the one month after the New Year holidays, the Company normally experiences severe labor shortages, which further impact the operations during this period. The Company does not experience any other significant seasonal fluctuations. The Company does not consider any issues with respect to seasonality to be material.

### **Exchange Rates**

The Company transacts its business with its vendors and customers primarily in U.S. dollars, Hong Kong dollars and Euros.

The Company makes its payments under the BFDC Agreements for its manufacturing facilities and factory workers in both Shenzhen and He Yuan in renminbi (RMB), as management fees and other operating charges are based on RMB. The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the RMB has changed during the three two years as the value of the RMB compared to the U.S. dollar has increased by almost 16% during that period. Accordingly, the Company's costs (in U.S. dollars) has increased.

For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2008, 20% and 18%, respectively, of the Company's net sales were paid in Euros. As a result of the increase in the value of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar the Company recognized currency exchange gains during the past two years. However, the Company has, in the past, also incurred currency exchange losses. The Company's currency exchange exposure is expected to increase in the future as more of its transactions are expected to be denominated in Euros. In addition, now that the exchange rate of the RMB has been permitted to adjust, the Company's operations and financial statements will be further exposed to changes in currency exchange rate.

The Company does not utilize any form of financial hedging or option instruments to limit its exposure to exchange rate or material price fluctuations and has no current intentions to engage in such activities in the future. Accordingly, material fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and other currencies, the Euro in particular, could have a material impact on the Company's future earnings/losses. In order to mitigate the effects of significant fluctuations in the value of the Euro, the Company has, however, entered into agreements with most of its European customers that either limits the exposure to currency fluctuations to approximately 5% or provides that the price charged by the Company will be re-negotiated every three months to account for currency fluctuations.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The Company prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates and judgments, including those related to bad and doubtful debts, inventories, income taxes, impairment of assets, and intangible assets. The Company bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that the Company believes are reasonable. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

The following critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**Principles of consolidation** - The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and all its majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated on consolidation. The results of subsidiaries acquired have been consolidated from the date of acquisition. The excess of fair value over purchase consideration has been allocated to reduce the amounts otherwise assigned to the eligible acquired assets.

**Affiliated companies (20% to 50% owned companies)** in which the Company has significant influence but does not have a controlling interest are accounted for using the equity method.

**Revenue recognition** - The Company recognizes revenue when all of the following conditions are met (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (ii) delivery has occurred; (iii) price to the customer is fixed or determinable; and (iv) collectibility is reasonably assured.

**Bad and doubtful debts** - The Company maintains allowances for its bad and doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. The allowances are determined by (1) analyzing specific customer accounts that have known or potential collection issues and (2) applying historical loss rates to the aging of the remaining accounts receivable balances. The allowances for doubtful accounts were \$13,000 and \$108,000 in fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2008, respectively. If the financial condition of its customers changed, changes to these allowances may be required, which would impact the Company's future operating results.

**Property, plant and equipment** - Property, plant and equipment are stated as cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of 10 years of machinery and equipment and 2 to 5 years for other property, plant and equipment. Assets held under capital leases are depreciated over the shorter of their lease period or estimated useful lives on the same basis as owned assets.

Intangible assets - Identifiable intangibles acquired in a business combination are determined separately from goodwill based on their fair values, as determined with assistance of an independent valuation expert. In particular, an intangible asset that is acquired in a business combination is recognized as an asset separate from goodwill if it satisfies either the "contractual-legal" or "separability" criterion. The intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed using the straight line method over the intangible assets' estimated useful lives.

Inventories - Inventories, consisting of finished goods, raw materials and packaging materials, are stated at the lower of cost or market with cost determined using the first-in, first-out method. The Company makes certain obsolescence and other assumptions to adjust inventory based on historical experience and current information. The Company writes down inventory for estimated obsolete or unmarketable inventory equal to the difference between the costs of inventory and estimated market value, based upon assumptions about future demand and market conditions. These assumptions, although consistently applied, can have a significant impact on current and future operating results and financial position.

Income taxes - The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce its deferred tax assets to the amount that the Company believes is more likely than not to be realized. In the event the Company was to determine that it would be able to realize its deferred tax assets in the future in excess of its recorded amount, an adjustment to the deferred tax allowance would increase income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, should the Company determine that it would not be able to realize all or part of its net deferred tax asset in the future, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would be charged to income in the period such determination was made.

Effective April 1, 2007, the Company adopted the Financial Accounting Standard Board ("FASB") Interpretation No.48, "*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No.19*" ("FIN 48"), which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statement. The interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax position taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides accounting guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. There is no material impact of FIN 48 on the Company's consolidated financial statement.

Impairment of assets - The Company's long-lived assets principally include property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. The Company reviews the carrying value of its long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. The Company assesses the recoverability of the carrying value of long-lived assets by first grouping its long-lived assets with other assets and liabilities at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows largely independent of the cash flows of other assets and liabilities (the asset group) and, secondly, estimating the undiscounted future cash flows that are directly associated with and expected to arise from the use of and eventual disposition of such asset group. The Company estimates the undiscounted cash flows over the remaining useful life of the primary asset within the asset group. If the carrying value of the asset group exceeds the estimated undiscounted cash flows, the Company records an impairment charge to the extent the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. The Company determines fair value through quoted market prices in active markets or, if quoted market prices are unavailable, through the performance of internal analysis of discounted cash flows or obtains external appraisals from independent valuation firms. The undiscounted and discounted cash flow analyses are based on a number of estimates and assumptions, including the expected period over which the asset will be utilized, projected future operating results of the asset group, discount rate and long-term growth rate. The Company's assessments of impairment of long-lived assets and its periodic review of the remaining useful lives of its long-lived assets are an integral part of the Company's ongoing strategic review of its business and operations. Therefore, future changes in the Company's strategy and other changes in the operations of the Company could impact the projected future operating results that are inherent in the Company's estimates of fair value, resulting in impairments in the future. Additionally, other changes in the estimates and assumptions, including the discount rate and expected long-term growth rate, which drive the valuation techniques employed to estimate the

fair value of long-lived assets could change and, therefore, impact the assessments of impairment in the future. Due to the poor financial performance of the manufacturing of cameras, clocks and watches, the Company reassessed its property, plant and equipment and industrial property rights for impairment, and an impairment loss of \$347,000 and \$67,000, respectively, was recognized during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005, and the Company further recognized an impairment loss of \$197,000 for property, plant and equipment, and an impairment loss of \$60,000 for industrial property rights during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

Stock-based compensation - The Company has a stock-based employee compensation plan, as more fully described in note 18. Prior to April 1, 2006, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation arrangements under Accounting Principles Board (“APB”) Opinion No. 25, “Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees” and provided additional financial statement disclosure in accordance with SFAS No. 123, “Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation”. The Company’s policy is to generally grant stock-based compensation to employees with a stock price equal to the market price of the stock on the date of grant and as a result no expense was recognized for grant period to April 1, 2006. The Company recognized compensation expense for all stock-based compensation granted to non-employees by estimating the fair value of the stock-based compensation utilizing the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

Effective April 1, 2006, the Company has adopted the provision of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, “Share-Based Payment” (“SFAS 123R”). This statement establishes accounting for equity instruments exchanged for service. The stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized as expense over the employee’s requisite service period.

Upon adoption, the Company applied the modified-prospective transition approach and accordingly financial statement amounts for the prior periods presented have not been restated to reflect the fair value method of expensing share-based compensation.

As a result of adopting SFAS 123R, there was no cumulative effect on the net income for the year ended March 31, 2007, as all awards granted in prior years had vested before April 1, 2006.

## Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

### Directors and Executive Officers

The Directors and executive officers of the Company as of June 30, 2008 are listed below. The Directors hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders, which currently is scheduled to be held on August 18, 2008.

Name	Age	Positions
Roland W. Kohl	59	Chief Executive Officer, Director, Chairman of the Board
Satoru Saito	59	Sales Director, Metal Stamping Operations, Director
Fong Po Shan	42	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary
May Tsang Shu Mui	48	Chief Administrative Officer, Director
Quan Vinh Can (Joseph)	59	Chief Operating Officer, Metal Stamping Operations
Tiko Aharonov <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	61	Director
Dirk Hermann	44	Director
Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	72	Director
Shlomo Tamir <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	61	Director
Kevin Yang Kuang Yu <sup>(1)</sup>	51	Director
Irene Wong Ping Yim <sup>(1)</sup>	42	Director
Brian Geary <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	51	Director
George Leung Wing Chan <sup>(1)</sup>	55	Director

(1) Member of Audit Committee.

(2) Member of Compensation Committee

**Roland W. Kohl.** Mr. Kohl was the founder of the Company and has been its Chief Executive Officer since its inception in 1990. He has been a Director of the Company since March 1, 1995. He has overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Company and its subsidiaries. Prior to forming the Company, Mr. Kohl was the Managing Director of Dialbright Company Limited, a camera manufacturer located in China. Mr. Kohl received a degree in mechanical engineering and has over twenty year's experience in managing factories and manufacturing operations in China. Mr. Kohl is a German national and resides in Hong Kong.

**Satoru Saito.** Mr. Saito has been employed by the Company since its inception and has been a Director since September 14, 1996. Mr. Saito's responsibilities include supervision of sales and marketing in the metal manufacturing division. Mr. Saito has extensive experience in working with Japanese companies in Japan and China. Mr. Saito is a Japanese national and resides in Hong Kong.

**Fong Po Shan.** Ms. Fong was employed as a Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of the Company in January 1998. Ms. Fong's responsibilities include planning financial development and setting up the internal systems. From 1995-1997, Ms. Fong worked at Philips Hong Kong Limited and KONE Elevator (HK) Limited as a Management Accountant and Financial Control and Supply Manager, respectively. From 1991-1994 Ms. Fong was employed as an Accounting Manager of the Company. She is a member of CPA Australia and Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration in Canada in 1990 and received a Masters in Accounting from the Charles Stuart University in 1994.

**Tiko Aharonov.** Mr. Aharonov has been a Director of the Company since its inception in 1990 and was a General Manager of the Company's camera operations from 1998 to 2004. Until the closing of the Company's Bulgarian facility in 2004, Mr. Aharonov acted as the General Manager of the Bulgarian operations. He was a bank manager for a leading Israeli commercial and retail bank from 1969 to 1989 and has operated his own real estate and investment company for high net worth individuals desiring to invest in real estate in Israel. Mr. Tiko also represents investors in real estate in Bulgaria.

**May Tsang Shu Mui.** Ms. Tsang has been the Company's Factory Manager in charge of camera manufacturing and a Director of the Company since 1990. In 2001, Ms. Tsang became the Company's Administration Manager, and in 2005 became the Company's Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. Tsang is a Chinese national and resides in Hong Kong.

**Quan Vinh Can (Joseph).** Mr. Quan has been employed as the Company's Factory Manager since 1994, responsible for all of the Company's manufacturing operations. Mr. Quan currently is the Company's Chief Operating Officer, Metal Stamping Operations. He joined the Company's metal stamping operations in 1990 as an assistant Production Manager. He graduated from the national Taiwan University with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1974.

**Dirk Hermann.** Dr. Hermann was appointed to the Board of Directors in January 2003. Dr. Hermann has served since 2006 as a sales executive for VKB AG, a leading insurance company in Germany. Prior thereto, he used to work for Allianz Versicherungs-AG as a regional marketing director for southwest Germany. He joined Allianz, the German insurance firm, in 1994 as a marketing executive assistant based in Munich. Prior, he held a marketing position with MSU Management Consulting GmbH. He began his marketing career with Gruber, Titze and Blank GmbH, a management consulting firm based in Germany. Dr. Hermann graduated from the University of Konstanz in Germany with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He also holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. He earned a Ph.D. degree in business administration from the University of Leipzig, in Germany.

**Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer.** Mr. Oppenheimer was elected to the Board of Directors in July 2005. Mr. Oppenheimer is founder, managing director and the majority owner of U.B. Oppenheimer GmbH in Germany and MIG Germany GmbH in Germany.

**Shlomo Tamir.** Mr. Tamir was elected to the Board of Directors in July 2005. Mr. Tamir has worked with Taman/Israel Aircraft Industry since 1969, holding various positions, including Director of Product Assurance, Program Manager, and most recently as a Group of Programs Manager.

**Kevin Yang Kuang Yu.** Mr. Yang was elected to the Board of Directors in July 2005. He has, since 2004 been the China-USA Director of Holt Asia LLC in the U.S. Prior thereto, from 2000 to May 2003, Mr. Yang set up and managed a factory in Shanghai for CHT Co., Ltd. and controlled and managed other manufacturing facilities in China. Mr. Yang has also been involved with trading companies that were engaged in exporting products to the U.S.

**Irene Wong Ping Yim.** Ms. Wong was elected to the Board of Directors in July 2005. Ms. Wong has been the Chief Accountant of CNIM HK Ltd. in Hong Kong since 2003. Prior thereto, she spent two years earning a Master of Business Administration from Deakin University in Australia. From 1994 to 2001, Mr. Wong was the Accounting Manager of Highway Holdings.

**Brian Geary.** Mr. Geary was appointed to the Board of Directors in December 2005. Mr. Geary has since 2002 been a director of LMI Aerospace, a public company that manufactures components, assemblies, and kits for the aerospace, defense, and technology industries. From 1978 until 2002, Mr. Geary was the President and owner Versaform Corp. and Versaform Canada, two companies that were sold to LMI Aerospace in 2002.

**George Leung Wing Chan.** Mr. Leung was appointed to the Board of Directors in December 2005. Since 2004, Mr. Leung has been a management consultant. Prior thereto, from 1995 to 2004, he was the Managing Director/Vice President of Lucky Metal & Plastic Mfg. Co., Ltd.

Dr. Hermann is the brother-in-law of Roland Kohl. Other than the foregoing relationship, there is no family relationship between any of the above-named officers, directors or employees. To the Company's knowledge, no arrangement or understanding exists between any such director and executive officer and any major shareholder, customer, supplier or other party pursuant to which any director or executive officer was elected as a director or executive officer of the Company.

### **Compensation of Directors and Officers**

The aggregate amount of compensation (including non-cash benefits) paid by the Company and its subsidiaries during the year ending on March 31, 2008 to all of the directors and officers listed above, as a group (13 people), for services rendered to the Company and its subsidiaries in all capacities was approximately \$1,217,000. Because of the Company's financial difficulties, Mr. Kohl, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, voluntarily accepted a 20% reduction in his salary from September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2008. In addition, because of the losses the Company incurred in fiscal 2008, Mr. Kohl has agreed to a further 20% reduction in his salary (a total reduction of 40%) from July 1, 2008, which reduction will continue until the expiration of his employment agreement on March 31, 2009.

During the past fiscal year, the Company paid each non-executive director (Tiko Aharonov, Dirk Hermann, Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer, Shlomo Tamir, Kevin Yang Kuang Yu, Irene Wong Ping Yim, Brian Geary, and George Leung Wing Chan) an annualized director's fee of \$10,000, and reimbursed them for their reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their services as directors. In addition, members of any Board committee and the Chairman of the Audit Committee are paid an additional fee of \$1,660 per year for each committee on which they serve. On July 3, 2007, the Company granted to each director a five-year option to purchase 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$4.03 (the last sale price on the first business day following the option grant). The options become vested and are exercisable only after the first anniversary (July 3, 2008) of the option grant date.



## Board Practices

Directors of the Company are elected each year at the Company's annual meeting of shareholders and serve until their successors take office, or until their death, resignation or removal. The Company generally holds its annual meeting of shareholders within 90 days after the filing of its Annual Report on Form 20-F with the Commission. Executive officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Company. As of the date of this Annual Report, there are no agreements with any of the Directors that would provide the Directors with any benefits upon termination of employment.

*Audit Committee* The members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors currently are Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer, Shlomo Tamir, Kevin Yang Kuang Yu, Irene Wong Ping Yim, Brian Geary, George Leung Wing Chan and Tiko Aharonov. The Audit Committee reviews, acts on and reports to the Board of Directors on various auditing and accounting matters, including the selection of the Company's auditors, the scope of the annual audits, fees to be paid to the auditors, the performance of the independent auditors, any additional services to be provided by the auditors, and the Company's accounting practices. Each of these individuals is a non-employee director and is independent as defined under the Nasdaq Stock Market's listing standards, and each has significant knowledge of financial matters (one of the members has an advanced degree in business administration). Ms. Wong has been designated by the Board as the "audit committee financial expert" as defined under Item 401(h) (2) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Audit Committee met twice during fiscal 2008. The Audit Committee operates under a formal charter that governs its duties and conduct.

*Compensation Committee* During the past fiscal year, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors consisted of Shlomo Tamir, Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer, Brian Geary and Tiko Aharonov. The Compensation Committee administers the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan and established the salaries and incentive compensation of the executive officers of the Company.

All eleven of the Company's current directors (seven of whom are independent directors) have participated in the selection of 2008 director nominees. Accordingly, the Board of Directors has not yet found it necessary to have a separate Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors has not established any specific minimum qualifications for director candidates or any specific qualities or skills that a candidate must possess in order to be considered qualified to be nominated as a director. Qualifications for consideration as a director nominee may vary according to the particular areas of expertise being sought as a complement to the existing board composition. In making its nominations, the Board of Directors generally will consider, among other things, an individual's business experience, industry experience, financial background, breadth of knowledge about issues affecting our company, time available for meetings and consultation regarding company matters and other particular skills and experience possessed by the individual.

## Employees

As of March 31, 2008, the Company had a total of 1,451 persons were working on a full-time basis for the Company. Of these, 1,267 workers in China were employed by the Company under (i) the BFDC Agreements, (ii) the Golden Bright's agreement with Shenzhen City Longang District Foreign Economic Development Limited, and (iii) the Company's agreement with the He Yuan Foreign Trade & Economy Cooperation Bureau regarding the He Yuan facility. As with the employees in Shenzhen, the employees at Pinghu Lisu and He Yuan are technically employed by the local authorities, not by the Company. However, since the Company's Wuxi subsidiary is a registered Chinese company, the employees at the Wuxi facility are employees of the Company's Wuxi subsidiary. As of March 31, 2008, the Company only had one full-time employee and one consultant left at its office in Germany. As of March 31, 2008, 46 employees in Hong Kong were employees of the Company's subsidiaries. Of the foregoing workers and employees, 48 were engaged in the administration of the Company, 1256 were engaged in manufacturing (including research and development, design, engineering, quality control, and shipping), 23 were engaged in marketing, and the balance (124 employees) were engaged in miscellaneous other supporting functions. The Company requires most of its Hong Kong staff to regularly visit the Company's China facilities to oversee local management and provide technical assistance.

The number of workers employed by the Company fluctuates largely due to the availability of workers and the time of year. The seasonality is also dependent, to a lesser extent, on orders held by the Company. The Company has experienced temporary shortages of labor and has taken action to attract additional workers from other provinces of China to its factory complexes in Shenzhen. From time to time, labor supply has been adversely affected primarily due to transportation difficulties in bringing workers to Shenzhen due to flooding or other natural disasters as well as seasonal demands on labor such as harvesting when the mainly rural-based laborers are required to return to their village. Due to the nature of the labor force working at facilities such as the Company's in Shenzhen, the Company experiences high turnover of employees annually.

Since the enactment of the new Labor Contract Law that became effective on January 1, 2008, Chinese workers are allowed to join an official trade union. However, to the Company's knowledge, none of the Company's employees have joined a labor unions or become a party to a collective bargaining agreement.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company experienced four labor stoppages due to strikes called by its workers at three of its facilities. In addition, certain of the Company's employees also protested for labor concessions by slowing down their production. The labor strikes affected the Company and, based on unofficial information available to the Company, a majority of the manufacturing companies in the Shenzhen region in which the Company operates. The strikes were called because, in June 2007, the National People's Congress of the PRC enacted new labor law legislation called the Labor Contract Law, which became effective on January 1, 2008. The new law formalizes workers' rights concerning overtime hours, pensions, layoffs, employment contracts and the role of trade unions. In addition to changing future compensation rules, certain provisions of the new law may have provided workers with the right to demand payment for services previously provided, which resulted in the four strikes against the Company demanding back pay. In response to the strikes, the Company terminated the employment of approximately 94 employees. In addition, the Company also paid its existing employees approximately \$88,000 to settle claims with remaining workers.

The Company did not make any payments to workers who went on strike. As a result, those workers have filed approximately 94 labor claims against the Company, demanding payment of up to \$510,000. These labor claims are still pending before various judicial and administrative bodies. Although a preliminary ruling reduced the amount that the Company may have to pay to \$141,000, because the plaintiffs have appealed this ruling, the Company is unable to estimate how much of the foregoing \$510,000 it will have to pay once the foregoing claims have been formally resolved.

The Company believes that its relations with its employees in Hong Kong and with its managers in China are good. However, because most employees engaged in manufacturing, packaging and shipping are seasonal workers, and most workers change jobs at least once a year, the Company relationship with these workers depends on the labor market in general. During any operating year, because of the transient nature of its workers (most workers resign during the year and new workers have to be hired), the Company will normally have a turnover rate of over 100% for its workers (excluding managers, technicians and Hong Kong employees). As a result, the Company cannot guarantee that its workers will not strike in the future or otherwise leave and accept employment elsewhere.

### Options of Directors and Senior Management

The following table sets forth the number of options to purchase Common Shares that each current Director and executive officer of the Company owns as of June 30, 2008, together with the exercise price of such options and the expiration date of the options.

Name of Beneficial Owner Or Identity of Group	Number of Common Shares	Expiration Date	Exercise Price
Tiko Aharonov	6,000	October 27, 2008	\$ 3.17
	10,000	June 30, 2010	\$ 3.50
	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$ 3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$ 4.03
May Tsang Shu Mui	10,000	June 30, 2010	\$ 3.50
	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$ 3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$ 4.03
Satoru Saito	6,000	October 27, 2008	\$ 3.17
	10,000	June 30, 2010	\$ 3.50
	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$ 3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$ 4.03
Dirk Hermann	8,500	June 30, 2010	\$ 3.50
	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$ 3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$ 4.03
Quan Vinh Can (Joseph)	10,000	June 30, 2010	\$ 3.50
Fong Po Shan	10,000	June 30, 2010	\$ 3.50
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$ 4.03
Kevin Yang Kuang Yu	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$ 3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$ 4.03
Irene Wong Ping Yim	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$ 3.42

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	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$	4.03
Shlomo Tamir	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$	3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$	4.03
Brian Geary	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$	3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$	4.03
George Leung Wing Chan	5,000	June 23, 2011	\$	3.42
	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$	4.03
Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer	5,000	July 2, 2012	\$	4.03

For additional information regarding the share ownership in the Company by the Company's directors, executive officers, and principal shareholders is set forth in Item 7, "Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions," below.

The Company has adopted the 1996 Stock Option Plan (the "Option Plan") that currently covers 600,000 shares of the Common Shares. The Option Plan provides for the grant of options to purchase Common Shares to employees, officers, directors and consultants of the Company. The Option Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee appointed by the Board, which determines the terms of the options granted, including the exercise price (provided, however, that the option price shall not be less than the fair market value or less than the par value per share on the date the options granted), the number of Common Shares subject to the option and the option's exercisability. As of March 31, 2008, options granted under the Option Plan to purchase a total of 184,250 Common Shares were still outstanding. The maximum term of options granted under the Option Plan is five years. The average weighted exercise price of all options outstanding on March 31, 2008 was \$3.58 per share.

As part of the compensation that the Company has agreed to issue 29,154 Common Shares annually to Mr. Kohl, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, commencing on April 1, 2004 and continuing annually thereafter until 2009. As required by the employment agreement, Mr. Kohl was issued 29,154 in 2008.

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

**Major Shareholders.** The Company is not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any other corporation or any foreign government. The following table sets forth, as of June 25, 2008, certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Shares by each person (i) who is an executive officer or director of the Company, or (ii) known by the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding Common Shares outstanding as of such date.

Name of Beneficial Owner or Identify of Group <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent Beneficial Owned <sup>(**)</sup>
Roland W. Kohl	526,413	13.67%
Tiko Aharonov	267,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	6.81%
Dirk Hermann	26,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	*
Satoru Saito	375,980 <sup>(2)</sup>	9.64%
May Tsang Shu Mui	89,171 <sup>(4)</sup>	2.19%
George Leung Wing Chan	10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	*
Brian Geary	15,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	*
Irene Wong Ping Yim	10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	*
Kevin Yang Kung Yu	18,244 <sup>(5)</sup>	*
Shlomo Tamir	10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	*
Uri Bernhard Oppenheimer	10,000	*
Cartwright Investments Limited	346,830	9.01%
Fong Po Shan	16,283 <sup>(6)</sup>	*
Quan Vinh Can	43,665 <sup>(6)</sup>	*

\* Less than 1%.

\*\*Under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, shares of Common Shares that an individual or group has a right to acquire within 60 days pursuant to the exercise of options or warrants are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of such individual or group, but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person shown in the table.

<sup>(1)</sup>The address of each of the named holders is c/o Highway Holdings Limited, Suite 810, Level 8, Landmark North, 39 Lung Sum Avenue, Sheung Shui New Territories Hong Kong.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes stock options to purchase 21,000 Common Shares which are currently exercisable.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes stock options to purchase 13,500 Common Shares which are currently exercisable.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes stock options to purchase 15,000 Common Shares which are currently exercisable.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes stock options to purchase 5,000 Common Shares which are currently exercisable.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes stock options to purchase 10,000 Common Shares which are currently exercisable.

There are no arrangements known to the Company, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change in control of the Company. All holders of the Common Shares have the same voting rights, and the Company's major shareholders do not have different voting rights.

Related Party Transactions.

The Company did not engage in any related party transactions during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008.

**Item 8. Financial Information.**

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

We have included consolidated financial statements as part of this annual report.

B. Significant Changes

We have not experienced any significant changes since the date of our audited consolidated financial statements included in this annual report.

Dividend Policy. The Company attempts to pay a cash dividend annually to all holders of its common shares, subject to its profitability and cash position. In September 2007, the Company made a \$0.035 per share dividend payment to its shareholders. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007, the Company made two dividend payments; one dividend payment of \$0.20 per share in July 2006 and a second dividend of \$0.16 in November 2006. During the prior fiscal year ended March 31, 2006, the Company made two cash dividend payments of \$0.20 per share each (\$0.40 during the fiscal year), based on profits it derived in part from the sale of its "Kienzle" trademark. Future dividend will be paid at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend upon, among other things, the Company's net profit after taxes, the anticipated future earnings of the Company, the success of the Company's business activities, the Company's capital requirements, and the general financial conditions of the Company. Although it is the Company's intention to pay dividends during profitable fiscal years, no assurance can be given that the Company will pay, in fact, pay any dividends in the future even if its has a profitable year or is otherwise capable of doing so.

Legal Proceedings.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company experienced labor strikes and other labor related issues as a result of which it terminated the employment of approximately 520 workers. Approximately 94 of the former employees have filed labor claims against the Company, demanding payment of up to \$510,000. In a preliminary ruling, a labor tribunal reduced the amount that the Company owes under these claims to \$141,000. However, since the plaintiffs have appealed this ruling, the actual amount that the Company may owe, if anything, is still unclear.

The Company is also subject to two other legal proceedings, both of which involve amounts less than \$20,000 and, therefore, are not material to the Company's financial condition even if the outcome is adverse to the Company.

**Item 9. The Listing**

A. Offer and Listing Details

The Company's Common Shares are currently traded on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "HIHO" and are not listed for trading in any trading market outside the United States. On June 27, 2008, the last reported sale price of our common shares on The Nasdaq Capital Market was \$1.85 per share. As of June 27, 2008, there were 49 holders of record of the Company's Common Shares. However, the Company believes that there are a significantly greater number of "street name" shareholders of the Common Shares.

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market for years for each of the last five years ended March 31, 2008:

Year Ended	High	Low
March 31, 2008	\$ 6.30	\$ 1.60
March 31, 2007	\$ 6.46	\$ 2.80
March 31, 2006	\$ 5.48	\$ 2.77
March 31, 2005	\$ 5.80	\$ 3.09
March 31, 2004	\$ 7.39	\$ 1.40

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices of the Common Shares as reported by Nasdaq during each quarter of the two most recent fiscal years.

Quarter Ended	High	Low
March 31, 2008	\$ 3.44	\$ 1.60
December 31, 2007	\$ 6.30	\$ 3.53
September 30, 2007	\$ 5.16	\$ 4.03
June 30, 2007	\$ 4.831	\$ 3.93
March 31, 2007	\$ 7.30	\$ 4.10
December 31, 2006	\$ 4.67	\$ 3.28
September 30, 2006	\$ 5.19	\$ 2.68
June 30, 2006	\$ 4.66	\$ 2.59

The following table sets forth the high and low closing sale prices of the Company's Common Shares as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market during each of the most recent six months.

Month Ended	High	Low
May 31, 2008	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.70
April 30, 2008	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.60
March 31, 2008	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.60
February 29, 2008	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.60
January 31, 2008	\$ 3.44	\$ 2.72
December 31, 2007	\$ 4.15	\$ 3.53

#### B. Plan of Distribution

No disclosure is required in response to this Item.



C. Markets

Our Common Shares have been listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market during the past five years, under the symbol "HIHO."

D. Selling Shareholders

No disclosure is required in response to this Item.

E. Dilution

No disclosure is required in response to this Item.

F. Expenses of the Issue

No disclosure is required in response to this Item.

**Item 10. Additional Information**

**Share Capital**

The Company's authorized capital consists of 20,000,000 Common Shares, \$0.01 par value per share. As of March 31, 2008 and June 30, 2008, there were 3,819,900 and 3,720,520 Common Shares, respectively, outstanding, net of 166,334 treasury shares, all of which was fully paid. The number of shares outstanding could increase by the shares issued upon the exercise of currently issued and outstanding options (see, "Item 6, Share Ownership," above). As of March 31, 2008, no warrants to purchase Common Shares were outstanding. The foregoing share amounts include 128,534 shares that were held in escrow as of March 31, 2008, which shares were released from escrow and cancelled on June 26, 2008.

**Memorandum And Articles Of Association**

Highway Holdings Limited is registered at Craigmuir Chambers, P.O. Box 71, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands and has been assigned company number 32576. The objectives or purposes of the Company are to engage in any act or activity that is not prohibited under British Virgin Islands law as set forth in Clause 4 of the Memorandum of Association. The Company does not believe that there are any restrictions in its charter or under British Virgin Island law that materially limit the Company's current or proposed operations.

Regulation 60 of the Company's Articles of Association (the "Articles") provides that a favorable vote of a majority of the Company's independent directors is required as to any related party transaction between the Company and any 5% or more members of the Company and/or officer or director of the Company. It also provides that the Company shall use its best efforts to at all times maintain at least 2 independent directors. However, a director may vote or consent with respect to any contract or arrangement in which the director is materially interested, if the material facts of the interest of each director in the agreement or transaction and his interest in or relationship to any other party to the agreement or transaction are disclosed in good faith or are known by the other directors. Regulation 88 of the Articles allows the directors to vote compensation to themselves in respect of services rendered to the Company.

There is no provision in the Articles for the mandatory retirement of directors. Directors are not required to own shares of the Company in order to serve as directors.

The authorized share capital of the Company is \$200,000 divided into 20,000,000 Common Shares with par value of \$0.01 each. Holders of our Common Shares are entitled to one vote for each whole share on all matters to be voted upon by members, including the election of directors. Holders of our Common Shares do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. All of our Common Shares are equal to each other with respect to liquidation and dividend rights. Holders of our Common Shares are entitled to receive dividends if and when declared by our Board of Directors out of surplus in accordance with British Virgin Islands law. In the event of our liquidation, all assets available for distribution to the holders of our Common Shares are distributable among them according to their respective holdings. Holders of our Common Shares have no preemptive rights to purchase any additional, unissued Common Shares.

Regulation 17 provides that the Company may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire and hold its own shares out of surplus or in exchange for newly issued shares of equal value. However, no purchase, redemption or other acquisition shall be made unless, immediately after the purchase, redemption or other acquisition the Company will be able to satisfy its liabilities as they become due in the ordinary course of its business, and the Company will not be insolvent.

Regulation 10 of the Articles provide that without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares, the unissued shares in the Company are at the disposal of the directors who may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of shares to such persons, at such times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company may by resolution of the directors determine.

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

Clause 15 of the Memorandum of Association (which is subject to the provisions of regulation 60 of the Articles) provide that the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company may be amended by a resolution of members or a resolution of directors. Regulation 60 of the Articles provides that any proposed change in the Memorandum and Articles of Association not otherwise approved by the majority vote of the shares held by the Company's non-management members shall be approved by a majority of the Company's directors and not disapproved by a majority of the Company's independent directors. Subject to the preceding sentence, our Board of Directors without shareholder approval may amend our Memorandum and Articles of Association. This includes amendments to increase or reduce our authorized capital stock. The Company's ability to amend its Memorandum and Articles of Association without shareholder approval could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of the Company, including a tender offer to purchase our Common Shares at a premium over the then current market price.

Provisions in respect of the holding of general meetings and extraordinary general meetings are set out in Regulations 38 to 58 of the Articles and under the International Business Companies Act. The directors may convene meetings of the members of the Company at such times and in such manner and places as the directors consider necessary or desirable, and they shall convene such a meeting upon the written request of members holding 10 percent or more of the outstanding voting shares in the Company. An annual meeting of members is held for the election of directors of the Company and in the manner provided in the Articles of Association. Any other proper business may be transacted at the annual meeting. If the annual meeting for election of directors is not held on the date designated therefore, the directors shall cause the meeting to be held as soon thereafter as convenient. If the Company fails to hold the annual meeting for a period of 30 days after the date designated for the annual meeting, or if no date has been designated for a period of 13 months after the Company's last annual meeting, a court of competent jurisdiction of the British Virgin Islands may summarily order a meeting to be held upon the application of any member or director.

British Virgin Islands law and the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association impose no limitations on the right of nonresident or foreign owners to hold or vote such securities of the Company.

There are no provisions in the Memorandum of Association or Articles of Association governing the ownership threshold above which shareholder ownership must be disclosed.

The full text of the Articles and Memorandum of the Company are attached to this Annual Report on Form 20-F as Exhibit 1.1.

### **Material Contracts**

The following is a summary of each material contract, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which the Company or any member of the group is a party, during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this Annual Report:

On April 29, 2004, Kayser Technik Ltd., the Company's metal manufacturing subsidiary, entered into that certain General Business Agreement with Berger Lahr GmbH & Co. KG for the manufacture by Kayser Technik Ltd. of motor coils and such other products as the parties may subsequently agree upon. The term of the agreement expires in December 2010.

The Company is also a party to (i) the BFDC Agreements and related agreements described in Item 4 "Information on our Company" and filed as exhibits to the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, (ii) the leases, and extensions thereof, described in the Property, Plant and Equipment section of Item 4 "Information on our Company" and filed as exhibits to the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, and (iii) the bank lines of credit described in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section under Item 5 "Operating and Financial Review and Prospects".

For a description of the agreement pursuant to which the Company purchased Golden Bright, please see “Revised Business Strategy—Increase In Manufacturing Capabilities and Facilities—Additional Facilities,” above.

The Company is subject to the information requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and, in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company files annual reports on Form 20-F and submit other reports and information under cover of Form 6-K with the SEC. You may read and copy this information at the SEC’s public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Recent filings and reports are also available free of charge through the EDGAR electronic filing system at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Exchange Controls**

There are no exchange control restrictions on payment of dividends on the Company’s Common Shares or on the conduct of the Company’s operations either in Hong Kong, where the Company’s principal executive officers are located, or the British Virgin Islands, where the Company is incorporated. Other jurisdictions in which the Company conducts operations may have various exchange controls. Taxation and repatriation of income regarding the Company’s China operations are regulated by Chinese laws and regulations. To date, these controls have not had and are not expected to have a material impact on the Company’s financial results. However, while the Company has been able to repatriate its income from the operations conducted in China by its Hong Kong subsidiaries, it may not be able to do so with respect to its Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited subsidiary that owns and operates the Wuxi facility. There are no material British Virgin Islands laws which impose foreign exchange controls on the Company or that affect the payment of dividends, interest or other payments to nonresident holders of the Company’s securities.

### **Taxation**

No reciprocal tax treaty regarding withholding tax exists between the U.S. and the British Virgin Islands. Under current British Virgin Islands law, dividends, interest or royalties paid by the Company to individuals and gains realized on the sale or disposition of shares are not subject to tax as long as the recipient is not a resident of the British Virgin Islands. The Company is not obligated to withhold any tax for payments of dividends and shareholders receive gross dividends irrespective of their residential or national status.

Under current Hong Kong tax law, dividends, interest or royalties paid by the Company to individuals and gains realized on the sale or disposition of shares are not subject to tax.

On January 1, 2008, a new tax law went into effect in the PRC that will subject the Company’s Kayser (Wuxi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited subsidiary to a 5% withholding tax on that subsidiary’s profits, if any, earned after January 1, 2008. This withholding tax will have to be paid to the PRC tax authority once Wuxi Kayser distributes dividends to the Company that is incorporated in Hong Kong since Hong Kong is the region with tax treaty agreement with PRC.

### **Dividends and Paying Agents**

The Company has, during each of the past three years, paid dividends to its shareholders. Future dividends will be paid at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend upon, among other things, the Company's net profit after taxes, the anticipated future earnings of the Company, the success of the Company's business activities, the Company's capital requirements, and the general financial conditions of the Company. Although it is the Company's intention to pay dividends during profitable fiscal years, no assurance can be given that the Company will pay, in fact, pay any dividends in the future even if its has a profitable year or is otherwise capable of doing so. The Company has not set a date on which annual, or other, dividends are paid. To date, the Company has used its transfer agent, Computershare, in Glendale California, as its dividend paying agent.

### **Statement by Experts**

No disclosure is required in response to this Item.

### **Documents On Display**

The documents concerning the Company which are referred to in this Annual Report may be inspected by shareholders of this Company at the offices of this Company in Hong Kong.

### **Subsidiary Information**

No disclosure is required in response to this Item.

### **Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

The Company sells most of its products in Hong Kong dollars, U.S. dollars, and in Euros. The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and Hong Kong dollar has remained stable. However, the exchange rate between the Euro and the U.S. and Hong Kong dollars has fluctuated, resulting in currency exchange gains and losses. Since the Company engages in transactions in Europe that are denominated in Euros, the Company is subject to fluctuations in the rates of exchange between the dollar and the Euro, which fluctuations will affect the Company's results of operations and its balance sheet. For example, an increase in the value of a particular currency (such as the Euro) relative to the dollar will increase the dollar reporting value for transactions in that particular currency, and a decrease in the value of that currency relative to the dollar will decrease the dollar reporting value for those transactions. This effect on the dollar reporting value for transactions is generally only partially offset by the impact that currency fluctuations may have on costs. Currently, most of the Company's currency fluctuation exposure is tied to the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Euro.

To the extent that the Company has to convert U.S. dollars into renminbi for its operations, an appreciation in the value of the renminbi compared to the U.S. dollar would reduce the amount of renminbi the Company would receive upon conversion. Accordingly, an appreciation of the renminbi's value would require the Company to pay more U.S. dollars to fund its renminbi operating expenses. The United States and certain European countries have been calling for the re-valuation of the renminbi, which revaluation would result in the appreciation of the renminbi. During the past two years, the exchange rate between the yuan and the U.S. dollar changed by approximately 15% as China allowed the yuan to appreciate in value compared to the U.S. dollar. The amount of payments made by the Company in renminbi is continuing to increase, thereby increasing the Company's costs of operations that are paid in RMB. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008, the Company made payments of approximately 64,750,000 in RMB (or approximately U.S. \$9,220,000 based on the exchange rate as of March 31, 2008). If the renminbi had been 1% and 5% more valuable against the U.S. dollars as of March 31, 2008, the amount of such RMB payments would have increased the Company's expenses by \$93,000 and \$486,000, respectively. Should the Chinese government allow the renminbi to continue to appreciate, or should the Company's operating expenses in renminbi significantly increase in the future, the Company's cost structure and pricing could change and have a material negative effect on its operations, sales and financial results.

The Company believes that its most significant foreign exchange risk results from material sales made in Euro. Approximately 18% of the Company's net sales were made in Euros in fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. If the Euro had been 1% and 5% less valuable against the U.S. dollars than the actual rate as of March 31, 2008, the Company's net sales, as presented in U.S. dollars, would have been approximately reduced by \$63,000 and \$316,000, respectively. Conversely, if the Euro had been 1% and 5% more valuable against the U.S. dollars as of that date, then the Company's net sales would have increased by \$63,000 and \$316,000, respectively.

The Company has not engaged in currency hedging transactions to offset the risks associated with variations in currency exchange rates. Consequently, significant foreign currency fluctuations and other foreign exchange risks may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company does not currently own any market risk sensitive instruments. hedge its currency exchange risks and, therefore, will continue to experience certain gains or losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The Company does attempt to limit its currency exchange rate exposure in certain of its OEM contracts through contractual provisions, which may limit, though not eliminate, these currency risks. However, the Company may in the future undertake hedging or other transactions or invest in market risk sensitive instruments if it determines that such instruments can offset these risks in a sound and cost-efficient manner.

The Company is also exposed to interest rate fluctuations as a result of the short-term investments that it makes and the borrowings it incurs. The Company maintains its excess cash in short-term borrowings that are subject to interest rate fluctuations. The Company had \$2,214,000 of short-term borrowings that are subject to interest rate changes and \$833,000 of long-term borrowings outstanding as of March 31, 2008. However, taking into consideration that the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$3,889,000 available as of March 31, 2008, the Company believes that its interest rate risk on these borrowing was acceptable.

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

Not applicable.

## **PART II**

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

Not applicable.

### **Item 14. Material Modification to the Rights of Securities Holders and Use of Proceeds.**

Not applicable.

### **Item 15. Controls and Procedures.**

#### *Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Based on their evaluation as of March 31, 2008, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that 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 (the "Act") are effective to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Act is:

- recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms regarding required disclosure; and
- accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Chief Executive and Chief Financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### *Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. The Company's system of internal controls is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

Management recognizes that effective internal control over financial reporting may nonetheless not prevent or detect all possible misstatements or frauds.

As part of its evaluation of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting, the Company has appointed Resources Global Professional as an independent consultant to assess our internal control systems in one of our operations located in Long Hua (the Company's principal and largest facility). The framework of assessment was developed from the guidelines of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). No material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting was identified from the assessment of the Long Hua operations. The Company applies the same internal control system in different locations.

Management also assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 at its three newer, and smaller operations. Based on that evaluation, Management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting at those other three facilities were not fully effective because the Company experiences significant turnover in its accounting and financial reporting personnel and has had difficulty in hiring and keeping highly qualified accounting personnel, some persons involved in the Company's financial reporting activities have limited experience with the financial reporting system required by the SEC's rules.

*Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Except as set forth above, there were no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Annual Report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

**Item 16. Not applicable.**

Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Company's Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Irene Wong Ping Yim of the Audit Committee qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K, adopted pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Ms. Wong currently is the Chief Accountant of CNIM HK Ltd. in Hong Kong, holds a Master of Business Administration from Deakin University, and, from 1994 to 2001 was the Accounting Manager of Highway Holdings. In addition, each of the other members of the audit committee have extensive financial and business experience as presidents, chief operating officers, and directors of various public and private enterprises.

All of the members of the audit committee are independent non-executive directors.

Item 16B. Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, which applies to the Company's principal executive officer and to its principal financial and accounting officers. A copy of the Code of Ethics is attached as Exhibit 14.1. Shareholders can also obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics from:

Highway Holdings Limited  
Suite 810, Level 8, Landmark North  
39 Lung Sum Avenue  
Sheung Shui  
New Territories, Hong Kong

Attn: Chief Financial Officer



## Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The Company's independent public accountant for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended March 31, 2008 has been Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. The auditor is selected annually by the Company's Board of Directors and ratified by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. The Audit Committee has selected Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the auditor for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008 and will propose to the Annual General Meeting convening on August 18, 2008 that Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu be ratified as the auditor for that fiscal year.

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees for professional services and other services rendered by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu to the Company during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007 and 2008.

	<b>2007</b>		<b>2008</b>
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 317,600	\$	334,200
Audit-Related Fees (2)	-		-
Tax Fees (3)	\$ 33,600	\$	17,300
All Other Fees	-	\$	14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 351,200</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>365,500</b>

(1) Audit fees represent fees for professional services provided in connection with the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements and review of the Annual Report on Form 20-F, and audit services provided in connection with other statutory or regulatory filings.

(2) Audit-related fees consist of assurance and related services reasonably related to the audit or a review of the Company's financial statements.

(3) Tax Fees include fees for the preparation of tax returns.

As part of its policies and procedures, all audit related services, tax services and other services rendered by were Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

## Item 16D. Exemptions From the Listing Standards for Audit Committees

Not applicable

## Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

Not applicable

**PART III****Item 17. Financial statements.**

We have elected to provide financial statements pursuant to Item 18.

**Item 18. Financial statements.**

See the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements accompanying this report beginning page F-1.

**Item 19. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this annual report:

- 1.1 Memorandum and Articles of Association, as amended, of Highway Holdings Limited, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 of registrant's Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2001.)
- 1.2 Amendment to Memorandum and Articles of Association, as filed on January 20, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.2 of registrant's Form 20-F for the year ended March 31, 2002.)
- 1.3 Form of Amendment to Articles of Association, as filed on November 2, 2005.
- 4.1 1996 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.32 of the registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-1, Reg. No. 333-05980, filed with the SEC on November 8, 1996.)
- 4.2 Form of Longcheng Industrial Area Common Property Tenancy Contract No. WJ-003, dated October 10, 2003, between the Company and Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004).
- 4.3 Form of Longcheng Industrial Area Common Property Tenancy Contract No. WJ-004, dated November 28, 2003, between the Company and Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004).
- 4.4 Form of Longcheng Industrial Area Common Property Tenancy Contract No. WJ-005, dated December 11, 2003, between the Company and Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004).
- 4.5 Form of Longcheng Industrial Area Common Property Tenancy Contract No. HTHT-006, dated December 12, 2003, between the Company and Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004).
- 4.6 Form of Longcheng Industrial Area Common Property Tenancy Contract, dated December 29, 2003, between the Company and Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004).
- 4.7 Tenancy Agreement, dated October 30, 2003, between Nissin Precision Metal Manufacturing Limited and SHK Sheung Shui Landmark Investment Limited, as amended February 23, 2004 (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005).

- 4.8 Form of Extension Agreement, dated January 26, 2005, between Shenzhen Long Cheng Nissin Precision Metal Plastic Factory and Nissin Precision Metal Manufacturing Limited (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005).
- 4.9 Form of Extension Agreement, dated January 26, 2005, between Bao An District Long Cheng Hi-Lite Electronic Factory and Hi-Lite Camera Company Limited (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005).
- 4.10 City Gao Xin District Factory Lease Contract, dated May 23, 2005, between He Yuan City Advanced Technological Development District Co. Ltd. and Hi-Lite Camera Co. Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005)
- 4.11 City Gao Xin District Dormitory Facilities Lease Contract, dated May 23, 2005, between He Yuan City Advanced Technological Development District Co. Ltd. and Hi-Lite Camera Co. Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005)
- 4.12 Form of Longcheng Industrial Area Common Property Tenancy Contract No. WJ-002, dated July 4, 2003, between the Company and Shenzhen Land & Sun Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006)
- 4.13 Tenancy Renewal, dated March 10, 2006, between Nissin Precision Metal Manufacturing Limited and SHK Sheung Shui Landmark Investment Limited. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006)
- 4.14 Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 16, 2006, between Kienzle Time (H.K.) Limited and Highway Holdings Limited, on the one hand, and Wong Wai Chung, Peter, Wong Yuk, Paul, Wong Wai Yung, Augustine, and Wan Chi Cheong on the other hand, regarding the purchase of Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Company Limited. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007)
- 4.15 Rental Contract between Huayu Clothes & Costumes Manufacturing Factory of Wu Xi, Zhuang Wenhua, and Miao Guokang as Lessors, and Kayser (WuXi) Metal Precision Manufacturing Limited, dated January 28, 2007 regarding the rental of the Wuxi facilities. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007)
- 4.16 Rental Contract between Ping Hu City Xin Nan Li Yuan Xia Economic Corporation and Ping Hu Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Ltd., dated June 15, 2002, regarding the rental of Golden Bright's facilities. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007)

- 4.17 Agreement on Imported Material for Processing, dated February 17, 1993, between Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Shenzhen Long Gong City Ping Hu Golden Bright Factory. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007)
- 4.18 Supplementary Agreement on Imported Material for Processing, dated February 17, 1993, between Golden Bright Plastic Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Shenzhen Long Gong City Ping Hu Golden Bright Factory. (incorporated by reference to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007)