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Thermo Electron Reports 2003 Fourth-Quarter and Year-End Results

WALTHAM, Mass. (February 4, 2004) – Thermo Electron Corporation (NYSE: TMO) today reported GAAP diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$.37 for the fourth quarter of 2003, compared with \$.51 in the year-ago period, primarily due to lower gains in 2003 from discontinued operations and the sale of securities. Fourth-quarter revenues were \$583.4 million, up 3 percent from \$568.7 million a year ago. GAAP operating margin rose to 9.4 percent in the 2003 quarter, versus 6.8 percent in 2002.

Adjusted EPS increased 13 percent for the fourth quarter of 2003 to \$.35, compared with \$.31 in 2002. Adjusted operating margin rose 140 basis points to 13.5 percent, compared with 12.1 percent a year ago. Adjusted EPS and adjusted operating margin are non-GAAP measures that exclude restructuring and other costs/income and amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets. Adjusted EPS also excludes income from the sale of shares of FLIR Systems and Thoratec Corporation, gains/losses on the early retirement of debt, gains/losses on disposal of discontinued operations, tax provisions/benefits related to the previous items, and benefit from tax credit carryforwards. For a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, see the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

Organic revenues for the quarter declined 3 percent, including the effect of a \$26.8 million shipment of explosives-detection instruments to the U.S. Transportation Safety Agency (TSA) in the fourth quarter of 2002, which lowered the 2003 quarter's growth rate by 5 percent. Organic revenues exclude the effects of currency translation, which increased revenues by 7 percent, and acquisitions/divestitures, which reduced revenues by 1 percent.

For the full year, Thermo reported GAAP diluted earnings per share of \$1.20 in 2003, versus \$1.73 a year ago, again primarily due to lower gains in 2003 from discontinued operations and from the sale of securities. Adjusted EPS rose 10 percent to \$1.09, versus \$.99 in 2002. Revenues increased slightly in 2003 to \$2.10 billion, compared with \$2.09 billion in 2002. GAAP operating margin rose to 8.8 percent in 2003, compared with 7.5 percent a year ago. Adjusted operating margin increased to 11.6 percent, versus 10.8 percent in 2002.

Marijn E. Dekkers, president and chief executive officer of Thermo Electron, said, "We are very pleased to complete 2003 with strong gains in adjusted EPS and operating margins. We also nearly doubled our cash flow from continuing operations over the same quarter a year ago to \$115 million. While we continue to improve productivity, I am encouraged by the increase in reported revenues during the quarter in spite of a difficult year-to-year comparison. Our strong focus on growing revenues by providing our customers with better products and services is beginning to pay off.

"No question, the overall tone of business is improving across all our markets. We reported solid revenue growth in our Life and Laboratory Sciences segment, and earnings performance significantly improved in Optical Technologies. We greatly expanded our offerings after completing three acquisitions in the quarter – Jouan, LMSi, and the personal radiation-detection business of Siemens – which add approximately \$110 million in annual revenues and are expected to add \$.03 to adjusted EPS in 2004. We are making good progress toward our goal of becoming the world's leading instruments company, and are pursuing opportunities for growth with the same intensity that drove our integration efforts over the past few years."

Mr. Dekkers continued, "With good momentum going into 2004, our goal is to report \$.25 to \$.27 in adjusted EPS for the first quarter and \$1.23 to \$1.28 for the full year." This guidance excludes approximately \$.02 of expense per quarter from the amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, and also excludes restructuring and other costs/income and gains and losses from the sale of businesses, real estate, and our remaining interest in Thoratec, as well as unusual items we may have in the future.

Life and Laboratory Sciences

The Life and Laboratory Sciences segment reported a significant increase in 2003 fourth-quarter revenues, up 13 percent to \$377 million, compared with \$333 million in 2002; organic revenues rose 5 percent. The effect of currency translation increased revenues by 8 percent. The organic revenue growth is primarily a result of strong sales of our mass spectrometry instruments and rapid diagnostic tests used to detect flu. GAAP operating margin was 14.9 percent in the 2003 quarter, up from 14.3 percent a year ago. Adjusted operating margin was 18.1 percent in 2003, versus 18.5 percent in 2002.

We continue to broaden both our technology and services offerings. Several new products generated strong orders in the fourth quarter, including the Finnigan LTQ[™] FT hybrid and Finnigan LTQ[™] linear ion trap mass spectrometers, as well as the Shandon Excelsior[™] automated tissue processor. The acquisition of Jouan greatly increases the breadth of our sample preparation equipment offerings, while Laboratory Management Systems, Inc. (LMSi) adds key instrument validation and regulatory consulting expertise to our rapidly growing services business. In addition, we formed a strategic alliance with Johnson & Johnson's Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics business for the distribution of our clinical automation systems in North America.

Measurement and Control

Fourth-quarter revenues in the Measurement and Control segment were \$153 million in 2003, versus \$176 million in 2002. Organic revenues declined 17 percent compared with the 2002 period, including the sale of explosives-detection instruments to the TSA, which lowered the 2003 quarter's growth rate by 16 percent. The effect of currency translation increased revenues by 5 percent, while acquisitions/divestitures decreased revenues by 1 percent. GAAP operating margin increased to 6.2 percent in 2003, versus 5.6 percent a year ago. Adjusted operating margin was 9.3 percent, down from 10.1 percent in 2002.

Optical Technologies

In the Optical Technologies segment, revenues were \$57 million for the fourth quarter of 2003, versus \$64 million in 2002; organic revenues declined 11 percent. Although year-to-year revenue comparisons were down, the segment experienced sequential growth in revenues of 9 percent, reflecting the upturn in microelectronics and other industrial markets addressed by our lasers and photonics products. The effect of currency translation increased revenues by 4 percent, but was offset by a divestiture that reduced revenues by the same percentage. GAAP operating margin was negative 1.5 percent for the 2003 period, versus negative 12.1 percent in 2002. The segment

reported a significant rise in adjusted operating margin of 6.1 percent in the 2003 quarter, compared with 0.1 percent last year, resulting mainly from continued productivity gains.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), we use certain non-GAAP financial measures, including adjusted EPS and adjusted operating margin, which exclude restructuring and other costs/income and amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets. Adjusted EPS also excludes certain other gains and losses, tax provisions/benefits related to the previous items, and benefit from tax credit carryforwards. We exclude these items because they are outside of our normal operations and, in certain cases, are difficult to forecast accurately for future periods. We also use the concept of organic revenue growth, which excludes the effects of currency translation and acquisitions/divestitures. We believe that the inclusion of such measures helps investors to gain a better understanding of our core operating results and future prospects, consistent with how management measures and forecasts the company's performance, especially when comparing such results to previous periods or forecasts.

Specifically:

- We exclude costs and tax effects associated with restructuring activities, such as reducing overhead and consolidating facilities, in connection with the final phase of our overall reorganization, which we expect will be substantially complete in 2004. We believe that the costs related to these restructuring activities are not indicative of our normal operating costs.
- We exclude the expense and tax effects associated with the amortization of acquisitionrelated intangible assets because a significant portion of the purchase price for acquisitions may be allocated to intangible assets that have lives of 5 to 10 years. Exclusion of the amortization expense allows comparisons of operating results that are consistent over time for both our newly acquired and long-held businesses and with both acquisitive and non-acquisitive peer companies.
- We also exclude certain gains/losses and related tax effects, as well as benefit from tax credit carryforwards, that are either isolated or cannot be expected to occur again with any regularity or predictability, such as those arising from the sale of a business or real estate, the sale of our remaining equity interests in Thoratec and FLIR Systems, and the early retirement of debt, which we believe are not indicative of our normal operating gains and losses.

Thermo's management uses these non-GAAP measures, in addition to GAAP financial measures, as the basis for measuring the company's core operating performance and comparing such performance to that of prior periods and to the performance of our competitors. Such measures are also used by management in their financial and operating decision-making and for compensation purposes.

The non-GAAP financial measures of Thermo's results of operations included in this press release are not meant to be considered superior to or a substitute for Thermo's results of operations prepared in accordance with GAAP. Reconciliations of such non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures are set forth in the accompanying tables and/or the text of this press release. Thermo's earnings guidance, however,

is only provided on an adjusted basis. It is not feasible to provide GAAP EPS guidance because the items excluded, other than the amortization expense, are difficult to predict and estimate and are primarily dependent on future events, such as decisions concerning the location and timing of facility consolidations, and the timing of and proceeds from the sale of our remaining equity interest in Thoratec. We no longer own any shares of FLIR Systems.

Conference Call

Thermo Electron will hold its earnings conference call on Thursday, February 5, at 11 a.m. Eastern time. To listen, dial 888-872-9028 within the U.S., or 973-633-6740 outside the U.S. You can also listen to the call live on the Web by visiting www.thermo.com. Click on "About Thermo," then "Investors." An audio archive of the call will be available in that section of our Web site until Friday, March 5, 2004. You will also find this press release, including the accompanying reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures, under the heading "Press Releases," and related information under "Financial Reports," in the Investors section of our Web site.

About Thermo Electron

A world leader in high-tech instruments, Thermo Electron Corporation helps life science, laboratory, and industrial customers advance scientific knowledge, enable drug discovery, improve manufacturing processes, and protect people and the environment with instruments, scientific equipment, and integrated software solutions. Based in Waltham, Massachusetts, Thermo Electron has revenues of more than \$2 billion, and employs approximately 11,000 people in 30 countries worldwide. For more information, visit <u>www.thermo.com</u>.

The following constitutes a "Safe Harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements are set forth under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements" in the company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 27, 2003. These include risks and uncertainties relating to: the need to develop new products and adapt to significant technological change, dependence on customers that operate in cyclical industries, general worldwide economic slowdown and related uncertainties, the effect of changes in governmental regulations, dependence on customers' capital spending policies and government funding policies, use and protection of intellectual property, retention of contingent liabilities from businesses we sold, integration and consolidation of new branding strategy, implementation of strategies for improving internal growth, the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on international operations, and potential impairment of goodwill. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Consolidated Statement of Income (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended							
(In thousands except per share amounts)	Dec. 31, 2003				Dec. 28, 2002			
	Reported (a)		Adjusted (b)		Reported (a)		Adjusted (b)	
Revenues	\$	583,409	\$	583,409	\$	568,745	\$	568,745
Costs and Operating Expenses:								
Cost of revenues (c)		318,280		318,209		323,470		317,621
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		149,309		149,309		144,235		144,235
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets		2,502		-		2,811		-
Research and development expenses		37,041		37,041		38,188		38,188
Restructuring and other costs, net (d)		21,462		-		21,369		-
		528,594		504,559		530,073		500,044
Operating Income		54,815		78,850		38,672		68,701
Interest Income		2,002		2,002		9,685		9,685
Interest Expense		(2,788)		(2,788)		(8,357)		(8,357)
Other Income, Net (e)		6,545		595		19,672		3,233
Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes		60,574		78,659		59,672		73,262
Provision for Income Taxes (f)		(11,404)		(20,990)		(17,520)		(21,126)
Income from Continuing Operations		49,170		57,669		42,152		52,136
Gain on Disposal of Discontinued Operations (net of income tax								
provision of \$7,177 in 2003; includes tax benefit of \$7,600 in 2002)		12,758		-		45,000		-
Net Income	\$	61,928	\$	57,669	\$	87,152	\$	52,136
Earnings per Share from Continuing Operations:								
Basic	\$.30			\$.26		
Diluted	\$.30			\$.25		
Earnings per Share (g):		i						
Basic	\$.38			\$.53		
Diluted	\$.37	\$.35	\$.51	\$.31
Weighted Average Shares:								
Basic		163,427				163,214		
Diluted		167,812		167,812		175,248		175,248

(a) Reported results were determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(b) Adjusted results are non-GAAP measures and exclude inventory charges (note c), amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, restructuring and other costs/income (note d), certain other income/expense (note e), the tax consequences of these items and other tax benefit (note f), and gain on disposal of discontinued operations.

(c) Reported results in 2003 include \$71,000 of charges primarily for the sale of inventories revalued at the date of acquisition. Reported results in 2002 include \$5,563,000 of inventory writedowns for the abandonment of a product line and \$286,000 of charges for the sale of inventories revalued at the date of acquisition.

(d) Reported results in 2003 include restructuring and other items consisting principally of severance; abandoned facility and other expenses of real estate consolidation; and legal/advisory fees associated with a reorganization of the company's non-U.S. subsidiary structure. Reported results in 2002 include restructuring and other items consisting principally of severance; abandoned facility and other expenses of real estate consolidation; net losses on the sale of a business and property; and legal/advisory fees associated with a reorganization of the company's non-U.S. subsidiary structure.

(e) Reported results include \$5,950,000 of gains from the sale of shares of Thoratec Corporation in 2003, and \$16,937,000 of gains from the sale of shares of FLIR Systems, Inc. in 2002. Reported results also include losses of \$498,000 in 2002 on the early retirement of debt. These items have been excluded from adjusted results.

(f) Adjusted provision for income taxes excludes \$5,871,000 and \$3,606,000 of incremental tax benefit in 2003 and 2002, respectively, for the items in (b) through (e) and in 2003 excludes \$3,715,000 of tax benefit from the sale of a business.

(g) Reported earnings per share and adjusted earnings per share exclude interest expense on convertible debentures of \$413,000 and \$2,154,000, net of tax, in 2003 and 2002, respectively, for the assumed conversion of such convertible debentures.

Segment Data (h)(i)(j)(k)	Three Months Ended				
(In thousands except percentage amounts)	Dec. 31, 2003	Dec. 28, 2002			
Life and Laboratory Sciences					
Revenues	\$ 376,723	\$	332,687		
GAAP Operating Income	56,007		47,600		
Cost of Revenue Charges (I)	-		21		
Restructuring and Other Items (m)	10,457		12,096		
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	1,684		1,774		
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 68,148	\$	61,491		
GAAP Operating Margin	14.9%		14.3%		
Adjusted Operating Margin	18.1%		18.5%		
Measurement and Control					
Revenues	\$ 153,216	\$	175,646		
GAAP Operating Income	9,473		9,797		
Cost of Revenue Charges (I)	71		54		
Restructuring and Other Items (m)	4,099		7,089		
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	647		763		
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 14,290	\$	17,703		
GAAP Operating Margin	6.2%		5.6%		
Adjusted Operating Margin	9.3%		10.1%		
Optical Technologies					
Revenues	\$ 56,817	\$	64,000		
GAAP Operating Income (Loss)	(847)		(7,757)		
Cost of Revenue Charges (I)	-		5,774		
Restructuring and Other Items (m)	4,137		1,766		
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	171		274		
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 3,461	\$	57		
GAAP Operating Margin	(1.5%)		(12.1%)		
Adjusted Operating Margin	6.1%		0.1%		
Consolidated (including Corporate Costs)					
Revenues	\$ 583,409	\$	568,745		
GAAP Operating Income	54,815		38,672		
Cost of Revenue Charges (I)	71		5,849		
Restructuring and Other Items (m)	21,462		21,369		
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	2,502		2,811		
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 78,850	\$	68,701		
GAAP Operating Margin	9.4%		6.8%		
Adjusted Operating Margin	13.5%		12.1%		

(h) GAAP operating income (loss) and GAAP operating margin were determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

(i) Adjusted operating income and adjusted operating margin are non-GAAP measures and exclude the items in notes (c) and (d) and amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets.

(j) Segment data for 2002 has been revised, consistent with the presentation in 2003, to reflect a realignment of several businesses among the segments and for an allocation to the segments of some costs previously reported as corporate expenses.

 (k) Depreciation expense in 2003 was \$5,752,000 at Life and Laboratory Sciences, \$3,018,000 at Measurement and Control, \$2,854,000 at Optical Technologies, and \$12,460,000
Consolidated. Depreciation expense in 2002 was \$5,403,000 at Life and Laboratory Sciences, \$2,549,000 at Measurement and Control, \$2,688,000 at Optical Technologies, and \$11,366,000 Consolidated.

(I) Includes items described in note (c).

(m) Includes items described in note (d).

Consolidated Statement of Income

	Twelve Months Ended							
(In thousands except per share amounts)	Dec. 31, 2003				Dec. 28, 2002			
	R	eported (a)	A	djusted (b)	R	eported (a)	A	djusted (b)
Revenues	\$	2,097,135	\$	2,097,135	\$	2,086,355	\$	2,086,355
Costs and Operating Expenses:								
Cost of revenues (c)		1,149,120		1,149,049		1,158,979		1,149,853
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		558,234		558,234		556,337		556,337
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets		9,904		-		8,319		-
Research and development expenses		146,394		146,394		155,121		155,121
Restructuring and other costs, net (d)		48,709		-		52,146		-
		1,912,361		1,853,677		1,930,902		1,861,311
Operating Income		184,774		243,458		155,453		225,044
Interest Income		19,673		19,673		47,874		47,874
Interest Expense		(18,676)		(18,676)		(40,916)		(40,916)
Other Income, Net (e)		32,862		3,905		124,083		14,143
Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes and								
Minority Interest		218,633		248,360		286,494		246,145
Provision for Income Taxes (f)		(45,936)		(66,809)		(92,465)		(75,058)
Minority Interest Income (f)				-		331		324
Income from Continuing Operations Gain on Disposal of Discontinued Operations (net of income tax		172,697		181,551		194,360		171,411
provision of \$8,141 in 2003; includes tax benefit of \$21,008 in 2002)		27,312		-		115,370		-
Net Income	\$	200,009	\$	181,551	\$	309,730	\$	171,411
Earnings per Share from Continuing Operations:								
Basic	\$	1.06			¢	1.15		
Diluted	\$	1.04			\$	1.12		
Earnings per Share (g):								
Basic	\$	1.23			\$	1.84		
Diluted	\$	1.20	\$	1.09	\$	1.73	\$.99
Weighted Average Shares:								
Basic		162,713				168,572		
Diluted (h)		170,730		170,730		186,611		185,824
		110,100		170,700		100,011		100,024

(a) Reported results were determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(b) Adjusted results are non-GAAP measures and exclude inventory charges (note c), amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, restructuring and other costs/income

(note d), certain other income/expense (note e), the tax consequences of these items and other tax benefit (note f), and gain on disposal of discontinued operations. (c) Reported results in 2003 include \$71,000 of charges primarily for the sale of inventories revalued at the date of acquisition. Reported results in 2002 include charges of \$6,722,000 of inventory writedowns for the abandonment of product lines and \$2,404,000 of charges for the sale of inventories revalued at the date of acquisition.

(d) Reported results in 2003 include restructuring and other items consisting principally of severance; abandoned facility and other expenses of real estate consolidation; a writedown to disposal value of a product line and a business that were sold in October 2003; net gains on the sale of a product line and property; and legal/advisory fees associated with a reorganization of the company's non-U.S. subsidiary structure. Reported results in 2002 include restructuring and other items consisting principally of charges for abandoned equipment at Spectra-Physics; severance; abandoned facility and other expenses of real estate consolidation; cancellation penalties on capital equipment purchases; impairment of abandoned assets; and legal/advisory fees associated with a reorganization of the company's non-U.S. subsidiary structure. These items are net of gains on the sale of businesses.

(e) Reported results include \$16,279,000 of gains from the sale of shares of Thoratec Corporation in 2003, and \$13,654,000 and \$111,432,000 of gains from the sale of shares of FLIR Systems, Inc. in 2003 and 2002, respectively. Reported results also include losses of \$976,000 and \$1,492,000 in 2003 and 2002, respectively, on the early retirement of debt. These items have been excluded from adjusted results.

(f) Adjusted results exclude \$8,132,000 of incremental tax benefit in 2003, and \$17,407,000 and \$7,000 of incremental tax provision and minority interest income, respectively, in 2002, for the items in (b) through (e) and in 2003 exclude \$9,026,000 of tax benefit from the reversal of a valuation allowance due to expected utilization of foreign tax credit carryforwards and \$3,715,000 of tax benefit from the sale of a business.

(g) Reported earnings per share excludes interest expense on convertible debentures of \$4,830,000 and \$13,986,000, net of tax, in 2003 and 2002, respectively, for the assumed conversion of such convertible debentures. Adjusted earnings per share excludes interest expense on convertible debentures of \$4,830,000 and \$13,198,000, net of tax, in 2003 and 2002, respectively, for the assumed conversion of such convertible debentures.

(h) Adjusted weighted average diluted shares reflect the dilutive effect on the convertible debentures of the adjustments to net income as described in notes (b) through (g).

Segment Data (i)(j)(k)(l)	Twelve Mo	Twelve Months Ended				
(In thousands except percentage amounts)	Dec. 31, 2003	Dec. 28, 2002				
Life and Laboratory Sciences						
Revenues	\$ 1,291,430	\$ 1,204,232				
GAAP Operating Income	182,589	172,910				
Cost of Revenue Charges (m)		1,251				
Restructuring and Other Items (n)	21,808	17,968				
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	6,591	5,630				
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 210,988	\$ 197,759				
GAAP Operating Margin	14.1%	14.4%				
Adjusted Operating Margin	16.3%	16.4%				
Measurement and Control						
Revenues	\$ 606,197	\$ 636,025				
GAAP Operating Income	44,549	45,862				
Cost of Revenue Charges (m)	71	1,384				
Restructuring and Other Items (n)	10,214	12,226				
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	2,446	1,613				
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 57,280	\$ 61,085				
GAAP Operating Margin	7.3%	7.2%				
Adjusted Operating Margin	9.4%	9.6%				
Optical Technologies						
Revenues	\$ 211,758	\$ 258,640				
GAAP Operating Loss	(11,731)	(30,986)				
Cost of Revenue Charges (m)	-	6,491				
Restructuring and Other Items (n)	11,559	19,391				
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	867	1,076				
Adjusted Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 695	\$ (4,028)				
GAAP Operating Margin	(5.5%)	(12.0%)				
Adjusted Operating Margin	0.3%	(12.0%)				
Consolidated (including Corporate Costs) Revenues	¢ 0.007.405	¢ 0.006.055				
Revenues	\$ 2,097,135	\$ 2,086,355				
GAAP Operating Income	184,774	155,453				
Cost of Revenue Charges (m)	71	9,126				
Restructuring and Other Items (n)	48,709	52,146				
Amortization of Acquisition-related Intangible Assets	9,904	\$,319				
Adjusted Operating Income	\$ 243,458	\$ 225,044				
GAAP Operating Margin	8.8%	7.5%				
Adjusted Operating Margin	11.6%	10.8%				

(i) GAAP operating income (loss) and GAAP operating margin were determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

(j) Adjusted operating income (loss) and adjusted operating margin are non-GAAP measures and exclude the items in notes (c) and (d) and amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets.

(k) Segment data for 2002 has been revised, consistent with the presentation in 2003, to reflect a realignment of several businesses among the segments and for an allocation to the segments of some costs previously reported as corporate expenses.

(I) Depreciation expense in 2003 was \$23,211,000 at Life and Laboratory Sciences, \$10,698,000 at Measurement and Control, \$11,523,000 at Optical Technologies, and \$48,644,000 Consolidated. Depreciation expense in 2002 was \$21,616,000 at Life and Laboratory Sciences, \$11,065,000 at Measurement and Control, \$12,496,000 at Optical Technologies, and \$48,057,000 Consolidated.

(m) Includes items described in note (c).

(n) Includes items described in note (d).

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

(In thousands)	Dec. 31, 2003	Dec. 28, 2002		
Current Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Short-term available-for-sale investments Accounts receivable, net Inventories Other current assets	\$ 303,912 114,326 460,926 343,758 172,334	\$ 339,038 536,430 429,740 332,804 133,547		
Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net Other Assets Goodwill	1,395,256 300,702 135,834 1,557,177 \$ 3,388,969	1,771,559 272,908 190,803 1,416,205 \$3,651,475		
Current Liabilities: Short-term obligations and current maturities of long-term obligations Other current liabilities	\$ 41,098 638,812 679,910	\$ 484,480 619,240 1,103,720		
Long-term Deferred Income Taxes and Other Long-term Liabilities Long-term Obligations: Senior notes Subordinated convertible obligations Other Total Shareholders' Equity	91,861 137,874 77,234 19,284 234,392 2,382,806	66,137 141,032 304,549 5,760 451,341 2,030,277		
	\$ 3,388,969	\$ 3,651,475		