

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Fiscal Year	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
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(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

NET SALES .....	<b>\$1,590,557</b>	\$1,501,726	\$1,327,610	\$1,316,413	\$1,287,029
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES .....	<b>339,454</b>	305,355	254,674	221,216	261,748
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES .....	<b>80,150</b>	63,670	42,500	37,740	56,640
NET INCOME .....	<b>136,473</b>	106,101	70,645	61,565	92,412
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:					
Basic Earnings .....	<b>5.99</b>	4.55	2.86	2.16	3.19
Diluted Earnings .....	<b>5.97</b>	4.52	2.85	2.15	3.18
Cash Dividends .....	<b>1.20</b>	1.16	1.12	1.09	1.05
Shareholders' Investment .....	<b>\$ 18.83</b>	\$ 15.77	\$ 13.28	\$ 13.82	\$ 17.30
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OF					
COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (in 000's) .	<b>22,788</b>	23,344	24,666	28,551	28,927
DILUTED NUMBER OF SHARES OF					
COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (in 000's) .	<b>22,842</b>	23,459	24,775	28,678	29,059

### OTHER DATA

SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT .....	<b>\$ 409,465</b>	\$ 365,910	\$ 316,488	\$ 351,097	\$ 500,505
LONG-TERM DEBT .....	<b>98,512</b>	113,307	128,102	142,897	60,000
TOTAL ASSETS .....	<b>930,245</b>	875,885	793,409	842,189	838,164
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT .....	<b>838,655</b>	859,848	812,428	796,714	776,638
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF RESERVES .	<b>395,580</b>	404,454	391,927	396,266	374,212
PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION .....	<b>51,097</b>	49,346	47,511	43,345	43,032
EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT .	<b>71,441</b>	65,998	45,893	71,262	77,746
WORKING CAPITAL .....	<b>\$ 159,219</b>	\$ 160,350	\$ 149,846	\$ 199,039	\$ 258,834
Current Ratio .....	<b>1.5 to 1</b>	1.6 to 1	1.7 to 1	1.9 to 1	2.4 to 1
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT YEAR END .....	<b>7,233</b>	7,994	7,265	7,661	7,199
NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS AT YEAR END .	<b>4,385</b>	4,628	4,911	5,336	5,879
QUOTED MARKET PRICE:					
High .....	<b>\$ 63.63</b>	\$ 70.94	\$ 53.38	\$ 53.63	\$ 46.88
Low .....	<b>\$ 31.00</b>	\$ 33.69	\$ 36.88	\$ 36.50	\$ 32.75