

## **ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

Briggs & Stratton changed independent accountants in August 2004 from Deloitte & Touche LLP to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Information regarding the change in independent accountants was reported in Briggs & Stratton's Current Report on Amended Form 8-K dated August 4, 2004. There were no disagreements or any reportable events subject to Item 304(b) requiring disclosure.

## **ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

- (a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act.
- (b) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fourth fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonable likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

Briggs & Stratton has no information to report pursuant to Item 9B.

## **PART III**

## **ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

- (a) Executive Officers. Reference is made to "Executive Officers of Registrant" in Part I after Item 4.
- (b) Directors. The information required by this Item is in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Election of Directors", and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Section 16 Compliance. The information required by this Item is in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Security Ownership of Management – Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance", and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) Audit Committee Financial Expert. The information required by this Item is in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Corporate Governance- Audit Committee", and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) Identification of Audit Committee. The information required by this Item is in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Corporate Governance- Audit Committee", and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (f) Code of Ethics. Briggs & Stratton has adopted a written code of ethics, referred to as the Briggs & Stratton Business Integrity Manual applicable to all directors, officers and employees, which includes provisions related to accounting and financial matters applicable to the Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer and Controller. The Briggs & Stratton Business Integrity Manual is available on the Company's corporate website at [www.briggsandstratton.com](http://www.briggsandstratton.com). If the Company makes any substantive

amendment to, or grants any waiver of, the code of ethics for any director or officer, Briggs & Stratton will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver on its corporate website or in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The information in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, concerning this item, in the subsection titled "Director Compensation" under the caption "Election of Directors" and the "Executive Compensation" section, is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The information in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, concerning this item, under the captions "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners", "Security Ownership of Management" and "Equity Compensation Plan Information" is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

Briggs & Stratton has no relationships or related transactions to report pursuant to Item 13.

#### **ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES**

The information required by this Item is in Briggs & Stratton's definitive Proxy Statement, prepared for the 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, under the caption "Audit Committee Report," and is incorporated herein by reference.

### **PART IV**

#### **ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

1. Financial Statements

The following financial statements are included under the caption "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in Part II, Item 8 and are incorporated herein by reference:

Consolidated Balance Sheets, June 27, 2004 and June 29, 2003

For the Fiscal Years Ended June 27, 2004, June 29, 2003 and June 30, 2002:

Consolidated Statements of Earnings

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Investment

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

2. Financial Statement Schedules

Schedule II – Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

All other financial statement schedules provided for in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions.

3. Exhibits

Refer to the Exhibit Index incorporated herein by reference. Each management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this report is identified in the Exhibit Index by an asterisk following the Exhibit Number.

**BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
SCHEDULE II – VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**

*FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 27, 2004, JUNE 29, 2003 AND JUNE 30, 2002*

<u>Reserve for Doubtful Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Additions Charged to Earnings</u>	<u>Charges to Reserve, Net</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>
2004	\$ 1,780,000	1,899,000	(2,095,000)	-	\$ 1,584,000
2003	\$ 1,703,000	129,000	(52,000)	-	\$ 1,780,000
2002	\$ 1,599,000	(1,222,000)	1,326,000	-	\$ 1,703,000

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders of Briggs & Stratton Corporation:

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Briggs & Stratton Corporation and subsidiaries as of June 27, 2004 and June 29, 2003, and for each of the three years in the period ended June 27, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated July 22, 2004; such report is included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Our audits also included the consolidated financial statement schedule of Briggs & Stratton Corporation for the years ended June 27, 2004, June 29, 2003 and June 30, 2002, listed in Item 15. This consolidated financial statement schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits. In our opinion, such consolidated financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

**Deloitte & Touche LLP**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July 22, 2004



BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION  
(Commission File No. 1-1370)

EXHIBIT INDEX  
2004 ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
3.1	Articles of Incorporation. (Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 2, 1994 and incorporated by reference herein.)
3.2	Bylaws, as amended and restated June 14, 2001. (Filed as Exhibit 99 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated June 14, 2001 and incorporated by reference herein.)
3.2 (a)	Amendment to Bylaws Adopted by Resolution of the Board of Directors on April 21, 2004. (Filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2004 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.0	Rights Agreement dated as of August 7, 1996, between Briggs & Stratton Corporation and Firststar Trust Company which includes the form of Right Certificate as Exhibit A and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Common Shares as Exhibit B. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated as of August 7, 1996 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.0 (a)	First Amendment to the Rights Agreement. (Filed as Exhibit 4 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 29, 2002 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.1	Indenture dated as of June 4, 1997 between Briggs & Stratton Corporation and Bank One, N.A., as Trustee. (Filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 1997 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.2	Form of 7-1/4% Note due September 15, 2007 of Briggs & Stratton Corporation issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of June 4, 1997 between Briggs & Stratton Corporation and Bank One, N.A., as Trustee. (Filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 1997 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.3	Resolutions of the Board of Directors of Briggs & Stratton Corporation authorizing the public offering of debt securities of Briggs & Stratton Corporation in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$175,000,000. (Filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 1997 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.4	Actions of the Authorized Officers of Briggs & Stratton Corporation authorizing the issuance of \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7-1/4% Notes due September 15, 2007. (Filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 1997 and incorporated by reference herein.)
4.5	Officers' Certificate and Company Order of Briggs & Stratton Corporation executed in conjunction with the issuance of \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 7-1/4% Notes due September 15, 2007. (Filed as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 1997 and incorporated by reference herein.)

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
4.6	<p>Indenture dated as of May 14, 2001 between Briggs &amp; Stratton Corporation, the Guarantors listed on Schedule I thereto and Bank One, N.A., as Trustee, providing for 8.875% Senior Notes due March 15, 2011 (including form of Note, form of Notation of Guarantee and other exhibits).</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 4.9 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on July 3, 2001, Registration No. 333-64490, and incorporated herein by reference.)</p>
4.7	<p>Form of Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 15, 2001 between Subsequent Guarantors (Generac Portable Products, Inc., GPPD, Inc., GPPW, Inc. and Generac Portable Products, LLC), Briggs &amp; Stratton Corporation, and Bank One, N.A., as Trustee.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 4.10 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on July 3, 2001, Registration No. 333-64490, and incorporated herein by reference.)</p>
4.8	<p>First Supplemental Indenture dated as of May 14, 2001 between Briggs &amp; Stratton Corporation and Bank One, N.A., as Trustee under the Indenture dated as of June 4, 1997.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 4.12 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on July 3, 2001, Registration No. 333-64490, and incorporated herein by reference.)</p>
4.9	<p>Form of Indenture Supplement to Add a Subsidiary Guarantor dated as of May 15, 2001 among each Subsidiary Guarantor (Generac Portable Products, Inc., GPPD, Inc., GPPW, Inc. and Generac Portable Products, LLC), Briggs &amp; Stratton Corporation, and Bank One, N.A., as Trustee.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 4.13 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed on July 3, 2001, Registration No. 333-64490, and incorporated herein by reference.)</p>
10.0*	<p>Form of Officer Employment Agreement.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 10.0 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 29, 1998 and incorporated by reference herein.)</p>
10.1*	<p>Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 and incorporated by reference herein.)</p>
10.1 (a)*	<p>Amendment to Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 10.1 (a) to the Company's Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 29, 2003 and incorporated by reference herein.)</p>
10.2*	<p>Amended and Restated Economic Value Added Incentive Compensation Plan.</p> <p>(Filed herewith.)</p>
10.3*	<p>Form of Change of Control Employment Agreements.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 27, 1993 and incorporated by reference herein.)</p>
10.3 (a)*	<p>Amendment to Change in Control Employment Agreements.</p> <p>(Filed herewith.)</p>
10.4 (a)*	<p>Trust Agreement with an independent trustee to provide payments under various compensation agreements with company employees upon the occurrence of a change in control.</p> <p>(Filed as Exhibit 10.5 (a) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended July 2, 1995 and incorporated by reference herein.)</p>

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
10.4 (b)*	Amendment to Trust Agreement with an independent trustee to provide payments under various compensation agreements with company employees. (Filed as Exhibit 10.5 (b) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended July 2, 1995 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.5 (a)*	1999 Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan. (Filed as Exhibit A to the Company's 1999 Annual Meeting Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.5 (b)*	Amendment to Stock Incentive Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2003 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.5 (c)*	Amendment to Stock Incentive Plan. (Filed herewith.)
10.6*	Amended and Restated Premium Option and Restricted Stock Program. (Filed herewith.)
10.6 (a)*	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Premium Option and Restricted Stock Program. (Filed herewith.)
10.6 (b)*	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under the Premium Option and Restricted Stock Program. (Filed herewith.)
10.11*	Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for Directors. (Filed herewith.)
10.12*	Amended and Restated Director's Premium Option and Stock Grant Program. (Filed herewith.)
10.12 (a)*	Form of Director's Stock Option Agreement under the Director's Premium Option and Stock Grant Program. (Filed herewith.)
10.14*	Executive Life Insurance Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.17 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 27, 1999 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.14 (a)*	Amendment to Executive Life Insurance Program. (Filed as Exhibit 10.14 (a) to the Company's Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 29, 2003 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.14 (b)*	Amendment to Executive Life Insurance Plan. (Filed herewith.)
10.15 (a)*	Key Employees Savings and Investment Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 27, 1999 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.15 (b)*	Amendment to Key Employees Savings and Investment Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2000 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.15 (c)*	Amendment to Key Employee Savings and Investment Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2003 and incorporated by reference herein.)
10.16*	Consultant Reimbursement Arrangement. (Filed as Exhibit 10.19 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 27, 1999 and incorporated by reference herein.)

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10.17*	Briggs & Stratton Product Program. (Filed as Exhibit 10.18 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended June 30, 2002 and incorporated by reference herein.)
12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges. (Filed herewith.)
21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant. (Filed herewith.)
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. (Filed herewith.)
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Filed herewith.)
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Filed herewith.)
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Furnished herewith.)
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Furnished herewith.)

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\* Management contracts and executive compensation plans and arrangements required to be filed as exhibits pursuant to Item 15(b) of Form 10-K.