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# ELRON ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES NET INCOME OF \$5.5 MILLION AND \$9.2 MILLION IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF OF 2004

Tel Aviv, Israel, August 11, 2004 - Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ:ELRN) today reported a net income for the second quarter of 2004 of \$5.5 million, or \$0.19 income per share, compared to a net loss of \$4.1 million, or \$0.14 loss per share, in the second quarter of 2003. The net income in the first six months of 2004 amounted to \$9.2 million, or \$0.31 income per share, compared to a net loss of \$13.3 million, or \$0.45 loss per share, in the first six months of 2003.

# The net income reported in the second quarter of 2004, as compared to the net loss in the second quarter of 2003, was primarily due to the following factors:

- (i) a gain, net of tax and minority interest, of approximately \$6.7 million resulting from Given Imaging's secondary public offering which included the sale of 300,000 shares of Given Imaging by Elron's 49.6% held subsidiary, RDC; and
- (ii) the decrease in losses Elron recorded with respect to its group companies in the amount of \$5.2 million, mainly due to the sale of businesses of Elron Software and MediaGate, the sale of Elron's holding in KIT, Elron's share in the net income reported for the first time by Given Imaging, the decrease in Galil Medical's losses following the formation of Oncura and the improvements in the results of some of its group companies such as NetVision, ChipX, Oren Semiconductor and AMT;

#### Other main second quarter and subsequent events:

- On June 30, 2004, AMT completed a \$6.0 million round of financing in which an international strategic partner invested \$3.0 million and Elron invested an additional \$3.0 million. Following the investment and conversion of existing loans, Elron's ownership interest in AMT rose to approximately 35% from 28% on a fully diluted basis.
- On July 28, 2004, Elron completed the sale of its holdings in Elbit Systems (Nasdaq: ESLT), constituting approximately 19.6% of the outstanding share capital of Elbit Systems, for approximately \$197 million to Federmann Enterprises Ltd. As a result of the transaction, Elron will record, in the third quarter of 2004, a gain, net of tax, of approximately \$80 million (of which approximately \$10 million will result from the increase in deferred tax assets with respect to Elron's losses incurred in prior periods).
- Subsequent to June 30, 2004 and through August 10, 2004, Elron purchased 550,000 shares of Given Imaging for an aggregate purchase consideration of approximately \$19.2 million. As a result, Elron's direct and indirect (through RDC) interest in Given Imaging increased from approximately 15% to approximately 16.9%.

On August 10, 2004, Elron signed a definitive agreement to invest approximately \$6.7 million in consideration for 25% ownership interest, on a fully diluted basis, in Jordan Valley Applied Radiation Ltd. ("Jordan Valley"), an Israeli private company engaged in developing solutions for advanced in-line thin film metrology for the semi-conductor industry. Jordan Valley is a 57% held subsidiary of Clal Industries and Investments Ltd. The investment is subject to regulatory and other approvals including the approval of the shareholders of Elron and Clal.

#### Liquidity and Shareholders Equity

As of June 30, 2004, Elron's cash, debentures and deposits amounted to approximately \$69.5 million compared with \$106.6 million at December 31, 2003. The decrease was mainly as a result of approximately \$40.5 million repayment of loans of majority-owned subsidiaries in the first quarter of 2004. The remaining bank loans of majority owned subsidiaries amounted to approximately \$27.7 million (\$67.5 million at December 31, 2003), substantially all of which are guaranteed by Elron. Upon the closing of the sale of Elron's holdings in Elbit Systems, Elron received the proceeds from the sale of approximately \$197 million and its current cash, debentures and deposits amounts to approximately \$240 million.

During the first half of 2004, Elron invested approximately \$10.3 million in its group companies. Shareholders' equity at June 30, 2004, was approximately \$303.4 million, which represents 71% of Elron's total assets, compared with approximately \$296.1 million representing approximately 66% of total assets at December 31, 2003.

"The sustainable profitability resulting from the continued improvements in the financial results of our group companies as well as gains Elron recorded from the realization of holdings, represents our continued effort and success in building value for our shareholders", said Doron Birger, Elron's President and CEO.

"During the past 12 months, most of our group companies raised additional substantial resources from new strategic investors as well as existing investors which will enable them to further develop and build their businesses. In addition, the proceeds received from the sale of our holdings in Elbit Systems will enable us to focus on new investments in Israeli-related technology in our main areas of operation" concluded Doron Birger.

Investors may access Elron's second quarter financial report and a detailed management report on the company's web site: www.elron.com

Conference call details

Thursday, August 12, 2004 10:00a.m. (EST); 05:00 p.m. Israel

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Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. is a multinational high technology holding company based in Israel.

Through affiliates, Elron is engaged with a group of high technology operating companies in the

fields of medical devices, communication, software, information technology, semiconductors and

advanced materials. For further information, visit <a href="http://www.elron.com">http://www.elron.com</a>

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risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Actual results may differ

from such forward-looking statements due to the risk factors discussed in periodic reports filed by the

Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which the Company urges investors to

consider.

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

In thousands of U.S. Dollars

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	Unaudited	Audited		
ASSETS Total current assets	\$ 94,213	\$ 130,067		
LONG-TERM ASSETS Investments in affiliated companies Investments in other companies and long-term receivables Debentures and bank deposits Deferred taxes Severance pay deposits	168,883 129,084 - 2,591	156,819 128,799 700 1,871 2,144		
Total long-term assets	300,558	290,333		
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	8,561	8,317		
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	22,415	21,987		
Total assets	\$ 425,747	\$ 450,704		
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Total current liabilities	\$ 52,178	\$ 73,035		
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES Long-term loans from banks and others Accrued severance pay and retirement obligations Deferred taxes Other	4,044 3,668 39,979 22	17,221 2,850 40,684 103		
Total long-term liabilities	47,713	60,858		
MINORITY INTEREST	22,501	20,681		
Total Shareholders' Equity	303,355	296,130		
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 425,747	\$ 450,704		

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

In thousands of U.S. Dollars, except share and per share data

	Six months ended		Three months ended	Year ended December
	June 30, 2004 2003		June 30, 2004 2003	_ 31, 2003
	2004			Audited
INCOME	-	Ullat	luiteu	Auditeu
Net revenues Equity in losses of affiliated companies Gain from disposal of businesses and affiliated companies and	\$ 7,001 (2,098)	\$ 7,831 (6,873)	\$ 3,576 \$ 4,044 (1,709) (3,919)	\$ 16,547 (8,698)
changes in holdings in affiliated companies, net	27,901	1,259	21,821 888	25,754
Other income, net	4,187	6,060	1,750 7,283	14,665
	36,991	8,277	25,438 8,296	48,268
COSTS AND EXPENSES	15,385	20,430	6,856 10,194	37,497
Income (loss) before income taxes	21,606	(12,153)	18,582 (1,898)	10,771
Income taxes Income (loss) from continuing operations after income taxes Minority interest in losses (income) of	(8,154)	(1,838)	(7,512) (2,204)	(6,834)
	13,452	(13,991)	11,070 (4,102)	3,937
subsidiaries	(3,895)	3,653	(5,535) 1,681	(10,907)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	9,557	(10,338)	5,535 (2,421)	(6,970)
Loss from discontinued operations	(356)	(3,001)	(56) (1,648)	(235)
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,201	\$ (13,339)	\$ 5,479 \$ (4,069)	\$ (7,205)
Basic Income (loss) per share	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.45)	\$ 0.19 \$ (0.14)	\$ (0.25)
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$ 0.31	\$ (0.45)	\$ 0.19 \$ (0.14)	\$ (0.25)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing basic net income (loss) per share (thousands)	29,211	29,183	<u>29,212</u> <u>29,185</u>	29,194
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing diluted net income (loss) per share (thousands)	29,323	29,183	29,340 29,185	29,194

#### MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

The following management report should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements as of June 30, 2004 and notes thereto and with our Annual Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2003 and notes thereto, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under item 18 to our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2003 ("2003 20-F"). This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements may be identified by the words "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "plan" and similar expressions. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, those discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time.

#### **OVERVIEW**

We are a multi-national high technology operational holding company that operates through subsidiaries and affiliated companies, referred to as our group companies. Founded in 1962, we have been a major force in the development of the Israeli high technology industry by building Israeli and Israel-related companies with technologies in the fields of medical devices, advanced defense electronics, communications, semiconductors, software products and services and advanced materials. Historically, most of our group companies were established together with entrepreneurs or started as activities within Elron and were subsequently spun-off.

In addition, some of our group companies grew out of our subsidiary, RDC Rafael Development Corporation Ltd. ("RDC"), a joint venture with Rafael Armament Development Ltd. ("Rafael"), the largest research and development organization of Israel's Ministry of Defense. RDC was established pursuant to a joint venture agreement entered into in July 1993 for the purposes of exploiting Rafael's technology in non-military markets. RDC has first rights to exploit commercially technologies of Rafael in non-military markets, which rights are dependent primarily upon RDC's identification of new and existing military technology developed by Rafael, for commercial exploitation in non-military markets.

Our group companies include both publicly traded and privately held companies.

Technology industries are characterized by the high degree of risk inherent in their products, their continuous technological innovation and their penetration into world markets, which requires investment of considerable resources and continuous development efforts. The future success of our group companies is dependent upon their technological quality, prices and nature of their products in comparison to their competitors and their ability to introduce new products to the markets at the right time, while offering cost effective solutions suitable to their customers' needs as well as their ability to raise financing and the condition of the capital markets.

Our activities range from complete operational control over the business to involvement in the management of our group companies in which we maintain controlling or significant holdings, and, in a limited number of cases, minority holdings. We participate in the management of most of our group companies by means of active membership on their boards of directors and board committees. As a result, we are involved in matters of policy, strategic planning, marketing, selecting and manning senior management positions, approving investments and budgets, financing and the overall ongoing monitoring of our group companies' performance. In addition to our representation on the boards of directors of our group companies, we provide hands-on assistance to the group companies' management in support of their growth. We view our hands-on involvement in the operations of our group companies as a key element of our business. Our group companies therefore benefit from the experience of our management team in various areas in which they need support and leadership, including, but not limited to, strategic planning, research and development guidance, identifying joint venture opportunities, introductions to potential customers and investors, risk management, market analysis, business plan preparation, budgetary control, and legal support.

We expect to continue to build and realize value for our shareholders from our group companies through the sale of a portion or all of our holdings in, or the issuance of shares by any of our group companies to third parties, while simultaneously pursuing the acquisition of, or investment in, new and existing companies. We believe that this strategy provides the ability to increase shareholder value as well as capital to support the growth of our group companies.

Our net income (or loss) in any given period is due, in the most part, to the results of operations of our group companies (which are accounted by us under the consolidation or equity method of accounting) and dispositions and changes in our holdings of group companies. As most of our group companies are technology companies which have not yet generated significant revenues and which invest considerable resources in research and development and in marketing activities, we have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, losses in respect of these companies. Our capital resources in any given period are primarily affected by the extent of our investment in existing and new companies and the realization of certain holdings. The results of operations of our group companies, and consequently, our results of operations and capital resources, are affected by general economic conditions as well as by factors specifically related to the technology markets, which also affect the ability of our group companies to raise financing and our ability to dispose of holdings and realize gains from our holdings.

#### TREND INFORMATION

Technology industries are affected by economic trends and the condition of the capital markets. The downturn in the world economy and, in particular, in the technology sector, during 2001 and through the middle of 2003, affected our group companies' ability to raise additional financing from other sources, the results of operations of our group companies and our ability to successfully "exit" some of our group companies and record gains at the same level that we experienced in the years prior to the downturn. Since the second half of 2003, there have been initial indications of recovery in the technology sector and capital markets. This trend was reflected in the improvement in the results of operations of most of our group companies as well as the raising of funds from new strategic and other investors in private placements completed by some of our group companies. In addition, we recorded gains from realizing certain of our holdings and will record a significant gain in the third quarter of 2004 as a result of the sale of our holdings in Elbit Systems Ltd. (see below under "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS").

We anticipate that if a recovery in the world economy and, in particular, in the technology sector, will continue, this will have a positive effect on our group companies and their ability to raise additional capital. We also anticipate increasing our investments in new companies in our main areas of operation, and we are currently considering investments in a few new companies, mainly in the fields of medical devices and semiconductors. In this regard, on August 10, 2004, we announced an investment in a new company (see below under "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS").

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Secondary public offering of Given Imaging (Nasdaq: GIVN). On June 23, 2004, Given Imaging completed its secondary public offering of 2,880,750 shares at \$32.00 per share of which 1,500,000 were sold by Given Imaging and 1,380,750 (including 375,750 shares as a result of the exercise of the underwriters' over allotment option) were sold by existing shareholders. Given Imaging received net proceeds of approximately \$44.4 million. Our subsidiary, RDC, sold 300,000 shares in consideration for approximately \$9.0 million. Elron did not sell any shares in this secondary offering. As a result of RDC's sale and the decrease in our direct and indirect interest in Given Imaging from approximately 16% to approximately 15%, we recorded a gain, of \$15.2 million (\$6.7 million net of tax and minority interest).

Subsequent to June 30, 2004 and through August 10, 2004, we purchased 550,000 shares of Given Imaging for an aggregate purchase consideration of approximately \$19.2 million. As a result, our direct and indirect (through RDC) interest in Given Imaging increased from approximately 15% to approximately 16.9%. Elron may consider from time to time during the short term the purchase of additional shares of Given Imaging.

Investment of \$3 million in AMT Advanced Metal Technologies Ltd. ("AMT"). On June 30, 2004, AMT completed a \$6.0 million round of financing of convertible notes in which an international strategic partner invested \$3.0 million and we invested an additional \$3.0 million of which \$0.2 million was invested in the first quarter. In addition, existing AMT shareholders, converted shareholder loans into convertible notes in the amount of approximately \$2.7 million, of which approximately \$1.6 million was converted by us, as part of the aggregate investment. The notes are convertible into preferred shares of AMT or into shares held by AMT in certain of its subsidiaries. Following the investment, our ownership interest in AMT rose to approximately 35% from 28% on a fully diluted basis (excluding warrants) and on an "as converted" basis.

Sale of all of our holdings in Elbit Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: ESLT). On July 8, 2004 we announced the signing of a definitive agreement for the sale of all of our holdings in Elbit Systems constituting approximately 19.6% of the outstanding share capital of Elbit Systems to Tadiran Communications Ltd., in consideration for approximately \$197 million. Elbit Systems develops, manufactures and integrates advanced high-performance defense electronic systems. The closing of the transaction was subject to the right of first refusal of the Federmann group, the other major shareholder of Elbit Systems. On July 28, 2004, we received notification by the Federmann group of the exercise of its right of first refusal, following which the shares were sold on the same date to the Federmann group for approximately \$197 million. As a result, Elron will record in the third quarter a gain, net of tax, of approximately \$80 million, of which approximately \$10.0 million will result from the decrease in our previous valuation allowance in respect of losses incurred in prior periods. The decrease in our previous valuation allowance is in light of the transaction, following which we revised our judgment about the realizability of deferred tax.

In addition, based on a preliminary analysis we conducted, it is more likely than not that as a result of the transaction, Elron will be characterized as a "passive foreign investment company" (PFIC) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, for 2004, which would result in adverse tax consequences for our U.S. shareholders. However, we are still in the process of reviewing Elron's position with the assistance of our advisors. The tests for determining passive foreign investment company status involve assessments of income and assets, which are relevant to this determination. The tests are impacted by changes in our holdings and in the value of our group companies which are difficult to predict. We will make a further announcement following completion of our review.

Following these transactions, Elron has more than \$200 million in cash and in other liquid instruments and our board of directors may consider, from time to time, a dividend distribution, taking into consideration our financial status, profitability and our investment plans in existing and new companies.

**Tender offer to purchase 7.5% of our shares.** On July 16, 2004 we announced that Discount Investment Corporation Ltd. ("DIC") commenced a tender offer to purchase 2,203,425 of our ordinary shares for \$15 per share, net to the seller in cash, less any required withholding taxes and without interest. Currently, DIC beneficially owns 11,240,233 ordinary shares of Elron, representing approximately 38.5% of our outstanding shares. Following the consummation of the tender offer, DIC will own approximately 46% of our outstanding shares.

Investment in New Company. On August 10, 2004, we signed a definitive agreement to invest approximately \$6.7 million in Jordan Valley Applied Radiation Ltd. ("Jordan Valley"), an Israeli private company engaged in developing solutions for advanced in-line thin film metrology for the semi-conductor industry. Jordan Valley is 57% owned (indirectly) by Clal Industries and Investments Ltd. ("Clal"), an approximately 64% held subsidiary of IDB Development Corporation Ltd. ("IDBD"). IDBD also owns approximately 65% of our parent company, DIC. Clal, IDBD, and DIC are publicly traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Following the investment, we will initially hold a 25% ownership interest of Jordan Valley, on a fully diluted basis, subject to adjustment based on Jordan Valley's future performance. The investment is subject to regulatory and other approvals including the approval of the shareholders of Elron and Clal.

*New Corporate Tax Rate in Israel.* On June 29, 2004 the Israeli parliament approved an amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance which gradually reduces the corporate tax rate from 36% in 2003 to 30% in 2007. The amendment was signed and published in July 2004 and is therefore considered enacted in July 2004. As a result, we will record a tax benefit due to the change in the tax rate in the amount of approximately \$2.0 million in the third quarter of 2004.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("US GAAP"). Our significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 2 of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2003, filed under item 18 to our 2003 20-F. The accounting policies which are particularly important to the assessment of our financial position and results of operations are described under item 5 to our 2003 20-F, under "Critical Accounting Policies".

As more fully described in our 2003 20-F, we adopted Interpretation No. 46 (Revised 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ("VIEs") - an interpretation of ARB No. 51 ("FIN 46"). Upon the adoption of FIN 46 we began consolidating Starling as it was determined to be a VIE, and we are its primary beneficiary; and determined that AMT is considered to be a VIE, however as we are not the primary beneficiary of AMT, we are not consolidating AMT.

#### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

Consolidation. Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the following main companies:

Three and Six months ended June 30,					
2004 2003					
Elron TeleSoft	RDC	3DV <sup>2</sup>	Elron TeleSoft	RDC	ESW <sup>1</sup>
Elbit	Galil Medical	Starling	Elbit	Galil Medical	
DEP	MediaGate	ESW 1	DEP	MediaGate	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Elron SW ("ESW"), formerly Elron Software.

At the end of the second quarter of 2004, as a result of conversion of shareholders loans granted by RDC to Sela Semiconductor ("Sela"), RDC's ownership interest in Sela increased from approximately 49% to approximately 54% and accordingly, Sela's assets and liabilities are included within our consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2004. The statement of operations of Sela will be included in our consolidated financial statements commencing in the third quarter of 2004.

Equity Method. Our main group companies accounted for under the equity method of accounting include:

Three and Six months ended June 30,				
20	004	20	003	
Elbit Systems	Notal Vision	Elbit Systems	AMT	
NetVision	Oncura	NetVision	Notal Vision	
ChipX	Pulsicom	ChipX	Witcom	
Wavion	CellAct	Wavion	3DV	
Given Imaging	Sela	Given Imaging	Pulsicom	
Oren Semiconducto	r	Oren Semiconductor	CellAct	
AMT		KIT	Sela	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Following the purchase of a controlling interest in 3DV during the first quarter of 2004 from the majority of the other shareholders of 3DV.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three and six months Ended June 30, 2004 compared to three and six months Ended June 30, 2003.

The following tables set forth our results of operations in the reported period:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months end	ed June 30,	
	2004	2004 2003		2003	
		(millions of \$, except per share data)			
Net income (loss)	5.5	(4.1)	9.2	(13.3)	
Net income (loss) per share	0.19	(0.14)	0.31	(0.45)	

The net income we reported in the second quarter of 2004, as compared to the net loss we reported in the second quarter of 2003, was mainly due to the following factors:

- (i) a gain, net of tax and minority interest, of approximately \$6.7 million resulting from of the sale of Given Imaging's shares by RDC and the decrease in our direct and indirect interest in Given Imaging following the completion of Given Imaging's secondary public offering; and
- (ii) the decrease in losses we recorded with respect to our group companies in the amount of \$5.2 million, mainly due to the sale of businesses of ESW and MediaGate, the sale of our holding in KIT, our share in the net income reported for the first time by Given Imaging, the decrease in Galil Medical losses following the formation of Oncura as a result of the merger of its and Amersham's urology units and the improvements in the results of some of our group companies such as ChipX, Oren Semiconductor and AMT;

The net income we reported in the first half of 2004 included the additional following main factors:

- (i) a gain of approximately \$5.3 million resulting from the sale in the first quarter of 2004 of our shares in KIT eLearning; and
- (ii) a gain, net after tax, of approximately \$3.3 million (of which \$1.3 million in the second quarter of 2004) resulting from the sale of 634,228 Zix Corporation shares (of which 271,812 were sold during the second quarter of 2004) in consideration for \$7.0 million (of which \$2.8 million was received during the second quarter of 2004).

#### Reportable Segments

Subsequent to the sale of the business of ESW on September 2, 2003 to Zix, our reportable segments are i) The Systems and Projects Segment - Elron TeleSoft; and ii) Other holdings and the corporate operations, which includes our holdings in subsidiaries, affiliates and other companies, engaged in various fields of advanced technology, and corporate operations, which provide the strategic and operational support to the group companies. Prior to September 2, 2003, we operated through ESW in a third business segment – Internet Products – which has been reclassified as discontinued operations.

At June 30, 2004, the main group companies were classified into the following segments:

	Systems and projects	Other holdings and corporate operations	Internet products (Discontinued Operations)
Consolidated	Elron TeleSoft	Elbit; DEP; RDC; Galil Medical; MediaGate, 3DV, Starling, Sela.	ESW
Equity basis		Elbit Systems; NetVision; ChipX; Wavion; Given Imaging; CellAct; AMT; Notal Vision; Oren Semiconductor; Oncura; Pulsicom.	
Cost		Avantry (formerly known as Witcom)	
Available-for-sale Securities		Partner Communication Company ("Partner"), Elbit Vision Systems; Zix	

The following tables reflect our consolidated data by reported segments:

	Elron Telesoft	Other holdings and corporate operations	Discontinued operations of ESW	Consolidated
			ons of \$)	
		Three months end	led June 30, 2004	
Income*	1.8	23.6	-	25.4
Costs and Expenses	2.4	4.5	-	6.9
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(0.6)	6.1	-	5.5
Loss from discontinuing operations	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	(0.6)	6.1	-	5.5
		Three months end	led June 30, 2003	
Income*	2.1	6.2	-	8.3
Costs and Expenses	2.8	7.4	-	10.2
Loss from continuing operations	(0.7)	(1.7)	-	(2.4)
Loss from discontinuing operations	-	-	(1.6)	(1.6)
Net loss	(0.7)	(1.7)	(1.6)	(4.1)
		Six months ende	ed June 30, 2004	
Income*	3.4	33.6	-	37.0
Costs and Expenses	4.5	10.9	-	15.4
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(1.1)	10.7	-	9.6
Loss from discontinuing operations	-	_	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net income (loss)	(1.1)	10.7	(0.4)	9.2
	Six months ended June 30, 2003			
Income*	4.2	4.1	-	8.3
Costs and Expenses	5.4	15.0	_	20.4
Loss from continuing operations	(1.2)	(9.0)	_	(10.2)
Income (loss) from discontinuing operations	/	0.4	(3.5)	(3.1)
Net loss	(1.2)	(8.6)	(3.5)	(13.3)

<sup>\*</sup> Income in the other holdings and corporate operations includes net losses from equity investments.

#### **Systems and Projects - Elron TeleSoft**

Elron TeleSoft is focused on telecom network management products and services. The following table sets forth the operating results of Elron TeleSoft:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,		
	2004	2004 2003		2003	
		(millions	of \$)		
Net revenues	1.8	2.1	3.4	4.2	
Cost of revenues	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>2.2</u>	<u>2.8</u>	
Gross profit	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.4	
Operating expenses*	0.7	0.8	1.4	1.3	
Amortization of other assets	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.4</u>	
Operating loss	(0.4)	(0.2)	(0.6)	(0.3)	
Finance expenses, net	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.9</u>	
Net loss	<u>(0.6)</u>	<u>(0.7)</u>	<u>(1.1)</u>	(1.2)	

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding amortization of other assets which is presented separately.

**Revenues.** Elron TeleSoft's net revenues decreased by \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million, or 14% and 19%, to \$1.8 million and \$3.4 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$2.1 million and \$4.2 million for the same periods of 2003. The decrease in the six month period resulted mainly from the decrease in revenues derived from sale of third parties' products. The decrease in the three month period resulted mainly from the decrease in project revenues while revenues from the sale of third parties' products remained at the same level.

Cost of revenues. Cost of revenues of Elron TeleSoft in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 were \$1.3 million and \$2.2 million, representing a gross margin of 28% and 35%, compared to \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2003, representing a gross margin of 38% and 33%. The variance in gross margins was due to changes in revenue mix. The gross margin for the three months period was lower due to the decrease in project revenues. The gross margin for the six months period was higher due to the decrease in sales of third party products.

*Operating loss.* Elron TeleSoft's operating loss amounted to \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million for the same periods of 2003. The increase in operating loss resulted primarily from the decrease in revenues.

*Finance expense, net.* Finance expenses amounted to \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 compared to approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million in the same periods in 2003. The decrease in finance expenses in the second quarter of 2004 resulted mainly from the significant decrease in loan balances following the repayment of \$30.3 million of bank loans by the Company at the end of the first quarter of 2004.

The ability of Elron TeleSoft to increase its revenues and improve its operating results in the near future is dependent upon general economic conditions and, in particular, on an increase in telecom capital expenditure, its ability to penetrate the international market and whether its efforts to bring enhanced and new products to market are successful.

#### Other Holdings and the Corporate Operations segment

The other holdings and corporate operations segment includes our holdings in subsidiaries, affiliates and other companies engaged in various fields of advanced technology, and corporate operations which provide strategic and operational support to the group companies. The following table sets forth this segment's operating results:

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
•	(millions	of \$)	(millions	of \$)
Net revenues	1.8	1.9	3.6	3.6
Net loss from equity investments	(1.7)	(3.9)	(2.1)	(6.9)
Gains from disposal of business and				
affiliated companies and changes in	21.0	0.0	27.0	1.2
holdings in affiliated companies	21.8	0.9	27.9	1.3
Other income, net	<u>1.7</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>4.2</u>	<u>6.1</u>
Total income	<u>23.6</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>33.6</u>	6.1 4.1 1.5
Cost of revenues	1.2	0.6	2.3	1.5
Operating expenses*	3.4	6.4	9.0	13.2
Amortization of other assets	-	0.1	-	0.2
Finance expenses (income), net	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>(0.4)</u>	<u>0.1</u>
Total costs and expenses	<u>4.5</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>10.9</u>	<u>15.0</u>
Gain (loss) from continuing operations				
before income taxes	19.1	(1.2)	22.7	(10.9)
Income taxes	(7.5)	(2.2)	(8.1)	(1.8)
Minority interest	<u>(5.5)</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>(3.9)</u>	<u>3.7</u>
Income (loss) from continuing operations	6.1	(1.7)	10.7	(9.0)
Loss from discontinued operations	Ξ.	Ξ	<u>=</u>	<u>0.4</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>6.1</u>	<u>(1.7)</u>	<u>10.7</u>	<u>(8.6)</u>

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding amortization of other assets which is presented separately.

#### **Income**

Net revenues. Net revenues in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 of the Other Holdings and Corporate Operations segment, in the amount of \$1.8 million and \$3.6 million compared to \$1.9 million and \$3.6 million, consisted of sales of products and services by our subsidiaries, mainly Galil Medical. In the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, Galil Medical recorded revenues of \$1.7 million and \$3.4 million, compared to \$1.9 million and \$3.5 million in the same periods of 2003. Following the formation of Oncura as a result of the merger of the urology therapy units of Galil Medical and Amersham in July 1, 2003, Galil Medical's revenues derived mainly from the supply of cryo products and R&D services to Oncura, in which it has a 25% ownership interest.

Share in net losses of affiliated companies. Our share in net losses of affiliated companies resulted from our holdings in certain companies that are accounted for under the equity method (see above under "Basis of Presentation"). The share in net losses of affiliated companies in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 amounted to \$1.7 million and \$2.1

million, compared to \$3.9 million and \$6.9 million in the same period in 2003. The decrease in our share in net losses of our affiliated companies in the reported periods of 2004 resulted mainly from our share in the net income reported for the first time by Given Imaging, the sale of our holding in KIT eLearning in the first quarter of 2004 and the decrease in our share in the net losses of some of our group companies whose losses decreased, in particular, ChipX, Oren Semiconductor and AMT. The above decrease was partially offset mainly as a result of \$2.0 million loss representing the funding of NetVision's previous years' losses and the increase in our share in the net losses of Wavion.

#### **Highlights of the Results of Operations of Our Major Affiliates:**

Elbit Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: ESLT) (a 19.6% holding as of June 30, 2004). As described under "Recent Developments", on July 28, 2004 we completed the sale of all of our holdings in Elbit Systems. Accordingly, the second quarter of 2004 was the last quarter in which we reported our share in the net income of Elbit Systems which amounted to \$2.2 million and \$4.7 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$1.8 million and \$4.3 million in the same periods of 2003.

Given Imaging (Nasdaq: GIVN) (a 15% holding directly and indirectly through RDC as of June 30, 2004). Given Imaging, a medical device company that developed and markets a disposable miniature video camera for visualizing the gastrointestinal tract, reached record sales of \$15.5 million and \$28.2 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, an increase of 60% and 54% over the revenues recorded in the same periods of 2003 of \$9.7 million and \$18.3 million. During the second quarter, total capsules sold reached a record of 22,500, 87% higher than the second quarter of 2003. Given Imaging's gross profit increased to 75.5% and 73.4% of revenues in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, compared to 65.3% and 66.2% in 2003 and it reported for the first time in its history net income of \$0.9 million and \$0.3 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, compared to net loss of \$3.3 million and \$7.0 million in the same periods of 2003. As described under "Recent Developments" Given Imaging completed during the second quarter a secondary offering to the public in which it raised \$44.4 million.

During the second quarter of 2004 Given Imaging entered into an exclusive sales representation and co-promotion agreement with Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, according to which Ethicon will have exclusive rights to market Given Imaging's Esophageal Capsule in the United States following clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This agreement may be expanded to other countries, except Japan.

Oncura (a 25% holding by Galil). Oncura commenced its operations on July 1, 2003 following the completion of the merger of the urology therapy units of Galil and Amersham which created Oncura. Oncura markets and sells therapeutic device systems and related consumables used primarily in the performance of minimally-invasive, urologic cancer treatment. Oncura's revenues in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 amounted to \$16.2 million and \$33.5 million and its net loss amounted to \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million.

**Notal Vision** (a 26% holding). Notal Vision, a medical device company operating in the field of early detection of Age Related Macular Deterioration (AMD), recorded in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 revenues of approximately \$40 thousand and \$0.3 million, compared to no revenue in the same periods in 2003 and its net loss decreased to \$0.6 million and \$0.9 million, compared to \$0.7 million and \$1.3 million in the same periods in 2003.

NetVision (a 46% holding). The other major shareholder of NetVision is our controlling shareholder, DIC, which also holds 46% of NetVision, following DIC's purchase of the NetVision shares from Tevel, in March 2004. NetVision provides Internet services and solutions in Israel. NetVision continues to experience increased competition in gaining broadband communication market share, resulting from the transition of customers to broadband communication, however, NetVision revenues increased in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 by 13% and 14% to \$17.1 million and \$33.6 million from \$15.1 million and \$29.5 million in the same periods in 2003 and its customer base at June 30, 2004 reached approximately 374,000 (of which approximately 187,000 were broadband) compared to 338,000 at the end of the second quarter of 2003 (of which approximately 95,000 were broadband). NetVision's operating income increased by 101% and 173% to \$2.7 million and \$4.8 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$1.3 million and \$1.7 million in the same periods in 2003 and its net income increased to \$1.8 million and \$2.4 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$0.7 million and \$0.6 million in the same period in 2003. NetVision's operating currency is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS) and accordingly, all figures above are translations for convenience purposes of NetVision's NIS figures into US dollars at the representative rate of exchange prevailing at June 30, 2004 according to which \$1.00 equaled NIS 4.497. NetVision future period results will be affected by the competitive broadband market environment, which will affect market prices and penetration costs.

On March 30, 2004, NetVision filed a request with the Israeli Securities Authority and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange ("TASE") for a proposed initial public offering of its shares on the TASE. The request is a preliminary step in the proposed offering and there is no assurance that the proposed offering will take place and NetVision is considering, in parallel, alternative venues to enable it to further grow its business.

During the first quarter of 2004, we and DIC granted NetVision a \$2.0 million loan each, in order to enable NetVision to repay a portion of its line of credit to a lending bank. The loan was scheduled to be repaid in July 2004 and was

extended. As a result of the extension of the repayment period and the delay in executing the public offering and in accordance with EITF 02-18, we recorded the \$2.0 million loan as a loss, representing the funding of NetVision's previous years losses. In July 2004 we and DIC granted NetVision an additional loan in the amount of \$1.9 million each, in order to enable NetVision to repay the remainder of its line of credit to the bank.

On August 3, 2004, NetVision received a license from the Israeli Ministry of Communications to provide international telephony services, which NetVision intends to provide through VoIP (Voice over IP) technology.

*Wavion* (a 38% holding). Wavion is a developer of broadband wireless access systems for wireless LANs. In 2002 and in the beginning of 2003, as a result of the downturn in the broadband wireless communications market, which delayed the release of Wavion's products, Wavion significantly reduced its research and development expenses and began to sell subcontracting services for the development of wireless sub-systems. In the second half of 2003, Wavion completed a financing round in which it raised \$12.5 million, as a result of which Wavion directed resources away from its subcontracting activities to R&D activities and its revenues in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 decreased to \$0 million and \$0.1 million, compared to \$0.5 million and \$1.3 million in the same periods in 2003. The increase in its research and development costs resulted in an increase in Wavion's net loss which amounted to \$1.4 million and \$3.1 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million in the same periods in 2003.

ChipX (a 27% holding). ChipX is a manufacturer of late stage programmable application-specific integrated circuits, or structured ASICs. ChipX's revenues in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, increased by \$0.6 million and \$1.4 million, or 18% and 22%, to \$3.9 million and \$7.8 million, from \$3.3 million and \$6.4 million in the same periods in 2003, primarily due to the launch of new products and the recovery in the semiconductor industry, and its net loss in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 decreased to \$1.5 million and \$3.0 million compared to \$2.2 million and \$4.6 million in the same periods in 2003. In March 2004, ChipX raised \$12.0 million in a private placement, led by a new investor, Vantage Point Venture Partners, the proceeds of which will be used to finance its sales, marketing and development investments in its structured ASIC technology.

*Oren Semiconductor* (a 41% holding). Oren is a developer of integrated circuits for digital broadcasting. In the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, Oren's revenues were \$0.7 million and \$1.7 million compared to \$1.2 million and \$1.7 million in the same periods in 2003. The decrease in revenues during the three month period was mainly as a result of a decrease in product revenues due to longer sale cycle and delay in product development. The decrease was offset by increase in revenues from development projects. Oren's net loss in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 was \$0.7 million and \$1.7 million compared to \$1.4 million and \$2.9 million in the same periods in 2003 mainly as a result of decrease in operating expenses.

**AMT** (a 40% holding). The AMT group develops technologies and products based on amorphous metals. AMT's two main operating companies are AHT, which uses amorphous metals for heating products, and Confirm Technology (formerly, ACS), which uses amorphous metals for identification, authentication and anti-shoplifting solutions. During the second quarter of 2004, AMT raised \$6.0 million (see under "Recent Developmments").

In the three and six months ended June 30, 2004, *AHT* recorded revenues of \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million, compared to \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million in the same period of 2003 and its net loss amounted to \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million, compared to \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million in the same periods of 2003.

*Confirm Technology* recorded in the three and six months ended on June 30, 2004 revenues of \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, compared to \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million in the same periods of 2003 and its net loss amounted to \$0.3 million and \$0.6 million, compared to \$0.3 million and \$0.7 million in the same periods of 2003.

Despite the decrease in our share in the net losses from our group companies, we expect that most of our group companies will continue to recognize losses in future periods, as they invest significant resources in research and development and sales and marketing activities and have not yet generated significant revenues. Therefore, we anticipate that our share in the results of these companies will continue to negatively affect our results of operations. In addition, following the completion of the sale of our holding in Elbit Systems in the third quarter of 2004, and in light of expected investments in new and existing companies, our share in net losses of our group companies is expected to increase.

Results of operations of significant group companies which are accounted for other than under the equity method of accounting. In addition to companies accounted for under the equity method, we have a significant investment in Partner (Nasdaq: PTNR), in which we hold approximately 9%, and which is accounted for as available-for-sale securities, whose results do not affect our results of operation. At June 30, 2004, the market value of our investment in Partner amounted to \$123.7 million. Partner is a Global System for Mobile Communications, or GSM, mobile telephone network operator in Israel. The following are highlights of the results of operations of Partner for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 (all figures below are convenience translations of Partners' nominal New Israeli Shekel (NIS) figures into US dollars at the rate of the exchange prevailing at June 30, 2004 according to which \$1.00 equals NIS 4.497):

- Partner's revenues in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, increased by 16% and 17% to \$279.0 million and \$550.0 million from \$239.5 million and \$468.9 million in the same periods of 2003. Increased revenues for the second quarter of 2004 were driven primarily by a larger subscriber base and increasing minutes of use. Partner's subscriber base at the end of the second quarter of 2004 was 2,202,000, up 13% from 1,949,000 at the end of the second quarter of 2003.
- Partner's operating income in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 increased to \$59.1 million and \$111.4 million from \$48.5 million and \$77.5 million in the same periods in 2003, an increase of 22% and 44%. Operating income in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, as a percentage of revenues, reached 21% and 20% versus 20% and 17% in the same periods in 2003.
- Partner's net income in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 was \$29.7 million and \$50.1 million compared to \$34.5 million and \$42.2 million in the same periods in 2003. Net income for the second quarter of 2004 was lower than the second quarter of 2003 since the second quarter of 2003 did not include a provision for income taxes as Partner did not record income taxes until the fourth quarter of 2003 when it recorded a deferred tax asset derived from its carryforward tax losses.

Partner has a line of credit agreement with a consortium of banks that provides for borrowings of up to \$583 million of which \$348 million had been drawn as of June 30, 2004. The line of credit is guaranteed by shares held by the original shareholders of Partner, pro rata to their respective original holdings. All of the shares held by us as of June 30, 2004, amounting to approximately 15.9 million shares, are pledged by us in favor of the consortium of banks. We are taking steps in an effort to release these shares from the pledge, however there is no assurance that our effort will be successful in the near future. If and upon such release, and subject to receiving all the necessary regulatory approvals, we may sell all or some of these shares.

On July 29, 2004, Partner received notification from the Ministry of Communications (the "Ministry") stating the Ministry is considering regulatory changes for reducing certain rates charged by cellular operators, which if adopted will have a material adverse effect on its earnings and financial position. The Ministry invited Partner to take part in a hearing process and to submit its position before August 29, 2004, which Partner intends to do. Partner rejects these proposals and will vigorously oppose their adoption. However, at this time Partner is unable to predict the outcome of the hearing process. As described above, Partner's results of operations do not affect our results of operation.

Gains from Disposal of Business and Affiliated Companies and Changes in Holdings in Affiliated Companies. Our gains from disposal of businesses and affiliated companies and changes in our holdings in affiliated companies amounted to \$21.8 million and \$27.9 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$0.9 million and \$1.3 million in the same periods in 2003. The gain in the second quarter of 2004 resulted primarily from the following: (i) a \$15.2 million gain (which after minority interest and income taxes amounted to \$6.7 million) resulting from the sale of 300,000 shares of Given Imaging by RDC and the decrease in our direct and indirect interest in Given Imaging following Given Imaging's secondary public offering; (ii) a gain of \$5.8 million (which after minority interest and income taxes amounted to \$1.4 million) resulting from the purchase by RDC of treasury shares amounting to approximately 3% of its outstanding shares from one of its shareholders (a former senior executive of RDC) in consideration for distribution of 200,000 shares of Given Imaging; and (iii) a gain of \$0.6 million resulting from the exercise of a call option granted to the chairman of our board of directors to purchase 21,751 shares of Given Imaging for the aggregate exercise price of approximately \$49 thousand. The gain in the six month period ended June 30, 2004 also included a \$5.3 million gain from the sale of our share of KIT eLearning, a provider of online academic programs, to a subsidiary of Laureate Education, Inc. (formerly known as Sylvan Learning Systems) (Nasdaq: LAUR), a global leader in higher education, for a cash payment of \$9.4 million (from which we received \$5.7 million) and a future payment of up to an additional \$10.0 million based on future earnings of KIT in 2006 and 2007 (from which our share will be up to \$5.7 million).

The gain in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2003 resulted primarily from the sale of 227,500 and 320,000 shares of Given Imaging held by RDC in the respective periods.

Other Income, net. Other income, net, of the other holdings and corporate operations segment amounted to \$1.7 million and \$4.2 million in the three and six months period ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$7.3 million and \$6.1 million in same period in 2003. The gain in the second quarter of 2004 resulted mainly from a \$1.9 million gain, before tax, from the sale of 271, 812 shares of Zix which were received in consideration for ESW's assets and business sold to Zix in 2003. The gain in the six month period ended June 30, 2004 also included a \$3.1 million gain, before tax, from the sale of 362,416 shares of Zix during the first quarter of 2004 which was partially offset by \$0.5 million, representing the funding of 3DV's previous years' losses. The gain in both of the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2003 was primarily due to a \$5.0 million gain, before tax, from the sale of 3,500,000 shares of Partner for consideration of approximately \$15.3 million, and due to a \$2.0 million gain, before tax, from the sale of all the shares of 24/7 Real Media shares (Nasdaq: TFSM), received in consideration for the sale of the main assets and business of our subsidiary Vflash to 24/7 Real Media in 2002, for total consideration of approximately \$5.2 million. For the six months ended June 30, 2003 the gain was partially offset by \$1.2 million of write-downs mainly with respect to our investments in Cellenium.

#### **Expenses**

*Cost of revenues.* Cost of revenues consisted primarily of expenses related to salaries and hardware associated with delivering products and services of our subsidiaries, mainly Galil Medical. Cost of revenues of the Other Holdings and Corporate Operation segment in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 amounted to \$1.2 million and \$2.3 million, compared to \$0.6 million and \$1.5 million in the same periods in 2003.

*Operating expenses.* Operating expenses are comprised of research and development expenses, sales and marketing and general and administrative expenses of our and RDC's corporate operations and of our subsidiaries. The following table sets forth the segment operating expenses. The operating expenses presented below for the three and six months ended June 30, 2003 exclude amortization of other assets in the amount of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, which also constitute part of operating expenses under US GAAP but for presentation purposes is included as a separate item:

	Three months end	Three months ended June 30,		ed June 30,
	2004	2003	2004	2003
		(millions	of \$)	
Corporate	1.7	1.7	3.7	3.2
Galil Medical	0.6	3.6	1.4	7.4
MediaGate	-	0.8	-	2.0
Starling	0.1	-	0.5	-
3DV	0.4	-	0.8	-
Other	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>0.6</u>
	<u>3.4</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>9.0</u>	<u>13.2</u>

Our corporate operating costs were \$1.7 million and \$3.7 million in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$1.7 million and \$3.2 million in the same periods of 2003. The increase in the corporate costs in the six month period resulted mainly from the increase of \$0.5 in costs related to the company's employee stock option plans and call options in favor of employees and officers to purchase shares of affiliated companies.

Operating expenses of Galil Medical in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 decreased to \$0.6 million and \$1.4 million from \$3.6 million and \$7.4 million in the same periods in 2003 and its operating loss decreased to \$0 million and \$0.2 million compared to \$2.4 million and \$5.1 million in the same periods in 2003. The decrease in Galil Medical's operating expenses and operating loss was mainly due to the merger of the urology therapy units of Galil Medical and Amersham which resulted in a significant decrease in Galil Medical's marketing and selling expenses. Galil plans to continue developing its cryotherapy technology for application in other health care fields, and to supply Oncura manufacturing and research and developments services on a cost plus basis. Galil Medical's results of operations will be affected in the future quarters by the extent of future research and developments activities for the development of new cryotherapy applications.

The decrease in MediaGate's operating expenses is as a result of the sale of its assets and business to Telrad at the end of 2003, following which MediaGate ceased its operations.

Other operating expenses include mainly the operating expenses of RDC. The increase in other operating expenses in the reported periods ended June 30, 2004 was primarily due to the increase of \$0.5 million and \$2.4 million in costs related to RDC's employee stock option plans and the increase in the fair value of call options to purchase shares of affiliated companies.

*Income Taxes.* Income taxes, net, in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004 were \$7.5 million and \$8.2 million, which included in the six month period mainly \$6.7 million of income taxes with respect to the gain resulted from the secondary public offering of Given Imaging and the purchase of treasury stock in RDC in consideration for distribution of Given Imaging's shares and \$1.7 million from the sale of Zix shares.

Income taxes, net, in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2003 were \$2.2 million and \$1.8 million, which included in the six month period mainly \$3.4 million of income taxes with respect to the sale of Partner's, Given Imaging's and 24/7 Real Media's shares and a tax benefit of \$1.7 million mainly with respect to corporate losses.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Consolidated cash, debentures and deposits at June 30, 2004, were approximately \$82.9 million compared with \$113.9 million at December 31, 2003. At June 30, 2004, the corporate cash, debentures and deposits were \$69.5 million compared with \$106.6 million at December 31, 2003. The decrease in consolidated and corporate cash and other liquid instruments resulted primarily from the repayment of approximately \$40.5 million loans of Elron Telesoft and ESW. The total bank loan of ESW and Elron TeleSoft, substantially all of which are guaranteed by us, amounted to \$27.7 million at June 30, 2004 compared to \$67.5 million at December 31, 2003.

The main sources of corporate cash and other liquid instruments in the six month period ended June 30, 2004, were \$5.7 million of proceeds from the sale of all of our shares in KIT eLearning, \$7.0 million proceeds from the sale of Zix shares (of which \$2.8 million in the second quarter of 2004) and a \$1.7 million dividend received from Elbit Systems.

The main uses of the corporate cash and other liquid instruments in the six month period ended June 30, 2004, were the \$40.5 million repayment of bank loans, \$8.3 million of investments in our group companies and a \$2.0 million loan granted to NetVision in the first quarter of 2004. Investment in the first quarter amounted to \$3.8 million which included mainly \$2.6 million in ChipX. Investment in the second quarter amounted to \$4.5 million, which includes mainly a \$2.8 million investment in AMT.

Consolidated working capital at June 30, 2004 amounted to \$42.0 million compared to \$57.0 million at December 31, 2003.

Consolidated loans at June 30, 2004, were approximately \$35.4 million, of which \$27.7 million were attributed to Elron TeleSoft and ESW. During the first quarter of 2004, we refinanced Elron TeleSoft's and ESW's loans. As part of this refinancing we repaid approximately \$40.5 million to the lending banks out of \$67.5 million outstanding at December 31, 2003. The lending terms, including interest and maturity dates were not significantly changed. The majority of the remaining loans are guaranteed to banks by us and of which \$3.5 million is also secured by a pledge on our debentures and deposits. In connection with some of Elron TeleSoft's bank loans, we have also provided to the lending bank a comfort letter pursuant to which we undertook not to reduce our holding beyond a certain percentage.

In connection with the credit lines granted to NetVision, we and DIC, provided letters of comfort to the lending banks pursuant to which we jointly undertook not to reduce our joint holdings beyond a certain percentage. The amount outstanding under NetVision's credit lines at June 30, 2004, was approximately \$16.2 million. In March 2004 and in July 2004, we granted NetVision a \$2.0 million loan and \$1.9 million, respectively, in order to enable NetVision to repay its line of credit to a lending bank.

MediaGate's bank loan in the amount of approximately \$2.6 million has been secured by a first ranking pledge over the future proceeds to be received as royalties as a consideration for the sale of its technology to Telrad.

All of Partner's shares held by us as of June 30, 2004, amounting to approximately 15.9 million shares, are pledged by us in favor of Partner's consortium of banks.

Subsequent to June 30, 2004 and through August 10, 2004, we have invested an additional aggregate amount of approximately \$21.5 million in our group companies, including \$19.2 million in Given Imaging and \$1.9 million loan to NetVision.

On July 28, 2004, upon the closing of the sale of our holdings in Elbit Systems, we received the proceeds from the sale of approximately \$197 million.

Our investment policy for manging our funds is in general to invest in time deposits and U.S. government securities with high liquidity.

We believe that our existing capital will be sufficient to fund our and our subsidiaries' operations and our investment plan in existing and new companies for at least the next twelve months.

Shareholders' equity at June 30, 2004, was approximately \$303.4 million representing approximately 71% of the total assets compared with \$296.1 million representing approximately 66% of total assets at December 31, 2003.

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# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

# U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data

	June 30, 2004		December 31, 2003	
	Ur	audited	Audited	
AGGETTG				
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	75,769	\$	83,906
Short-term investments	Ф	8,829	Ф	37,158
Trade receivables, net*		5,624		5,016
Other receivables and prepaid expenses*		1,753		2,516
Inventories and contracts-in-progress		2,238		2,310 1,471
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Total current assets		94,213		130,067
LONG-TERM ASSETS				
Investments in affiliated companies (See Note 3h)		168,883		156,819
Investments in other companies and long-term receivables*		129,084		128,799
Debentures and bank deposits		_		700
Deferred taxes		-		1,871
Severance pay deposits	-	2,591		2,144
Total long-term assets		300,558		290,333
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET		8,561		8,317
INTANGIBLE ASSETS				
Goodwill		12,019		12,019
Other intangible assets		10,396		9,968
one mangiore assess		10,570		7,700
		22,415		21,987
Total assets	\$	425,747	\$	450,704

<sup>\*</sup> Includes receivables from related parties in the aggregate amount of \$2,899 and \$3,684 as of June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

# U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data

	June 30, 2004 naudited	De	ecember 31, 2003 Audited
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Short-term loans from banks and others Current maturities of long-term loans from banks and others Trade payables	\$ 19,519 11,821 2,753	\$	11,986 44,021 3,408
Other payables and accrued expenses	 18,085		13,620
Total current liabilities	 52,178		73,035
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES  Long-term loans from banks and others Accrued severance pay and retirement obligations Deferred taxes Other	 4,044 3,668 39,979 22		17,221 2,850 40,684 103
Total long-term liabilities	 47,713		60,858
MINORITY INTEREST	 22,501		20,681
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: Ordinary shares of NIS 0.003 par value; Authorized - 35,000,000 shares as of June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003; Issued and outstanding - 29,220,345 and 29,206,845 shares as of June 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, represtively.	0.572		0.572
2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively Additional paid-in capital	9,572 267,518		9,572 267,113
Accumulated other comprehensive income Accumulated deficit	 49,411 (23,146)		51,792 (32,347)
Total shareholders' equity	303,355		296,130
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 425,747	\$	450,704

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

# U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data

	Six months ended June 30,					Three mo			ear ended cember 31,	
		2004		2003		2004		2003		2003
				Una	udite	d				Audited
INCOME										
Net revenues*	\$	7,001	\$	7,831	\$	3,576	\$	4,044	\$	16,547
Equity in losses of affiliated companies		(2,098)		(6,873)		(1,709)		(3,919)		(8,698)
Gain from disposal of businesses and										
affiliated companies and changes in										
holdings in affiliated companies, net		27,901		1,259		21,821		888		25,754
Other income, net		4,187		6,060		1,750		7,283		14,665
		36,991		8,277		25,438		8,296		48,268
COSTS AND EXPENSES										
Cost of revenues		4,489		4,292		2,434		1,984		10,198
Research and development costs, net		1,570		2,437		556		1,166		3,787
Marketing and selling expenses, net		1,190		6,190		624		2,897		7,763
General and administrative expenses		7,644		5,911		2,989		3,067		13,923
Amortization of intangible assets		390		588		196		292		1,073
Financial expenses, net		102		1,012		57		788		753
		15,385		20,430		6,856		10,194		37,497
Income (loss) before income taxes		21,606		(12,153)		18,582		(1,898)		10,771
Income taxes		(8,154)		(1,838)		(7,512)		(2,204)		(6,834)
Income (loss) from continuing operations after										
income taxes		13,452		(13,991)		11,070		(4,102)		3,937
Minority interest in losses (income) of										
subsidiaries		(3,895)		3,653		(5,535)		1,681		(10,907)
Income (loss) from continuing operations		9,557		(10,338)		5,535		(2,421)		(6,970)
Loss from discontinued operations		(356)		(3,001)		(56)		(1,648)		(235)
Net income (loss)	\$	9,201	\$	(13,339)	\$	5,479	\$	(4,069)	\$	(7,205)
Income (loss) per share:										
Basic:										
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.33	\$	(0.35)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.24)
Loss from discontinued operations		(0.01)		(0.10)		-		(0.06)		(0.01)
Net income (loss)	\$	0.32	\$	(0.45)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.25)
Diluted:					-				-	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.32	\$	(0.35)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.24)
Loss from discontinued operations		(0.01)		(0.10)		-		(0.06)		(0.01)
Net income (loss)	\$	0.31	\$	(0.45)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.25)
W-:										
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing basic net income (loss)										
per share (thousands)		29,211		29,183		29,212		29,185		29,194
	_	27,211	_	27,103	_	27,212	_	27,103		27,174
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing diluted net income (loss)										
per share (thousands)		29,323		29,183		29,340		29,185		29,194
per share (mousands)	=	47,343	_	27,103	_	47,340	: =	27,103	=	27,174

<sup>\*</sup> Includes revenues from related parties in the amount of \$4,303 and \$448 for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and \$2,065 and \$283 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 respectively, and \$4,156 for the year ended December 31, 2003.

# STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

# U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data

	Number of shares	Sh	are capital	-	Additional id-in capital		other omprehensive income	Ac	ccumulated deficit	s	Total hareholders' equity	con	Total nprehensive income
Audited Balance as of January 1, 2003 Exercise of options Changes in additional paid-in capital in affiliated companies Amortization of deferred stock compensation Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:	29,180,970 25,875	\$	9,572 - - -	\$	267,482 177 (932) 386	\$	7,529	\$	(25,142)	\$	259,441 177 (932) 386		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Reclassification adjustment for gain realized included in net	-		-		-		55,960		-		55,960	\$	55,960
loss Foreign currency translation adjustment Unrealized loss on derivative instrument in affiliated company Minimum pension liability in affiliated company Net loss	- - - -		- - - -		- - - -		(11,113) (304) (108) (172)		- - (7,205)		(11,113) (304) (108) (172) (7,205)		(11,113) (304) (108) (172) (7,205)
Balance as of December 31, 2003 Total comprehensive income Unaudited	29,206,845	\$	9,572	\$	267,113	\$	51,792	\$	(32,347)	\$	296,130	\$	37,058
Exercise of options Amortization of deferred stock compensation Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:	13,500		-		93 312		-		-		93 312		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Reclassification adjustment for gain realized included in net	-		-		-		552		-		552	\$	552
income Foreign currency translation adjustment Unrealized gain on derivative instrument in affiliated company Net income	- - -		- - - -		- - - -		(3,309) 292 84		9,201		(3,309) 292 84 9,201		(3,309) 292 84 9,201
Balance as of June 30, 2004	29,220,345	\$	9,572	\$	267,518	\$	49,411	\$	(23,146)	\$	303,355		6 820
Total comprehensive income Unaudited Balance as of January 1, 2003	29,180,970	\$	9,572	¢	267,482	\$	7,529	\$	(25,142)	\$	259,441	<u> </u>	6,820
Exercise of options Changes in additional paid-in capital in affiliated companies Amortization of deferred stock compensation Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:	29,180,970 22,500	Ф	9,372 - - -	φ	154 1,278 126	Ф	1,329 - - -	Þ	(23,142)	Þ	154 1,278 126		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities Reclassification adjustment for gain realized included in net	-		-		-		19,370		-		19,370	\$	19,370
loss Foreign currency translation adjustment Unrealized gain on derivative instruments in affiliated	-		-		-		(4,155) (353)		-		(4,155) (353)		(4,155) (353) 427
company Net loss			-				427		(13,339)		427 (13,339)		(13,339)
Balance as of June 30, 2003 Total comprehensive income	29,203,470	\$	9,572	\$	269,040	\$	22,818	\$	(38,481)	\$	262,949	\$	1,950

# STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Cont.)

# U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data

	Number of shares	Sh	are capital		Additional paid-in capital	 Accumulated other omprehensive income	A	ccumulated deficit	sh	Total nareholders' equity	Total prehensive income
Unaudited								(0.0 10.0)			
Balance as of April 1, 2004	29,211,345	\$	9,572	\$	267,327	\$ 54,096	\$	(28,625)	\$	302,370	
Exercise of options Amortization of deferred stock compensation	9,000		-		62 129			-		62 129	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:	-		-		129			-		129	
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities	-		_		-	(3,406)		-		(3,406)	\$ (3,406)
Reclassification adjustment for gain realized included in net income	-		-		-	(1,264)		-		(1,264)	(1,264)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-		-		-	(117)		-		(117)	(117)
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments in affiliated companies	-		-		-	102		- 450		102	102
Net Income	-			_	-	 -		5,479	_	5,479	 5,479
Balance as of June 30, 2004	29,220,345	\$	9,572	\$	267,518	\$ 49,411	\$	(23,146)	\$	303,355	
Total comprehensive income		·		_			-		-		\$ 794
Unaudited											
Balance as of April 1, 2003	29,180,970	\$	9,572	\$	267,817	\$ 4,653	\$	(34,412)	\$	247,630	
Exercise of options	22,500		· -		154	-		-		154	
Changes in additional paid-in capital in affiliated companies	-		-		1,001	-		-		1,001	
Amortization of deferred stock compensation	-		-		68	-		-		68	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:											
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities	-		-		-	22,238		-		22,238	\$ 22,238
Reclassification adjustment for gain realized included in net loss	-		-		-	(4,200)		-		(4,200)	(4,200)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-		-		-	(300)		-		427	427
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments in affiliated companies	-		-		-	427		-		(300)	(300)
Net loss			-	_	-	 	_	(4,069)	_	(4,069)	 (4,069)
Balance as of June 30, 2003	29,203,470	\$	9,572	\$	269,040	\$ 22,818	\$	(38,481)	\$	262,949	
Total comprehensive income											\$ 14,096

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share do

U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data			_
		months l June 30,	Year ended December 31,
	2004	2003	
	Una	audited	Audited
Cash flows from operating activities	Φ 0.201	Φ (12.220)	Φ (7.205)
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,201	\$ (13,339)	\$ (7,205)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:			
Equity in losses of affiliated companies	2,098	6,873	8,698
Dividend from affiliated companies	1,719	1,407	2,971
Minority interest in income (losses) of subsidiaries	3,895	(3,653)	10,907
Gain from disposal of businesses and affiliated companies and			
changes in holdings in affiliated companies, net	(27,901)	(1,259)	(25,754)
Gain from sale of investments in available for sale securities	(4,995)	(7,100)	(17,924)
Gain from disposal of businesses including in discontinued operations	-	- 0.140	(4,137)
Depreciation and amortization	957	2,142	3,573
Decline in value of other investments Equity in losses of partnerships	150 31	1,365	3,716 547
Amortization of deferred stock compensation and changes in liability		-	347
in respect of call options	2,846	320	2,564
Deferred taxes, net	4,940	1,778	6,229
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	,-	,	-,
Decrease in trade receivables	349	3,293	3,491
Decrease (increase) in other receivables and prepaid expenses	270	(347)	1,888
Increase in trading securities, net	3	(3)	(4)
Decrease (increase) in inventories and contracts–in-progress	79	(1,330)	589
Decrease in trade payables	(1,201)	(1,507)	(2,009)
Increase (decrease) in other payable and accrued expenses Other	2,807 655	(1,669) 661	(5,275) 652
Other	033	001	032
Net cash used in operating activities	(4,097)	(12,368)	(16,483)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment in affiliated companies	(9,899)	(7,505)	(13,384)
Proceeds from sale of KIT shares	5,706	-	-
Proceeds from sale of Given Imaging shares	9,073	8,899	13,878
Cash and cash equivalents resulting from newly consolidated subsidiaries (schedule a)	247		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents upon sale of businesses and	247	-	-
subsidiaries (schedule b)	_	_	(6,148)
Investment in other companies	(667)	_	(299)
Collection of long term receivables		-	772
Proceeds from sale of available for sale securities	6,999	22,911	46,143
Investments in held to maturity debentures and deposits	(5,332)	(5,821)	(10,877)
Proceeds from maturities of held to maturity debentures and deposits	28,682	3,257	8,975
Purchase of property and equipment	(436)	(336)	(547)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	75	170	329
Net cash provided by investing activities	34,448	21,575	38,842
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from options exercised	93	154	177
Receipt of long-term loans from banks	355	2,501	4,032
Repayment of long-term loans	(40,621)	(135)	(6,200) (4,076)
Increase (decrease) in short-term bank loan, net Repayment of loans from minority shareholders of a subsidiary	411 (444)	(4,293) (2,499)	(4,076) (4,246)
Receipt of short-term loans from minority shareholders of a subsidiary	316	(4,499) -	904
Receipt of convertible loans and long-term loans from minority	310		704
shareholders of a subsidiary	1,649	2,957	3,055
Issuance expenses in a subsidiary	(180)	, <u>-</u>	, <u>-</u>
Dividend to minority shareholders of a subsidiary	(67)		
Net cash used in financing activities	(38,488)	(1,315)	(6,354)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,137)	7,892	16,005
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	83,906	67,901	67,901
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$ 75,769	\$ 75,793	\$ 83,906
	,,	,,,,,	- 00,700

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Cont.)

# U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data

	2	Six n ended 004 Una	Dec	ear ended cember 31, 2003 Audited		
Supplemental cash flow information: Cash paid for:	Φ.	02	Φ.	4.4	Φ.	0.5
Income taxes	\$	92	\$	44	\$	96
Interest	\$	760	\$	698	\$	1,466
	eı Ju: 2	months nded ne 30, 004 udited)				
(a) Cash and cash equivalents resulting from newly consolidated subsidiaries  Assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the purchase date:  Working capital deficiency, net (except cash and cash equivalents)  Deposits  Property and equipment  Intangible assets  Long-term liabilities  Investment at equity prior to acquisition  Minority interests  Cash and cash equivalents acquired	\$	1,071 (31) (618) (1,350) 354 678 143 247			Dec	ear ended cember 31, 2003 Audited)
(b) Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents upon sale of business and subsidiaries  Assets and liabilities at date of sale:  Working capital deficiency, net (except cash and cash equivalents)  Property and equipment  Intangible assets  Deferred tax liability  Gain resulting from sale of business  Securities received:  Marketable securities  Other investments  Investment in affiliated company  Liability incurred  Cash and cash equivalents paid					\$	(708) 1,274 6,532 (907) 22,833 (5,400) (1,000) (30,272) 1,500 (6,148)

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **NOTE 1:- GENERAL**

The accompanying unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared as of June 30, 2004, and for the six months and three months then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) relating to the preparation of financial statements for interim periods. Accordingly, certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP but which are not required for interim reporting purposes, have been condensed or omitted. See Note 9 for the reconciliation from U.S. GAAP to accounting principles generally accepted in Israel ("Israeli GAAP").

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's annual financial statements and accompanying notes as of December 31, 2003 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20F ("the Company's annual financial statements").

Comparative data in these financial statements for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2003 have been restated - see Note 3(i).

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the period presented.

Results for the three months and six months periods ended June 30, 2004, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2004.

#### NOTE 2:- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. The significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these financial statements are identical to those applied in preparation of the latest annual financial statements, except as follows:

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51" ("FIN 46"). In December 2003, the FASB modified FIN 46 to make certain technical corrections and address certain implementation issues that had arisen. FIN 46 provides a new framework for identifying variable interest entities ("VIE") and determining when a company should include the assets, liabilities, noncontrolling interests and results of activities of a VIE in its consolidated financial statements.

In general, a VIE is a corporation, partnership, limited-liability corporation, trust, or any other legal structure used to conduct activities or hold assets that either (1) has an insufficient amount of equity to carry out its principal activities without additional subordinated financial support, (2) has a group of equity owners that is unable to make significant decisions about its activities, or (3) has a group of equity owners that does not have the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns generated by its operations.

FIN 46 provides several exceptions to its scope, such as that an entity that is deemed to be a business need not be evaluated to determine if it is a VIE, unless one of the conditions specified in the Interpretation exists.

FIN 46 requires a VIE to be consolidated by the party with an ownership, contractual or other financial interest in the VIE (a variable interest holder) that will absorb a majority of the risk of loss from the VIE's activities, is entitled to receive a majority of the VIE's residual returns (if no other variable interests absorb a majority of the VIE's losses), or both.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **NOTE 2:- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont.)**

A variable interest holder that consolidates the VIE is called the primary beneficiary. Upon consolidation, the primary beneficiary generally must initially record all of the VIE's assets, liabilities and noncontrolling interests at fair value and subsequently account for the VIE as if it were consolidated based on a majority voting interest. FIN 46 also requires disclosures about VIEs that the variable interest holder is not required to consolidate but in which it has a significant variable interest.

FIN 46 was effective immediately for VIEs created after January 31, 2003. For VIEs created before January 31, 2003, the provisions of FIN 46, as revised, were adopted in the first quarter of 2004. The adoption of FIN 46 did not have significant effect on the Company's financial statements. For additional information on the Company's VIEs, see Note 4.

#### b. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In July 2004, the EITF reached a consensus on Issue No. 02-14, "Whether an Investor Should Apply the Equity Method of Accounting to Investments Other Than Common Stock if the Investor has the Ability to Exercise Significant Influence over the Operating and Financial Policies of the Investee" ("EITF 02-14"). EITF 02-14 states that the Company must apply the equity method of accounting to investments in common stock and in-substance common stock" if it has the ability to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee. EITF 02-14 defines in-substance common stock as an investment with similar risk and reward characteristics to common stock. The provisions of EITF 02-14 are effective in the fourth quarter of 2004. The Company is currently evaluating the effects of the provisions of EITF 02-14 on its financial statements.

c. The financial statements have been prepared in U.S. dollars, since the functional currency of the Company and its principal subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar.

#### **NOTE 3:- MAJOR TRANSACTIONS**

#### a. ChipX ("ChipX") (formerly: CHIP EXPRESS CORPORATION)

On March 4, 2004, ChipX completed a private placement in which it issued 7,594,928 redeemable preferred shares in consideration for \$12,000. Elron purchased 1,632,564 redeemable preferred shares in consideration for approximately \$2,600. As a result, Elron's interest in ChipX decreased from approximately 33% to approximately 27%. The aforementioned transaction had no effect on Elron's results of operations.

#### b. **K.I.T. eLEARNING B.V** ("KIT")

On March 31, 2004, Elron together with the other shareholders of KIT, Discount Investment Corporation Ltd. ("DIC"), a controlling shareholder of Elron (through approximately a 38.5% interest), and Kidum IT Ltd. (together "the sellers") completed the sale of KIT, then held 45% by Elron, to Online Higher Education B.V, a subsidiary of Laureate Education, Inc. (formerly: Sylvan Learning Systems) (Nasdaq: LAUR), a global leader in higher education, in consideration of \$9,400, of which Elron received approximately \$5,700. The gain resulting from the sale amounted to approximately \$5,300. In addition, the sellers are entitled to a future payment of up to \$10,000 based on future earnings of KIT in the years 2006 and 2007 from which Elron's share will be up to approximately \$5,700.

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#### **NOTE 3:- MAJOR TRANSACTIONS (Cont.)**

#### c. Given Imaging Ltd. ("Given")

1. In April 2004, RDC, our 49.6% held subsidiary, purchased from one of its shareholders (a former senior executive of RDC) treasury shares amounting to approximately 3% of its outstanding share capital. In consideration for the treasury shares, RDC distributed to the shareholder 200,000 shares of Given (NASDAQ: GIVN). The number of shares of Given distributed was calculated based on the relative fair values of the shares of RDC and of Given on the date the agreement to purchase the treasury shares was signed (May 2003). The transaction was completed in April 2004, after receipt of various approvals required under the agreement.

RDC recorded the purchase of the treasury shares based on the fair value of Given's shares on the date of distribution. Accordingly RDC recorded a gain on the distribution of Given shares of approximately \$5,800.

RDC's purchase of the treasury shares resulted in Elron increasing its interest in RDC by approximately 1.5%. This acquisition of an additional interest in RDC is accounted for by the purchase method. Accordingly, Elron has recorded the additional interest in RDC at fair value of approximately \$1,900 and recorded its share of the gain in the distribution of Given shares in the amount of \$1,400 net of tax and minority interest.

2. On June 23, 2004, Given completed its secondary public offering of 2,880,750 ordinary shares at \$32.00 per share comprising 1,500,000 shares issued by Given and 1,380,750 shares (including 375,750 shares as a result of the exercise of the underwriters' over allotment option) sold by existing shareholders. RDC sold 300,000 ordinary shares in consideration for approximately \$9,000. Given Imaging received net proceeds of approximately \$44,400.

As a result of the sale of Given's shares by RDC and the decrease in Elron's direct and indirect interest in Given from approximately 16% to approximately 15%, Elron recorded a gain, of \$15,200 (\$6,700 net of tax and minority interest).

3. During August 2004 (through August 10, 2004), Elron purchased 550,000 ordinary shares of Given in consideration for approximately \$19,300. As a result of the transaction, Elron's direct and indirect ownership interest in Given increased from approximately 15% to approximately 16.9%.

#### d. A.M.T. Advanced Metal Technologies Ltd. ("AMT")

On June 30, 2004, Elron completed an investment of \$3,000, of which \$245 were invested in the first quarter of 2004, in convertible notes of AMT, together with an international strategic partner which invested an additional \$3,000. In addition, existing AMT shareholders, including Elron, converted shareholder loans into convertible notes in the aggregate amount of approximately \$2,700, of which Elron converted approximately \$1,600. The notes are convertible into preferred shares of AMT or into shares held by AMT in certain of its subsidiaries. In addition, Elron and the other investors in AMT were issued warrants to purchase convertible notes of AMT for a total amount of up to approximately \$19,120, which may be exercised over various periods up to a maximum of 48 months from the closing date of the transaction. As a result of the transaction, Elron increased its ownership interest from approximately 28% to approximately 35% on a fully diluted basis (excluding warrants) and on an "as converted" basis.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **NOTE 3:- MAJOR TRANSACTIONS (Cont.)**

#### e. NetVision Ltd. ("NetVision")

During the first quarter of 2004, Elron and DIC each granted to NetVision a loan of \$2,000 in order to enable NetVision to repay a portion of its line of credit to a lending bank. Following the delay of NetVision's initial public offering in the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange, and in accordance with EITF 02-18 "Accounting for Subsequent Investments in an Investee after Suspension of Equity Method Loss Recognition", Elron recognized previously suspended equity method losses in NetVision in the amount of the loan granted.

In July 2004 Elron and DIC each granted NetVision an additional loan of \$1,900 in order to enable NetVision to repay the balance of the line of credit to the bank.

#### f. **ZIX**

During the six months ended June 30, 2004, Elron sold 634,228 shares of Zix in consideration for approximately \$7,000 and recorded a gain of approximately \$5,000 (\$3,300 net of tax).

#### g. <u>Elron SW ("ESW") (Formerly: Elron Software Inc.)</u>

On September 2, 2003, Elron's majority owned subsidiary, ESW, sold substantially all of its assets and business to Zix (see Note 3d to the Company's annual financial statements).

The business sold by ESW represented a component of an entity as defined in SFAS No. 144 and since the criteria for reporting discontinued operations under SFAS No. 144 were met, comparative data have been reclassified as discontinued operations in the statements of operations.

#### h. Elbit Systems Ltd. ("ESL")

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on July 8, 2004 Elron announced the signing of a definitive agreement for the sale of all of its holdings in ESL (NASDAQ: ESLT) constituting approximately 19.6% of the outstanding share capital of ESL to Tadiran Communications Ltd., in consideration for approximately \$197,000. The closing of the transaction was subject to the right of first refusal of Federmann Enterprises Ltd. ("Federmann Enterprises"), the other major shareholder of ESL. On July 28, 2004, Federmann Enterprises exercised its right of first refusal, following which the shares were sold to Federmann Enterprises for approximately \$197,000. As a result, Elron will record in the third quarter of 2004 a gain, net of tax, of approximately \$80,000 which includes a reduction of approximately \$10,000 in the tax expense as a result of a reversal of a valuation allowance previously recorded in respect of deferred tax assets relating to loss carryforwards. The tax benefit due to the change in the valuation allowance is included in the computation of the effective tax rate for the year and, accordingly, is recognized in proportion to the current period earnings and the expected earnings for subsequent interim periods of the year. As the sale of ESL was completed in the third quarter, the principal portion of the tax benefit referred to above will also be recorded in the third quarter.

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#### **NOTE 3:- MAJOR TRANSACTIONS (Cont.)**

#### i. Restatement

As a result of the increase in holdings in Oren Semiconductor Inc. ("Oren") in July 2003 from 17% to 41% (see Note 7d(7) to the Company's annual financial statements), Elron is able to exercise significant influence in Oren. In accordance with APB 18, "The Equity Method of Accounting for Investments in Common Stock", Elron's interest in Oren, which had been previously accounted for by Elron at cost, was accounted for retroactively under the equity method of accounting ("step-by-step acquisition"). Implementing the step-by-step acquisition resulted in a restatement of Elron's financial statements for all prior periods in which Elron's investments in Oren were recorded at cost.

Following are the effects of the restatement for the periods of six months and three months ended June 30, 2003:

#### 1. Consolidated statements of operations

As restated
(6 972)
(6 072)
(6,873)
(13,339)
(0.45)
1,950
ended
03
As restated
(3,919)
(4,069)
(0.14)
14,096

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#### NOTE 4:- VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

- a. Towards the end of 2003, RDC and ESL formed a new company, Starling Advanced Communications Ltd. ("Starling") in order to develop connectivity solutions for broadband access for commercial aircraft. RDC and ESL both contributed technologies in exchange for a 50% ownership interest each in Starling. In addition, RDC and ESL granted Starling convertible loans in the amount of \$300 each. Upon the adoption of FIN 46 (see Note 2a), the Company has consolidated Starling as Starling was determined to be a variable interest entity and the Company its primary beneficiary.
- b. In August 2002, Elron completed an investment of approximately \$5,000 in AMT as part of an aggregate investment of \$8,700. In June 2004, Elron invested an additional \$3,000 in convertible notes as part of an aggregate investment of \$6,000 and converted loans in the amount of approximately \$1,600 (additional loans in the amount of \$1,100 were converted by other existing shareholders of AMT) into convertible notes of AMT (see Note 3(d)). AMT, an Israeli private company, develops, markets and licenses technologies, through its group companies, for amorphous and nano-crystalline advanced materials, for a wide range of commercial applications. Currently, AMT is focusing on two of its group companies, namely A.H.T. Advanced Heating Technologies Ltd., which uses amorphous metals for heating products, and Confirm Technology Ltd. ("Confirm") (formerly: ACS Advanced Coding Systems Ltd.), which develops, markets and sells products using amorphous metals for brand protection against counterfeiting and diversion and anti-shoplifting electronic article surveillance. The investments were in the form of notes which are convertible into preferred shares of AMT or into shares held by AMT in certain of its subsidiaries. Elron is entitled to the rights attached to the convertible notes on an "as converted" basis as a shareholder of AMT and, in addition, has special voting rights in certain specified circumstances. As of June 30, 2004, Elron holds approximately 35% of AMT on a diluted basis (excluding warrants) and on an "as converted" basis.

AMT is considered to be a variable interest entity, however the Company is not the primary beneficiary of AMT, and accordingly has not consolidated AMT.

As of June 30, 2004, the Company's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement in AMT does not exceed the carrying value of its investment in AMT in the amount of approximately \$6,400.

#### NOTE 5:- STOCK BASED EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

The Company elected to follow Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, ("APB 25") "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and FASB Interpretation No. 44, "Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation" in accounting for its employee stock option plans granted prior to 2003. According to APB 25, compensation expense is measured under the intrinsic value method, whereby compensation expense is equal to the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the stock at the grant date of the award or other measurement date over the exercise price.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No.123"). Under the prospective method of adoption selected by the Company in accordance with the provisions of FASB Statement No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure" ("SFAS No. 148"), the recognition provisions will be applied to all employee awards granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003.

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#### NOTE 5:- STOCK BASED EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (Cont.)

The following pro forma information presents the effect on the Consolidated stock-based employee compensation expense, consolidated net income (loss) and income (loss) per share as if the fair value based method provided under SFAS No. 123 had been applied to all outstanding awards in each reported period.

	Six n		Three months ended June 30,					Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2003		2004		2003		2003		
		Unau	ıdite	d				Audited		
Net income (loss), as reported Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in	\$ 9,201	\$ (13,339)	\$	5,479	\$	(4,069)	\$	(7,205)		
reported net income (loss)	336	467		142		240		973		
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under the fair										
value based method for all awards	 (445)	 (698)		(215)		(344)		(1,377)		
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ 9,092	\$ (13,570)	\$	5,406	\$	(4,173)	\$	(7,609)		
Income (loss) per share:										
Basic - as reported	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.45)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.25)		
Diluted – as reported	\$ 0.31	\$ (0.45)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.25)		
Basic - pro forma	\$ 0.31	\$ (0.46)	\$	0.19	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.26)		
Diluted – pro forma	\$ 0.31	\$ (0.46)	\$	0.18	\$	(0.14)	\$	(0.26)		

The fair value for each award granted was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

	Six me ended J			Three months ended June 30,		
	2004(*)	2003	2004(*)	2003	2003	
		Una	udited		Audited	
Average risk-free interest rate	-	1%	_	1%	1%	
Average expected life (in years)	-	2.75	-	2.75	2.7	
Volatility	-	53%	-	53%	53%	
Dividend yield	-	0%	-	0%	0%	

<sup>(\*)</sup> No options were granted during the period.

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#### **NOTE 6:- CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There were no material changes in the status of the Company's contingent liabilities as described in the Company's annual financial statements, the details of which are as follows:

- a. During September 1999, the Company received copies of two claims and a request to approve such claims as a class action on behalf of public shareholders of Elscint (formerly an affiliated company) against the Company and others. The allegation raised by the claimants related to the decision regarding the sale of Elscint's substantial assets. The request has been stayed pursuant to an arrangement reached by the parties pending the outcome of the appeal in the claim described in paragraph b below. The arrangement provides that if the appeal described in paragraph b below is accepted, then the proceedings to recognize the claims as a class action will proceed. Otherwise, the application to recognize the claims as a class action will be dismissed.
- b. On November 2, 1999, the Company received a copy of a claim, and a request to approve such a claim, as a class action on behalf of some institutional investors and others and those who held shares in Elscint on September 6, 1999. The allegations raised against the Company and certain of its officers including former officers, among others, relate to the period prior to the sale of the Company's holdings in Elbit Medical Imaging ("EMI") (the parent company of Elscint and formerly an affiliated company). The claimants seek a court order pursuant to which EMI would be compelled to execute the alleged buy-out of Elscint's share at \$14 per share or other remedies. On August 17, 2000, the Haifa District court dismissed the application to recognize the claim as a class action. Some of the claimants applied for and have been granted permission to appeal to the Supreme Court in Israel, which appeal is currently pending. In addition, in February 2001, the claimants submitted a new claim similar to the previous one but not as a class action.

The Company denies all the allegations set forth in the above claims, and based on legal advice received, management is of the opinion that the Company has good defense arguments which, if accepted, will cause dismissal of the above allegations.

c. In July 2003, ESW terminated the lease of its premises in the U.S. due to defects in the premises and the lessor's failure to repair the defects. The lessor rejected the termination of the lease and is seeking to enforce the lease and to claim all amounts due under the lease from ESW and Elron, as guarantor of the lease. The balance of the rental payment under the lease amounts to approximately \$2,000. ESW is counterclaiming damages caused by the lessor. The Company's management is of the opinion that ESW has good defense arguments which, if accepted, will cause dismissal of the above claim and accordingly, management believes that the above claim will not have a significant effect on the Company's results of operations.

#### **NOTE 7:- INCOME TAXES**

On June 29, 2004, the Israeli parliament approved an amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance (No. 140 and Temporary Provision) (the "Amendment") which progressively reduces the corporate tax rate from 36% to 35% in 2004 and to a rate of 30% in 2007. The amendment was signed and published in July 2004 and is, therefore, considered enacted in July 2004. Accordingly, Elron will record a tax benefit as a result of the change in the tax rate in the amount of approximately \$2,000 in the third quarter of 2004.

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#### NOTE 8:- BUSINESS SEGMENTS

As of June 30, 2004, the Company operates in two business segments: (1) the Systems and Projects segment through its subsidiary ETI and (2) the "Other Holdings and Corporate Operations" segment which reflects the investments in companies engaged in various fields of advanced technology and includes corporate headquarters.

The operations of the Systems and Projects segment include development and supply of software solutions for revenue assurance and management of large and complex communication and internet networks.

The Other Holdings and Corporate Operations segment includes holdings in various companies that operate in the communications, software, electronic defense, medical devices, semiconductors, advanced materials and other fields and the corporate operations.

Prior to September 2, 2003, the Company operated indirectly through ESW in a third business segment – Internet Products – which has been sold and therefore its operations were reclassified as discontinued operations (See Note 3(g)). Segment information is as follows:

Other

	Systems and Projects	holdings and corporate operations	P (Dis	nternet Products scontinued erations)	A	djustments	Total
For the six months ended June 30, 2004 (Unaudited): Net revenues Net income (loss)	\$ 3,440 (1,108)	\$ 3,561 10,665	\$	(356)	\$	- -	\$ 7,001 9,201
As of June 30, 2004 (Unaudited): Total assets	13,280	417,043		42		(4,618)(*)	425,747
For the six months ended June 30, 2003 (Unaudited):							
Net revenues Net loss	\$ 4,202 (1,223)	\$ 3,629 (8,662)	\$	(3,454)	\$	- -	\$ 7,831 (13,339)
For the three months ended June 30, 2004 (Unaudited):							
Net revenues Net income (loss)	\$ 1,784 (551)	\$ 1,792 6,086	\$	(56)	\$	- -	\$ 3,576 5,479
For the three months ended June 30, 2003 (Unaudited):							
Net revenues Net loss	\$ 2,127 (661)	\$ 1,917 (1,760)	\$	(1,648)	\$	- -	\$ 4,044 (4,069)
For the year ended December 31, 2003 (Audited):							
Net revenues Net loss	\$ 7,390 (2,074)	\$ 9,157 (4,442)	\$	(689)	\$	- -	\$ 16,457 (7,205)
As of December 31, 2003 (Audited):							
Total assets	15,177	450,222		75		(14,770)(*)	450,704

(\*) Inter-company balances.

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#### NOTE 8:- BUSINESS SEGMENTS (Cont.)

The revenues relating to ESW's discontinued operations for the six months and three months ended June 30, 2003 and for the year ended December 31, 2003, were \$3,765, \$1,961 and \$4,470, respectively, and the pre tax losses from operations were \$3,450, \$1,646 and \$4,829, respectively.

#### NOTE 9:- RECONCILIATION TO ISRAELI GAAP

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Had the consolidated financial statements been prepared in accordance with Israeli GAAP, the effects on the financial statements would have been as follows:

#### a. Effect on the statements of operations:

		C:	nanth	s ended June	20, 200	4
	<u>A</u>	s reported		djustments Unaudited	As ]	per Israeli GAAP
Net income	\$	9,201	\$	(1,004)	\$	8,197
		Six r	nonth	s ended June	30, 200	3
	r	As eported(*)	A	djustments Unaudited		per Israeli GAAP
Net loss	\$	(13,339)	\$	12,527	\$	(812)
		Three	mont	hs ended Jun	e 30, 20	04
	A	s reported		djustments Unaudited		per Israeli GAAP
Net income	\$	5,479	\$	(2,689)	\$	2,790
		Three	mont	hs ended Jur	ne 30, 20	003
	r	As eported(*)	_ A	djustments Unaudited		per Israeli GAAP
Net income (loss)	\$	(4,069)	\$	11,348	\$	7,279
		Yea	r ende	ed December	31, 200	3
	A	s reported	A	djustments Audited		per Israeli GAAP
Net income (loss)	\$	(7,205)	\$	18,436	\$	11,231

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#### NOTE 9:- RECONCILIATION TO ISRAELI GAAP (Cont.)

b. Effect on the balance sheet:

<b>June 30, 2004</b>										
As	s reported	djustments Unaudited	As per Israeli GAAP							
\$	425,747	\$	(176,261)	\$	249,486					
	122,392		(62,321)		60,071					
	303,355		(113,939)		189,416					
		Dec	cember 31, 20	003						
A	s reported	A		As	s per Israeli GAAP					
			Unaudited							
\$	450,704	\$	(176,981)	\$	273,723					
	154,574 296,130		(61,289) (115,692)		93,285 180,438					
	\$ 	122,392 303,355 <b>As reported</b> \$ 450,704 154,574	As reported A  \$ 425,747 \$  122,392 303,355  Dec  As reported A  \$ 450,704 \$  154,574	As reported         Adjustments Unaudited           \$ 425,747         \$ (176,261)           122,392         (62,321)           303,355         (113,939)           December 31, 20           As reported         Adjustments           Unaudited           \$ 450,704         \$ (176,981)           154,574         (61,289)	As reported Adjustments Unaudited  \$ 425,747 \$ (176,261) \$  122,392 (62,321) (113,939)  December 31, 2003  As reported Adjustments Unaudited  \$ 450,704 \$ (176,981) \$  154,574 (61,289)					

#### c. Material adjustments:

The abovementioned adjustments result primarily from the differences between U.S. GAAP and Israeli GAAP as detailed in Note 29 to the Company's annual financial statements as well as from transactions and events which occurred during the period ended June 30, 2004, as follows:

- 1. As discussed in Note 7, under U.S. GAAP the effect of changes in tax rates is recorded in the period in which the tax law is enacted. Under Israeli GAAP, the effect of changes in tax rates is recorded in the period in which the law is enacted or substantively enacted. Accordingly, the effect of the change in the tax rate under Israeli GAAP, which amounted to an income taxes charge of approximately \$400 has been recorded in the second quarter of 2004 while under U.S. GAAP the effect will be recorded in the third quarter of 2004.
- 2. Under U.S. GAAP, deferred taxes are provided in respect of all temporary differences relating to equity method investments. Under Israeli GAAP, deferred taxes are not provided in respect of temporary differences relating to taxes arising on disposal of equity method investments, if the disposal is not probable to occur in the foreseeable future. The effect on net income according to U.S. GAAP in the six months and three months periods ended June 30, 2004, amounted to approximately \$700 (net of tax and minority interest).
- 3. As described in Note 3c1 above, under U.S. GAAP the acquisition of the additional interest in RDC was accounted for by the purchase method. Accordingly, Elron has recorded the additional interest in RDC at fair value and recorded its share of the gain in the distribution of Given shares. According to Israeli GAAP, the gain recorded is limited to the effective decrease in the investment in Given in Elron's accounts (subsequent to the distribution and the relating acquisition of an additional interest in RDC) and accordingly only the portion relating to the additional interest acquired in other net assets of RDC (except Given) was recorded at fair value. The total effect of the abovementioned transaction on net income in the six months and three months periods ended June 30, 2004, amounted to approximately \$900.

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#### Details relating to major investments as of June 30, 2004:

	% of ownership interest <sup>(1)</sup>	Carrying value of the investment as of June 30, 2004 (2)	publicl	alue of the y traded ents as of: August 9, 2004
Consolidated Companies:				
Elron Telesoft Inc.	99%	\$ 8,989	\$ -	\$ -
Galil Medical Ltd. (3)	39%	564	-	-
3DV Systems Ltd. (3)	71%	(688)	-	-
Starling (3)	25%	<u>-</u>	-	-
SELA (3)	27%	549	-	-
Affiliated Companies (equity):				
Elbit Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: ESLT)	19%	91,309	155,762	(*)
Given Imaging Ltd. (Nasdaq: GIVN) (3)	15%	25,826	143,739	154,784 (**)
NetVision Ltd.	46%	335	-	-
Wavion, Inc.	38%	2,098	-	_
ChipX	27%	4,364	-	-
Pulsicom Israel Technologies Ltd.	18%	374	-	-
Advanced Metal Technologies Ltd. (AMT)	40%	6,417	-	-
CellAct Ltd.	45%	374	-	-
Notal Vision, Inc.	26%	1,201	-	-
Oren Semiconductor Inc.	41%	1,909	-	-
Oncura <sup>(4)</sup>	10%	11,978	-	-
Available for sale:				
Partner (Nasdaq: PTNR)	9%	123,681	123,681	100,848
Zix Corporation (Nasdaq: ZIXI)	1%	1,662	1,662	595
EVS (Nasdaq: EVSNF.OB)	16%	994	2,462	2,039
Partnership:				
Gemini Israel Fund L.P.	5%	167	-	-
InnoMed Ventures L.P.	14%	2,434	-	-
Cost:		<b>-</b>		
Avantry (formerly:Witcom Ltd.) (3)	7%	506	-	-

On the basis of the outstanding share capital.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Includes loans and convertible notes.

Represents the carrying value and the ownership interest of the investment in Elron's books and Elron's share in the carrying value and ownership interest of the investment in RDC's books.

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents Elron's share in the carrying value and the ownership interest of the investment in Galil's book

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(\*)</sup> On July 28, 2004, Elron sold all its holdings in ESL in consideration for approximately \$197,000.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> During August 2004 (through August 10, 2004), Elron purchased 550,000 shares of Given Imaging for approximately \$19,300.