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#### ELRON ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2006 RESULTS

**Tel Aviv, Israel, May 16, 2006 - Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ &TASE: ELRN)** today reported a net loss of \$3.5 million, or \$0.12 per share, for the first quarter of 2006, compared to a net loss of \$5.1 million, or \$0.17 per share, in the first quarter of 2005.

Elron's net loss in the first quarter of each of 2006 and 2005 resulted from Elron's share in the net losses of its group companies, amounting to \$5.0 million and to \$4.8 million, respectively, and from the absence of gains from sales of shares of group companies in both periods.

# NEW INVESTMENTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2006

On January 2, 2006, Elron completed an investment of approximately \$3.7 million, as part of an aggregate investment of approximately \$7.4 million in **Safend Ltd.**, an Israeli company which develops comprehensive desktop and laptop endpoint security solutions, in consideration for approximately 22% of Safend's equity on a fully diluted basis.

On March 9, 2006, Elron made an additional investment of approximately \$2.6 million in **NuLens Ltd.**, an Israeli medical device company operating in the field of intra-ocular lenses, mainly for cataract and presbyopia procedures, of which \$1.5 million was part of an aggregate new investment of approximately \$6.0 million, led by Warburg Pincus, a leading global private equity fund. The balance of \$1.1 million was the second installment of Elron's initial investment in NuLens in April 2005. Following the above investment, Elron holds 25% of NuLens' equity, on a fully diluted and on an as converted basis.

# **EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2006:**

On May 1, 2006, **NetVision**, Elron's 39% held affiliate, announced that it will be entering into merger discussions with Barak I.T.C. (1995) International Telecommunications Services Corp. Ltd ("Barak"). NetVision is a provider of Internet services and solutions in Israel and commencing the fourth quarter of 2004 international telecommunication services. Barak engages mainly in the provision of international telecommunication services. The transaction, if it takes place, will be subject to the signing of a definitive agreement as well as corporate and regulatory approvals. There is no assurance that the transaction will take place.

# **Liquidity and Shareholders Equity**

As of March 31, 2006, Elron's cash, debentures and deposits amounted to approximately \$121.3 million compared with \$133.8 million at December 31, 2005. During the first quarter of 2006, Elron invested approximately \$12.0 million in new and existing group companies (including \$5.3 million in Partner Communications Company Ltd.).

Shareholders' equity at March 31, 2006, was approximately \$297.6 million, representing approximately 86% of Elron's total assets, compared with \$302.1 million representing approximately 85% of total assets at December 31, 2005.

"In the first quarter of 2006, we continued investing in new companies as well as building our group companies to create value in the future", said Doron Birger, Elron's President and CEO.

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

# **Conference call details:**

Tuesday, May 16, 2006 09:30 a.m. (EST); 16:30 p.m. Israel Dial in numbers:

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Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. is a 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, information and communications technology, semiconductors and advanced materials. For further information, visit <a href="http://www.elron.com">http://www.elron.com</a>

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Any statements in this press release that may be considered forward-looking statements are subject to 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.

Tables to follow

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

In thousands of U.S. Dollars

in thousands of C.S. Donars	March 31, 2006 Unaudited	December 31, 2005
ASSETS Total current assets	\$ 139,647	\$ 155,201
INVESTMENTS AND LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES Investments in affiliated companies Investments in other companies and long-term receivables Deferred taxes Severance pay deposits	99,432 83,703 6,007 2,008	102,780 73,931 6,521 1,971
Total long-term assets	191,150	185,203
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	7,972	7,809
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	5,555	5,560
Total assets	\$ 344,324	\$ 353,773
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Total current liabilities	\$ 16,424	\$ 19,044
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES  Long-term loans from banks and others Accrued severance pay and retirement obligations Deferred taxes	1,485 2,823 8,467	1,477 2,635 9,494
Total long-term liabilities	12,775	13,606
MINORITY INTEREST	17,499	19,007
Total Shareholders' Equity	297,626	302,116
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 344,324	\$ 353,773

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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

	Three months ended March 31,			Year ended December 31,		
		2006		2005		2005
		Una	udite	ed		
INCOME			_		_	
Net revenues Equity in losses of affiliated companies Gain (loss) from disposal of businesses and affiliated	\$	3,322 (3,495)	\$	2,985 (3,588)	\$	12,646 (17,522)
companies and changes in holdings in affiliated companies, net		16		(10)		23,328
Other income, net		2,629		278		58,648
Financial income, net		1,084		901		5,483
		3,556		566		82,583
COSTS AND EXPENSES						
Cost of revenues		1,845		1,873		7,907
Research and development costs, net		2,908		1,234		6,163
Marketing and selling expenses, net		875		470		2,386
General and administrative expenses  Amortization of intangible assets		2,881 5		1,952 35		9,249 392
Amortization of intangiole assets						392
		8,514		5,564		26,097
Income (loss) before taxes on income		(4,958)		(4,998)		56,486
Tax benefit (taxes on income)		(282)		167		(10,461)
Income (loss) after taxes on income		(5,240)		(4,831)		46,025
Minority interest in losses of subsidiaries		1,727		194		5,160
Income (loss) from continuing operations		(3,513)		(4,637)		51,185
Loss from discontinued operations				(476)		(3,850)
Net income (loss)	\$	(3,513)	\$	(5,113)	\$	47,335
Income (loss) per share: Basic:						
Income (loss) from continuing operations Loss from discontinued operations	\$	(0.12)	\$	(0.16) (0.01)	\$	1.74 (0.13)
Net income (loss)	\$	(0.12)	\$	(0.17)	\$	1.61
Diluted:						
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(0.12)	\$	(0.17)	\$	1.74
Loss from discontinued operations				(0.01)		(0.13)
Net income (loss)	\$	(0.12)	\$	(0.18)	\$	1.60
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing basic net income (loss) per share (thousands)		29,514		29,414		29,437
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing diluted net income (loss) per share (thousands)		29,514		29,414		29,550

#### MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements as of March 31, 2006 and notes thereto and with our Annual Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2005 and notes thereto. 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. Our 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 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, communications, semiconductors, software products and services and advanced materials.

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

Our activities range from 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, non-significant 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.

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.

We expect to continue to build and realize value for our shareholders through the sale to third parties of a portion or all of our holdings in, or the issuance of shares by, our group companies, while simultaneously pursuing the acquisition of, or investment in, new and existing companies at different stages of development including early stage and more mature companies. We believe that this strategy provides the ability to increase shareholder value as well as to create capital to support the growth of our group companies and to invest in new opportunities. The nature of our business, therefore, will result in some volatility in our results of operations, depending on the transactions that occur within a particular period.

Our net income (or loss) in any given period is due, for the most part, to the results of operations of those 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 to the extent they are accounted by us under the consolidation or equity method of accounting.

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 as well as the impact of any dividends or distributions to our shareholders. 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. Since the second half of 2003, there has been a recovery in the technology sectors and capital markets from the downturn which commenced in 2001. 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

significant gains from realizing certain of our holdings, mainly in 2004 as a result of the sale of our holdings in Elbit Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: ESLT) ("Elbit Systems"), and in the second quarter of 2005 from the sale of most of our shares in Partner Communications Company Ltd. (Nasdaq: PTNR) ("Partner") and the sale of all of our shares in Oren Semiconductor, Inc. ("Oren"). Total proceeds from these transactions amounted to approximately \$310 million. We have used the proceeds to distribute dividend of \$88.5 million to our shareholders and to continue investing in existing and new group companies. Since 2004 we invested \$55.5 million in 9 new companies. Should the improvement in the technology sectors and capital markets continue, we anticipate that it will have a positive effect on our group companies and their ability to raise additional capital.

#### **NEW INVESTMENTS**

Investment in Safend Ltd. ("Safend"). On January 2, 2006, we completed an investment of approximately \$3.7 million in Safend, as part of an aggregate investment of approximately \$7.4 million, in consideration for approximately 22% of Safend's equity on a fully diluted basis and on an as converted basis. Safend is an Israeli company which develops comprehensive desktops and laptops endpoint security solutions.

Investment in NuLens Ltd. ("NuLens"). On March 9, 2006 we made an additional investment of approximately \$1.5 million in NuLens, an Israeli medical device company operating in the field of intra-ocular lenses, mainly for cataract and presbyopia procedures. Our investment was part of an aggregate new investment of approximately \$6.0 million, led by Warburg Pincus, a leading global private equity fund. Simultaneously with this round we invested the second installment of our April 2005 first investment in NuLens, amounting to \$1.1 million. Following the above investments, Elron holds 25% of NuLens' equity, on a fully diluted and on an as converted basis.

#### CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

See our management report for the year ended December 31, 2005, regarding Elron's status with respect to the U.S. tax provisions regarding passive foreign investment companies ("PFIC").

#### 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 2005 Annual Consolidated Financial Statements. The accounting policies which are particularly important to the assessment of our financial position and results of operations are described in the management report for the year ended December 31, 2005.

#### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

*Consolidation.* Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Elron and all of our direct or indirect (through Elbit and DEP) controlled subsidiaries. The following are our main subsidiaries:

Three months ended March 31,						
	2006		200	)5		
RDC	SELA	3DV	Elron TeleSoft <sup>1</sup>	SELA		
Galil Medical	Medingo <sup>2</sup>	Starling	RDC	3DV		
		Enure <sup>3</sup>	Galil Medical	Starling		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sold on December 29, 2005.

*Equity Method*. Our main group companies held by us or through Elbit, DEP, Galil Medical and/or RDC accounted for under the equity method of accounting include:

Three months ended March 31,						
2006 2005						
Given Imaging	Wavion	CellAct	Given Imaging	ChipX	Pulsicom	
Oncura	AMT		Oncura	Wavion	CellAct	
NetVision	Notal Vision		NetVision	AMT		
ChipX	Pulsicom		Oren Semiconductor <sup>1</sup>	Notal Vision		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sold on June 10, 2005.

*Other investments*. Our main group companies held by us which are accounted for under the cost method or as available-for- sale as of March 31, 2006 include:

Cost - Jordan Valley, Teledata, Impliant, BrainsGate, NuLens and Safend.

Available-for-sale Securities – Partner and EVS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Medingo was established by RDC in the fourth quarter of 2005.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Enure (formerly known as Gaia Broadband Services Management Ltd.) has been consolidated since the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2005.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to three months ended March 31, 2005.

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

Three months en	ded March 31,
2006	2005
(millions of \$, excep	t per share data)
(3.5)	(5.1)
(0.12)	(0.17)

The net loss we reported in the three months ended March 31, 2006 and March 31, 2005 resulted from our share in the net loss of our group companies in the amount of \$5.0 million and 4.8 million, respectively and from the absence of gains from sales of our share of group companies in both periods.

In the first quarter of 2006 MediaGate's bank loan in the amount of approximately \$2.8 million was extinguished. As a result, we recorded in the first quarter of 2006, a gain of approximately \$2.7 million which partially offset the losses resulting from our group companies.

The following table summarizes our operating results:

	Three months ended March 31		
	2006	2005	
	(millions	of \$)	
Net revenues	3.3	3.0	
Net loss from equity investments	(3.5)	(3.6)	
Gains from disposal of business and affiliated companies and			
changes in holdings in affiliated companies	-	-	
Other income, net	2.7	0.3	
Finance income, net	<u>1.1</u>	<u>0.9</u>	
Total income	<u>3.6</u>	<u>0.6</u>	
Cost of revenues	1.8	1.9	
Operating expenses	6.7	3.7	
Total costs and expenses	<u>8.5</u>	<u>5.6</u>	
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(4.9)	(5.0)	
Tax benefit (Income taxes)	(0.3)	0.2	
Minority interest	<u>1.7</u>	<u>0.2</u>	
Net loss from continuing operations	<u>(3.5)</u>	<u>(4.6)</u>	
Discontinued operations of the Elron Telesoft group (*)	-	(0.5)	
Net loss	<u>(3.5)</u>	<u>(5.1)</u>	

<sup>\*</sup> In December 2005, we sold all our holdings in the Elron Telesoft group which was focused on telecom network management products and services, and accordingly the prior period results have been reclassified as discontinued operations.

#### **Income**

*Net revenues.* Net revenues consisted of sales of products and services by our subsidiaries, mainly Galil Medical and SELA. The following table sets forth these revenues:

	Three months en	ded March 31,
	2006	2005
	(millions	s of \$)
Galil Medical	1.8	2.0
SELA	<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.0</u>
	<u>3.3</u>	<u>3.0</u>

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 investments that are accounted for under the equity method (see above under "Basis of Presentation"). Our share in net losses of affiliated companies amounted to \$3.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$3.6 million in the same period in 2005.

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

Given Imaging (Nasdaq: GIVN) (a 19.4% holding directly and indirectly through RDC). Given Imaging Ltd. ("Given Imaging"), a medical device company that develops, manufactures and markets innovative diagnostic systems for visualizing the gastrointestinal tract, using a disposable miniature swallowable video capsules, recorded revenues of \$20.3 million in the first quarter of 2006 compared to \$22.0 million in the first quarter of 2005. The revenues in the first quarter of 2005 include \$3.2 million related to a special PillCam ESO promotion. Given Imaging's net loss in the first quarter of 2006 was \$3.0 million, compared to net income of \$1.2 million in the first quarter of 2005. The net loss in the first quarter of 2006 includes the impact of \$1.3 million due to FAS 123R, which was adopted by Given Imaging as of the beginning of 2006.

Oncura (a 25% holding by Galil). Oncura, which markets and sells therapeutic device systems and related consumables used primarily in the performance of minimally-invasive, urologic cancer treatment, recorded revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2006 of approximately \$16.6 million compared to \$18.4 million in the first quarter of 2005. Oncura's net loss in the three months ended March 31, 2006 amounted to \$1.7 million compared to \$0.8 million in the first quarter of 2005. The increase in the net loss resulted primarily due to the decrease in revenues. In May 2006 Oncura's shareholders provided to Oncura a letter in which they confirmed their intention to continue providing financial support to Oncura through May 2007 or such later date, as may be agreed by Oncura's shareholders.

NetVision (a 39% holding) (TASE: NTSN). NetVision provides Internet services and solutions in Israel and commencing the fourth quarter of 2004 international telephony services through Voice over IP technology (VoIP). NetVision's revenues in the three month period ended March 31, 2006 increased by 12.6% to \$19.7 million from \$17.5 million in the same period in 2005 and its customer base at March 31, 2006 reached approximately 433,000 (of which approximately 283,000 were broadband) compared to 425,000 at the end of 2005 (of which approximately 272,000 were broadband). NetVision's operating income in the three month period ended March 31, 2006 increased by 126% to \$2.5 million, compared to \$1.1 million in the same period in 2005, mainly as a result of the decrease in lossses in the international telephony services and increase in Internet services operating income, and its net income increased to \$1.8 million from \$0.1 million in the first quarter of 2005. 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 March 31, 2006 according to which \$1.00 equaled NIS 4.665.

NetVision's future period results will continue to be affected mainly by the highly competitive Internet broadband market environment in Israel, and whether Internet prices will continue to decrease or will stabilize, as well as from costs incurred in connection with the highly competitive international telephony services market in Israel.

On May 1, 2006, NetVision announced that it will be entering into merger discussions with Barak I.T.C. (1995) International Telecommunications Services Corp. Ltd ("Barak"), a subsidiary of Clal Industries and Investments Ltd. ("Clal"). Elron, Clal and Discount Investment Corporation, the other major shareholder of NetVision and a 47.6% shareholder of Elron, are all part of the IDB group. Barak engages mainly in the provision of international telecommunication services. The transaction, if it takes place, will be subject to the signing of a definitive agreement as well as corporate and regulatory approvals. There is no assurance that the transaction will take place.

*Wavion* (a 38% holding). Wavion is a developer of broadband wireless access systems for Wi-Fi networks. Wavion's net loss amounted to \$2.1 million in the three month period ended March 31, 2006 compared to \$1.7 million in the same period in 2005. Wavion's loss consisting mainly of research and development expenses.

ChipX (a 27% holding as of March 31, 2006). ChipX is a manufacturer of late stage programmable application-specific integrated circuits, or structured ASICs. ChipX's revenues in the three month period ended March 31, 2006 amounted to \$3.5 million, compared to \$5.0 million in the same period in 2005, and its net loss amounted to \$1.7 million, compared to \$0.6 million in the same period in 2005. Revenues decreased as ChipX shifted from its old product to the new Structured ASIC products. In May 2006, ChipX completed a private placement of \$6.0 million from existing shareholders, the proceeds of which will be used to finance its sales and marketing activities. We invested approximately \$2.3 million in this round resulting in the increase in our interest in ChipX from 20.7% to 22.6%, on a fully diluted basis.

*AMT* (a 42% holding). The AMT group develops technologies and products based on amorphous metals. AMT's consolidated revenues in the three month period ended March 31, 2006, amounted to \$0.8 million, compared to \$0.7 million in the first three months of 2005 and its consolidated net loss amounted to \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2006, compared to \$0.7 million in the same period in 2005. AMT's main subsidiary, AHT, which uses amorphous metals for heating products, recorded revenues of \$0.5 million in the three month period ended March 31, 2006, the same as in the comparable period in 2005, and recorded a net loss of \$0.7 million compared to \$0.4 million in the same period in 2005.

We expect that most of our group companies as well as new companies in which we will invest 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. Our results of operations will therefore be affected by the extent of our share in their net losses (to the extent they are reported under the equity or consolidation method of accounting).

Gains from Disposal of Businesses and Affiliated Companies and Changes in Holdings in Affiliated Companies. No gains from disposal of businesses and affiliated companies and changes in our holdings in affiliated companies were reported in the three month period ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

*Other Income, net.* Other income, net, amounted to \$2.7 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to \$0.3 million in the same period in 2005. The gain in first quarter of 2006 was mainly due to the extinguishment of Mediagate's bank loan.

*Finance income*, *net*. Finance income, net, amounted in the three months ended March 31, 2006 to \$1.1 million, compared to \$0.9 million in the same period in 2005.

#### **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 and SELA. Cost of revenues in the three month period ended March 31, 2006 amounted to \$1.8 million, compared to \$1.9 million in the same period in 2005.

*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, mainly Galil Medical, SELA, Starling and 3DV. The following table sets forth the operating expenses:

	Three months ended March 31,				
	2006	2005			
	(millions of \$)				
Corporate	1.6	1.8			
Galil Medical	0.7	0.7			
SELA	1.1	0.8			
Starling	1.2	0.4			
3DV	0.6	0.3			
Other (mainly RDC)	<u>1.3</u>	(0.3)			
	<u>6.7</u>	<u>3.7</u>			

Operating expenses of Galil Medical in the three months ended March 31, 2006 amounted to \$0.7 million, the same as in the first quarter of 2005 and its operating results amounted to operating loss of \$0.7 million compared to an operating loss of \$0.6 million in the same period in 2005. The operating loss was due to the development by Galil Medical cryotherapy technology for application in the women's health field. In November 2005, Galil Medical's Cryo products received FDA clearance for the treatment of breast fibroadenoma (non cancerous breast lumps).

SELA's operating expenses amounted to \$1.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$0.8 million in the same period in 2005 and its operating loss amounted to \$0.2 million, which was the same as in the comparable period in 2005.

Starling's operating expenses and operating loss amounted to \$1.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to \$0.4 million in the same period in 2005. The increase resulted from the increase in research and development expenses.

The increase in operating expenses of the other companies resulted mainly from research and development expenses in Medingo and Enure, the results of which have been consolidated in our financial statements since the fourth quarter of 2005. In addition, in the first quarter of 2005 the amount included \$0.6 million income recorded by RDC with respect to employee stock option plans resulting from the decrease in the fair value of call options to purchase shares of affiliated companies but no such income was recorded in the first quarter of 2006.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Consolidated cash, debentures and deposits at March 31, 2006, were approximately \$128.9 million compared with \$143.8 million at December 31, 2005. At March 31, 2006, corporate cash, debentures and deposits were \$121.3 million compared with \$133.8 million at December 31, 2005.

The main uses of the corporate cash and other liquid instruments in the first quarter of 2006, were \$12.0 million of investments in our group companies, which included the purchase of additional 0.6% of Partner shares from one of the other Israeli founding shareholders of Partner on March 21, 2006, for approximately \$5.3 million, \$2.6 million investment in Nulens and \$3.5 investment in Safend.

Consolidated working capital at March 31, 2006 amounted to \$123.2 million compared to \$136.2 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease is mainly due to the decrease in corporate cash and other liquid instruments.

Consolidated loans at March 31, 2006, were approximately \$4.2 million, compared to \$7.3 million at December 31, 2005. In the first quarter of 2006 MediaGate's bank loan in the amount of approximately \$2.8 million was extinguished.

Almost all of the Partner shares held by us as of March 31, 2006, amounting to approximately 3.9 million shares, are subject to certain transfer restrictions under Partner's Israeli communications license.

Subsequent to March 31, 2006 and through May 16, 2006, we invested an additional aggregate amount of approximately \$2.7 million, of which mainly \$2.3 million was invested in ChipX.

Our investment policy for managing our funds is in general to invest in bank 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 March 31, 2006, was approximately \$297.6 million, representing approximately 86% of the total assets compared with \$302.1 million representing approximately 85% of total assets at December 31, 2005.

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# CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)

# CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **AS OF MARCH 31, 2006**

# **UNAUDITED**

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# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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

	March 31, 2006 Unaudited		 ecember 31, 2005	
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Short-term investments Available – for - sale marketable debentures	\$	49,475 20,502 58,919	\$ 26,520 54,661 62,617	
Trade receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$426 at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005)* Other receivables and prepaid expenses* Inventories		5,923 2,778 2,050	 6,440 2,846 2,117	
Total current assets		139,647	155,201	
INVESTMENTS AND LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES Investments in affiliated companies Investments in other companies and long-term receivables* Deferred taxes Severance pay deposits		99,432 83,703 6,007 2,008	102,780 73,931 6,521 1,971	
Total investments and long-term receivables		191,150	 185,203	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET		7,972	 7,809	
INTANGIBLE ASSETS Goodwill Other intangible assets		2,742 2,813	 2,742 2,818	
Total intangible assets		5,555	 5,560	
Total assets	\$	344,324	\$ 353,773	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes short-term receivables from related parties in the aggregate amount of \$4,804 and \$5,043 as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, and long-term receivables from related parties in the aggregate amount of \$442 and \$434 as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively.

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

U.S. dollars in thousands, except share and per share data		
	March 31, 2006 Unaudited	December 31, 2005
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES Short-term loans from banks Current maturities of long-term loans from banks and others Trade payables Other payables and accrued expenses	\$ 700 2,038 2,429 11,257	\$ 3,808 2,065 2,146 11,025
Total current liabilities	16,424	19,044
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES  Long-term loans from banks and others Accrued severance pay and retirement obligations Deferred taxes  Total long-term liabilities	1,485 2,823 8,467 12,775	1,477 2,635 9,494 13,606
MINORITY INTEREST	17,499	19,007
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: Ordinary shares of NIS 0.003 par value; Authorized - 35,000,000 shares as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005; Issued and outstanding: 29,531,955 and 29,483,455 shares as of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. Additional paid-in capital Accumulated other comprehensive income Retained earnings	9,572 271,468 9,428 7,158	9,572 271,132 10,741 10,671
Total shareholders' equity	297,626	302,116
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 344,324	\$ 353,773

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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

	Three months ended March 31,			Year ended December 31,		
	200			005 ***		2005
	Unau		ıdite	d	-	
INCOME						
Net revenues*	\$ 3,	322	\$	2,985	\$	12,646
Equity in losses of affiliated companies		495)	Ψ	(3,588)	Ψ	(17,522)
Gain (loss) from disposal of businesses and affiliated companies	(3,	7/3)		(3,300)		(17,322)
and changes in holdings in affiliated companies, net		16		(10)		23,328
Other income, net	2	629		278		58,648
Financial income, net		084		901		5,483
1 maneral meome, net	1,	004		901	-	3,463
	3,	556		566		82,583
COSTS AND EXPENSES						
Cost of revenues	1,	845		1,873		7,907
Research and development costs, net		908		1,234		6,163
Marketing and selling expenses, net		875		470		2,386
General and administrative expenses		881		1,952		9,249
Amortization of intangible assets	,	5		35		392
	8,	514		5,564		26,097
Income (loss) before taxes on income	(4,	958)		(4,998)		56,486
Tax benefit (taxes on income)	(	282)		167		(10,461)
Income (loss) after taxes on income	(5,	240)		(4,831)		46,025
Minority interest in losses of subsidiaries	1,	727		194		5,160
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(3,	513)		(4,637)		51,185
Loss from discontinued operations **				(476)		(3,850)
Net income (loss)	\$ (3,	513)	\$	(5,113)	\$	47,335
Income (loss) per share:						
Basic:						
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0	.12)	\$	(0.16)	\$	1.74
Loss from discontinued operations				(0.01)		(0.13)
Net income (loss)	\$ (0	.12)	\$	(0.17)	\$	1.61
	+ (**		<u> </u>	(0.0.7)		
Diluted:						
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0	.12)	\$	(0.17)	\$	1.73
Loss from discontinued operations				(0.01)		(0.13)
Net income (loss)	\$ (0	.12)	\$	(0.18)	\$	1.6
Weighted everyone number of ordinary shares and in survey						
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing basic net income (loss) per share (thousands)	29,	514		29,414		29,437
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in computing						
diluted net income (loss) per share (thousands)		514		29,414		29,550
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes revenues from related parties in the amount of \$1,744 and \$1,823 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and \$8,046 for the year ended December 31, 2005.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes revenues from related parties in the amount of \$143 for the three months ended March 31, 2005, and \$174 for the year ended December 31, 2005.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Reclassified due to discontinued operations.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

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

	Number of shares	Sha	are capital		Additional id-in capital		other omprehensive income		Retained earnings	SI	Total hareholders' equity		Total mprehensive come (loss)
Audited	20 414 424	\$	9,572	\$	270,005	\$	57,717	¢.	51,786	\$	389.080		
Balance as of January 1, 2005 Exercise of options	29,414,424 69,031	Э	9,572	Þ	270,005 697	Þ	5/,/1/	\$	51,/80	Э	389,080 697		
Stock - based compensation	09,031		-		405		_		_		405		
Tax benefit in respect of options exercised	_		_		25		_		_		25		
Dividend paid									(88,450)		(88,450)		
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:									` ' '		. , ,		
Unrealized loss on available for sale securities	-		-		-		(10,450)		-		(10,450)	\$	(10,450)
Reclassification adjustment for gain realized and other than													
temporary impairment included in net income	-		-		-		(36,335)		-		(36,335)		(36,335)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-		-		-		(191)				(191)		(191)
Net income									47,335		47,335		47,335
Balance as of December 31, 2005	29,483,455	\$	9,572	\$	271,132	\$	10,741	\$	10,671		302,116		
Total comprehensive income												\$	359
Unaudited													
Exercise of options	48,500		-		242		-		-		242		
Stock - based compensation	-		-		94		-		-		94		
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax:													
Unrealized loss on available for sale securities	-		-		-		(1,480)		-		(1,480)	\$	(1,480)
Reclassification adjustment for loss realized and other than							242				242		242
temporary impairment included in net loss Foreign currency translation adjustments	-		-		-		242 (75)		-		(75)		(75)
Net loss	_		-		_		(73)		(3,513)		(3,513)		(3,513)
			-		<del></del>								(5,515)
Balance as of March 31, 2006	29,531,955	\$	9,572	\$	271,468	\$	9,428	\$	7,158	\$	297,626		
Total comprehensive loss												\$	(4,826)
Unaudited													
Balance as of January 1, 2005	29,414,424	\$	9,572	\$	270,005	\$	57,717	\$	51,786	\$	389,080		
Stock - based compensation	-		-		109		-		-		109		
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:							5 222				5,333	\$	5.333
Unrealized gains on available for sale securities Foreign currency translation adjustments	-		-		-		5,333 30		-		3,333	Э	5,333 30
Net loss	-		-		_		50		(5,113)		(5,113)		(5,113)
-								-					(3,113)
Balance as of March 31, 2005	29,414,424	\$	9,572	\$	270,114	\$	63,080	\$	46,673	\$	389,439		
Total comprehensive income												\$	250

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands		Three ended I		Year ended December 31,		
·	2006 2005				2005	
•			udited		-	
Cash flows from operating activities	Φ (	2.510)	ф	(5.110)	Ф	45.005
Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:	\$ (3	3,513)	\$	(5,113)	\$	47,335
Equity in losses of affiliated companies	3	3,495		3,588		17,522
Minority interest in losses of subsidiaries		1,727)		(194)		(5,160)
Loss (gain) from disposal of businesses and affiliated companies and changes in				. ,		, , ,
holdings in affiliated companies, net		(16)		10		(23,328)
Loss (gain) from sale of investments and other than temporary decline in		150				(5 ( 515)
available - for - sale securities  Gain from extinguishment of a subsidiary loan	C	150 2,708)		-		(56,515)
Gain from disposal of businesses included in discontinued operations	(2	-		_		(213)
Depreciation and amortization		270		302		1,513
Impairment of intangible assets (discontinued operations)		-		-		1,329
Decline in value of other investments		-		-		636
Equity in losses (gains) of partnerships		238		31		(174)
Stock - based compensation and changes in liability in respect of call options		174		(465)		(811)
Deferred taxes, net		(13)		(184)		(7,288)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities Decrease (increase) in trade receivables		517		562		(047)
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables  Decrease (increase) in other receivables and prepaid expenses		517 68		(374)		(947) (38)
Decrease in trading securities, net		-		(374)		(36)
Decrease (increase) in inventories		67		(234)		(519)
Increase (decrease) in trade payables		283		(415)		(834)
Increase (decrease) in other payables and accrued expenses		192		(15,125)		(12,139)
Other	1	1,043		(508)		(753)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1	1,480)		(18,118)		(40,380)
Cash flows from investing activities						
Investment in affiliated companies		-		(465)		(3,823)
Proceeds from sale of affiliated companies		-		-		10,522
Proceeds from repayment of loan granted to an affiliated company		-		-		2,253
Purchase of treasury stock from the minority by a subsidiary		-		-		(823)
Cash and cash equivalents resulting from newly consolidated subsidiary (Schedule A)						
Change in cash and cash equivalents resulting from disposal of business		-		-		-
(Schedule B)		_		_		1,800
Investment in other companies	(6	5,439)		_		(27,651)
Proceeds from sale of available - for - sale securities	,	1,353		-		119,888
Proceeds from sale of other investments		-		93		237
Investments in deposits		),379)		-		(59,185)
Investment in available - for - sale securities		3,166)		(4,955)		(35,405)
Proceeds from deposits		3,650		10,000		105,802
Purchase of property and equipment		(441)		(265)		(995)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	2	15		24		197
Net cash provided by investing activities	24	1,593		4,432		112,817
Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from options exercised		242				697
Proceeds from exercise of options in a subsidiary		242		-		8
Repayment of long-term loans		_		(22)		(777)
Decrease in short-term bank loan, net		(400)		(706)		(1,079)
Receipt of short-term loans, convertible loans and long-term loans from minority		()		(, , ,		(=,=.>)
shareholders of a subsidiary		-		-		1,003
Issuance of shares to the minority of a subsidiary		-		30		145
Issuance expenses in a subsidiary		-		(67)		(75)
Dividend paid				-		(88,450)
Net cash used in financing activities		(158)		(765)		(88,528)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		2,955		(14,451)		(16,091)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	26	5,520		42,611		42,611
	49	9,475		28,160		26,520
LESS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS ATTRIBUTED TO DISCONTINUED						•
OPERATIONS		-		(230)		-
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	49	9,475		27,930		26,520
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated	financ	ial stat	emen	ts		

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

U.S. dollars in thousands		Three months ended March 31,			Year ended December 31,		
				2005		2005	
Supplemental cash flow information: Cash paid for:							
Income taxes	\$	463	\$	15,014	\$	30,591	
Interest	\$	17	\$	31	\$	203	
Proceeds from sale of an affiliate not yet received	\$		\$		\$	1,958	
Proceeds from sale of an affiliate received in Zoran shares	\$		\$	<del>-</del>	\$	7,700	
SCHEDULE A:							
Cash and cash equivalents resulting from newly consolidated subsidiaries	l						
Assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the purchase date: Working capital deficiency, net (except cash and cash					Φ.		
equivalents) Property and equipment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	75 (14)	
Intangible assets		_		-		(237)	
Accrued severance pay, net		-		-		27	
Liability incurred				-		149	
Cash and cash equivalents acquired	\$		\$		\$	-	
SCHEDULE B:							
Change in cash and cash equivalents resulting from disposal of businesses							
Assets and liabilities at date of sale:							
Working capital deficiency, net (except cash and cash equivalents)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(671)	
Property and equipment		-		-		40	
Intangible assets		-		-		2,389 (171)	
Accrued severance new net							
Accrued severance pay, net Gain resulting from sale of businesses					_	213	

# 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 March 31, 2006, and for the 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 footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States but which are not required for interim reporting purposes, have been condensed or omitted. See Note 5 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 for the year ended December 31, 2005 (" the Company annual financial statements") and accompanying notes.

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 ended March 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006.

# 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 included in c below.
- b. 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.
- c. Effective January 1, 2006 ("the effective date") the Company applied SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Base Payment", which revises the previously effective SFAS No. 123 and supersedes APB No. 25, and on March 29, 2005 the SEC issued SAB 107, "Share-Based Payment" ("SAB 107"). Generally, the approach in SFAS 123(R) is similar to the approach described in SFAS 123. However, SFAS 123(R) requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the income statement based on their fair values. Pro forma disclosure is no longer an alternative.

The company, its subsidiaries and its affiliated companies adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified-prospective method. According to the modified-prospective method, compensation cost is recognized beginning with the effective date (a) based on the requirements of SFAS 123(R) for all share-based payments granted after the effective date and (b) based on the requirements of SFAS 123 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123") for all awards granted to employees prior to the effective date of SFAS 123(R) that remain unvested on the effective date.

Previously, the Company and its subsidiaries adopted the fair-value-based method of accounting based on the provisions of SFAS 123 for share-based payments effective January 1, 2003 using the prospective method" described in SFAS 148 "Accounting for Stock- Based Compensation- Transition and Disclosure".

Because 1) SFAS 123(R) must be applied not only to new awards but also to previously granted awards that are not fully vested on the effective date, 2) the Company adopted

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

SFAS 123 using the prospective transition method (which applied only to award granted, modified or settled after the adoption date), and 3) the Company's affiliated companies applied APB 25 to previously granted awards, compensation cost for some previously granted awards in the Company, its subsidiaries and in its affiliated companies that were not recognized under SFAS 123 are recognize under SFAS 123(R).

As a result of adopting the provisions of SFAS 123(R) on January 1, 2006 by the Company, its subsidiaries and its affiliated companies, the Company recorded compensation expenses in the amount of approximately \$400 during the three-month period ended March 31, 2006.

#### NOTE 3:- MAJOR TRANSACTIONS

# a. Partner Communications Company Ltd. ("Partner")

On March 21, 2006, Elron completed the acquisition of approximately 823,000 shares of Partner from one of the other Israeli founding shareholders of Partner for approximately \$5,300, reflecting approximately 15% discount from the market price at the date of the agreement. Upon completion of the acquisition, Elron holds approximately 2.6% of Partner.

Almost all of Partner shares held by the Company are subject to transfer restrictions under Partner's Israeli Communications license. The shares are accounted for as available-for-sale securities.

# b. **Nulens**

As described in Note 8 (c) to the Company's annual financial statements, on April 21, 2005, Elron completed an investment of approximately \$2,900 in Nulens Ltd. ("Nulens"), in consideration for 763,584 Series A preferred shares, as part of an aggregate investment of approximately \$3,400. Elron's investment was in two installments, the first of approximately \$1,700 was invested immediately for approximately 17% of Nulens on a fully diluted and on an as converted basis and an additional amount of approximately \$1,100 was invested on March 9, 2006. Simultaneously with the \$1,100 investment, Elron invested an additional amount of \$1,500, for 241,158 Series B preferred shares. The investment in preferred B shares was part of a new round of investment in the aggregate amount of approximately \$6,000. The new round was led by Warburg Pincus, a leading global private equity fund. Following the above investments, Elron holds 25% of Nulens, on a fully diluted and on an as converted basis. Nulens is an Israeli medical devices company operating in the field of intra-ocular lenses mainly for cataract and presbyopia procedures.

Since the investments in preferred A and B shares are not considered to be investments that are in-substance-common stock, the investment in Nulens is accounted for under the cost method.

#### c. Safend

On January 2, 2006, Elron completed an investment of approximately \$3,700 in Safend Ltd. ("Safend"), in consideration for 1,942,261 Series B preferred shares, as part of an aggregate investment of approximately \$7,400. Following Elron's investment, Elron holds approximately 22% of Safend on a fully diluted and on an as converted basis. Safend is an Israeli company which develops comprehensive desktops and laptops endpoint security solutions.

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# NOTE 3:- MAJOR TRANSACTIONS (Cont.)

# c. <u>Safend (Cont.)</u>

Since the investment in preferred B shares is not considered to be an investment that is insubstance-common stock, the investment in Safend is accounted for under the cost method.

# d. Mediagate

In February 2006, Mediagate's bank loan in the amount of approximately \$2,800 was extinguished for a consideration of \$100. As a result, according to the provision of FAS 140 "Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities" Elron recorded in the first quarter of 2006 a gain from extinguishment of approximately \$2,700 which is included in other income in the statements of operations.

#### e. ChipX

On April 28, 2006, ChipX completed a \$6,000 round of investment in preferred AA shares from existing shareholders, in which Elron invested approximately \$2,300. As a result, Elron's interest in ChipX on a fully diluted and on an as converted basis, increased to 22.6%. ChipX is a manufacturer of late stage programmable application-specific integrated circuits, or structured ASICs.

#### **NOTE 4:- 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: Legal proceedings:

- 1. 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 claim has been stayed pursuant to an arrangement reached by the parties pending the outcome of the appeal in the claim described in paragraph 2 below. The arrangement provides that if the appeal as described in paragraph 2 below is accepted, then the proceedings to recognize the lawsuit as a class action will proceed. Otherwise, the application to recognize the claim as a class action suit will be dismissed.
- 2. 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 16, 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.

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# **NOTE 4:- CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Cont.)**

In addition, in February 2001, the claimants submitted a revised claim similar to the previous one but not as a class action. It has not been determined when the defendants are required to file their statements of defense to the claim. The claimants and the defendants are currently involved in various proceedings, mostly regarding the disagreement concerning the court fees.

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.

#### NOTE 5:- 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 statement of operations:

Effect on the statement of operations.								
		1		e months end arch 31, 200				
	As	reported	Ad	justments naudited		per Israeli GAAP		
Net loss Basic net loss per share Diluted net loss per share	\$	(3,513) (0.12) (0.12)	\$	(4,682) (0.16) (0.16)	\$	(8,195) (0.28) (0.28)		
	Three months ended March 31, 2005							
	As	reported	Ad	justments		per Israeli GAAP		
			U	naudited				
Net loss Basic net loss per share Diluted net loss per share	\$	(5,113) (0.17) (0.18)	\$	(2,572) (0.09) (0.08)	\$	(7,685) (0.26) (0.26)		
				Year ended ember 31, 20	05			
	As	reported	Ad	justments Audited		per Israeli GAAP		
Net income Basic net income per share Diluted net income per share	\$	47,335 1.61 1.60	\$	7,147 0.24 0.24	\$	54,482 1.85 1.84		

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# NOTE 5:- RECONCILIATION TO ISRAELI GAAP (Cont.)

# b. Effect on the balance sheet:

	March 31, 2006						
	A	As reported		Adjustments		s per Israeli GAAP	
			Uı	naudited			
Total assets	\$	344,324	\$	(77,996)	\$	266,328	
Total liabilities including minority interest		46,698		(20,336)		26,362	
Total equity		297,626		(57,660)		239,966	
			Dece	mber 31, 20	005		
	A	s reported	_	justments	As	s per Israeli GAAP	
				Audited			
Total assets	\$	353,773	\$	(75,361)	\$	278,412	
Total liabilities including minority interest		51,657		(21,145)		30,512	
Total equity		302,116		(54,216)		247,900	

# c. Material adjustments:

The abovementioned adjustments result primarily from the differences between U.S. GAAP and Israeli GAAP detailed in Note 26 to the Company's annual financial statements for 2005.

# ANNEX TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# U.S. dollars in thousands

# Details relating to major investments as of March 31, 2006:

	% of	Carrying value of the investment as of	tra investme	of the publicly ded ents as of:
	ownership interest <sup>(1)</sup>	March 31, 2006 (2)	March 31, 2006	May 15, 2006
Consolidated Companies:				
Galil Medical Ltd. (3)	40%	1,695	-	-
3DV Systems Ltd. (3)	62%	(449)	-	-
Starling (3)	50%	332	-	-
SELA (3)	39%	1,022	-	-
Enure (formerly: Gaia)	57%	2,967	_	_
Mendingo (3)	50%	(60)	-	-
Affiliated Companies (equity):				
Given Imaging Ltd. (Nasdaq: GIVN) (3)	19%	62,673	125,126	110,501
NetVision Ltd. (TASE: NTSN)	39%	6,280	35,816	40,460
ChipX	26%	1,913	-	-
CellAct Ltd.	45%	451	-	-
Oncura <sup>(4)</sup> AMT	10%	8,771	-	-
Wavion, Inc.	42% 38%	1,824 191	-	-
Pulsicom Israel Technologies Ltd.	38% 18%	191 27	-	-
Notal Vision, Inc.	25%	-	-	- -
Available for sale:				
Partner (Nasdaq: PTNR)	3%	29,517	29,517	37,151
EVS (Nasdaq: ÉVSNF.OB)	10%	1,550	2,401	2,128
Partnership:				
Gemini Israel Fund L.P.	5%	33	-	-
InnoMed Ventures L.P.	14%	3,726	-	-
Cost:	70/	2		
Avantry (formerly:Witcom Ltd.) (3)  Jordan Valley	7% 28%		-	-
Impliant	28% 22%	8,137 8,340	-	-
Teledata Ltd.	21%	16,000	-	-
Nulens Ltd.	29%	4,360	- -	- -
Brainsgate Ltd.	22%	6,947	_	_
Safend Ltd.	26%	3,700	-	-

<sup>(1)</sup> On the basis of the outstanding share capital.

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

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.

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