UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2003 Commission File Number 0-16093
                    CONMED CORPORATION
(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)
            New York 16-0977505
    (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
    incorporation or organization) Identification No.)
    525 French Road, Utica, New York 13502
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
    (315) 797-8375
        (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
    Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports
required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of
1 9 3 4 \text { during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the}
registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such
filing requirements for the past }90\mathrm{ days.
Yes |X| No I_|
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 126-2).
Yes |X| No I_|
The number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, as of April 28, 2003 is \(28,943,210\) shares.
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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.

CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (in thousands except per share amounts) (unaudited)



See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.
CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(unaudited)



See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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CONMED CORPORATION
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(in thousands except share amounts)
Note 1 - Operations and Significant Accounting Policies
Organization and Operations
The consolidated condensed financial statements include the accounts of CONMED Corporation and its subsidiaries ("CONMED", the "Company", "we" or "us"). All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. CONMED Corporation is a medical technology company specializing in instruments, implants and video equipment for arthroscopic sports medicine and powered surgical instruments, such as drills and saws, for orthopedic, ENT, neuro-surgery and other surgical specialties. We are a leading developer, manufacturer and supplier of RF electrosurgery systems used routinely to cut and cauterize tissue in nearly all types of surgical procedures worldwide, endoscopy products such as trocars, clip appliers, scissors and surgical staplers, and a full line of ECG electrodes for heart monitoring and other patient care products. We also offer integrated operating room systems and intensive care unit service managers. Our products
are used in a variety of clinical settings, such as operating rooms, surgery centers, physicians' offices and critical care areas of hospitals. Our business is organized, managed and internally reported as a single segment, since our product offerings have similar economic, operating and other related characteristics.

## Stock-based Compensation

We account for our stock-based compensation plans under the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees". No compensation expense has been recognized in the accompanying financial statements relative to our stock option plans. Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123") and has been determined as if we had accounted for our employee stock options under the fair value method of that statement. The weighted average fair value of options granted in the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2003 was $\$ 8.66$ and $\$ 6.56$, respectively. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes options pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for options granted in the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively: Risk-free interest rates of $2.70 \%$ and $2.87 \%$ volatility factors of the expected market price of the Company's common stock of $41.10 \%$ and $43.23 \%$; a weighted-average expected life of the option of five years; and that no dividends would be paid on common stock.

For purposes of the pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. The Company's pro forma information follows:


Note 2 - Interim financial information
The statements for the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2003 are unaudited; in our opinion such unaudited statements include all adjustments (which comprise only normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such periods. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for any other quarter nor for the year ending December 31, 2003. The consolidated condensed financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes for the year ended December 31, 2002 included in our Annual Report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K.

Note 3 - Other comprehensive income (loss)
Comprehensive income (loss) consists of the following:

|  | 2002 |  | 2003 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income | \$ | 9,076 |  | 14,568 |
| Other comprehensive income: |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flow hedging <br> (net of income taxes) |  | 480 |  | 393 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 9,592 |  | 16,274 |

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Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consists of the following:


Note 4 - Inventories

The components of inventory are as follows:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } 31, \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 31, \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw materials | \$ 44,701 | \$ 43,041 |
| Work-in-process | 12,869 | 14,357 |
| Finished goods | 62,873 | 68,323 |
| Total | \$120,443 | \$125,721 |

Note 5 - Earnings per share
Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS gives effect to all dilutive potential shares outstanding (i.e., options and warrants) during the period. The following is a reconciliation of the weighted average shares used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS (in thousands):

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Three mp } \\ \text { Maj } \\ 2002 \end{gathered}$ | ```s ended 31, 2 0 0 3``` |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shares used in the calculation of Basic EPS(weighted average shares outstanding) ......... | 25,397 | 28,876 |
| Effect of dilutive potential securities ............... | 572 | 161 |


| Shares used in the calculation |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| of Diluted EPS | 25,969 | 29,037 |

The shares used in the calculation of diluted EPS exclude warrants and options to purchase shares where the exercise price was greater than the average market price of common shares for the period. Such shares aggregated 351 and 2,395 for the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2003, respectively.

Note 6 - Business acquisitions
On January 13, 2003, we entered into an agreement to acquire the common stock of Bionx Implants, Inc. (the "Bionx acquisition") in a cash transaction valuing Bionx at $\$ 4.35$ per share. We completed the acquisition on March 10, 2003, paying $\$ 47.0$ million in cash which we financed through borrowings under our revolving credit facility. The results of Bionx's operations have been included in the financial statements since that date. Bionx develops and manufactures self-reinforced resorbable polymer implants including screws, pins and meniscal implants for use in a variety of orthopedic applications, including sports medicine and fracture fixation. In 2002, Bionx recorded revenues of approximately $\$ 18.0$ million. The acquired product lines are expected to complement CONMED's existing orthopedic product lines.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition. The cost of the Bionx acquisition may require adjustment based upon information which is not currently available, principally related to the valuation of inventory. We are also in the process of obtaining a third-party valuation of Bionx; thus the allocation of purchase price, including goodwill, purchased research and development, intangible assets not subject to amortization, intangible assets subject to amortization and related amortization periods have not yet been finalized and are therefore subject to adjustment in future periods. Goodwill associated with the Bionx acquisition is not expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

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Other current assets........................................................... 7,083
Property, plant and equipment.................................................. 1, 382
Other intangible assets........................................................... 1, 217


Total assets acquired. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 50, 657

Current liabilities............................................................ (3,120)



Net assets acquired. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 47, 016
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During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, we paid additional purchase consideration related to the December 31, 2002 acquisition of CORE Dynamics, Inc. (the "CORE acquisition") of approximately $\$ 1.7$ million which resulted in an increase to goodwill and which had been contingent on the satisfactory execution of the plan to transition manufacturing and distribution from CORE's Jacksonville, Florida facility to our facilities in Utica, New York.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, we incurred approximately $\$ 1.7$ million in acquisition expenses related primarily to the CORE and Bionx acquisitions of which $\$ 1.3$ million has been recorded in other expense (income) and $\$ .4$ million has been recorded to cost of sales. The $\$ 1.3$ million recorded to other expense (income) consists of various acquisition integration costs to wind down CORE operations in Jacksonville, Florida and Bionx operations in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. The $\$ .4$ million recorded to cost of sales consists of the step-up
to fair value related to the sale of a portion of the inventory acquired as a result of the CORE and Bionx acquisitions as well as certain training and transition-related costs related to the transfer of CORE's manufacturing operations.

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Other intangible assets consist of the following:

|  | December 31, 2002 |  |  |  | March 31, 2003 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gross |  |  |  | Gross |  |  |
|  |  | Carrying | Accumulated |  | Carrying |  | Accumulated <br> Amortization |
| Amortized intangible assets: |  | Amount |  | rtization |  | Amount |  |
| Customer relationships | \$ | 96,712 | \$ | $(12,725)$ |  | 96,712 | \$ $(13,362)$ |
| Patents and other intangible assets |  | 23,674 |  | $(13,534)$ |  | 24,705 | $(13,990)$ |
| Unamortized intangible assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trademarks and tradenames |  | 86,144 |  | -- |  | 86,144 | -- |
|  |  | 206,530 |  | $(26,259)$ |  | 207,561 | \$ 27,352 ) |

Other intangible assets primarily represent allocations of purchase price to identifiable intangible assets of acquired businesses. The weighted average
amortization period for intangible assets which are amortized is 22 years.

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Customer relationships are being amortized over 38 years. Patents and other intangible assets are being amortized over a weighted average life of 9 years. The trademarks and tradenames intangible asset has been determined to have an indefinite life and therefore is not amortized.

Amortization expense related to intangible assets which are subject to amortization totaled $\$ 1,352$ in the three months ended March 31, 2003 and $\$ 1,789$ in the three months ended March 31, 2002.

The estimated amortization expense for the year ending December 31,2003 and for each of the five succeeding years is as follows:

| 2003 | $\$ 5,456$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2004 | 4,821 |
| 2005 | 4,018 |
| 2006 | 3,608 |
| 2007 | 3,385 |
| 2008 | 3,176 |

Note 9 - Guarantees

We provide service and warranty policies on certain of our products at the time of sale. Liability under service and warranty policies is based upon a review of historical warranty and service claim experience. Adjustments are made to accruals as claim data and historical experience warrant.

The changes in the carrying amount of service and product warranties for the three months ended March 31, 2003 are as follows:

| Balance as of January 1, 2003 | \$ 3,213 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Provision for warranties | 1,211 |
| Claims made | $(1,100)$ |
| Balance as of March 31, 2003 | \$ 3,324 |

Note 10 - Guarantor financial statements

Our senior credit agreement and Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Notes") are guaranteed (the "Subsidiary Guarantees") by each of our subsidiaries (the "Subsidiary Guarantors") except CONMED Receivables Corporation (the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiary"). The Subsidiary Guarantees provide that each Subsidiary Guarantor will fully and unconditionally guarantee our obligations under our senior credit agreement and the Notes on a joint and several basis. Each Subsidiary Guarantor and Non-Guarantor Subsidiary is wholly-owned by CONMED Corporation. The following supplemental financial information sets forth on a condensed consolidating basis, condensed consolidating balance sheets, statements of income and statements of cash flows for the Parent company only, Subsidiary Guarantors and Non-Guarantor Subsidiary and for the Company as of December 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003 and for the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2003.

| Parent |  | Non- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Company | Subsidiary | Guarantor |  | Company |
| Only | Guarantors | Subsidiary | Eliminations | Total |

ASSETS
Current assets:

| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 3,824 | \$ | 1,516 | \$ 286 | \$ | \$ -- | \$ | 5,626 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts receivable, net |  | 746 |  | 13,397 | 43,950 |  | -- |  | 58,093 |
| Inventories |  | 25,829 |  | 94,614 | -- |  | -- |  | 120,443 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 6,210 |  | -- | 94 |  | -- |  | 6,304 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 823 |  | 2,377 | -- |  | -- |  | 3,200 |
| Total current assets |  | 37,432 |  | 111,904 | 44,330 |  | -- |  | 193,666 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net |  | 47,327 |  | 48,281 | -- |  | -- |  | 95,608 |
| Goodwill, net |  | 96,393 |  | 166,001 | -- |  | -- |  | 262,394 |
| Other intangible assets, net |  | 3,565 |  | 176,706 | -- |  | -- |  | 180,271 |
| Other assets |  | 498,111 |  | 2,406 | -- |  | $(490,316)$ |  | 10,201 |
| Total assets |  | 682,828 |  | 505,298 | \$44,330 |  | \$ $(490,316)$ |  | 742,140 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ | 1,284 | \$ | 1,347 | \$ -- | \$ | \$ -- | \$ | 2,631 |
| Accounts payable |  | 4,907 |  | 17,167 | -- |  | -- |  | 22,074 |
| Accrued compensation |  | 4,052 |  | 6,411 | -- |  | -- |  | 10,463 |
| Income taxes payable |  | 5,885 |  | -- | -- |  | -- |  | 5,885 |
| Accrued interest |  | 3,733 |  | 36 | 25 |  | -- |  | 3,794 |
| Other current liabilities |  | 5,781 |  | 7,346 | -- |  | -- |  | 13,127 |
| Total current liabilities |  | 25,642 |  | 32,307 | 25 |  | -- |  | 57,974 |
| Long-term debt |  | 234,468 |  | 20,288 | -- |  |  |  | 254,756 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 28,446 |  | -- | -- |  |  |  | 28,446 |
| Other long-term liabilities |  | 7,333 |  | 269,259 | 41,932 |  | $(304,499)$ |  | 14,025 |
| Total liabilities |  | 295,889 |  | 321,854 | 41,957 |  | $(304,499)$ |  | 355,201 |
| Shareholders' equity: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock |  | -- |  | -- | -- |  | -- |  | -- |
| Common stock |  | 288 |  | -- | -- |  | -- |  | 288 |
| Paid-in capital |  | 231,832 |  | -- | 2,000 |  | $(2,000)$ |  | 231,832 |
| Retained earnings |  | 162,391 |  | 184,603 | 373 |  | $(184,976)$ |  | 162,391 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss |  | $(7,153)$ |  | $(1,159)$ | -- |  | 1,159 |  | $(7,153)$ |
| Less common stock in treasury, at cost |  | (419) |  | -- | -- |  | -- |  | (419) |
| Total shareholders' equity |  | 386,939 |  | 183,444 | 2,373 |  | $(185,817)$ |  | 386,939 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity |  | 682,828 |  | 505,298 | \$44,330 |  | ( 490,316 ) |  | 742,140 |

CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
March 31, 2003
(in thousands) (unaudited)


| Retained earnings |  | 176,959 |  | 190,842 | 391 | $(191,233)$ |  | 176,959 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accumulated other comprehensive |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| income (loss) |  | $(5,447)$ |  | 154 | -- | (154) |  | $(5,447)$ |
| Less common stock in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| treasury, at cost |  | (419) |  | -- | -- | -- |  | (419) |
| Total shareholders' equity |  | 404,996 |  | 190,996 | 2,391 | $(193,387)$ |  | 404,996 |
| Total liabilities and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| shareholders' equity | \$ | 730,665 | \$ | 554,270 | \$44,029 | \$ 535,728$)$ | \$ | 793,236 |

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CONMED CORPORATION CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 (in thousands) (unaudited)

|  | Parent <br> Company only |  | Subsidiary <br> Guarantors |  | NonGuarantor Subsidiary |  | Eliminations |  | Company Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 26,299 | \$ | 86,906 | \$ | -- | \$ | -- | \$ | 113,205 |
| Cost of sales |  | 14,003 |  | 40,101 |  | -- |  | -- |  | 54,104 |
| Gross profit |  | 12,296 |  | 46,805 |  | -- |  | -- |  | 59,101 |
| Selling and administrative |  | 7,447 |  | 27,355 |  | (334) |  | -- |  | 34,468 |
| Research and development |  | 429 |  | 3,395 |  | -- |  | -- |  | 3,824 |
|  |  | 7,876 |  | 30,750 |  | (334) |  | -- |  | 38,292 |
| Income from operations |  | 4,420 |  | 16,055 |  | 334 |  | -- |  | 20,809 |
| Interest expense |  | -- |  | 6,308 |  | 320 |  | -- |  | 6,628 |
| Income before income taxes |  | 4,420 |  | 9,747 |  | 14 |  | -- |  | 14,181 |
| Provision for income taxes |  | 1,591 |  | 3,509 |  | 5 |  | -- |  | 5,105 |
| Income before equity in earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries ............... |  | 2,829 |  | 6,238 |  | 9 |  | -- |  | 9,076 |
| Equity in earnings of <br> unconsolidated subsidiaries .............. 6,247 -- (6,247) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 9,076 | \$ | 6,238 | \$ | 9 | \$ | $(6,247)$ | \$ | 9,076 |

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CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME Three Months Ended March 31, 2003
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

|  | Parent Company Only | Subsidiary Guarantors | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Non- } \\ & \text { Guarantor } \\ & \text { Subsidiary } \end{aligned}$ |  | tions | Company Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ 29,135 | \$ 88,899 | \$ -- | \$ | -- | \$ 118,034 |
| Cost of sales | 16,058 | 40,320 | -- |  | -- | 56,378 |
| Gross profit | 13,077 | 48,579 | -- |  | -- | 61,656 |
| Selling and administrative | 7,933 | 29,455 | (243) |  | -- | 37,145 |
| Research and development | 481 | 3,222 | -- |  | -- | 3,703 |
| Other expense (income) | $(8,324)$ | 832 | -- |  | -- | (7,492) |
|  | 90 | 33,509 | (243) |  | -- | 33,356 |



CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 (in thousands)
(unaudited)


CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATING CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Three Months Ended March 31, 2003
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

|  | Parent Company Only | Subsidiary Guarantors |  | Gua Sub | tor <br> diary | Eli | tions | Company Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 11,059 | \$ | 9,101 | \$ | 318 | \$ | -- | \$ | 20,478 |



Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Forward-Looking Statements Made in this Form 10-Q

In this Form 10-Q, we make forward-looking statements about our financial condition, results of operations and business. Forward-looking statements are statements made by us concerning events that may or may not occur in the future. These statements may be made directly in this document or may be "incorporated by reference" from other documents. You can find many of these statements by looking for words like "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" or similar expressions.

Forward-Looking Statements are not Guarantees of Future Performance
Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include those identified under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2002 and the following, among others:

- general economic and business conditions;
- cyclical customer purchasing patterns due to budgetary and other constraints;
- changes in customer preferences;
- competition;
- changes in technology;
o our ability to manufacture product consistently and in a timely manner, especially those products involving delicate or complex manufacturing processes;
- the introduction and acceptance of new products, including our PowerPro(R) battery-powered instrument product line;
o the success of our distribution arrangement with DePuy Orthopaedics;
o the integration of any acquisition;
o the possibility that United States or foreign regulatory and/or administrative agencies might initiate enforcement actions against us or our distributors;
o quality of our management and business abilities and the judgment of our personnel;
- the risk of litigation, especially patent litigation as well as the cost associated with patent and other litigation;
o changes in regulatory requirements; and
o the availability, terms and deployment of capital.

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below and "Business" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2002 for a further discussion of these factors. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to

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these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Form $10-Q$ or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Critical Accounting Estimates
Preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10K for the year-ended December 31, 2002 describes the significant accounting policies used in preparation of the consolidated financial statements. The most significant areas involving management judgments and estimates are described in Management's Discussion and Analysis in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2002 and are considered by management to be critical to understanding the financial condition and results of operations of CONMED Corporation. There have been no significant changes in our critical accounting estimates during the first quarter of 2003.

Results of Operations
Three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to three months ended March 31, 2002
The following table presents, as a percentage of net sales, certain categories included in our unaudited consolidated statements of income for the periods indicated:

| Three Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| March 31, |  |
| 2002 | 2003 |
| _-_-_ | _-_- |

(unaudited)

| Net sales | 100.0\% | 100.0\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of sales | 47.8 | 47.8 |
| Gross profit | 52.2 | 52.2 |
| Selling and administrative | 30.4 | 31.5 |
| Research and development | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| Other expense (income) | -- | (6.4) |
| Income from operations | 18.4 | 24.0 |
| Interest expense | 5.9 | 4.8 |
| Income before income taxes | 12.5 | 19.2 |
| Provision for income taxes | 4.5 | 6.9 |

Sales for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 were $\$ 118.0$ million, an increase of $4.2 \%$ compared to sales of $\$ 113.2$ million in the same quarter a year ago. Adjusted for constant foreign currency exchange rates, sales growth in the first quarter of 2003 would have been approximately $2.0 \%$ as compared to the same period a year ago.

- Sales in our orthopedic businesses increased 4.3\% to \$72.7 million from $\$ 69.7$ million in the comparable quarter last year.
- Arthroscopy sales, which represented approximately 57.4\% of total first quarter 2003 orthopedic revenues, grew $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 41.7$ million from $\$ 41.3$ million in the same period a year ago as sales of imaging systems improved while sales of procedure specific and fluid management products were slightly less than the same period a year ago.
- Powered surgical instrument sales, which represented approximately $42.6 \%$ of orthopedic revenues, increased $9.2 \%$ to $\$ 31.0 \mathrm{million}$ from $\$ 28.4$ million in the
same quarter last year on the strength of our PowerPro(R) battery powered instrument product line.
- Patient care sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 were $\$ 17.3$ million, flat when compared to the same period a year ago as increases in sales of our automatic defibrillator pad and certain other products were offset by decreases in the suction instrument product lines.
- Electrosurgery sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 were \$16.8 million, flat when compared to the first quarter of last year, as declines in sales of electrosurgical generators offset gains in sales of disposables when compared with the same period a year ago.

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Sales of endoscopy products increased $13.8 \%$ to $\$ 10.7$ million in the three months ended March 31, 2003 from $\$ 9.4$ million in the same period a year ago as a result of the CORE acquisition.

Cost of sales increased to $\$ 56.4$ million in the first quarter 2003 as compared to $\$ 54.1$ million in the same quarter a year ago, primarily as a result of the increased sales volumes described above while gross margin percentage remained at $52.2 \%$ in the first quarter of 2003 , the same as in the first quarter of 2002 . Included in cost of sales during the quarter ended March 31, 2003 were approximately $\$ .4$ million in acquisition-related costs.

Selling and administrative expense increased to \$37.1 million in the first quarter of 2003 as compared to $\$ 34.5$ million in the first quarter of 2002 . As a percentage of sales, selling and administrative expense totaled $31.5 \%$ in the first quarter of 2003 compared to $30.4 \%$ in the first quarter of 2002 . The increase in selling and administrative expense as a percentage of sales is due principally to increased marketing costs associated with recently launched product lines including the integrated operating room systems product lines, PowerPro(R), and new electrosurgical generators.

Research and development expense decreased to $\$ 3.7$ million in the first quarter of 2003 as compared to $\$ 3.8$ million in the first quarter of 2002. As a percentage of sales, research and development expense also decreased to $3.1 \%$ in the current quarter compared to $3.4 \%$ in the same quarter a year ago but remains within the range of our historical percentages.

As discussed in Note 7 to the consolidated condensed financial statements, other income is comprised of a net gain on settlement of a contractual dispute of $\$ 9.0$ million offset by acquisition-related costs of $\$ 1.3$ million and the loss of $\$ .2$ million on the early extinguishment of debt. There was no other income in the comparable quarter in 2002.

Interest expense in the first quarter of 2003 was $\$ 5.5$ million compared to $\$ 6.6$ million in the first quarter of 2002 . The decrease in interest expense is
primarily a result of lower total borrowings outstanding during the current quarter as compared to the same period a year ago, as borrowings have declined to $\$ 285.3$ million at March 31, 2003 as compared to $\$ 326.0$ million at March 31, 2002. Additionally, the weighted average interest rates on our borrowings has declined to 5.91\% at March 31, 2003 as compared to 6.25\% at March 31, 2002.

Provision for income taxes has been recorded at an effective rate of $36 \%$ for the first quarter 2003 and 2002. A reconciliation of the United States statutory income tax rate to our effective tax rate is included in Note 7 to the Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002 included in our Annual Report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash generated from our operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility have traditionally provided the working capital for our operations, debt service under our credit facility and the funding of our capital expenditures. In addition, we have used term borrowings, including:
o borrowings under our senior credit agreement;
o Senior Subordinated Notes issued to refinance borrowings under our senior credit agreement, in the case of the acquisition of Linvatec Corporation in 1997;
o borrowings under separate loan facilities, in the case of real property acquisitions, to finance our acquisitions.

The senior credit agreement consists of a $\$ 100$ million term loan and a $\$ 100$ million revolving credit facility of which $\$ 99.5$ million and $\$ 36.0$ million, respectively, was outstanding at March 31, 2003 . The weighted average interest rates at March 31, 2003 on the term loan and revolving credit facility were $4.09 \%$ and 5.75\%, respectively.

The Senior Subordinated Notes (the "Notes") are in aggregate principal amount outstanding at March 31, 2003, of $\$ 127.4$ million, have a maturity date of March 15, 2008 and bear interest at $9.0 \%$ per annum which is payable semi-annually. The Notes are redeemable for cash at anytime on or after March 15, 2003, at our option, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices set forth therein, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, we purchased $\$ 2.6$ million of our Notes at $104.5 \%$ and recorded expense of $\$ .2$ million in premium and unamortized deferred financing costs as discussed in Note 7 to the consolidated condensed financial statements. On March 12, 2003, we served notice to the trustee for the Notes that we would redeem $\$ 15.0$ million par value of the Notes, on May 1, 2003, at the redemption price of 104.5\%, for a total redemption price of $\$ 15.7$ million, plus accrued and unpaid interest. We redeemed those Notes on May 1, 2003 through borrowings under our revolving credit facility. The premium paid on the Notes will be recorded as a charge to operating income in the second quarter of 2003. Although the outstanding Notes do not mature until 2008, we continue to review alternatives for redeeming the remaining outstanding Notes, including the addition of a term loan tranche under the senior credit agreement to redeem all outstanding Notes at the applicable redemption price.

We used term loans to purchase the property in Largo, Florida utilized by our Linvatec subsidiary. The term loans consist of a Class A note bearing interest at $7.50 \%$, a Class $C$ note bearing interest at $8.25 \%$ and a seller-financed note bearing interest at $6.50 \%$. The principal balances outstanding on the Class A note, Class $C$ note and seller-financed note aggregate $\$ 10.7$ million, $\$ 7.1$ million and $\$ 3.9$ million, respectively, at March 31, 2003.

We have a five-year accounts receivable sales agreement pursuant to which we and certain of our subsidiaries sell on an ongoing basis certain accounts receivable to CONMED Receivables Corporation, a wholly-owned special-purpose subsidiary of CONMED Corporation. CRC may in turn sell up to an aggregate $\$ 50.0$ million undivided percentage ownership interest in such receivables to a commercial paper conduit (the "conduit purchaser"). As of December 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003, the undivided percentage ownership interest in receivables sold by CRC to the conduit purchaser aggregated $\$ 37.0$ million, which has been accounted for as a sale and reflected in the balance sheet as a reduction in accounts receivable.

Our net working capital position was $\$ 144.1$ million at March 31, 2003 as compared to $\$ 135.7$ million at December 31, 2002 . Net cash provided by operations increased to \$20.5
million in the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to $\$ 12.4$ million for the same period a year ago, principally as a result of the $\$ 9.0$ million gain on the settlement of a contractual dispute discussed in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements.

Net cash provided by operations in the first quarter of 2003 was positively impacted by depreciation, amortization and increases in income taxes payable and deferred income taxes and negatively impacted primarily by increases in inventory and decreases in accounts payable, accrued compensation and accrued interest. The increase in inventory is a result of the Bionx acquisition discussed in Note 6 to the consolidated condensed financial statements. The increases in income taxes payable and deferred income taxes and decreases in accounts payable, accrued compensation and accrued interest are primarily related to the timing of the payment of these liabilities.

Capital expenditures in the three months ended March 31, 2003 were $\$ 1.7$ million compared to $\$ 3.2$ million in the same period a year ago. These capital expenditures represent the ongoing capital investment requirements of our business and are expected to continue at the rate of approximately $\$ 12.0$ to $\$ 14.0$ million annually. Net cash used by investing activities in the three months ended March 31,2003 also included $\$ 48.2$ million in payments related to business acquisitions, net of cash acquired, of which $\$ 46.5$ million related to the Bionx acquisition and the remainder related to the CORE acquisition as discussed in Note 6 to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

Financing activities in the three months ended March 31, 2003 consisted of payments on our debt of $\$ 3.1$ million and borrowings on our revolving credit facility of $\$ 31.0$ million in order to finance the Bionx acquisition. Proceeds from the exercise of stock options in the three months ended March 31, 2003 totaled $\$ .8$ million.

Management believes that cash generated from operations, our current cash resources and funds available under our new senior credit agreement will provide sufficient liquidity to ensure continued working capital for operations, debt service and funding of capital expenditures in the foreseeable future.

Contractual Obligations
There were no capital lease obligations or unconditional purchase obligations as of March 31, 2003. The following table summarizes our contractual obligations related to operating leases and long-term debt as of March 31, 2003:

|  | 2003 | 2004 | $\begin{gathered} \text { (Amounts } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ | thousar | 2007 | Thereafter |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Long-term debt | \$2,072 | \$2,554 | \$2,741 | \$2,943 | \$133,914 | \$141,112 |
| Operating lease obligations ... | 1,783 | 1,589 | 1,310 | 1,238 | 1,259 | 3,173 |
| Total contractual cash obligations | \$3,855 | \$4,143 | \$4,051 | \$4,182 | \$135,174 | \$144,284 |

New Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2003, FIN No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" was issued. The interpretation provides guidance on consolidating variable interest entities and applies immediately to variable interests created after January 31, 2003. The guidelines of the interpretation will become applicable for us in our third quarter 2003 financial statements for variable interest entities created before February 1, 2003. The interpretation requires variable interest entities to be consolidated if the equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit an entity to finance its activities
without support from other parties or the equity investors lack certain specified characteristics. We are reviewing FIN No. 46 to determine its impact, if any, on future reporting periods, and do not currently anticipate any material accounting or disclosure requirement under the provisions of the interpretation.

In April 2003, FAS No. 149 "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" was issued. FAS No. 149 amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities under FAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". FAS No. 149 will be applicable for us in our third quarter 2003. We are reviewing FAS No. 149 to determine its impact, if any, on future reporting periods, and do not currently anticipate any material accounting or disclosure requirement under the provisions of the statement.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk
There has been no significant change in our exposures to market risk during the three months ended March 31, 2003. For a detailed discussion of market risk, see our Annual Report on Form 10k for the year-ended December 31, 2002, Part II, Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Within the 90 -day period prior to the filing of this report, an evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-14(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures were effective. No significant changes were made in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION
Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K
List of Exhibits

None

Reports on Form 8-K

On April 29, 2003, the Company filed a Report on Form 8-K furnishing as Exhibit 99.1 under Item 7, an April 24, 2003 press release announcing first quarter results.

On May 1, 2003, the Company filed a Report on Form 8-K under Item 5, a supplement to the discussion under Liquidity and Capital Resources included in our Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2002.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

> CONMED CORPORATION
(Registrant)
Date: May 12, 2003

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Robert D. Shallish, Jr.
Vice President - Finance
(Principal Financial Officer)
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I, Eugene R. Corasanti, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CONMED Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and $I$ have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

May 9, 2003
/s/ Eugene R. Corasanti

Eugene R. Corasanti Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

I, Robert D. Shallish, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CONMED Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and $I$ are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules $13 a-14$ and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officer and $I$ have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

May 9, 2003

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/s/ Robert D. Shallish Jr.
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Robert D. Shallish, Jr.
Vice President - Finance and
Chief Financial Officer
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