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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 29, 2006

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
**Commission File Number: 0-18645**

**TRIMBLE NAVIGATION LIMITED**  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

California  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

94-2802192  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

935 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale, CA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

94085  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(408) 481-8000**  
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which stock registered
<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>NASDAQ Global Select Market</b>
<b>Preferred Share Purchase Rights</b>	<b>NASDAQ Global Select Market</b>
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE	

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Yes  No

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 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was

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required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer.

Large Accelerated Filer  Accelerated Filer  Non-accelerated Filer

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Yes  No

As of June 30, 2006, the aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$2.5 billion based on the closing price as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

Indicate the number of share outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at February 21, 2007
Common stock, no par value	59,099,854 shares

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Certain parts of Trimble Navigation Limited's Proxy Statement relating to the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 17, 2007 (the "Proxy Statement") are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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## **SPECIAL NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. The forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future results of Trimble Navigation Limited ("Trimble" or "The Company" or "We" or "Our" or "Us") are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about the industries in which Trimble operates and the beliefs and assumptions of the management of Trimble. Discussions containing such forward-looking statements may be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "predicts," "potential," "continue," "expects," "anticipates," "future," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, levels of activity, performance, achievements and events to differ materially from those implied by such forward-looking statements, but are not limited to those discussed in this Report under the section entitled "Other Risk Factors" and elsewhere, and in other reports Trimble files with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), specifically the most recent reports on Form 8-K and Form 10-Q, each as it may be amended from time to time. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We reserve the right to update these statements for any reason, including the occurrence of material events. The risks and uncertainties under the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Risks and Uncertainties" contained herein, among other things, should be considered in evaluating our prospects and future financial performance. We have attempted to identify forward-looking statements in this report by placing an asterisk (\*) before paragraphs containing such material.

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**TRADEMARKS**

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**PART I**

**Item 1**

**Business**

Trimble Navigation Limited, a California corporation (“Trimble” or “the Company” or “we” or “our” or “us”), provides advanced positioning product solutions, typically to commercial and government users. The principle applications served include surveying, agriculture, machine guidance, construction alignment, asset and fleet management, and telecommunications infrastructure. Our products provide benefits that can include lower operational costs, and higher productivity. Examples of products include systems that guide agricultural and construction equipment, surveying instruments, systems that track fleets of vehicles, and data collection systems that enable the management of large amounts of geo-referenced information. In addition, we also manufacture components for in-vehicle navigation and telematics systems, and timing modules used in the synchronization of wireless networks.

Trimble products often combine knowledge of location or position together with a wireless link to provide a solution for a specific application. Position is provided through a number of technologies including the Global Positioning System (GPS) and systems that use laser or optical technologies to establish position. Wireless communication techniques include both public networks, such as cellular, and private networks, such as business band radio. Our products are augmented by our software; this includes embedded firmware that enables the positioning solution and applications software that allows the customer to make use of the positioning information.

We design and market our own products. Our manufacturing strategy includes a combination of in-house assembly and third party subcontractors. Our global operations include major development, manufacturing or logistics operations in the United States, Sweden, Germany, New Zealand, France, Canada, the Netherlands, and India. Products are sold through dealers, representatives, joint ventures, and other channels throughout the world. These channels are supported by our sales offices located in more than 15 countries.

We began operations in 1978 and incorporated in California in 1981. Our common stock has been publicly traded on NASDAQ since 1990 under the symbol TRMB.

On January 17, 2007, Trimble’s Board of Directors approved a 2-for-1 split of all outstanding shares of the Company’s Common Stock, payable February 22, 2007 to stockholders of record on February 8, 2007. All shares and per share information presented has been adjusted to reflect the stock split on a retroactive basis for all periods presented.

**Technology Overview**

A significant portion of our revenue is derived from applying Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) technology to terrestrial applications. The GNSS includes a network of 24 orbiting US based satellites and associated ground control that is funded and maintained by the U. S. Government and is available worldwide free of charge, a Russian satellite based system, and the future European Galileo system. GNSS positioning is based on a technique that precisely measures distances from four or more satellites. The satellites continuously transmit precisely timed radio signals using extremely accurate atomic clocks. A GNSS receiver measures distances from the satellites in view by determining the travel time of a signal from the satellite to the receiver, and then uses those distances to compute its position. Under normal circumstances, a stand-alone GNSS receiver is able to calculate its position at any point on earth, in the earth’s atmosphere, or in lower earth orbit, to approximately 10 meters, 24 hours a day. Much better accuracies are possible through a technique called “differential GNSS.” In addition to providing position, GNSS provides extremely accurate time measurement.

GNSS accuracy is dependent upon the locations of the receiver and the number of GNSS satellites that are above the horizon at any given time. Reception of GNSS signals requires line-of-sight visibility between the satellites and the

receiver, which can be blocked by buildings, hills, and dense foliage. The receiver must have a line of sight to at least four satellites to determine its latitude, longitude, attitude (angular orientation), and time. The accuracy of GNSS may also be limited by distortion of GNSS signals from ionospheric and other atmospheric conditions.

Our GNSS products are based on proprietary receiver technology. Over time, the advances in positioning, wireless communication, and information technologies have enabled us to add more capability to our products and thereby deliver more value to our users. For example, the developments in wireless technology and deployments of next generation wireless networks have enabled less expensive wireless communications. These developments allow for the efficient transfer of position data to locations away from the positioning field device, allowing the data to be accessed by more users and thereby increasing productivity. This has allowed us to include a wireless link in many of our products and connect remote field operations to a central location.

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Our laser and optical products either measure distances and angles to provide a position in three dimensional space or they provide highly accurate laser references from which position can be established. The key element of these products is typically a laser, which is generally a commercially available laser diode and a complex mechanical assembly. These elements are augmented by software algorithms.

### **Business Strategy**

Our business strategy is developed around an analysis of several key elements:

- *Attractive markets* - We focus on underserved markets that offer potential for revenue growth, profitability, and market leadership.
- *Innovative solutions that provide significant benefits to our customers* - We seek to apply our technology to applications in which position data is important and where we can create unique value by enabling enhanced productivity in the field or field to back office. We look for opportunities in which the rate of technological change is high and which have a requirement for the integration of multiple technologies into a solution.
- *Distribution channels to best access our markets* - We select distribution channels that best serve the needs of individual markets. These channels can include independent dealers, direct sales, joint ventures, OEM sales, and distribution alliances with key partners. We view international expansion as an important element of our strategy and seek to develop international channels.

### **Business Segments and Markets**

We are organized into four reporting segments encompassing our various applications and product lines: Engineering and Construction, Field Solutions, Mobile Solutions and Advanced Devices. Our segments are distinguished by the markets they serve. Each segment consists of businesses which are responsible for product development, marketing, sales, strategy, and financial performance.

In the first quarter of 2006, Trimble combined the operating results of the former Components Technologies and Portfolio Technologies segments and included the combined operating results in the Advanced Devices segment. The change in presentation was made in recognition of the small size of each of the businesses relative to the total company. The presentation of prior period's segment operating results has been conformed to the Company's current segment presentation.

### **Engineering and Construction**

Products in the Engineering and Construction segment improve productivity and accuracy throughout the entire construction process including the initial survey, planning, design, site preparation, and building phases. Our products are intended to both improve the productivity of each phase, as well as facilitate the entire process by improving information flow from one step to the next.

The product solutions typically include multiple technologies. The elements of these solutions may incorporate GPS, optical, laser, radio or cellular communications.

An example of the customer benefits provided by our product is our GPS and robotic optical surveying instruments which enable the surveyor to perform operations in the field faster, more reliably than conventional surveying instruments and with a smaller crew. Similarly, our construction machine guidance products allow the operator to achieve the desired landform while eliminating stakeout and reducing rework. These steps in the construction process



can be readily linked together with data collection modules to minimize the time and effort required to maintain data accuracy throughout the entire construction process.

We sell and distribute our products in this segment through a global network of independent dealers that are supported by Trimble personnel. This channel is supplemented by relationships that create additional channel breadth including our joint ventures with Caterpillar, Nikon, and private branding arrangements with other companies.

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We also design and market handheld data collectors and data collection software for field use by surveyors, contractors, and other professionals. These products are sold directly, through dealers, and other survey manufacturers.

Competitors in this segment are typically companies that provide optical, laser, or GPS positioning products. Our principal competitors are Topcon Corporation and Leica Geosystems. Price points in this segment range from less than \$1,000 for certain laser systems to approximately \$125,000 for a high-precision, three-dimensional, machine control system.

Representative products sold in this segment include:

**Trimble® S6 Total Station** - The Trimble S6 Total Station is a technologically advanced optical surveying system. Its advanced servo motors make the Trimble S6 fast, silent, and precise, allowing surveyors to measure points and collect data in the field efficiently and productively. The Trimble S6 offers unique new Trimble technologies that enable cable-free operation, longer battery life, and accuracy assurance, among many other features. Its detachable Trimble CU controller is utilized to effectively collect, display, and manage field data.

**Trimble® VX™ Spatial Station** - Trimble VX Spatial Station is an advanced positioning system that combines optical, 3D scanning and video capabilities—Trimble VISION™ technology—to measure objects in 3D to produce 2D and 3D data sets for spatial imaging projects. The Trimble VX Spatial Station enables users to blend extremely accurate ground-based information with airborne data to provide comprehensive datasets for use in the geospatial information industry.

**GCS family of Grade Control Systems** - Grade control systems meet construction contractors' needs with productivity-enhancing solutions for earthmoving, site prep and roadwork. The Trimble GCS family provides upgrade options that deliver earthmoving contractors the flexibility to select a system that meets their daily needs today, and later add on to meet their changing needs. For example, a single control system such as the GCS300 can provide for low-cost point of entry into grade control, and over time can be upgraded to the GCS400 dual sensor system, or to the full 3D GCS900 Grade Control System.

**Spectra Precision® Laser portable tools** - Our Spectra Precision Laser portfolio includes a broad range of laser based tools for the interior, drywall and ceilings, HVAC, and mechanical contractor. Designed to replace traditional methods of measurement and leveling for a wide range of interior construction applications, our laser tools are easy to learn and use. Our Spectra Precision Laser product portfolio includes rotating lasers for horizontal leveling and vertical alignment, as well as laser pointers and a laser based distance measuring devices. They are available through independent and national construction supply houses both in the US and in Europe.

**Proliance®** - Proliance® allows infrastructure-intensive organizations to optimize the Plan-Build-Operate project lifecycle for complex capital projects, construction and real estate programs, and extensive facility portfolios. Proliance was designed for large building owner/operators, real estate developers and engineering-driven organizations managing \$250M or more annually in new project construction or facility renovations.

## **Field Solutions**

Our Field Solutions segment addresses the agriculture and geographic information system (GIS) markets.

Our agriculture products consist of manual and automated navigation guidance for tractors and other farm equipment used in spraying, planting, cultivation, and harvesting applications. The benefits to the farmer include faster machine operation, higher yields, and lower consumption of chemicals than conventional equipment. We also provide

positioning solutions for leveling agricultural fields in irrigation applications and aligning drainage systems to better manage water flow in fields.

In 2006, Field Solutions entered the agricultural flow controls market with the introduction of the AgGPS® EZ-Boom™ 2010 automated application control system. The new system is designed to help growers cut input costs and reduce operator fatigue by providing precise automatic control of field spraying applications. The AgGPS EZ-Boom 2010 system provides both application flow control and automatic boom section control that integrates with the Trimble AgGPS EZ-Guide® Plus and/or Field Manager™ display. The combination of the AgGPS EZ-Boom 2010 system and EZ-Guide Plus Field Manager display allows the user to consolidate guidance, flow control, and precision agriculture functions into one integrated package controlling up to 10 boom sections automatically with GPS guidance.

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We use multiple distribution channels to access the agricultural market, including independent dealers and partners such as CNH Global. Competitors in this market are either vertically integrated implement companies such as John Deere, or agricultural instrumentation suppliers such as Raven, CSI Wireless and Autofarm.

Our Mapping and GIS product line is centered on handheld data collectors that gather information in the field to be incorporated into GIS databases. Typically this information includes features, attributes, and positions of fixed infrastructure and natural resource assets. An example would be that of a utility company performing a survey of its transmission poles including the age and condition of each telephone pole. Our handheld unit enables this data to be collected and automatically stored while confirming the location of the asset. The data can then be downloaded into a GIS database. This stored data could later be used to navigate back to any individual asset or item for maintenance or data update. Our mobile GIS initiative goes one step further by allowing this information to be communicated from the field worker to the back-office GIS database through the combination of wireless technologies, as well as giving the field worker the ability to download information from the database. This capability provides significant advantages to users including improved productivity, accuracy and access to the information in the field.

Distribution for GIS products is primarily through a network of independent dealers and business partners, supported by Trimble personnel. Primary markets for our GIS products and solutions include both governmental and commercial users. Government users are most often municipal governments and natural resource agencies. Commercial users include utility companies. Competitors in this market are typically survey instrument companies utilizing GPS technology. Two examples are Topcon and Thales.

Approximate product price points in this segment range from \$3,000 for a GIS handheld unit to \$35,000 for a fully automated, farm equipment control system.

Representative products sold within this segment include:

**AgGPS® EZ-Boom™ 2010** - The AgGPS EZ-Boom 2010 automated application control system is designed to help growers cut input costs and reduce operator fatigue by providing precise automatic control of field spraying applications. It works with the Trimble AgGPS EZ-Guide Plus lightbar guidance system, AgGPS EZ-Steer® assisted steering system or the AgGPS Autopilot™ automated steering system.

**AgGPS® Autopilot™ System** - A GPS-enabled, agricultural navigation system that connects to a tractor's steering system and automatically steers the tractor along a precise path to within three centimeters or less. This enables both higher machine productivity and more precise application of seed and chemicals, thereby reducing costs to the farmer.

**AgGPS® EZ-Steer® System** - A value added assisted steering system, that when combined with the EZ-Guide Plus system, automatically steers agricultural vehicles along a path within 20 centimeters or less. This system installs in less than thirty minutes and is designed to reduce gaps and overlaps in spraying, fertilizing, and other field applications as well as reduce operator fatigue.

**GeoExplorer® 2005 Series** - Combines a GPS receiver in a rugged handheld unit running industry standard Microsoft Windows Mobile version 5.0, making it easy to collect and maintain data about objects in the field. The GeoExplorer series features three models ranging in accuracy from subfoot to 1-3 meters —allowing the user to select the system most appropriate for their data collection and maintenance needs.

**Spacient® Fieldport® Software** - Focuses on automating field service processes, operational efficiency and profitability for water and wastewater utility customers. Sales and distribution of Fieldport software solutions are direct to the customer. A Fieldport software installation involves a degree of integration and professional services.

**Mobile Solutions**

Our Mobile Solutions segment addresses solutions for vehicles and mobile workers by providing both hardware and software for managing mobile work, mobile workers and mobile assets. The software is provided in both a client server model or web based. Our software is provided through our hosted platform for a monthly subscription service fee; or as a perpetual license with annual maintenance and support fees.

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Our vehicle solutions include an onboard computer consisting of a GPS receiver, business logic, sensor interface, and a cellular modem. Our solution includes the communication service to and from the vehicle to our data center and access over the Internet to the application software.

Our mobile worker solutions include a rugged PC and software. The solutions will also include communication gateway for back office integration.

One element of our market strategy targets opportunities in specific vertical markets where we believe we can provide a unique value to the end-user by tailoring our solutions for a particular industry. Sample markets include Ready Mix Concrete, Direct Store Delivery and Public Safety. Our ready mix concrete solution combines a suite of sensors with our in-vehicle wireless platform providing fleets with updated vehicle status that requires no driver interaction - referred to as "auto-status."

We also sell our vehicle solutions using a horizontal market strategy that focuses on providing turnkey solutions to a broad range of service fleets that span a large number of market segments. Here, we leverage our capabilities without the same level of customization. These solutions are sold to the general service fleets as well as transportation and distribution fleets both on a direct basis and through dealer channels.

Our enterprise strategy focuses on sales to large, enterprise accounts with more than 1,000 vehicles or routes. Here, in addition to a Trimble-hosted solution, we can also integrate our service directly into the customer's IT infrastructure, giving them improved control of their information. In this market we sell directly to end-users. Sales cycles tend to be long due to field trials followed by an extensive decision-making process.

Approximate prices for hardware fall in the range of \$400 to \$4,000, while the monthly subscription service fees range from approximately \$25 to approximately \$55, depending on the customer service level.

We have also entered into new markets by acquisitions of Advanced Public Safety, Inc. (APS) and Visual Statement Inc. (VS). APS provides mobile and handheld software products used by law enforcement, fire rescue and other public safety agencies. VS provides desktop software and enterprise solutions for collision and crime incident analysis, reporting and workflow management.

Representative products sold in this segment include:

**Trimble Fleet Productivity** - Our fleet productivity solution offerings are comprised of the TrimView and TrimWeb mobile platforms. The TrimWeb system provides different levels of service that run from snapshots of fleet activity to real-time fleet dispatch capability via access to the web based platform through a secure internet connection. The TrimWeb system includes truck communication service and computer backbone support of the service. TrimView is sold to fleets where system integration into back office applications are required for more robust information flow.

**Trimble Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG)**- This software solution operates in the Microsoft CE/Pocket or WinMobile PC environment and addresses the pre-sales, delivery, routes sales and full service vending functions performed by mobile workers. Customers within the CPG market purchase a combination of both license software and handheld PCs. The software handles all communications from/to the mobile computer as well as from/to the host and any other ERP or decision support systems.

**Trimble Public Safety** - We provide a suite of solutions for the public safety sector including our Pocket Citation System which is an electronic ticketing system enables law enforcement officers to issue traffic citations utilizing a mobile handheld device. This system scans the traffic offender's driver's license and automatically populates the appropriate information into the citation. We also provide a variation of this solution which enables law enforcement

officers to complete electronic traffic citations in under 30 seconds. Within this sector we also provide desktop software which enables accident investigators and other public safety professionals to reconstruct and simulate vehicle accidents.

### **Advanced Devices**

In the first quarter of 2006, we began reporting a new segment called Advanced Devices that combines our previously reported Component Technologies and Portfolio segments. This was done in recognition of the small size of each of the businesses comprising the new segment, relative to the total company. Advanced Devices includes the product lines from our Component Technologies, Applanix, Trimble Outdoors, and Military and Advanced Systems (MAS) businesses. It is helpful to recognize that with the exception of Trimble Outdoors and Applanix these businesses share several characteristics: they are hardware centric, generally rely on OEM distribution, and have products that can be utilized in a number of different end-user markets.

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Within Component Technologies, we provide GPS-based components for applications that require embedded position or time to markets such as the telecommunications and automotive industries where we supply modules, boards, custom integrated circuits, or single application IP licenses to the customer according to the needs of the application. Sales are made directly to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and system integrators who incorporate our component into a sub-system or a complete system-level product. Component Technologies has developed GPS technologies which it is making available for license. These technologies can run on certain digital signal processors (DSP) or microprocessors removing the need for dedicated GPS baseband signal processor chips. Advanced Devices has an agreement with u-Nav Microelectronics to license Trimble GPS technology for u-Nav GPS chipsets. We also have a cooperative licensing deal with Nokia for Trimble's Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) patents related to designated wireless products and services involving location technologies, such as GPS, assisted GPS or Galileo. The licensing agreement is exclusive to Nokia for the wireless consumer product and service domain and includes sublicensing rights. In return, Trimble receives a non-exclusive license to Nokia's location-based patents for use in Trimble's commercial products and services.

Our Applanix business develops, manufactures, sells and supports high-value, precision products that combine GPS with inertial sensors for accurate measurement of the position and attitude. Sales are made directly by our sales force to the end users or to systems integrators. Competitors include IGI in the airborne survey market, and iXsea and TSS in the marine survey market.

Our MAS business supplies GPS receivers and embedded modules that use the military's GPS advanced capabilities. The modules are principally used in aircraft navigation and timing applications. Military products are sold directly to either the US Government or defense contractors. Sales are also made to authorized foreign end users. Competitors in this market include Rockwell Collins, L3, and Raytheon.

The Trimble Outdoors service utilizes GPS-enabled cell phones to provide information for outdoor recreational activities. Some of the recreational activities include hiking, biking, backpacking, boating, and water sports. Consumers purchase the Trimble Outdoors product through our wireless operator partners which include Sprint-Nextel, SouthernLINC Wireless and Boost Mobile. In 2005, Trimble entered into an agreement with Rodale Inc., owner of Backpacker Magazine, to bring high quality trip content to consumer GPS cell phones.

Representative products sold by this segment include:

**Copernicus™ GPS Receiver**-Copernicus is Trimble's first product built upon the uNav Microelectronics GPS chipset. It is a full-function GPS receiver in a surface mount package the size of a postage stamp.

**TrimTrac® Locator** - Our TrimTrac product is a complete end user device that combines GPS functionality with global system for mobile communications (GSM) wireless communications. In 2006, we added to the TrimTrac locator full quad-band GSM and general packet radio service (GPRS) support along with several important application level features. The device is suitable for high volume personal vehicle and commercial asset management applications that demand a low-cost locator.

**Applanix POS/AV™** - An integrated GPS/inertial system for airborne surveying that measures aircraft position to an accuracy of a few centimeters and aircraft attitude (angular orientation) to an accuracy of 30 arc seconds or better. This system is typically interfaced to large format cameras and scanning lasers for producing geo-referenced topographic maps of the terrain.

**Applanix DSS™ 322 Digital Sensor System** - A medium-format, digital aerial camera system with direct georeferencing capability designed for streamlined airborne digital image acquisition. Used for corridor surveys, photogrammetric mapping, GIS analysis and feature identification, and other airborne remote sensing applications



requiring high-quality digital imagery.

**Force™ 5 GS (GRAM-SAASM) Module** - A dual frequency, embedded GPS module that is used in a variety of military airborne applications.

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**Trimble® Outdoors™** - Trip planning and navigation software that works with GPS-enabled cell phones and conventional GPS receivers. This software enables consumers to research specific trips online as part of trip pre-planning. In addition, users are able to share outdoor and off-road experiences online with their friends and family.

**Acquisitions and Joint Ventures**

Our growth strategy is centered on developing and marketing innovative and complete value-added solutions to our existing customers, while also marketing them to new customers and geographic regions. In some cases, this has led to partnering with or acquiring companies that bring technologies, products or distribution capabilities that will allow us to establish a market beach head, penetrate a market more effectively, or develop solutions more quickly than if we had done so solely through internal development. Since 1999, this has led us to form two joint ventures and acquire twenty one companies. Most of these acquisitions have been small both in dollar terms and in number of people added to the Trimble employee base. No assurance can be given that our previous or future acquisitions will be successful or will not materially adversely affect our financial condition or operating results.

**@Road, Inc.**

On February 16, 2007, we acquired @Road, Inc. of Fremont, California. @Road, Inc. is a global provider of solutions designed to automate the management of mobile resources and to optimize the service delivery process for customers across a variety of industries. @Road will be reported within our Mobile Solutions business segment. This acquisition was the largest in acquisition value in the company's history. It significantly increases our presence in the mobile resource management, or MRM, market which Trimble believes is a large and fast growing market.

\* With the addition of @Road, Trimble's TMS segment will be better able to service larger customers, with a broader and more robust solution set.

**INPHO GmbH**

On February 13, 2007, we acquired INPHO GmbH of Stuttgart, Germany. INPHO is a leader in photogrammetry and digital surface modeling for aerial surveying, mapping and remote sensing applications. INPHO will be reported within Trimble's Engineering and Construction segment.

**Spacient Technologies, Inc.**

On November 21, 2006, we acquired privately-held Spacient Technologies, Inc. of Long Beach, California. Spacient is a leading provider of enterprise field service management and mobile mapping solutions for municipalities and utilities. Spacient's performance is reported under our Field Solutions business segment.

**Meridian Project Systems, Inc.**

On November 7, 2006, we acquired privately-held Meridian Project Systems, Inc. of Folsom, California. Meridian provides enterprise project management and lifecycle software for optimizing the plan, build and operate lifecycle for real estate, construction and other physical infrastructure projects. Meridian's performance is reported under our Engineering and Construction business segment.

**XYZ Solutions, Inc.**

On October 27, 2006, we acquired privately-held XYZ Solutions, Inc., of Alpharetta, Georgia. XYZ Solutions provides real-time, interactive 3D intelligence software to manage the spatial aspects of a construction project. XYZ Solutions' performance is reported under our Engineering and Construction business segment.

Visual Statement, Inc.

On October 11, 2006, we acquired privately-held Visual Statement, Inc. of Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. Visual Statement provides desktop software tools for crime and collision incident investigation, analysis, and reconstitution as well as state-wide enterprise solutions for reporting and analysis used by public safety agencies. Visual Statement's performance is reported under our Mobile Solutions business segment.

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#### BitWyse Solutions, Inc.

On May 1, 2006, we acquired the assets of privately-held BitWyse Solutions, Inc. of Salem, Massachusetts. BitWyse is a provider of engineering and construction information management software. BitWyse's performance is reported under our Engineering and Construction business segment.

#### Eleven Technology, Inc.

On April 28, 2006, we acquired privately-held Eleven Technology, Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Eleven is a mobile application software company with a leading position in the Consumer Packaged Goods industry. Eleven's performance is reported under our Mobile Solutions business segment.

#### Quantm International, Inc.

On April 5, 2006, we acquired privately-held Quantm International, Inc., a provider of transportation route optimization solutions used for planning highways, railways, pipelines and canals. Quantm's performance is reported under our Engineering and Construction business segment.

#### XYZs of GPS, Inc.

On February 26, 2006, we acquired the assets of XYZs of GPS, Inc. of Dickerson, Maryland. XYZ develops real-time Global Navigation Satellite System or, GNSS, reference station, integrity monitoring and dynamic positioning software for meter, decimeter and centimeter applications. XYZs' performance is reported under our Engineering and Construction business segment.

### **Patents, Licenses and Intellectual Property**

We hold approximately 625 US patents and approximately 85 non-US patents, the majority of which cover GPS technology and other applications such as optical and laser technology.

We prefer to own the intellectual property used in our products, either directly or through subsidiaries. From time to time we license technology from third parties.

There are approximately 190 trademarks registered to Trimble and its subsidiaries including "Trimble," the globe and triangle logo, "AgGPS," "GeoExplorer," and "Recon," among others that are registered in the United States and other countries. Additional trademarks are pending registration.

### **Sales and Marketing**

We tailor the distribution channel to the needs of our products and regional markets through a number of sales channel solutions around the world. We sell our products worldwide primarily through dealers, distributors, and authorized representatives, occasionally granting exclusive rights to market certain products within specific countries. This channel is supported and supplemented (where third party distribution is not available) by our regional sales offices throughout the world. We also utilize distribution alliances, OEM relationships and joint ventures with other companies as a means to serve selected markets.

During fiscal 2006, sales to customers in the United States represented 54%, Europe represented 25%, Asia Pacific represented 12% and other regions represented 9% of our total revenues. During fiscal 2005, sales to customers in the United States represented 54%, Europe represented 25%, Asia Pacific represented 11% and other regions represented 10% of our total revenues.

### **Warranty**

The warranty periods for our products are generally between 90 days and three years. Selected military programs may require extended warranty periods up to 5.5 years and certain Nikon products have a five-year warranty period. We support our GPS products through a circuit board replacement program from locations in the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and the United States. The repair and calibration of our non-GPS products are available from company-owned or authorized facilities. We reimburse dealers and distributors for all authorized warranty repairs they perform.

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While we engage in extensive product quality programs and processes, including actively monitoring and evaluating the quality of component suppliers, our warranty obligation is affected by product failure rates, material usage, and service delivery costs incurred in correcting a product failure. Should actual product failure rates, material usage, or service delivery costs differ from the estimates, revisions to the estimated warranty accrual and related costs may be required.

### **Seasonality of Business**

\* Our individual segment revenues may be affected by seasonal buying patterns. Typically the second fiscal quarter has been the strongest quarter for the Company driven by the construction buying season.

### **Backlog**

In most of our markets, the time between order placement and shipment is short. Orders are generally placed by customers on an as-needed basis. In general, customers may cancel or reschedule orders without penalty. For these reasons, we do not believe that orders are an accurate measure of backlog and, therefore, we believe that backlog is not a meaningful indicator of future revenues or material to an understanding of our business.

### **Manufacturing**

Manufacturing of substantially all our GPS subsystems is subcontracted to Solectron Corporation. During fiscal 2006 we continued to utilize Solectron's Suzhou facilities in China for all of our Component Technologies products. During 2006 and 2004 we expanded our use of Solectron in Mexico for our Construction and Field Solutions products and handhelds, respectively. We continue to utilize Solectron California for our high-end GPS products and new product introduction services. Solectron is responsible for substantially all material procurement, assembly, and testing. We continue to manage product design through pilot production for the subcontracted products, and we are directly involved in qualifying suppliers and key components used in all our products. Our current contract with Solectron continues in effect until either party gives the other ninety days written notice.

We manufacture laser and optics-based products at our plants in Dayton, Ohio; Danderyd, Sweden; Jena and Kaiserslautern, Germany; and Toronto, Canada. Some of these products or portions of these products are also subcontracted to third parties for assembly.

Our design and manufacturing sites in Dayton, Ohio; Sunnyvale, California; Danderyd, Sweden; Jena and Kaiserslautern, Germany are registered to ISO9001:2000, covering the design, production, distribution, and servicing of all our products.

### **Research and Development**

We believe that our competitive position is maintained through the development and introduction of new products that incorporate improved features, better performance, smaller size and weight, lower cost, or some combination of these factors. We invest substantially in the development of new products. We also make significant investment in the positioning, communication, and information technologies that underlie our products and will likely provide competitive advantages.

Our research and development expenditures, net of reimbursed amounts were \$103.8 million for fiscal 2006, \$84.3 million for fiscal 2005, and \$77.6 million for fiscal 2004.

\* We expect to continue investing in research and development with the goal of maintaining or improving our competitive position, as well as the goal of entering new markets.

### **Employees**

As of December 29, 2006, we employed 2,842 employees, including 25% in sales and marketing, 36% in manufacturing, 28% in engineering, and 11% in general and administrative positions. Approximately 41% of employees are in locations outside the United States.

Our employees are not represented by unions except for those in Sweden and some in Germany. We also employ temporary and contract personnel that are not included in the above headcount numbers. We have not experienced work stoppages or similar labor actions.

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The Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports are available free of charge on the Company's web site through [www.trimble.com/investors.html](http://www.trimble.com/investors.html), as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Information contained on our web site is not part of this annual report on Form 10-K.

In addition, you may request a copy of these filings (excluding exhibits) at no cost by writing or telephoning us at our principal executive offices at the following address or telephone number:

Trimble Navigation Limited  
935 Stewart Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94085  
Attention: Investor Relations Telephone: 408-481-8000

**Executive Officers**

The names, ages, and positions of the Company's executive officers as of February 22, 2007 are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Steven W. Berglund	55	President and Chief Executive Officer
Rajat Bahri	42	Chief Financial Officer
Rick Beyer	49	Vice President, Mobile Solutions
Joseph F. Denniston, Jr.	46	Vice President, Operations
Bryn A. Fosburgh	44	Vice President, Engineering and Construction
Mark A. Harrington	51	Vice President, Strategy and Business Development
Debi Hirshlag	41	Vice President, Human Resources
John E. Huey	57	Treasurer
Irwin L. Kwatek	67	Vice President and General Counsel
Michael W. Lesyna	46	Vice President, Business Transformation
Bruce E. Peetz	55	Vice President, Advanced Technology and Systems
Julie Shepard	49	Vice President, Finance
Alan R. Townsend	58	Vice President, Field Solutions
Dennis L. Workman	62	Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, Advanced Devices

**Steven W. Berglund** - Steven Berglund has served as president and chief executive officer of Trimble since March 1999. Prior to joining Trimble, Mr. Berglund was president of Spectra Precision, a group within Spectra Physics AB, and a pioneer in the development of laser systems. He spent 14 years at Spectra Physics in a variety of senior leadership positions. In the early 1980s, Mr. Berglund spent a number of years at Varian Associates in Palo Alto, where he held a variety of planning and manufacturing roles. Mr. Berglund began his career as a process engineer at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, New York. He attended the University of Oslo and the University of Minnesota where he received a B.S. in chemical engineering. He later received his M.B.A. from the University of Rochester.

**Rajat Bahri** - Rajat Bahri joined Trimble as Chief Financial Officer in January 2005. Prior to joining Trimble, Mr. Bahri served for more than 15 years in various capacities within the financial organization of several subsidiaries of Kraft Foods, Inc. and General Foods Corporation. Most recently, he served as the chief financial officer for Kraft Canada, Inc. From June 2000 to June 2001 he served as chief financial officer of Kraft Pizza Company. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Bahri was Operations Controller for Kraft Jacobs Suchard Europe. Mr. Bahri holds a Bachelor of



Commerce from the University of Delhi in 1985 and an M.B.A. from Duke University in 1987. In 2005, he was elected on the board of Simple Technologies, Inc., a publicly traded company.

**Rick Beyer** - Rick Beyer joined Trimble in March 2004 as president of Trimble Mobile Solutions (TMS) and in May 2006, Mr. Beyer was appointed a Vice President of Trimble. Prior to joining Trimble, Mr. Beyer held senior executive positions within the wireless mobile solutions industry since 1987. Part of the original senior executive team that launched Qualcomm's OmniTRAC's mobile satellite communication solution, Mr. Beyer also held the positions of general manager at Rockwell Collins, on-board computing division, from 1994 to 1995; executive vice president of Norcom Networks from 1995 to 1999; president of Husky Technologies, now part of Itronix, from 1999 to 2000; and CEO of TracerNet, now Trimble Mobile Solutions, from 2002 to 2004. Mr. Beyer holds a B.A. from Olivet College and was Chairman of the Board at the college from 2000 to 2003. He was elected Trustee Emeritus in 2007. Rick also served as a member of the Council of Board Chairs for the Association of Governing Boards for Colleges and Universities from 2002 to 2005.

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**Joseph F. Denniston, Jr.** - Joseph Denniston joined Trimble as vice president of operations in April 2001, responsible for worldwide manufacturing, distribution and logistics. Prior to Trimble, Mr. Denniston worked for 3Com Corporation. During his 14-year tenure, he served as vice president of supply chain management for the Americas and held several positions in test engineering, manufacturing engineering and operations. Previously at Sentry Schlumberger for seven years, he held several positions including production engineering, production management and test engineering over six years. Mr. Denniston received a B.S. in electrical engineering technology from the Missouri Institute of Technology in 1981 and an M.S. in computer science engineering from Santa Clara University in 1990.

**Bryn A. Fosburgh** - Bryn Fosburgh joined Trimble in 1994 as a technical service manager for surveying, mining, and construction. In 1997, Mr. Fosburgh was appointed director of development for the Company's land survey business unit where he oversaw the development of field and office software that enabled the interoperability of Trimble survey products. From October 1999 to July 2002, he served as division vice president of survey and infrastructure. From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Fosburgh served as vice president and general manager of Trimble's Geomatics and Engineering (G&E) business area, with responsibility for all the division-level activities associated with survey, construction, and infrastructure solutions. In January 2005, he was appointed vice president and general manager of the Engineering and Construction Division. Prior to Trimble, he was a civil engineer with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation responsible for coordinating the planning, data acquisition, and data analysis for statewide GPS surveying projects in support of transportation improvement projects. He has also held various engineering, research and operational positions for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Defense Mapping Agency. Mr. Fosburgh received a B.S. in geology from the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay in 1985 and an M.S. in civil engineering from Purdue University in 1989.

**Mark A. Harrington** - Mark Harrington joined Trimble in January 2004 as vice president of strategy and business development. Prior to joining Trimble, Mr. Harrington served as vice president of finance at Finisar Corporation and chief financial officer for Cielo Communications, Inc., a photonics components manufacturer, from February 1998 to September 2002, and Vixel Corporation, a photonics manufacturer, from April 2003 to December 2003. His experience also includes 11 years at Spectra-Physics where he served in a variety of roles including vice president of finance for Spectra-Physics Lasers, Inc. and vice president of finance for Spectra-Physics Analytical, Inc. Mr. Harrington began his career at Varian Associates, Inc. where he held a variety of management and individual positions in finance, operations and IT. Mr. Harrington received his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Debi Hirshlag** - Debi Hirshlag joined Trimble in July 2005 as vice president of human resources. Prior to joining Trimble, Ms. Hirshlag served as vice president of human resources at Ariba Inc., a purchasing technology company from January 2003 to July 2004, and vice president of corporate services at Latitude Communications, a conferencing software provider from January 2001 to December 2002. In addition, she has held human resources positions at Seagate Technology, Inc., Pepsi-Cola and Amoco Corporation. Ms. Hirshlag received her B.S. in industrial management from Carnegie Mellon University and an M.A. in labor and industrial relations from the University of Illinois.

**John E. Huey** - John Huey joined Trimble in 1993 as director corporate credit and collections, and was promoted to assistant treasurer in 1995 and treasurer in 1996. Past experience includes two years with ENTEX Information Services, five years with National Refractories and Minerals Corporation (formerly Kaiser Refractories), and thirteen years with Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Sales, Inc. He has held positions in credit management, market research, inventory control, sales, and as an assistant controller. Mr. Huey received his B.A. degree in Business Administration in 1971 from Thiel College in Greenville, Pennsylvania and an MBA in 1972 from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.

***Irwin L. Kwatek*** - Irwin Kwatek has served as vice president and general counsel of Trimble since November 2000. Prior to joining Trimble, Mr. Kwatek was vice president and general counsel of Tickets.com, a ticketing service provider, from May 1999 to November 2000. Prior to Tickets.com, he was engaged in the private practice of law for more than six years. During his career, he has served as vice president and general counsel to several publicly held high-tech companies including Emulex Corporation, Western Digital Corporation and General Automation, Inc. Mr. Kwatek received his B.B.A. from Adelphi College in Garden City, New York and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He received his J.D. from Fordham University in New York City in 1968.

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**Michael W. Lesyna** - Michael Lesyna joined Trimble in September 1999 as vice president of strategic marketing. In September 2000, he was appointed vice president and general manager of the Mobile Solutions Division. In July 2004, Lesyna was appointed vice president of Business Transformation. In this cross-divisional role he focuses on driving operational improvements based on the marketing, sales and distribution channel strategies of Trimble's business segments. The scope of his work includes tailored business prioritization as well as lean manufacturing and lean overhead principles. Prior to Trimble, Mr. Lesyna spent six years at Booz Allen & Hamilton where he most recently served as a principal in the operations management group. Prior to Booz Allen & Hamilton, Mr. Lesyna held a variety of engineering positions at Allied Signal Aerospace. Mr. Lesyna received his M.B.A., as well as an M.S. and B.S. in mechanical engineering from Stanford University.

**Bruce E. Peetz** - Bruce Peetz has served as vice president of Advanced Technology and Systems since 1998 and has been with Trimble for 18 years. From 1996 to 1998, Mr. Peetz served as general manager of the Survey Business. Prior to joining Trimble, Mr. Peetz was a research and development manager at Hewlett-Packard for 10 years. Mr. Peetz received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1973.

**Julie Shepard** - Julie Shepard joined Trimble in December of 2006 as vice president of finance. Ms. Shepard brings with her over 20 years of experience in a broad range of finance roles. She is responsible for Trimble's worldwide finance operations including financial planning, accounting, external reporting, and compliance. Most recently, Ms. Shepard served as vice president of finance and corporate controller at Quantum Corporation, from 2004 to 2006, and vice president of finance at Nishan Systems, from 2000 to 2003. Ms. Shepard began her career at Price Waterhouse and is a Certified Public Accountant. She received a B.S from California State University where she majored in Accounting.

**Alan R. Townsend** - Alan Townsend has served as vice president and general manager of the Field Solutions business area since November 2001. From 1995 to 2001, Mr. Townsend was general manager of Mapping and GIS. Mr. Townsend joined Trimble in 1991 as the manager of Trimble Navigation New Zealand Ltd. Prior to Trimble, Mr. Townsend held a variety of technical and senior management roles within the Datacom Group of companies in New Zealand including managing director of Datacom Software Research Ltd. from 1986 to 1991. In addition, Mr. Townsend is a director of IT Capital Ltd., a venture capital company based in Auckland, New Zealand. He is also a fellow of the New Zealand Institute of Management and a past president of the New Zealand Software Exporters Association. Mr. Townsend received a B.S.c in economics from the University of Canterbury in 1970.

**Dennis L. Workman** - Dennis Workman has served as vice president and general manager of Trimble's Component Technologies segment since September 1999. From 1998 to 1999, Mr. Workman was senior director and chief technical officer of the newly formed Mobile and Timing Technologies (MTT) business group, also serving as general manager of Trimble's Automotive and Timing group. In 1997, he was director of engineering for Software & Component Technologies. Mr. Workman joined Trimble in 1995 as director of the newly created Timing vertical market. Prior to Trimble, Mr. Workman held various senior-level technical positions at Datum Inc. During his nine year tenure at Datum, he held the position of CTO. Mr. Workman received a B.S. in mathematics and physics from St. Mary's College in 1967 and an M.S. in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1969.

**Item 1A.**

**Risk Factors.**

**RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

You should carefully consider the following risk factors, in addition to the other information contained in this Form 10-K and in any other documents to which we refer you in this Form 10-K, before purchasing our securities. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face.

*Our Inability to Accurately Predict Orders and Shipments May Affect Our Revenue, Expenses and Earnings per Share.*

We have not been able in the past to consistently predict when our customers will place orders and request shipments so that we cannot always accurately plan our manufacturing requirements. As a result, if orders and shipments differ from what we predict, we may incur additional expenses and build excess inventory, which may require additional reserves and allowances. Any significant change in our customers' purchasing patterns could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and reported earnings per share for a particular quarter.

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*Our Operating Results in Each Quarter May Be Affected by Special Conditions, Such As Seasonality, Late Quarter Purchases, Weather, and Other Potential Issues.*

Due in part to the buying patterns of our customers, a significant portion of our quarterly revenues occurs from orders received and immediately shipped to customers in the last few weeks and days of each quarter, although our operating expenses tend to remain fairly predictable. Engineering and construction purchases tend to occur in early spring, and governmental agencies tend to utilize funds available at the end of the government's fiscal year for additional purchases at the end of our third fiscal quarter in September of each year. Concentrations of orders sometimes also occur at the end of our other two fiscal quarters. Additionally, a majority of our sales force earns commissions on a quarterly basis which may cause concentrations of orders at the end of any fiscal quarter. If for any reason expected sales are deferred, orders are not received, or shipments are delayed a few days at the end of a quarter, our operating results and reported earnings per share for that quarter could be significantly impacted.

*We Are Dependent on a Specific Manufacturer and Assembler for Many of Our Products and on Specific Suppliers of Critical Parts for Our Products.*

We are substantially dependent upon Solectron Corporation in California, China and Mexico as our preferred manufacturing partner for many of our GPS products previously manufactured out of our Sunnyvale facilities. Under the agreement with Solectron, we provide to Solectron a twelve-month product forecast and place purchase orders with Solectron at least thirty calendar days in advance of the scheduled delivery of products to our customers depending on production lead time. Although purchase orders placed with Solectron are cancelable, the terms of the agreement would require us to purchase from Solectron all inventory not returnable or usable by other Solectron customers. Accordingly, if we inaccurately forecast demand for our products, we may be unable to obtain adequate manufacturing capacity from Solectron to meet customers' delivery requirements or we may accumulate excess inventories, if such inventories are not usable by other Solectron customers. Our current contract with Solectron continues in effect until either party gives the other ninety days written notice.

In addition, we rely on specific suppliers for a number of our critical components. We have experienced shortages of components in the past. Our current reliance on specific or a limited group of suppliers involves several risks, including a potential inability to obtain an adequate supply of required components and reduced control over pricing. Any inability to obtain adequate deliveries or any other circumstance that would require us to seek alternative sources of supply or to manufacture such components internally could significantly delay our ability to ship our products, which could damage relationships with current and prospective customers and could harm our reputation and brand, and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

*Our Annual and Quarterly Performance May Fluctuate.*

Our operating results have fluctuated and can be expected to continue to fluctuate in the future on a quarterly and annual basis as a result of a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Results in any period could be affected by:

- changes in market demand,
- competitive market conditions,
- market acceptance of existing or new products,
- fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates,
- the cost and availability of components,
- our ability to manufacture and ship products,
- the mix of our customer base and sales channels,
- the mix of products sold,

- our ability to expand our sales and marketing organization effectively,
- our ability to attract and retain key technical and managerial employees,
- the timing of shipments of products under contracts and
- general global economic conditions.

In addition, demand for our products in any quarter or year may vary due to the seasonal buying patterns of our customers in the agricultural and engineering and construction industries. Due to the foregoing factors, our operating results in one or more future periods are expected to be subject to significant fluctuations. The price of our common stock could decline substantially in the event such fluctuations result in our financial performance being below the expectations of public market analysts and investors, which are based primarily on historical models that are not necessarily accurate representations of the future.

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*Our Gross Margin Is Subject to Fluctuation.*

Our gross margin is affected by a number of factors, including product mix, product pricing, cost of components, foreign currency exchange rates and manufacturing costs. For example, sales of Nikon-branded products generally have lower gross margins as compared to our GPS survey products. Absent other factors, a shift in sales towards Nikon-branded products would lead to a reduction in our overall gross margins. A decline in gross margin could potentially negatively impact our earnings per share.

*Failure to Maintain Effective Internal Controls in Compliance With Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act Could Have an Adverse Effect on our Business and Stock Price.*

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires us to include an internal control report of management in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. For fiscal 2004, 2005, and 2006 we satisfied the requirements of Section 404, which requires annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting and a report by our independent auditors addressing these assessments.

A system of controls, however well designed and operated, cannot provide absolute assurance that the objectives of the system will be met. In addition, the design of a control system is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of the inherent limitations of control systems, there is only reasonable assurance that our controls will succeed in achieving their stated goals under all potential future conditions.

*We Are Dependent on New Products.*

Our future revenue stream depends to a large degree on our ability to bring new products to market on a timely basis. We must continue to make significant investments in research and development in order to continue to develop new products, enhance existing products and achieve market acceptance of such products. We may incur problems in the future in innovating and introducing new products. Our development stage products may not be successfully completed or, if developed, may not achieve significant customer acceptance. If we were unable to successfully define, develop and introduce competitive new products, and enhance existing products, our future results of operations would be adversely affected. Development and manufacturing schedules for technology products are difficult to predict, and we might not achieve timely initial customer shipments of new products. The timely availability of these products in volume and their acceptance by customers are important to our future success. A delay in new product introductions could have a significant impact on our results of operations.

*We Are Dependent on Proprietary Technology.*

Our future success and competitive position is dependent upon our proprietary technology, and we rely on patent, trade secret, trademark and copyright law to protect our intellectual property. The patents owned or licensed by us may be invalidated, circumvented, and challenged. The rights granted under these patents may not provide competitive advantages to us. Any of our pending or future patent applications may not be issued within the scope of the claims sought by us, if at all.

Others may develop technologies that are similar or superior to our technology, duplicate our technology or design around the patents owned by us. In addition, effective copyright, patent and trade secret protection may be unavailable, limited or not applied for in certain countries. The steps taken by us to protect our technology might not prevent the misappropriation of such technology.

The value of our products relies substantially on our technical innovation in fields in which there are many current patent filings. We recognize that as new patents are issued or are brought to our attention by the holders of such



patents, it may be necessary for us to withdraw products from the market, take a license from such patent holders, or redesign our products. We do not believe any of our products currently infringe patents or other proprietary rights of third parties, but we cannot be certain they do not do so. In addition, the legal costs and engineering time required to safeguard intellectual property or to defend against litigation could become a significant expense of operations. Such events could have a material adverse effect on our revenues or profitability.

*Our Products May Contain Errors or Defects, which Could Result in Damage to Our Reputation, Lost Revenues, Diverted Development Resources and Increased Service Costs, Warranty Claims and Litigation.*

Our devices are complex and must meet stringent requirements. We warrant that our products will be free of defect for various periods of time, depending on the product. In addition, certain of our contracts include epidemic failure clauses. If invoked, these clauses may entitle the customer to return or obtain credits for products and inventory, or to cancel outstanding purchase orders even if the products themselves are not defective.

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We must develop our products quickly to keep pace with the rapidly changing market, and we have a history of frequently introducing new products. Products and services as sophisticated as ours could contain undetected errors or defects, especially when first introduced or when new models or versions are released. In general, our products may not be free from errors or defects after commercial shipments have begun, which could result in damage to our reputation, lost revenues, diverted development resources, increased customer service and support costs and warranty claims and litigation which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*We Are Dependent on the Availability of Allocated Bands within the Radio Frequency Spectrum.*

Our GPS technology is dependent on the use of the Standard Positioning Service (“SPS”) provided by the US Government’s GPS. The GPS SPS operates in radio frequency bands that are globally allocated for radio navigation satellite services. International allocations of radio frequency are made by the International Telecommunications Union (“ITU”), a specialized technical agency of the United Nations. These allocations are further governed by radio regulations that have treaty status and which may be subject to modification every two to three years by the World Radio Communication Conference.

Any ITU reallocation of radio frequency bands, including frequency band segmentation or sharing of spectrum, may materially and adversely affect the utility and reliability of our products. Many of our products use other radio frequency bands, together with the GPS signal, to provide enhanced GPS capabilities, such as real-time kinematic precision. The continuing availability of these non-GPS radio frequencies is essential to provide enhanced GPS products to our precision survey and construction machine controls markets. Any regulatory changes in spectrum allocation or in allowable operating conditions may cause a material adverse effect on our operating results.

In addition, unwanted emissions from mobile satellite services and other equipment operating in adjacent frequency bands or in-band from licensed and unlicensed devices may materially and adversely affect the utility and reliability of our products. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continually receives proposals for novel technologies and services, such as ultra-wideband technologies, which may seek to operate in, or across, the radio frequency bands currently used by the GPS SPS and other public safety services. Adverse decisions by the FCC that result in harmful interference to the delivery of the GPS SPS and other radio frequency spectrum also used in our products may result in a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

*Many of Our Products Rely on GNSS technology, the GPS and other Satellite Systems*

GNSS technology, GPS satellites and their ground support systems are complex electronic systems subject to electronic and mechanical failures and possible sabotage. The satellites currently in orbit were originally designed to have lives of 7.5 years and are subject to damage by the hostile space environment in which they operate. However, of the current deployment of 30 satellites in place, some have already been in operation for more than 12 years. To repair damaged or malfunctioning satellites is currently not economically feasible. If a significant number of satellites were to become inoperable, there could be a substantial delay before they are replaced with new satellites. A reduction in the number of operating satellites may impair the current utility of the GPS system and the growth of current and additional market opportunities.

In 2004, a Presidential policy affirmed a 1996 Presidential Decision Directive that marked the first time in the evolution of GPS that access for civilian use was free of direct user fees. In addition, Presidential policy has been complemented by corresponding legislation, that was signed into law. However, there can be no assurance that the U.S. Government will remain committed to the operation and maintenance of GPS satellites over a long period, or that the policies of the U.S. Government for the use of GPS without charge will remain unchanged. Because of ever-increasing commercial applications of GPS, other U.S. Government agencies may become involved in the administration or the regulation of the use of GPS signals. Any of the foregoing factors could affect the willingness of

buyers of our products to select GPS-based systems instead of products based on competing technologies.

Many of our products also use signals from systems that augment GPS, such as the Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) and National Differential GPS System (NDGPS). Many of these augmentation systems are operated by the federal government and rely on continued funding and maintenance of these systems. In addition, some of our products also use satellite signals from the Russian Glonass System. Any curtailment of the operating capability of these systems could result in decreased user capability thereby impacting our markets.

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The European governments have begun development of an independent satellite navigation system, known as Galileo. We have access to the preliminary signal design, which is subject to change. Although an operational Galileo system is several years away, if we are unable to develop a timely commercial product, it may have a materially adverse effect on our business and operating results.

*We may be Materially Affected by New Regulatory Requirements.*

We are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations that govern our operations, including the handling and disposal of non-hazardous and hazardous wastes, and emissions and discharges into the environment. Failure to comply with such laws and regulations could result in costs for corrective action, penalties, or the imposition of other liabilities.

In particular, under certain of these laws and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of property may be liable for the costs of remediating hazardous substances or petroleum products on or from its property, without regard to whether the owner or operator knew of, or caused, the contamination, as well as incur liability to third parties impacted by such contamination. In addition, we face increasing complexity in our product design and procurement operations as we adjust to new and upcoming requirements relating to the materials composition of many of our products. The European Union (“EU”) adopted new directives to manage the use of hazardous materials and to facilitate the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment sold in the EU. One of these is the Restriction on the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (“RoHS”) directive. The RoHS directive restricts the use of lead, mercury and certain other substances in electrical and electronic products placed on the market in the European Union after July 1, 2006.

China adopted the Management Measures on Electronic Information Product Pollution Control to manage toxic and hazardous substances in electronic information products in 2006. Also known as “China RoHS,” the new regulations will require labeling of products containing toxic or hazardous substances placed on the Chinese market after March 1, 2007. Similar laws and regulations have been or may be enacted in other regions, including in the United States and Japan. Other environmental regulations may require us to reengineer our products to utilize components which are more environmentally compatible and such reengineering and component substitution may result in additional costs to us. Although we do not anticipate any material adverse effects based on the nature of our operations and the effect of such laws, there is no assurance that such existing laws or future laws will not have a material adverse effect on our business.

*Our Business is Subject to Disruptions and Uncertainties Caused by War or Terrorism.*

Acts of war or acts of terrorism could have a material adverse impact on our business,