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FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

OR

TRANSITION REPORT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from to

Commission file number 1-4987

SL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey

21-0682685

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(State of other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

520 Fellowship Road, Suite A114, Mt. Laurel, NJ
(Address of principal executive offices)

08054
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 856-727-1500

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$.20 par value	NYSE Amex

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 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 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 whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). 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 amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES NO

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant based on the closing price of the Common Stock on the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, as reported by the NYSE Amex was approximately \$62,258,000.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of March 2, 2012 was 4,556,794.

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DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Certain information required by Part III of this report (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) is incorporated by reference from the Company's proxy statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A with respect to the registrant's 2011 annual meeting of stockholders.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

(a) General Development Of Business

SL Industries, Inc. (the Company), through its subsidiaries, designs, manufactures and markets power electronics, motion control, power protection, power quality, and specialized communication equipment that is used in a variety of medical, commercial and military aerospace, solar, computer, datacom, industrial, telecom, transportation, utility, rail and highway equipment applications. Its products are generally incorporated into larger systems to increase operating performance, safety, reliability and efficiency. The Company's products are largely sold to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), the utility industry and, to a lesser extent, to commercial distributors. The Company was incorporated as G-L Electronics Company in the state of New Jersey on March 29, 1956. The Company's name was changed to G-L Industries, Inc. in November 1963; SGL Industries, Inc. in November 1970; and then to the present name of SL Industries, Inc. in September 1984.

The Company's business strategy has been to enhance the growth and profitability of each of its businesses through the penetration of attractive new market niches, further improvement of operations through the implementation of lean manufacturing principles and expansion of global capabilities. The Company intends to focus on improving efficiencies that better leverage the Company's resources. Lean initiatives, both on the factory floor and throughout the organization, are ongoing. The Company expects to pursue its goals during the next twelve months principally through organic growth. The Company also continues to pursue strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value. Some of these alternatives have included, and could continue to include, selective acquisitions, divestitures and the sale of certain assets. The Company has provided, and may from time to time in the future provide, information to interested parties.

On July 20, 2011, the Company entered into a Fourth Amendment (the Fourth Amendment) to the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated October 23, 2008, between the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, and Bank of America, N.A., as Agent, and various financial institutions party thereto from time to time as Lenders (the 2008 Credit Facility). The Fourth Amendment, among other things, (a) amends the definition of maturity date to extend the maturity date of the 2008 Credit Facility to July 1, 2012, (b) amends the definition of Applicable Margin to lower the applicable margin, and (c) amends the definition of Commitment Fee Margin to lower the commitment fee margin. The 2008 Credit Facility is scheduled to expire on July 1, 2012. The Company expects to negotiate a new long-term debt agreement before the expiration date of the 2008 Credit Facility.

(b) Financial Information About Segments

Financial information about the Company's business segments is incorporated herein by reference to Note 18 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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(c) Narrative Description Of Business

Segments

The Company currently operates under four business segments: SL Power Electronics Corp. (SLPE), the High Power Group, SL Montevideo Technology, Inc. (SL-MTI) and RFL Electronics Inc. (RFL). Teal Electronics Corp. (Teal) and MTE Corporation (MTE) are combined into one business segment, which is reported as the High Power Group. Management has combined SLPE and the High Power Group into one business unit classified as the Power Electronics Group. The Company aggregates operating business subsidiaries into a single segment for financial reporting purposes if aggregation is consistent with the objectives of ASC 280 Segment Reporting.

SLPE SL Power Electronics Corp. designs, manufactures and markets high-reliability power conversion products in internal and external footprints. The Company's power supplies provide a reliable and safe power source for the customer's specific equipment needs. SLPE, which sells products under three brand names (SL Power Electronics, Condor and Ault), is a major supplier to the OEMs of medical, industrial/instrumentation, military and information technology equipment. For the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, net sales of SLPE, as a percentage of consolidated net sales from continuing operations, were 43%, 42% and 36%, respectively.

HIGH POWER GROUP The High Power Group sells products under two brand names: Teal and MTE. Teal designs and manufactures custom power conditioning and distribution units, which are developed and manufactured for custom electrical subsystems for OEMs of medical imaging, medical treatment, military aerospace, semiconductor, solar and advanced simulation systems. MTE designs and manufactures power quality products used to protect equipment from power surges, bring harmonics into compliance and improve the efficiency of variable speed motor drives. MTE's standard product lines include: three-phase AC reactors, DC link chokes and a series of harmonic, RFI/EMI and motor protection filters. Teal and MTE also design and build customer specific and custom products for special applications. These products are typically used in industrial plants, natural resource harvesting sites and facilities, and commercial buildings. For the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, net sales of the High Power Group, as a percentage of consolidated net sales from continuing operations, were 30%, 30% and 31%, respectively.

SL-MTI SL-MTI designs and manufactures high power density precision motors that are used in numerous applications, including military and commercial aerospace, oil and gas, medical and industrial products. For the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, net sales of SL-MTI, as a percentage of consolidated net sales from continuing operations, were 16%, 16% and 19%, respectively.

RFL RFL designs and manufactures communication and power protection products/systems that are used to protect electric utility transmission lines and apparatus by isolating faulty transmission lines from a transmission grid. These products are sophisticated communication systems that allow electric utilities to manage their high-voltage power lines more efficiently. RFL also provides products and systems used by rail and highway industries. RFL provides systems design, commissioning, training, customer service and maintenance for all of its products. For the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, net sales of RFL, as a percentage of consolidated net sales from continuing operations, were 11%, 12% and 14%, respectively.

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Discontinued Operations

SURFTECH SL Surface Technologies, Inc. (SurfTech) produced industrial coatings and platings for equipment in the corrugated paper and telecommunications industries. On November 24, 2003, the Company sold substantially all of the assets of SurfTech. As a result, SurfTech is reported as a discontinued operation for all periods presented. A significant portion of the Company's environmental costs, which have been incurred and are expected to be incurred, are related to the former SurfTech operations.

EME Elektro-Metall Export GmbH (EME) manufactured electromechanical actuation systems, power drive units and complex wire harness systems for use in the aerospace and automobile industries. EME was based in Ingolstadt, Germany with low cost manufacturing operations in Paks, Hungary. On January 6, 2003, the Company sold all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of EME. As a result, EME is reported as a discontinued operation for all periods presented. The Company was involved in tax litigation with the German tax authorities and reached a favorable settlement during the second quarter of 2011.

Raw Materials

Raw material components are supplied by various domestic and international vendors. In general, availability of materials is not a problem for the Company; however, at times the Company has had to locate alternate suppliers for certain key components. The natural disasters suffered by Japan in March 2011 had required the Company to seek alternate supplies at higher prices and effected the shipment of certain products. Raw materials are purchased directly from the manufacturer whenever possible to avoid distributor mark-ups. Average lead times generally run from immediate availability to 26 weeks. Lead times can be substantially higher for strategic components subject to industry shortages. In most cases, viable multiple sources are maintained for flexibility and competitive leverage.

During 2011, average annual copper prices rose 17% as compared to 2010. Copper is used primarily by the High Power Group in its transformers and reactors. In an attempt to stabilize copper costs, the High Power Group entered into forward purchase agreements during 2011 in the aggregate amount of approximately \$5,612,000. As of December 31, 2011, forward purchase agreements in the aggregate amount of approximately \$3,746,000 were entered into for 2012. As of December 31, 2011, no copper purchase commitments were greater than nine months.

In addition to copper, various grades of silicon steel are used in products produced by the High Power Group and SLPE. Annual average prices of silicon steel have ranged from a decrease of 3% to an increase of 7% compared to 2010.

Patents, Trademarks, Licenses, Franchises And Concessions

The Company has proprietary information that it has developed and uses in its business. This proprietary information is protected by contractual agreements as well as through patents and patents pending, to the extent appropriate. The patents are protected by federal law. To protect its proprietary information, the Company also enters into non-disclosure agreements with its employees, vendors and customers. Where appropriate, the Company will take and has taken all steps necessary to defend its intellectual property.

Seasonality

Generally, seasonality is not a significant factor in any of the Company's segments.

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Significant Customers

The Company has no customer that accounts for 10% or more of its consolidated net sales from continuing operations. SLPE, the High Power Group, SL-MTI and RFL each have certain major customers, the loss of any of which could have a material adverse effect on such segment.

Backlog

At March 2, 2012, March 6, 2011 and March 7, 2010, backlog was \$65,415,000, \$76,181,000 and \$61,966,000, respectively. The backlog at March 2, 2012 decreased by \$10,766,000, or 14%, compared to March 6, 2011. SLPE, the High Power Group, and RFL each recorded a decrease in backlog at March 2, 2012, compared to March 6, 2011.

Competitive Conditions

The Company's businesses are in active competition with domestic and foreign companies with national and international name recognition that offer similar products or services and with companies producing alternative products appropriate for the same uses. Each of the Company's businesses seeks to gain an advantage from its competition by concentrating on customizing products based on customer needs. The Company's businesses also seek a competitive advantage based on quality, service, innovation, delivery and price.

Environmental

The Company (together with the industries in which it operates or has operated) is subject to the environmental laws and regulations of the United States, People's Republic of China (China), Republic of Mexico (Mexico) and United Kingdom concerning emissions to the air, discharges to surface and subsurface waters and generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials. The Company and the subject industries are also subject to other federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including those that require the Company to remediate or mitigate the effects of the disposal or release of certain chemical substances at various sites, mostly at sites where the Company has ceased operations. It is impossible to predict precisely what effect these laws and regulations will have on the Company in the future.

It is the Company's policy to comply with all environmental, health and safety regulations, as well as industry standards for maintenance. The Company's domestic and international competitors are subject to the same environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, and the Company believes in each of its markets that the subject compliance issues and potential related expenditures of its operating subsidiaries are comparable to those faced by its major competitors.

Loss contingencies include potential obligations to investigate and eliminate or mitigate the effects on the environment of the disposal or release of certain chemical substances at various sites, such as Superfund sites and other facilities, whether or not they are currently in operation. The Company is currently participating in environmental assessments and cleanups at a number of sites and may in the future be involved in additional environmental assessments and cleanups. Based upon investigations completed to date by the Company and its independent engineering-consulting firms, management has provided an estimated accrual for all known costs believed to be probable and costs that can be reasonably estimated in the amount of \$23,209,000, of which \$18,533,000 is included as other long-term liabilities as of December 31, 2011. However, it is the nature of environmental contingencies that other circumstances might arise, the costs of which are indeterminable at this time due to such factors as changing government regulations and stricter standards, the unknown magnitude of cleanup costs, the unknown timing and extent of the remedial actions that may be required, the determination of the Company's liability in proportion to other responsible parties, the divisibility of costs, and the extent, if any, to which such costs are recoverable from other parties. These other circumstances could result in additional expenses or judgments, or offsets thereto. The adverse resolution of any one or more of these other circumstances could have a material adverse effect on the business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows of the Company. Most of the Company's environmental costs relate to discontinued operations and such costs have been recorded in discontinued operations, net of tax.

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There are three sites on which the Company may incur material environmental costs in the future as a result of past activities of its former subsidiary, SurfTech. There are two Company owned sites related to its former subsidiary, SurfTech. These sites are located in Pennsauken, New Jersey (the Pennsauken Site) and in Camden, New Jersey (the Camden Site). There is also a third site, which is not owned by the Company, referred to as the Puchack Well Field Site . The Puchack Well Field Site and the Pennsauken Site are part of the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site. The Company s environmental contingencies with respect to the Pennsauken Site are fully discussed in Item 3. Legal Proceedings included in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

With respect to the Camden Site, the Company has reported soil contamination and a groundwater contamination plume emanating from the site. Delineation of the soil and groundwater contamination is substantially complete. In the third quarter of 2009, pursuant to an Interim Response Action (IRA) Work plan approved by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the Company completed building demolition and excavated and disposed of some of the contaminated soil underlying the building s foundation. Treatability studies for in-situ remediation of the remaining unsaturated contaminated soil were conducted in 2009. Based upon the treatability study results, our environmental consultants prepared an IRA Work plan Addendum (IRAWA) to implement a Phase I Pilot Study (PIPS), which involved injecting neutralizing chemicals into the unsaturated soil. The NJDEP approved the IRAWA, and the PIPS were implemented in November 2010. These injections have now been completed. As required by the IRAWA, our consultants have collected post-injection data for assessment of the overall success of the PIPS. Our consultants have completed the assessment of the PIPS and have indicated that the PIPS can be implemented as a full scale soil remedy to treat unsaturated contaminated soil. Also, the Company s environmental consultants finalized an IRA Work plan Addendum II to implement a Phase II Pilot Study to treat on-site contaminated groundwater. This plan was submitted to the NJDEP in May 2011. It proposed multiple sub-surface injections of a food-grade product, into the groundwater at the down gradient property boundary, to create a bio-barrier. The Phase II Pilot Study would assess the ability to treat contaminated groundwater as it moves through the bio-barrier. This plan also required the collection of groundwater samples to assess the performance of the Phase II Pilot Study. To date, the Company s consultants have not received any comments from NJDEP regarding the IRA Work plan Addendum II and permit applications necessary to implement the Phase II Pilot Study. Implementation of the Phase II Pilot Study is scheduled to occur during 2012 and 2013, depending upon approval of the plan and related permits from the NJDEP. The Company will be engaging a Licensed Site Remediation Professional to oversee the remediation of the site, before the NJDEP s May 2012 deadline. At December 31, 2011, the Company had an accrual of \$2,071,000 to remediate the Camden Site. Of this amount, the Company anticipates expenditures of approximately \$1,200,000 in 2012.

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As mentioned previously, the Company is currently participating in environmental assessments and cleanups at a number of sites. At one of these sites in Wayne, New Jersey, our consultants, under NJDEP Guidance, have detected contaminants of concern (COC) which have exceeded certain acceptable levels. A remediation plan will be developed by our consultants, after testing is completed, which may require additional chemical injections and soil excavation. Testing is currently being performed and is expected to be completed in May 2012. The Company will be engaging a Licensed Site Remediation Professional to oversee the remediation of the site, before the NJDEP's May 2012 deadline. The future costs for possible additional remediation are not currently estimable. The accrual for remediation cost at December 31, 2011 for this site is \$544,000. Costs related to this site are recorded as part of discontinued operations, net of tax.

The Company has reported soil and groundwater contamination at the facility of SL-MTI located on its property in Montevideo, Minnesota. An analysis of the contamination has been completed and a remediation plan has been implemented at the site pursuant to the remedial action plan approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The remaining steps under this plan are the monitoring of samples. Based on the current information, the Company believes it will incur remediation costs at this site of approximately \$99,000, which has been accrued for at December 31, 2011. These costs are recorded as a component of continuing operations.

Employees

As of December 31, 2011, the Company had approximately 1,600 employees. Of these employees, 139, or approximately 9%, were subject to collective bargaining agreements.

Foreign Operations

In addition to manufacturing operations in California, Minnesota, New Jersey and Wisconsin, the Company manufactures substantial quantities of products in premises leased in Mexicali, Mexico, Matamoros, Mexico and Tecate, Mexico. The Company has also outsourced the manufacture of some of its products with contract manufacturers located in China. The Company also manufactures products in leased facilities located in Xianghe, China. These external and foreign sources of supply present risks of interruption for reasons beyond the Company's control, including political or economic instability and other uncertainties.

Generally, the Company's sales are priced in United States dollars and its costs and expenses are priced in United States dollars, Mexican pesos and Chinese yuan. Accordingly, the competitiveness of the Company's products relative to locally produced products may be affected by the performance of the United States dollar compared with that of its foreign customers' and competitors' currencies. Foreign net sales comprised 21%, 22% and 18% of net sales from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

Additionally, the Company is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, which might result from adverse fluctuations in the value of the Mexican peso and Chinese yuan. At December 31, 2011, the Company had net current liabilities of \$1,218,000 subject to fluctuations in the value of the Mexican peso and Chinese yuan. At December 31, 2010, the Company had net current liabilities of \$1,537,000 subject to fluctuations in the value of the Mexican peso and Chinese yuan. Fluctuations in the value of the foreign currencies did have a negative effect on the Company's operations in 2011 and 2010. There can be no assurance that the value of the Mexican peso and Chinese yuan will remain stable relative to the United States dollar.

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SLPE manufactures most of its products in Mexico and China and incurs its labor costs and supplies in Mexican pesos and Chinese yuan. Teal has transferred a significant amount of its manufacturing to a wholly-owned subsidiary located in Tecate, Mexico. SL-MTI manufactures a significant portion of its products in Mexico and incurs related labor costs and supplies in Mexican pesos. MTE also has a significant portion of its products manufactured in Mexico. SLPE, the High Power Group and SL-MTI price and invoice substantially all of their sales in United States dollars. The Chinese and Mexican subsidiaries of SLPE maintain their books and records in Chinese yuan and Mexican pesos, respectively. The Mexican subsidiaries of SL-MTI and Teal maintain their books and records in Mexican pesos. For additional information related to financial information about foreign operations, see Notes 18 and 19 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the development of the Company's businesses during 2011 and 2010 is contained in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in Part II and Notes 1 and 2 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Annual Reports on Form 10-K are electronically filed with or furnished to Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), and all such reports and amendments to such reports filed have been and will be made available, free of charge, through the Company's website (<http://www.slindustries.com>) as soon as reasonably practicable after such filing. Such reports will remain available on the Company's website for at least 12 months. The contents of the Company's website are not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Not applicable.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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Set forth below are the properties where the Company conducted business as of December 31, 2011.

Location	General Character	Approx. Square Footage	Owned or Leased
			And Expiration Date
Ventura, CA	Administration, design and sales of power supply products (SLPE)	31,200	Leased – 1/31/2016
Canton, MA	Design of power supply products (SLPE)	4,800	Leased – 8/31/2013
Mexicali, Mexico	Manufacture and distribution of power supply products (SLPE)	82,400	Leased – 12/15/2020
South Molton, United Kingdom	Sales and distribution of power supply products (SLPE)	2,500	Leased – 3/31/2012
Shanghai, China	Design of power supply products (SLPE)	8,800	Leased – 7/31/2013
Shanghai, China	Design of power supply products (SLPE)	600	Leased – 6/30/2012
Shanghai, China	Employee dormitory (SLPE)	1,400	Leased – 7/31/2013
Xianghe, China	Manufacture and distribution of power supply products and employee dormitory (SLPE)	60,600	Leased – 6/30/2013
Xianghe, China	Employee dormitory (SLPE)	3,900	Leased – 6/30/2013
San Diego, CA	Administration, sales, design and manufacture of power distribution and conditioning units (High Power Group)	35,500	Leased – 12/31/2012
Tecate, Mexico	Manufacture of power distribution and conditioning units (High Power Group)	20,800	Leased – 3/31/2012
Menomonee Falls, WI	Design, sales, manufacture and distribution of power quality products (High Power Group)	31,800	Leased – 7/31/2015

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Montevideo, MN	Administration, design, sales and manufacture of precision motors and motion control systems (SL-MTI)	30,000	Owned
Matamoros, Mexico	Manufacture of precision motors (SL-MTI)	28,300	Leased –12/31/2012
Boonton Twp., NJ	Administration, design, sales and manufacture of electric utility equipment protection systems (RFL)	78,000	Owned
Pennsauken, NJ	Document warehouse (Other) ⁽¹⁾	6,000	Owned
Mt. Laurel, NJ	Corporate office (Other)	4,200	Leased –11/30/2012

⁽¹⁾ Formerly used for industrial surface finishing operations.

The Company believes that most of its manufacturing facilities are adequate for current production requirements. During the second quarter of 2011, the Company relocated its manufacturing facilities in Mexicali, Mexico to a more modern facility in the same general area. The Company believes that its remaining facilities are sufficient for current operations, maintained in good operating condition and adequately insured. Of the owned properties, none are subject to a major encumbrance material to the operations of the Company.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS*Environmental Matters*

The Company is and has been the subject of administrative actions that arise from its ownership of SL Surface Technologies, Inc. (SurfTech), a wholly-owned subsidiary, the assets of which were sold in November 2003. SurfTech formerly operated chrome-plating facilities in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey (the Pennsauken Site) and Camden, New Jersey (the Camden Site).

The Company has been and is subject to lawsuits and administrative actions that arise from its ownership of SurfTech and its Pennsauken Site. These actions relate to environmental issues concerning the Pennsauken Landfill and the Puchack Well Field. In 1991 and 1992, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (the NJDEP) served directives that would subject the Company to, among other things, collective reimbursements (with other parties) for the remediation of the Puchack Well Field. The litigation involving the Pennsauken Landfill involved claims under the Spill Compensation and Control Act (the Spill Act), other statutes and common law against the Company and numerous other defendants alleging that they are liable for contamination at and around a municipal solid waste landfill located in Pennsauken Township, New Jersey. In the first quarter 2009, the Company agreed to terms with the plaintiffs for the settlement of all pending claims in this case. Accordingly, the case was dismissed with prejudice in February 2009.

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In 2006 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA) named the Company as a potential responsible party (a PRP) in connection with the remediation of the Puchack Well Field, which has been designated as a Superfund Site. The EPA has alleged that hazardous substances generated at the Company's Pennsauken Site contaminated the Puchack Well Field. As a PRP, the Company is potentially liable, jointly and severally, for the investigation and remediation of the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA).

The EPA is remediating the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site in two separate operable units. The first operable unit consists of an area of chromium groundwater contamination in three aquifers that exceeds the selected cleanup standard (OU-1). The second operable unit (OU-2) pertains to sites that are allegedly the sources of contamination for the first operable unit. The EPA advised the Company in October 2010 that OU-2 includes soil contamination in the immediate vicinity of the Company's Pennsauken Site.

In September 2006, the EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) that selected a remedy for OU-1 to address the groundwater contamination. The estimated cost of the EPA selected remedy for OU-1, to be conducted over a five to ten year timeframe, was approximately \$17,600,000, as stated in the ROD. In an October 2010 meeting with the EPA, the EPA informed the Company that the OU-1 remedy would be implemented in two phases. Prior to the issuance of the EPA's ROD, the Company had retained an experienced environmental consulting firm to prepare technical comments on the EPA's proposed remediation of the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site. In those comments, the Company's consultant, among other things, identified flaws in the EPA's conclusions and the factual predicates for certain of the EPA's decisions and for the proposed selected remedy.

Following the issuance of its ROD for OU-1, in November 2006, the EPA sent another letter to the Company encouraging the Company to either perform or finance the remedial actions for OU-1 identified in the EPA's ROD. In addition to paying for the OU-1 remediation, the EPA has sought payment of the past costs that the EPA has allegedly incurred. The Company responded to the EPA that it was willing to investigate the existence of other PRPs and to undertake the activities necessary to design a final remediation for the Superfund Site. In July 2007, the EPA refused the Company's offer to perform the work necessary to design the remediation plan without first agreeing to assume responsibility for the full remediation of the Superfund Site. The EPA did encourage the Company to investigate the existence of other PRPs and to submit evidence thereof, if appropriate. In January 2008, the Company submitted to the EPA evidence demonstrating the existence of several other PRPs.

In recent correspondence from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), the Company was informed that combined past and future OU-1 costs are now estimated to be \$45,000,000 to \$55,000,000. These costs are estimates provided to the Company by the DOJ in a letter correspondence dated December 22, 2011.

In June 2011, the EPA announced a proposed plan for cleaning up the soil at OU-2. The remedy proposed by the EPA is Geochemical Fixation. This remedy involves applying a chemical reductant to the contaminated soil to reduce hexavalent chromium by converting it to immobilized trivalent chromium. The EPA's estimated cost for this remedy is \$20,700,000 over seven years. The public comment period for the proposed plan expired on July 27, 2011. On behalf of the Company, the Company's environmental consultants provided comments to the EPA plan on July 22, 2011. The comments included the belief that: (a) there are other PRPs responsible for chromium ground water contamination, (b) demolition of buildings for an estimated cost of \$2,300,000 is not necessary for this remedy, (c) the extent and depth of the hexavalent chromium exceeds cleanup criteria, (d) the estimate for oversight costs are excessive, and (e) that significant testing be performed prior to implementing the Geochemical Fixation remedy to ensure that the remedy will satisfy all requirements with respect to ground water quality. On September 26, 2011 the EPA issued a ROD selecting the Geochemical Fixation remedy. This remedy involves mixing a reducing agent to treat soils containing concentrations of hexavalent chromium greater than 20 parts per million. The remedy also requires post-remediation sampling, site restoration and implementing a groundwater sampling and analysis program. The Company intends to have its environmental consultants play an active role in the remediation design.

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The Company has had several discussions with the DOJ, regarding extending the Tolling Agreement, which are on-going. The latest of which the Company asked for an extension of the Tolling Agreement, which was set to expire on March 13, 2012. The Tolling Agreement has been extended by the DOJ to April 12, 2012. This allows the government to delay the filing of any legal action in order to provide the Company's environmental consultants sufficient time to review and evaluate the technical position of EPA as to the potential liability of the Company for the past costs and future remediation of OU-1. The information was provided at a meeting on March 9, 2012. At the meeting held at the EPA on March 9, 2012, the DOJ and EPA disclosed that the middle aquifer on the Pennsauken Site would be the subject of remediation under OU-1, in addition to the extensive work to be undertaken for the intermediate and lower aquifers directly impacting the Puchack Well Field Superfund Site. Because the Company has accepted responsibility for the remediation on its site, the Company now foresees that it will be responsible at least for these costs under OU-1.

The Company is currently in settlement discussions with the EPA and the DOJ regarding the remediation and past costs for both OU-1 and OU-2. This settlement discussion currently includes, among other things, a limited ability to pay component, which has been provided by the EPA and the DOJ and is currently being negotiated by the Company. Based on the current available information, the Company has estimated a total liability for OU-1 and OU-2 combined of \$20,075,000. The estimated OU-2 liability is based upon the EPA's plan for remediation, and data from our environmental engineering consultants. The above liability is included in the total environmental accrual.

It is management's opinion taking into account the information available to the Company as well as the defenses against the EPA claims and current stage of negotiations that the impact of litigation and environmental administrative actions and related liabilities brought against the Company and its operations should not have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position or results of operations. However, the ultimate outcome of these matters, as with litigation generally, is inherently uncertain, and it is possible that some of these matters may be resolved adversely to the Company relative to the current reserves. The adverse resolution of any one or more of these matters could have a material adverse effect on the business, operating results, financial condition or cash flows of the Company.

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The Company is conducting an investigation to determine whether certain employees of SL Xianghe Power Electronics Corporation, SL Shanghai Power Electronics Corporation and SL Shanghai International Trading Corporation, three of the Company's indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries incorporated and operating exclusively in China, may have improperly provided gifts and entertainment to government officials. Based upon the initial investigation, which is ongoing, the preliminary estimate of the amounts of such gifts and entertainment does not appear to be material to the Company's financial statements. There can be no assurance, however, that after further inquiry the actual amounts will not be in excess of what is currently estimated. Such estimate does not take into account the costs to the Company of the investigation or any other additional costs.

The Company's investigation includes determining whether there were any violations of laws, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. Consequently, on March 29, 2012, the Company's outside counsel contacted the DOJ and the SEC voluntarily to disclose that the Company was conducting an internal investigation, and agreed to cooperate fully and update the DOJ and SEC periodically on further developments.

The Company has retained outside counsel and forensic accountants to assist in its investigation of this matter. Because the investigation is on-going, the Company cannot predict at this time whether any regulatory action may be taken or any other adverse consequences may result from this matter.

In the ordinary course of its business the Company is subject to other loss contingencies pursuant to foreign and domestic federal, state and local governmental laws and regulations and is also party to certain legal actions, frequently involving complaints by terminated employees and disputes with customers and suppliers. In the opinion of management, any such other loss contingencies are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

The Company's common stock is currently listed on the New York Stock Exchange Amex under the ticker symbol SLI. On October 1, 2008, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Euronext acquired the American Stock Exchange (AMEX). As a result, effective December 1, 2008, all AMEX companies were placed in the NYSE Amex listing platform. Until that time, the Company's common stock was traded on both the NYSE Amex (formerly the AMEX) and the NASDAQ OMX PHLX (PHLX) (formerly the Philadelphia Stock Exchange). On December 24, 2008, the Company announced its intentions to voluntarily delist from the PHLX effective January 15, 2009. This action was taken solely as a result of the decision of PHLX to terminate its equity trading platform, which termination was effective October 24, 2008. The delisting from the PHLX did not impact the market for the Company's shares of common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low closing sales price per share of the Company's common stock for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010	
	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Stock Prices				
1st Quarter	\$ 20.24	\$ 16.50	\$ 9.29	\$ 6.90
2nd Quarter	\$ 24.12	\$ 19.28	\$ 13.44	\$ 9.32
3rd Quarter	\$ 24.95	\$ 16.00	\$ 14.24	\$ 11.82
4th Quarter	\$ 20.40	\$ 16.05	\$ 17.99	\$ 14.00

Holders of Record

As of March 2, 2012, there were approximately 483 holders of record of the Company's common stock.

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Dividends

The Company has not paid a cash dividend on its common stock since fiscal 2000. On November 19, 2010, the Company entered into the Second Amendment (to the 2008 Credit Facility), which permitted the Company to issue one or more dividends and/or purchase its registered capital stock then issued and outstanding in an amount not in excess, in the aggregate, of \$13,000,000. This provision of the amendment expired on October 1, 2011. On December 21, 2011 a consent was obtained by the Company adjusting the maximum amount not in excess, in the aggregate, of \$4,000,000. Additional information pertaining to the amended 2008 Credit Facility is found in Note 9 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The declaration and payment of dividends in the future, if any, and their amounts, will be determined by the Board in light of conditions then existing, including the Company's earnings, financial condition and business requirements (including working capital needs), and other factors.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Information relating to securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2011, is as follows:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warranty and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warranty and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding shares reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	186,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12.17 ⁽²⁾	232,000 ⁽³⁾
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	none		
Total	186,000	\$ 12.17	232,000

- (1) This amount includes the following:
 - 135,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options under the 2008 Incentive Stock Plan (the 2008 Plan) with a weighted-average price of \$12.79.
 - 13,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options under the Non-Employee Director Nonqualified Stock Option Plan (the Director Plan) with a weighted-average price of \$6.00. The Director Plan has expired and no additional securities remain available for future issuance under the Director Plan.
 - 38,000 restricted stock units (RSUs) issuable under the Company's 2011 Long-term Incentive Plan (the 2011 LTIP) pursuant to the 2008 Plan. Assumes that outstanding performance-based RSUs will vest at target.
- (2) The 2011 LTIP RSUs have been excluded from the computation of the weighted-average exercise price since these awards have no exercise price.
- (3) This amount represents the number of shares available for issuance pursuant to stock options and awards that could be granted in the future under the Company's active shareholder approved stock plan, the 2008 Plan. The 2008 Plan allows for the issuance of up to 450,000 shares.

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Selected consolidated financial data with respect to the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 are presented below.

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(amounts in thousands except per share data)				
Net sales	\$ 212,331	\$ 189,768	\$ 147,551	\$ 185,954	\$ 200,863
Income from continuing operations	\$ 12,835	\$ 9,782	\$ 3,564	\$ 4,636	\$ 10,274
(Loss) from discontinued operations ⁽¹⁾	\$ (4,637)	\$ (7,226)	\$ (628)	\$ (2,302)	\$ (1,863)
Net income ⁽²⁾	\$ 8,198	\$ 2,556	\$ 2,936	\$ 2,334	\$ 8,411
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 1.79	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.43
Shares used in computing diluted net income per common shares ⁽³⁾	4,573	5,811	6,015	5,948	5,876
Year-end financial position					
Working capital ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 34,404	\$ 21,029	\$ 35,064	\$ 29,528	\$ 30,606
Current ratio ⁽⁴⁾	2.09	1.52	2.68	2.22	2.10
Total assets ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 111,226	\$ 104,899	\$ 99,451	\$ 98,980	\$ 104,673
Long-term debt	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,000
Shareholders' equity	\$ 56,857	\$ 47,249	\$ 69,100	\$ 64,860	\$ 61,629
Book value per share	\$ 12.45	\$ 10.53	\$ 11.27	\$ 10.98	\$ 10.54
Other					
Capital expenditures	\$ 2,690	\$ 1,416	\$ 838	\$ 2,426	\$ 1,742
Depreciation and amortization ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 2,870	\$ 3,026	\$ 3,395	\$ 3,652	\$ 3,600

- (1) Discontinued operations for the periods indicated largely relate to expenses for environmental remediation activities and legal expenses associated with SurfTech.
- (2) During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company recorded a \$5,151,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Pennsauken Site, which was partially offset by a \$787,000 favorable settlement with a foreign tax authority during the second quarter of 2011. Fiscal 2010 includes a provision for environmental remediation of \$5,132,000, net of tax, related to the Pennsauken Site and \$784,000, net of tax, related to the Camden Site. Fiscal 2008 includes a provision for environmental remediation of \$1,410,000, net of tax.
- (3) Fiscal 2011 represents the full year effect of the Company's tender offer that expired on October 13, 2010 (the Tender Offer) and the purchase of Company stock held by the Company's defined contribution plan during the fourth quarter of 2010. The Company purchased and retired 1,334,824 shares of its common stock in connection with the Tender Offer, and purchased 252,064 shares of its common stock held by its defined contribution plan.
- (4) The Consolidated Balance Sheet for fiscal year 2010 was revised due to the reclassification of the Company's long-term incentive plan accrual from payroll and related costs to other long-term liabilities.
- (5) Deferred tax assets and liabilities, as of December 31, 2008, have been reclassified to include a deferred tax liability for foreign taxes previously reported as accrued income taxes.
- (6) Excludes amortization of deferred financing costs.

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following section highlights significant factors impacting the consolidated operations and financial condition of the Company and its subsidiaries. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with Item 6. Selected Financial Data, Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, and the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Forward-Looking Statements

In addition to other information in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on current expectations and the current economic environment. These statements are not guarantees of future performance. They involve a number of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict, including, but not limited to, the Company's ability to implement its business plan, retain key management, anticipate industry and competitive conditions, realize operating efficiencies, secure necessary capital facilities and obtain favorable determinations in various legal and regulatory matters. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Some important assumptions and other critical factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are specified in the Company's filings with the SEC, including the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

Overview

The Company, through its subsidiaries, designs, manufactures and markets power electronics, motion control, power protection, power quality, and specialized communication equipment that is used in a variety of commercial and military aerospace, solar, computer, datacom, industrial, medical, telecom, transportation, utility equipment, transportation and wind power applications. The Company is comprised of four domestic business segments, three of which have significant manufacturing operations in Mexico. SLPE has manufacturing, engineering and sales capability in China. Most of the Company's sales are made to customers who are based in the United States. Over the last three years sales to international markets have amounted to 21%, 22% and 18% of the Company's consolidated net sales. The Company places an emphasis on highly engineered, well-built, high quality, dependable products and is dedicated to continued product enhancement and innovation.

The Company's strategy is customer-focused and aims to increase shareholder value by providing products and solutions to its customers that create value for them with responsive, high-quality and affordable products and solutions. Also, the Company's strategy has been to enhance the growth and profitability of each of its businesses through the penetration of attractive new market niches, further improvement of operations through the implementation of lean manufacturing principles and the expansion of global capabilities. The Company expects to pursue its goals in the next twelve months principally through organic growth. The Company has a renewed emphasis on lean manufacturing principles. Lean initiatives, both on the factory floor and throughout the rest of the organization, are ongoing. The Company also continues to pursue strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value. Some of these alternatives have included, and could continue to include, selective acquisitions, divestitures and the sale of certain assets. The Company has provided, and may from time to time in the future provide, information to interested parties.

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In the sections that follow, statements with respect to 2011 or fiscal 2011 refer to the twelve month period ending December 31, 2011. Statements with respect to 2010 or fiscal 2010 refer to the twelve month period ending December 31, 2010.

Significant Transactions and Financial Trends

Significant transactions in 2011 that impacted the Company's financial results and cash flows include loss from discontinued operations of \$4,637,000. Loss from discontinued operations was primarily comprised of a \$5,151,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Pennsauken Site, partially offset by a \$787,000 favorable settlement with a foreign tax authority. The tax settlement had no impact on the Company's cash flows. The Company recorded cash flow from continuing operations of \$17,023,000 in 2011.

On March 24, 2010, the Company sustained fire damage at its then leased manufacturing facility in Mexicali, Mexico. The Company was fully insured for the replacement of the assets damaged in the fire and for the loss of profits due to the business interruption and changed conditions caused by the fire. During June 2011, the Company settled the fire damage claims with its insurance carriers for \$810,000 and as a result the Company recorded a gain related to the fire of \$277,000. The Company had recorded estimated insurance recoveries of \$533,000 as of December 31, 2010. The Company received \$610,000 from its insurance carriers on July 15, 2011 since the Company had received a \$200,000 advance from its carrier related to the fire loss in July 2010. No additional material gains, losses or recoveries are expected to be recognized in subsequent periods related to the fire loss.

On July 20, 2011, the Company entered into a Fourth Amendment to the 2008 Credit Facility. The Fourth Amendment, among other things, (a) amends the definition of maturity date to extend the maturity date of the 2008 Credit Facility to July 1, 2012, (b) amends the definition of Applicable Margin to lower the applicable margin, and (c) amends the definition of Commitment Fee Margin to lower the commitment fee margin. In consideration for these amendments, the Company agreed to pay the lenders \$44,000, which was remitted in July 2011 and is being amortized over the remaining life of the 2008 Credit Facility. The 2008 Credit Facility is scheduled to expire on July 1, 2012. The Company expects to negotiate a new long-term debt agreement before the expiration date of the 2008 Credit Facility.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company announced a restructuring plan to reduce certain costs of sales and certain operating expenses, including engineering, selling and administration at SLPE and TEAL. For the year ended December 31, 2011, there was a consolidated charge to earnings of \$261,000 which was comprised of a \$207,000 charge at SLPE and a \$54,000 charge at TEAL. The charges are composed of severance costs and other employee related charges. The total number of employees affected by the restructuring plan was 47, of which 47 had been terminated as of December 31, 2011. The remaining unpaid termination benefits associated with the plan were paid during January 2012. Annual savings in connection with the restructuring plan are anticipated to be approximately \$2.2 million.

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Business Trends

Demand for the Company's products and services increased during 2011, compared to 2010. Sales for the year increased by \$22,563,000, or 12%, while income from operations increased by \$5,286,000, or 40%. The Company ended the year with strong fourth quarter sales and income from operations. All operating entities except TEAL, which is part of the High Power Group, experienced increases in sales from the fourth quarter of 2010. All operating entities experienced increases in income from operations from the fourth quarter of 2010, except SLPE and TEAL, which had a relatively strong fourth quarter in 2010. Bookings for the year decreased by \$2,735,000, or 1%, with a decrease of 12% noted at SLPE, partially offset by a significant increase of 20% at MTE, which is part of the High Power Group. The decrease in bookings at SLPE was primarily driven by lower volumes and stocking levels with several large distributors. The increase in bookings at MTE was primarily driven by growth in foreign markets and increased business with OEMs. Backlog at December 31, 2011 was \$61,104,000, compared to \$70,628,000, for a decrease of 13%, compared to December 31, 2010. The Company's management is taking numerous actions to continue to improve sales and income from continuing operations with an emphasis on lean initiatives at all facilities. The Company also expects to expand product portfolios, enter new market segments and penetrate selected geographic markets.

While these items are important in understanding and evaluating financial results and trends, other transactions or events, which are disclosed in this Management's Discussion and Analysis, may have a material impact on continuing operations. A complete understanding of these transactions is necessary in order to estimate the likelihood that these trends will continue.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States (GAAP). GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of reported and contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the amounts of reported net sales and expenses during the reporting period.

The SEC has issued disclosure guidance for critical accounting policies. The SEC defines critical accounting policies as those that are most important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results, and that require application of management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain and may change in subsequent periods.

The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Not all of these significant accounting policies require management to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments or estimates. However, the following policies are deemed to be critical within the SEC definition. The Company's senior management has reviewed these critical accounting policies and estimates and the related Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

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Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the purchase price is fixed or determinable and collectability is reasonably assured. Revenue is recorded in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104 and in certain circumstances in accordance with the guidance provided by ASC 605-25 Revenue Recognition Multiple-Element Arrangements. The major portion of the Company's revenue is derived from equipment sales. The Company recognizes equipment revenue upon shipment or delivery, depending upon the terms of the order, and transfer of title. Generally, the revenue recognition criteria is met at the time the product is shipped. Provisions are established for product warranties, principally based on historical experience. At times the Company establishes reserves for specific warranty issues known by management. Customer service and installation revenue is recognized when completed. RFL has customer service revenue, which accounted for less than one percent of consolidated net revenue for the years ended 2011 and 2010. At SL-MTI, revenue from one particular contract was considered a multiple-element arrangement and, in that case, revenues were allocated among the separate accounting units based on relative fair value. In this case the total arrangement consideration was fixed and there was objective and reliable evidence of fair value. This contract was completed during 2010. During 2009, RFL and Teal recognized revenue under Bill and Hold Arrangements according to the guidance provided by SAB No. 104.

SLPE has two sales programs with distributors, pursuant to which credits are issued to distributors: (1) a re-stocking program and (2) a competitive discount program. The distributor re-stocking program allows distributors to rotate up to a pre-determined percentage of their purchases over the previous six month period. SLPE provides for this allowance as a decrease to revenue based upon the amount of sales to each distributor and other historical factors. The competitive discount program allows a distributor to sell a product out of its inventory below net distribution price in order to meet certain competitive situations. SLPE records this discount as a reduction to revenue based on the distributor's eligible inventory. The eligible distributor inventory is reviewed at least quarterly. No cash is paid under either distributor program. These programs affected consolidated gross revenue for 2011, 2010 and 2009 by approximately 0.5%, 0.6% and 0.6%, respectively.

Certain judgments affect the application of the Company's revenue policy, as mentioned above. Revenue recognition is significant because net revenue is a key component of results of operations. In addition, revenue recognition determines the timing of certain expenses, such as commissions, royalties and certain incentive programs. Revenue results are difficult to predict. Any shortfall in revenue or delay in recognizing revenue could cause operating results to vary significantly from year to year and quarter to quarter.

Allowance For Doubtful Accounts

The Company's estimate for the allowance for doubtful accounts related to trade receivables is based on two methods. The amounts calculated from each of these methods are combined to determine the total amount reserved. First, the Company evaluates specific accounts where it has information that the customer may have an inability to meet its financial obligations (e.g., bankruptcy or insolvency). In these cases, the Company uses its judgment, based on the best available facts and circumstances, and records a specific reserve for that customer against amounts due to reduce the receivable to the amount that is expected to be collected. These specific reserves are reevaluated and adjusted as additional information is received that impacts the amount reserved. Second, a general reserve is established for all customers based on several factors, including historical write-offs as a percentage of sales. If circumstances change (e.g., higher than expected defaults or an unexpected material adverse change in a major customer's ability to meet its financial obligation), the Company's estimates of the recoverability of amounts due could be reduced by a material amount. Receivables are charged off against the reserve when they are deemed uncollectible. The Company's allowance for doubtful accounts represented 2.0% and 1.9% of gross trade receivables at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

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Inventories

The Company values inventory at the lower of cost or market, and continually reviews the book value of discontinued product lines to determine if these items are properly valued. The Company identifies these items and assesses the ability to dispose of them at a price greater than cost. If it is determined that cost is less than market value, then cost is used for inventory valuation. If market value is less than cost, then related inventory is adjusted to market value.

If a write down to the current market value is necessary, the market value cannot be greater than the net realizable value, which is defined as selling price less costs to complete and dispose, and cannot be lower than the net realizable value less a normal profit margin. The Company also continually evaluates the composition of its inventory and identifies obsolete, slow-moving and excess inventories. Inventory items identified as obsolete, slow-moving or excess are evaluated to determine if reserves are required. If the Company were not able to achieve its expectations of the net realizable value of the inventory at current market value, it would have to adjust its reserves accordingly. The Company attempts to accurately estimate future product demand to properly adjust inventory levels. However, significant unanticipated changes in demand could have a significant impact on the value of inventory and of operating results.

Accounting For Income Taxes

On January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of ASC 740-10-55 Income Taxes Recognition and Measurement of Tax Positions. At the adoption date, the Company applied the provisions of ASC 740-10-55 to all tax positions for which the statute of limitations remained open. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2011 was \$722,000, excluding interest and penalties. This amount represents unrecognized tax benefits, which, if ultimately recognized, will reduce the Company's effective tax rate. As of December 31, 2011, the Company reported accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits of \$80,000. For additional disclosures related to accounting for income taxes, see Note 3 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, the deferred tax assets and liabilities and any valuation allowance recorded against deferred tax assets. The net deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 were \$13,314,000 and \$11,727,000, respectively, net of valuation allowances of \$1,926,000 (mostly related to discontinued operations) for fiscal 2011 and \$937,000 (mostly related to discontinued operations) for 2010. The carrying value of the Company's net deferred tax assets assumes that the Company will be able to generate sufficient future taxable income in certain tax jurisdictions. Valuation allowances are attributable to uncertainties related to the Company's ability to utilize certain deferred tax assets prior to expiration. These deferred tax assets primarily consist of the state tax expense on certain expenses and loss carryforwards. The valuation allowance is based on estimates of taxable income, expenses and credits by the jurisdictions in which the Company operates and the period over which deferred tax assets will be recoverable. In the event that actual results differ from these estimates or these estimates are adjusted in future periods, the Company may need to establish an additional valuation allowance that could materially impact its consolidated financial position and results of operations. Each quarter, management evaluates the ability to realize the deferred tax assets and assesses the need for additional valuation allowances.

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Legal Contingencies

The Company is currently involved in certain legal proceedings. As discussed in Note 14 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Company has accrued an estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims. This estimate has been developed after investigation and is based upon an analysis of potential results, including a combination of litigation and settlement strategies. Management does not believe these proceedings will have a further material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position. As with litigation, generally the outcome is inherently uncertain. It is possible, however, that future results of operations for any particular quarterly or annual period could be materially affected by changes in these assumptions, or the effectiveness of these strategies, related to these proceedings.

Goodwill

The Company has allocated its adjusted goodwill balance to its reporting units. The Company tests goodwill for impairment annually at fiscal year-end and in interim periods if certain events occur indicating that the carrying value of goodwill may be impaired, such as a significant adverse change in business climate, an adverse action or assessment by a regulator or the decision to sell a business, that would make it more likely than not that an impairment may have occurred. The goodwill impairment test is a two-step process. The first step of the impairment analysis compares the fair value to the net book value. In determining fair value, the accounting guidance allows for the use of several valuation methodologies, although it indicates that quoted market prices are the best evidence of fair value. The Company uses a combination of expected present values of future cash flows and comparative market multiples. It has also performed a review of market capitalization with estimated control premiums at December 31, 2011. If the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its net book value, the Company would perform a second step in its analysis, which compares the implied fair value of goodwill to its carrying amount. If the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, the Company recognizes an impairment loss equal to that excess amount. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of reporting units, assigning assets and liabilities to reporting units, assigning goodwill to reporting units and determining the fair value of each reporting unit. Significant judgments required to estimate the fair value of reporting units include estimating future cash flows, determining appropriate discount and growth rates, operating margins and working capital requirements, selecting comparable companies within each reporting unit and market and determining control premiums. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect the determination of fair value for each reporting unit.

The assumptions about future cash flows and growth rates are based on the budget and long-term business plans of each reporting unit. Such assumptions take into account numerous factors including but not limited to historical experience, anticipated economic conditions, new product introductions, product cost and cost structure of each reporting unit. The growth rates assumptions were generally consistent with those utilized in prior year forecasted periods, except in certain circumstances where operational strategies support otherwise. Based upon the Company's annual assessment using the assumptions described above, a hypothetical 20% reduction in the estimated fair value in each reporting unit would not result in an impairment charge.

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The Company has performed sensitivity analysis to illustrate the impact of changes in assumptions underlying the first step of the impairment test. Based upon the Company's annual assessment:

a one percentage point decrease in the perpetual growth rate would reduce the indicated fair value of each reporting unit by a range of approximately 2% to 3% and would not result in an impairment of any reporting unit;

a three percentage point decrease in the operating margin (operating income before tax) would reduce the indicated fair value of each reporting unit by a range of approximately 14% to 18% and would not result in an impairment of any reporting unit; or

a one percentage point increase in the discount rate would reduce the indicated fair value of each reporting unit by a range of approximately 2% to 4% and would not result in an impairment of any reporting unit.

There were no impairment charges in 2011, 2010 or 2009. Goodwill totaled \$22,738,000 and \$22,756,000 as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 (representing 20% and 22% of total assets), respectively. For 2011 and 2010, there were four reporting units identified for impairment testing. Those units are SLPE, Teal, MTE and RFL.

Impairment Of Long-Lived And Intangible Assets

The Company's long-lived and intangible assets primarily consist of fixed assets, goodwill and other intangible assets. The Company periodically reviews the carrying value of its long-lived assets held and used, other than goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, and assets to be disposed of whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company assesses the recoverability of the asset by estimated cash flows and at times by independent appraisals. It compares estimated cash flows expected to be generated from the related assets, or the appraised value of the asset, to the carrying amounts to determine whether impairment has occurred. If the estimate of cash flows expected to be generated changes in the future, the Company may be required to record impairment charges that were not previously recorded for these assets. If the carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired, an impairment charge is recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. Asset impairment evaluations are by nature highly subjective.

Environmental Expenditures

The Company is subject to United States, Mexican, Chinese and United Kingdom environmental laws and regulations concerning emissions to the air, discharges to surface and subsurface waters, and generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste materials. The Company is also subject to other federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, including those that require it to remediate or mitigate the effects of the disposal or release of certain chemical substances at various sites, mostly at sites where the Company has ceased operations. It is impossible to predict precisely what effect these laws and regulations will have in the future.

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Expenditures that relate to current operations are charged to expense or capitalized, as appropriate. Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by formerly owned operations are expensed and recorded as part of discontinued operations, net of tax. Expenditures include costs of remediation, consulting, and legal fees to defend against claims for environmental liability. Liabilities are recorded when remedial efforts are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. The liability for remediation expenditures includes, as appropriate, elements of costs such as site investigations, consultants' fees, feasibility studies, outside contractor expenses and monitoring expenses. Estimates are not discounted and they are not reduced by potential claims for recovery from insurance carriers. The Company does not currently have any outstanding claims against insurance carriers related to remediation expenditures. The liability is periodically reviewed and adjusted to reflect current remediation progress, prospective estimates of required activity and other relevant factors, including changes in technology or regulations. For additional information related to environmental matters, see Note 14 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The above listing is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all of the Company's accounting policies. In many cases, the accounting treatment of a particular transaction is specifically dictated by GAAP with no need for management's judgment in its application. There are also areas in which management's judgment in selecting any available alternatives would not produce a materially different result. For a discussion of accounting policies and other disclosures required by GAAP, see the Company's audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Liquidity And Capital Resources

	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2010	\$ Variance	% Variance
	(in thousands)			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,632	\$ 1,374	\$ 4,258	310%
Bank debt	\$	\$ 9,800	\$ (9,800)	(100%)
Working capital	\$ 34,404	\$ 21,029	\$ 13,375	64%
Shareholders' equity	\$ 56,857	\$ 47,249	\$ 9,608	20%

The Company's liquidity needs have related to, and are expected to continue to relate to, capital investments, product development costs, acquisitions, working capital requirements, and certain environmental and legal remediation costs. The Company has met its liquidity needs primarily through cash generated from operations and, to a lesser extent, through bank borrowings. The Company believes that cash provided from operating activities from continuing operations and funding available under a credit facility will be adequate to service debt and meet working capital needs, capital investment requirements, and product development requirements for the next twelve months. On July 20, 2011, the Company's 2008 Credit Facility was extended to July 1, 2012. The Company expects to negotiate a new long-term debt agreement before the expiration date of the 2008 Credit Facility.

At December 31, 2011, the Company reported cash and cash equivalents of \$5,632,000 compared to \$1,374,000 as of December 31, 2010. Cash and cash equivalents increased in 2011 primarily due to \$17,023,000 of cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations, which was partially offset by \$8,759,000 of cash used in financing activities and \$2,624,000 of cash used in investing activities. The increase in cash in 2011 was also partially offset by \$1,347,000 of cash used in operating activities from discontinued operations.

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During 2011, net cash provided by continuing operating activities was \$17,023,000, as compared to net cash provided by continuing operating activities of \$9,314,000 during fiscal 2010. The primary sources of cash from operating activities for 2011 were income from continuing operations of \$12,835,000, an increase in other accrued liabilities of \$3,360,000, an increase in accounts payable of \$1,981,000, and the add-back of depreciation and amortization expense of \$2,870,000. The increase other accrued liabilities was primarily due to a \$8,300,000 charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Pennsauken Site. All operating entities experienced increases in accounts payable, except for TEAL, due primarily to increased inventory purchases to meet customer demand and increased efforts to extend payment terms to suppliers. These sources and add-backs were partially offset by an increase in deferred income taxes of \$1,587,000, a decrease in accrued income taxes of \$1,215,000, an increase in other current assets of \$522,000, an increase in accounts receivable of \$388,000, and an increase in inventories of \$374,000. The increase in deferred income taxes was primarily due to a tax benefit related to the recording of estimated environmental remediation costs associated with the Pennsauken Site mentioned above. The decrease in accrued income taxes was primarily due to an increase in income taxes paid during 2011. The increase in other current assets was primarily due to an increase in payments related to an inventory purchase agreement for copper at Teal. The increase in other current assets was partially offset by the collection of a fire loss insurance claim related to the Company's former leased manufacturing facility in Mexicali, Mexico, which was received on July 15, 2011 in the amount of \$610,000. The largest increases in accounts receivable occurred at SLPE, MTE, and SL-MTI primarily due to increased sales during 2011. The increase in accounts receivable at SL-MTI was also due to relatively low accounts receivable balances as of December 31, 2010 due to significant collections during December 2010. The increase in inventory was due to an increase in inventory at SLPE in order to meet the increase in demand from customers. The increase in inventory was also due to an increase at TEAL due to the rescheduling of existing customer orders to the first quarter of 2012. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in inventory at RFL and SL-MTI due to lean initiatives to reduce inventory levels.

During 2010, net cash provided by continuing operating activities was \$9,314,000. The primary sources of cash provided by continuing operating activities for 2010 were income from continuing operations of \$9,782,000, increases in accounts payable of \$4,681,000, an increase in other accrued liabilities of \$2,126,000, a net increase in deferred and accrued income taxes of \$1,875,000, and the add-back of depreciation and amortization expense of \$3,026,000. The largest increase in accounts payable occurred at SLPE of \$2,842,000 due to increased inventory purchases to meet customer demand and extended payment terms to suppliers. These sources and add-backs were partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$8,299,000 and an increase in inventory of \$3,250,000. The largest increase in accounts receivable occurred at SLPE where strong sales continued into the fourth quarter and accounted for an increase of \$4,879,000, while Teal's increase was \$2,325,000 and MTE's was \$1,225,000. The largest increase in inventory occurred at SLPE to meet the increase in demand from customers.

During 2011, the net cash used in investing activities was \$2,624,000, as compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$1,648,000 during fiscal 2010. Cash used in investing activities during 2011 was for the purchases of property, plant and equipment and tenant improvements of \$2,690,000 and the purchases of other assets of \$71,000, which was partially offset by the return of a deposit for land rights in China. During 2011, SLPE incurred approximately \$1,125,000 in tenant improvements related to its relocation to a more modern facility in Mexicali, Mexico. The remaining cash used in investing activities for the purchases of property, plant and equipment was primarily used to upgrade production capabilities and upgrade technology. Purchases of other assets were primarily related to the purchase of software and other intangible assets. Cash used in investing activities during 2010 was for the purchases of property, plant and equipment of \$1,416,000 and for the purchase of other assets of \$232,000. The purchase of property, plant and equipment was primarily related to a down payment on land rights in China and the purchases of machinery, computer hardware and demonstration equipment. The purchase of other assets was primarily related to the purchase of software.

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During 2011, the net cash used in financing activities was \$8,759,000, as compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$14,892,000 during fiscal 2010. Cash used in financing activities during 2011 was primarily related to \$9,800,000 in net payments to the 2008 Credit Facility, which was partially offset by \$817,000 of proceeds from stock option exercises and \$291,000 from the tax benefit on the exercise of stock options. During 2010, net cash used in financing activities was \$14,892,000. Cash used in financing activities during 2010 were payments of \$19,451,000 for the retirement of common stock, \$10,000,000 in payments to the revolving credit facility, and \$5,957,000 in net treasury stock purchases. Cash used in financing activities was partially offset by \$19,800,000 of borrowings from the 2008 Credit Facility and \$754,000 of proceeds from stock option exercises. The \$19,800,000 of borrowings from the 2008 Credit Facility was primarily used to finance the retirement of common stock in connection with the Tender Offer in October 2010 and to finance the purchase of all Company shares held by the Company's defined contribution plan during the fourth quarter of 2010. These borrowings were partially offset by payments made against the 2008 Credit Facility mentioned above.

Pursuant to the Tender Offer announced on September 14, 2010, which expired on October 13, 2010, the Company purchased 1,334,824 shares of Company common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$19,355,000, excluding transaction costs of \$96,000. The Company paid for the tendered shares with available cash and \$7,500,000 in borrowings from its 2008 Credit Facility.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, in response to the diversification requirements in the Pension Protection Act of 2006 for defined contribution plans holding publicly traded employer securities, the Company purchased all Company shares held by its defined contribution plan. As a result, the Company purchased 252,064 shares of Company common stock during 2010 at an average cost of \$17.45 per share, at a total cost of \$4,399,000.

On October 23, 2008, the Company entered into the 2008 Credit Facility, with Bank of America, individually, as agent, issuer and a lender thereunder, and the other financial institutions party thereto. The 2008 Credit Facility originally provided for maximum borrowings of \$60,000,000. During the second quarter of 2009, the Company entered into the First Amendment which, among other things, waived compliance with the interest coverage financial covenant in the second quarter 2009 and reset the covenant terms for the third quarter 2009. The First Amendment also reduced the maximum credit line to \$40,000,000. In consideration for these waivers and amendments, the Company agreed to pay the lenders \$250,000, which was remitted in the third quarter of 2009 and is being amortized over the remaining life of the 2008 Credit Facility.

On November 19, 2010, the Company entered into the Second Amendment to the 2008 Credit Facility. The Second Amendment, among other things, (a) amends certain terms of the 2008 Credit Facility in order to permit the Company to issue one or more dividends and/or purchase its registered capital stock then issued and outstanding in an amount not in excess, in the aggregate, of Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000) prior to the maturity date of the 2008 Credit Facility (This provision of the amendment expired on October 1, 2011. On December 21, 2011 a consent was obtained by the Company adjusting the maximum amount not in excess, in the aggregate, of \$4,000,000.); (b) removes the Ten Million Dollar (\$10,000,000) maximum for environmental liabilities; and (c) amends the definitions of EBIT and EBITDA to include the add-back of non-cash charges with respect to liabilities arising under Environmental Laws and to reduce EBIT and EBITDA by the amount of the related cash payments related thereto. In consideration for these amendments, the Company agreed to pay the lenders \$50,000, which was remitted in the fourth quarter of 2010 and is being amortized over the remaining life of the 2008 Credit Facility.

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On March 28, 2011, the Company entered into a Third Amendment to the 2008 Credit Facility. The Third Amendment permits the Company to extend the maturity date of the letters of credit issued under the 2008 Credit Facility. The letters of credit issued under 2008 Credit Facility are now scheduled to expire on September 25, 2012.

On July 20, 2011, the Company entered into a Fourth Amendment to the 2008 Credit Facility. The Fourth Amendment, among other things, (a) amends the definition of maturity date to extend the maturity date of the 2008 Credit Facility to July 1, 2012, (b) amends the definition of applicable margin to lower the applicable margin, and (c) amends the definition of commitment fee margin to lower the commitment fee margin. In consideration for these amendments, the Company agreed to pay the lenders \$44,000, which was remitted in July 2011 and is being amortized over the remaining life of the 2008 Credit Facility.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company had no outstanding balance under the 2008 Credit Facility, which expires on July 1, 2012. During 2011, the Company maintained an average debt outstanding of \$6,225,000. The weighted-average interest rate on borrowings was 1.98% during 2011. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had a total availability under the 2008 Credit Facility of \$39,527,000. As of December 31, 2010, the Company had had an outstanding balance under the 2008 Credit Facility of \$9,800,000, which bore interest at the LIBOR rate of 2.01%. The Company expects to negotiate a new long-term debt agreement in 2012 before the expiration date of the 2008 Credit Facility. Additional information with respect to the 2008 Credit Facility is found in Note 9 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Company's current ratio was 2.09 to 1 at December 31, 2011 and 1.52 to 1 at December 31, 2010. Current assets increased by \$5,023,000 from December 31, 2010, primarily due to an increase in cash, while current liabilities decreased by \$8,352,000 during the same period primarily due to the decrease in the current portion of debt.

Capital expenditures were \$2,690,000 in 2011, which represents an increase of \$1,274,000, or 90%, from the capital expenditure levels of the comparable period in 2010. Capital expenditures in 2011 were primarily attributable to tenant improvements and the purchases of machinery, computer hardware and demonstration equipment. During 2011, SLPE incurred approximately \$1,125,000 in tenant improvements related to its relocation to a more modern facility in Mexicali, Mexico. Capital expenditures of \$1,416,000 were made in 2010. These expenditures primarily related to a down payment on land rights in China and the purchases of machinery, computer hardware and demonstration equipment. In 2012, the Company anticipates spending approximately \$4,774,000 on property, plant and equipment, used primarily to upgrade production capabilities and upgrade technology. The 2012 capital additions are expected to be funded primarily through cash from operating activities.

With the exception of the segment reported as Other (which consists primarily of corporate office expenses, financing activities, public reporting costs and costs not specifically allocated to the reportable business segments), all of the Company's operating segments recorded income from operations in 2011 and 2010.

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The following is a summary of the Company's contractual obligations at December 31, 2011 for the periods indicated:

	Less Than 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	4 to 5 Years	After 5 Years	Total
	(in thousands)				
Operating Leases	\$ 1,811	\$ 2,552	\$ 722	\$ 1,048	\$ 6,133

The table above excludes the Company's gross liability for uncertain tax positions, including accrued interest and penalties, which totaled \$80,000 as of December 31, 2011, since the Company cannot predict with reasonable reliability the timing or certainty of cash settlements to the respective taxing authorities.

Restructuring Costs

Restructuring activity for the period ended December 31, 2011 was as follows:

	Accrual at Beginning of the Year	Charged to Earnings	Cash Payments	Accrual at 12/31/2011
	(in thousands)			
Severance and other employee-related charges	\$	\$ 261	\$ (205)	\$ 56

During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company announced a restructuring plan to reduce certain costs of sales and certain operating expenses, including engineering, selling and administration at SLPE and TEAL. For the year ended December 31, 2011, there was a consolidated charge to earnings of \$261,000 which was comprised of a \$207,000 charge at SLPE and a \$54,000 charge at TEAL. The charges are composed of severance and other employee related charges. The total number of employees affected by the restructuring plan was 47, of which 47 had been terminated as of December 31, 2011. The remaining unpaid termination benefits associated with the plan were paid during January 2012. Annual savings in connection with the restructuring plan are anticipated to be approximately \$2.2 million.

During fiscal 2009, the Company recorded a total restructuring charge of \$690,000, of which \$535,000 was recorded at SLPE and \$155,000 at MTE. Most of the charges at SLPE were recorded in the second quarter of fiscal 2009. These restructuring charges primarily related to workforce reductions to align the cost structure to reduced business levels. The charges recorded at MTE were primarily recorded in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 and related to certain exit costs related to the relocation from its leased manufacturing facility in Juarez, Mexico to the Company's existing manufacturing facilities in Mexicali, Mexico. All of the restructuring costs had been fully paid by year end December 31, 2009.

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It is not the Company's usual business practice to enter into off-balance sheet arrangements such as guarantees on loans and financial commitments, indemnification arrangements and retained interests in assets transferred to an unconsolidated entity for securitization purposes. Consequently, the Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements which have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material current or future effect on its financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources, except for operating lease commitments disclosed in the table above and inventory purchase commitments.

In an attempt to stabilize copper costs, the Company entered into purchase agreements for copper during 2011. As of December 31, 2011, forward purchase agreements in the aggregate amount of approximately \$3,746,000 were entered into for 2012. As of December 31, 2011, no purchase commitments for copper were greater than nine months.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**Year Ended December 31, 2011 Compared With Year Ended December 31, 2010**

	2011	Years Ended December 31, 2010		% Variance
		(in thousands)		
Net sales				
Power Electronics Group:				
SLPE	\$ 91,066	\$ 79,615	\$ 11,451	14%
High Power Group	63,027	56,494	6,533	12
Total	154,093	136,109	17,984	13
SL-MTI				
RFL	35,413	31,261	4,152	13
	22,825	22,398	427	2
Total	\$ 212,331	\$ 189,768	\$ 22,563	12%
	2011	Years Ended December 31, 2010		% Variance
		(in thousands)		
Income from operations				
Power Electronics Group:				
SLPE	\$ 7,825	\$ 6,389	\$ 1,436	22%
High Power Group	6,940	5,418	1,522	28
Total	14,765	11,807	2,958	25
SL-MTI				
RFL	6,219	4,801	1,418	30
Other	3,189	2,990	199	7
	(5,639)	(6,350)	711	11
Total	\$ 18,534	\$ 13,248	\$ 5,286	40%

During 2011, consolidated net sales increased by \$22,563,000, or 12%. When compared to 2010, net sales of the Power Electronics Group increased by \$17,984,000, or 13%; net sales of SL-MTI increased by \$4,152,000, or 13%; and net sales of RFL increased by \$427,000, or 2%.

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In 2011, the Company's income from operations was \$18,534,000, compared to \$13,248,000 in 2010, representing an increase of \$5,286,000 or 40%. Income from operations was 9% of sales compared to income from operations of 7% in 2010. All of the Company's operating entities recorded income from operations in 2011 and 2010.

Income from continuing operations in 2011 was \$12,835,000, or \$2.80 per diluted share, compared to income from continuing operations in 2010 of \$9,782,000, or \$1.68 per diluted share. Income from continuing operations was approximately 6% of net sales in 2011, compared to income from continuing operations of 5% of net sales in 2010. In 2011 and 2010, income from continuing operations benefited from research and development tax credits by approximately \$717,000 and \$667,000, or \$0.16 and \$0.11 per diluted share, respectively. Also, restructuring costs in 2011 of \$261,000 (\$182,000, net of tax) had a negative impact of approximately \$0.04 per diluted share.

The Company's business segments and the components of operating expenses are discussed in the following sections.

SLPE

SLPE recorded net sales of \$91,066,000, or 43% of consolidated net sales in 2011, compared to \$79,615,000, or 42% of consolidated net sales in 2010. At SLPE, the net sales of its medical equipment product line increased by \$11,658,000, or 24%. Sales of the industrial product line increased by \$2,446,000, or 20%, while sales of the data communications product line decreased by \$1,845,000, or 12%. The increase in sales of the medical equipment product line was primarily due to increased sales volumes to several large domestic and international customers during 2011. The increase in sales of the industrial product line was primarily due to a large international customer order in 2011. The decrease in sales of the data communications product line was primarily due to a decrease in volumes to a large international customer in 2011. Returns and distributor credits also affected net sales, which represented approximately 1% and 2% of gross sales in 2011 and 2010, respectively. Domestic sales increased by 11% and international sales increased by 27% during 2011.

SLPE reported income from operations of \$7,825,000 in 2011, compared to income from operations of \$6,389,000 in 2010. Income from operations increased in 2011 due to an increase in sales and a decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales. Operating costs decreased by approximately 1% (excluding restructuring costs of \$207,000) as a percentage of net sales during 2011 due primarily to a decrease in engineering and product development costs as a percentage of net sales. SLPE's cost of products sold was relatively flat as a percentage of net sales during 2011 and 2010.

High Power Group

The High Power Group reported net sales of \$63,027,000, or 30% of consolidated net sales in 2011, compared to \$56,494,000, or 30% of consolidated net sales in 2010. The increase in net sales during 2011 was due to an increase in sales at MTE of \$6,180,000, or 25%, and an increase in sales at Teal of \$353,000, or 1%.

MTE's sales increase is primarily attributable to an increase in sales to OEMs and distributors during 2011, especially in the industrial automation industry and the oil and gas industry. International sales increased 32%, while domestic sales increased 23%. The increase in international sales is primarily due to several large customer orders due to increased efforts to expand to markets in Mexico and South America, especially in the industrial automation and oil and gas markets. The increase in domestic sales is due to an across the board increase in all of MTE's markets, especially in the industrial automation market and the oil and gas market.

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Teal's sales increase is attributable to an increase in sales to the military and aerospace industries of \$1,667,000, or 73%, partially offset by decreases in sales to the medical industry of \$963,000 or 4%, semi-conductor market of \$216,000 or 8%, and other product lines of \$135,000 or 32%. Sales to military and aerospace customers increased during 2011 primarily due to increased volumes to a large domestic customer. Sales to medical imaging equipment manufacturers decreased primarily due to lower volumes to several large domestic customers. The decrease in the semi-conductor is almost entirely driven by a decrease in sales to a large international customer. Other product lines net sales decreased primarily due to a decrease in repair and maintenance activities. Domestic sales increased by 2% and international sales decreased by 5% during 2011.

The High Power Group reported income from operations of \$6,940,000 in 2011, which represented an increase of 28% from 2010. The increase in income from operations during 2011 was due to an increase at MTE of \$1,499,000 and an increase at Teal of \$23,000. The increase in the High Power Group's income from operations is due to an increase in sales coupled with a decrease in cost of sales as a percentage of net sales. Cost of sales decreased by approximately 1% as a percentage of net sales during 2011. Operating expenses as a percentage of net sales remained relatively flat during 2011 and 2010.

SL-MTI

SL-MTI recorded net sales of \$35,413,000, or 16% of consolidated net sales in 2011, compared to \$31,261,000, or 16% of consolidated net sales in 2010. During 2011, sales to customers in the commercial aerospace industries increased by \$2,535,000, or 26%, sales to customers in the defense industry increased by \$863,000, or 4%, sales of other commercial products increased by \$651,000, or 47%, and sales of medical products increased by \$103,000, or 18%. Domestic sales increased by 31% and international sales decreased by 40% during 2011. The increase in domestic sales is primarily due to higher volumes to several customers in the aerospace, military, and oil and gas industries. The decrease in international sales was primarily related to lower volumes to a military customer located in Canada.

SL-MTI reported income from operations of \$6,219,000 in 2011, which represented an increase of 30% from 2010. The increase in income from operations during 2011 was due to an increase in sales, a decrease in cost of sales as a percentage of net sales, and a decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales. Cost of sales decreased by approximately 1% as a percentage of net sales during 2011. Operating costs decreased by approximately 1% as a percentage of net sales during 2011 primarily due to a decrease in SG&A as a percentage of net sales.

RFL

RFL recorded net sales of \$22,825,000, or 11% of consolidated net sales in 2011, compared to \$22,398,000, or 12% of consolidated net sales in 2010. Sales of RFL's protection products increased by \$383,000, or 3%. The increase in protection products is primarily related to a new large international customer project without a comparable project during 2010. Sales in the communications product line were relatively flat during 2011 and 2010, primarily due to high volumes of a new product, partially offset by decreased legacy communication product sales. Customer service sales remained relatively flat. Domestic sales increased by \$962,000, or 5%, while international sales decreased by \$535,000, or 11%. The increase in domestic sales is primarily due to a large customer order in the production products line and new product growth in the communications product line. The decrease in international sales is primarily due to decreases in communication product sales of \$1,314,000 to customers located in Canada, China, and Mexico, partially offset by increases of \$814,000 in protection product sales to customers located in Spain and Venezuela.

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RFL reported income from operations of \$3,189,000 in 2011, which represented an increase of 7% from 2010. Income from operations increased in 2011 due to an increase in sales and a decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales, partially offset by an increase in cost of sales as a percentage of net sales. Operating expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased by approximately 3% due to a decrease in SG&A costs as a percentage of net sales. Cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales increased by approximately 2% in 2011.

Cost Of Products Sold

Cost of products sold was approximately 68% of net sales in 2011 and 2010. The cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales remained relatively flat on an increase in net sales of 12%. The High Power Group and SL-MTI recorded decreases in their cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales of approximately 1%. The decreases at the High Power Group and SL-MTI are partially offset by RFL, which recorded an increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales of approximately 2%. The High Power Group had a decrease in its cost of products sold percentage primarily due to high sales volume, lean initiatives and improved supply chain management. SL-MTI's decrease in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to high volume of sales and lean initiatives implemented primarily at its manufacturing facility in Matamoros, Mexico. RFL's increase in the percentage of cost of products sold was primarily due to an unfavorable customer and product mix. SLPE's cost of products sold was relatively flat as a percentage of net sales in 2011. All operating entities are at various stages of implementing lean initiatives through the factory floor to reduce cost of products sold.

Engineering And Product Development Expenses

Engineering and product development expenses were approximately 6% of net sales in 2011, compared to 7% in 2010. SLPE recorded a 1% decrease in engineering and product development expenses as a percentage of net sales during 2011. The decrease in engineering and product development costs as a percentage of net sales at SLPE was primarily due to increased sales coupled with a shift of engineering and product development costs to lower cost locations. Engineering and product development costs at the High Power Group, SL-MTI, and RFL were relatively flat as a percentage of net sales during 2011 and 2010.

Selling, General And Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses were approximately 16% of net sales for 2011 and 17% of net sales for 2010. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$1,607,000, or 5%, on a 12% increase in sales. SLPE's expenses increased by \$1,966,000, compared to 2010, due to an increase in sales related costs, compensation expenses, and severance paid to the former president of SLPE. The High Power Group recorded an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses of \$687,000, due to the addition of employees and increased commissions and compensation expense due to higher sales levels. SL-MTI increased by \$162,000, primarily related to increased commissions and compensation expense due to higher sales volumes. The increases at SLPE, the High Power Group and SL-MTI were partially offset by a \$468,000 decrease in selling, general and administrative expense at RFL. The decrease at RFL was primarily due to decreased sales and commissions expenses. Corporate and Other expenses decreased by \$711,000, or 11%, primarily related to decreased professional fees and severance costs paid to two former executives in 2010.

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Depreciation And Amortization Expenses

Depreciation and amortization expenses were approximately 1% of net sales in 2011 and 2% in 2010, respectively.

Restructuring Costs

Restructuring costs were \$261,000 in 2011 and consisted of severance costs and other employee related charges. No restructuring costs were incurred during 2010. The purpose of the restructuring plan was to reduce certain costs of sales and certain operating expenses, including engineering, selling and administration at SLPE and TEAL.

Amortization Of Deferred Financing Costs

In connection with entering into the 2008 Credit Facility and related waivers and amendments, the Company incurred deferred financing costs which are amortized over the term of the 2008 Credit Facility in accordance with the guidance provided by ASC 470-50 Debt-Modification and Extinguishments. During 2011 and 2010, the amortization of deferred financing costs equaled \$218,000 and \$252,000, respectively.

Fire Related Loss, Net

On March 24, 2010, the Company sustained fire damage at its then leased manufacturing facility in Mexicali, Mexico. This facility manufactured products for both SLPE and MTE. The fire was contained to an area that manufactured MTE products. The Company was fully insured for the replacement of the assets damaged in the fire and for the loss of profits due to business interruption and changed conditions caused by the fire. The Company's fire related loss includes the destruction of property and equipment, damaged inventory, cleanup costs and increased operating expenses incurred as a result of the fire. The Company's insurance recovery represents indemnification for these costs, net of applicable adjustments and deductibles.

During June 2011, the Company settled the fire damage claims with its insurance carriers for \$810,000 and as a result the Company recorded a gain related to the fire of \$277,000. The Company had recorded estimated insurance recoveries of \$533,000 as of December 31, 2010. The Company received \$610,000 from its insurance carriers on July 15, 2011 since the Company received a \$200,000 advance from its carrier related to the fire loss in July 2010. No additional material gains, losses or recoveries are expected to be recognized in subsequent periods related to the fire loss.

During 2010, the Company recorded \$642,000 of estimated fire related losses and \$533,000 of estimated insurance recoveries, for an estimated net loss of \$109,000.

Interest Income And Interest Expense

In 2011, interest income was \$3,000, compared to \$2,000 in 2010. Interest expense in 2011 was \$179,000, compared to \$86,000 in 2010. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to higher debt levels during 2011, compared to the same period in 2010. During October 2010, \$7,500,000 of borrowings were incurred to pay for the Tender Offer and \$3,000,000 of borrowings were incurred during December 2010 to pay for the repurchase of Company shares held by the Company's defined contribution plan. Borrowings were repaid in full during the fourth quarter of 2011.

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Taxes (Continuing Operations)

The effective tax rate for 2011 was approximately 30%. In 2010, the effective tax rate was 24%. The effective tax rate on continuing operations was impacted by the change in both the federal statutory tax rate and a change in the estimated effective state tax rates. During 2011, the Company's federal statutory tax rate increased from 34% to 35% due to the increase in the Company's earnings. In addition, the Company's policy is to periodically review the effective state tax rates for its deferred taxes based on the most recently filed tax returns. As a result, during the fourth quarter of 2011 the Company increased its effective state tax rate to reflect the future tax expected to be paid in relation to its pre-tax financial statement income.

Discontinued Operations

Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, was \$4,637,000 in 2011 as compared to \$7,226,000, net of tax, in 2010. During the fourth quarter of 2011, the Company recorded a \$5,151,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Pennsauken Site. The remaining loss from discontinued operations during 2011 was related to environmental remediation costs, consulting fees, and legal charges associated with the past operations of the Company's other four environmental sites. The charges mentioned above were partially offset by a favorable settlement with a foreign tax authority which was recorded as part of discontinued operations. The settlement was associated with the Company's Elektro-Metall Export GmbH subsidiary, which was sold in January 2003. As a result, during the second quarter of 2011, the Company recognized a previously unrecognized tax position related to the settlement in the amount of \$787,000 (\$619,000 tax and \$168,000 interest). The tax settlement had no impact on the Company's cash flows.

During 2010, the loss from discontinued operations was primarily related to ongoing environmental remediation and legal costs associated with the Pennsauken Site and Camden Site. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$5,132,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Pennsauken Site. During the second quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$784,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Camden Site.

For a discussion of potential environmental liabilities, see Item 3. Legal Proceedings included in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Net Income

Net income was \$8,198,000, or \$1.79 per diluted share, for 2011 compared to \$2,556,000, or \$0.44 per diluted share, for 2010. The weighted-average number of shares used in the diluted earnings per share computation were 4,573,000 and 5,811,000 for 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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	2010	Years Ended December 31, 2009		% Variance
		(in thousands)		
		\$	\$	
Net sales				
Power Electronics Group:				
SLPE	\$ 79,615	\$ 53,464	\$ 26,151	49%
High Power Group	56,494	44,865	11,629	26
Total	136,109	98,329	37,780	38
SL-MTI	31,261	28,277	2,984	11
RFL	22,398	20,945	1,453	7
Total	\$ 189,768	\$ 147,551	\$ 42,217	29%
Income from operations				
Power Electronics Group:				
SLPE	\$ 6,389	\$ 735	\$ 5,654	769%
High Power Group	5,418	3,194	2,224	70
Total	11,807	3,929	7,878	201
SL-MTI	4,801	4,426	375	8
RFL	2,990	1,919	1,071	56
Other	(6,350)	(5,185)	(1,165)	(22)
Total	\$ 13,248	\$ 5,089	\$ 8,159	160%

During 2010, consolidated net sales increased by \$42,217,000, or 29%. When compared to 2009, net sales of the Power Electronics Group increased by \$37,780,000, or 38%; net sales of SL-MTI increased by \$2,984,000, or 11%; and net sales of RFL increased by \$1,453,000, or 7%.

In 2010, the Company's income from operations was \$13,248,000, compared to \$5,089,000 in 2009, representing an increase of \$8,159,000, or 160%. Income from operations was 7% of sales compared to income from operations of 3% in 2009. All of the Company's operating entities recorded income from operations in 2010 and 2009.

Income from continuing operations in 2010 was \$9,782,000, or \$1.68 per diluted share, compared to income from continuing operations in 2009 of \$3,564,000, or \$0.59 per diluted share. Income from continuing operations was approximately 5% of net sales in 2010, compared to income from continuing operations of 2% of net sales in 2009. In 2010 and 2009, income from continuing operations benefited from research and development tax credits by approximately \$667,000 and \$611,000, or \$0.11 and \$0.10 per diluted share, respectively. Also, restructuring costs in 2009 of \$690,000 had a negative impact of approximately \$0.08 per diluted share.

The Company's business segments and the components of operating expenses are discussed in the following sections.

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SLPE

SLPE recorded net sales of \$79,615,000, or 42% of consolidated net sales in 2010, compared to \$53,464,000, or 36% of consolidated net sales in 2009. At SLPE, the net sales of its medical equipment product line increased by \$17,867,000, or 57%. Sales of the industrial product line increased by \$4,728,000, or 59%, while sales of the data communications product line increased by \$1,970,000, or 14%. The increase in sales of the medical equipment product line and the data communications product line was due primarily to weak market demand in these segments in 2009. The increase in the medical equipment product line was also due to a large customer order in the U.S. in 2010. The increase in sales of the industrial product line was the result of increased orders from distributors during 2010 due to weak market demand in 2009. Returns and distributor credits also affected net sales, which represented approximately 2% of gross sales in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Domestic sales increased by 44% and international sales increased by 69% during 2010.

SLPE reported income from operations of \$6,389,000 in 2010, compared to income from operations of \$735,000 in 2009. Income from operations increased in 2010 due to an increase in sales and a decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales. Operating costs decreased by approximately 6% (excluding restructuring costs) as a percentage of net sales during 2010 due primarily to decreases in SG&A and engineering and product development costs as a percentage of net sales. SLPE's cost of products sold was approximately 69% as a percentage of net sales during 2010 and 2009, respectively.

High Power Group

The High Power Group reported net sales of \$56,494,000, or 30% of consolidated net sales in 2010, compared to \$44,865,000, or 31% of consolidated net sales in 2009. The increase in net sales during 2010 was due to an increase in sales at Teal of \$4,402,000, or 16%, and an increase in sales at MTE of \$7,227,000, or 42%.

Teal's sales increase was attributable to an increase in sales to medical imaging equipment manufacturers of \$3,065,000, the semi-conductor market of \$1,928,000, and other product lines of \$190,000, partially offset by a decrease in sales to the military and aerospace industries of \$781,000. Sales to medical imaging equipment manufacturers increased as customers replenished their low inventory levels carried in 2009. Teal's sales to the semi-conductor market increased primarily due to the low level of sales in 2009 attributable to the global economic downturn. The semi-conductor market experienced increased activity in 2010 and was almost entirely driven by international sales. Other product lines net sales increased primarily due to an increase in repair and maintenance activities. Sales to military and aerospace customers decreased during 2010 as the first two quarters of 2009 were large shipment quarters. Domestic sales increased by 11% and international sales increased by 73% during 2010.

MTE's sales increase was primarily attributable to an increase in sales to both OEMs and distributors, which increased sharply from the prior year when MTE's products were in decline as a result of the global economic downturn. Domestic sales increased 27%, while international sales increased 116%. The increase in domestic sales was due to an across the board increase in all of MTE's markets. The increase in international sales was due to an increase in project based sales to South America in the oil and gas markets and Asian customers involved in infrastructure projects.

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The High Power Group reported income from operations of \$5,418,000 in 2010, which represented an increase of 70% from 2009. The increase in income from operations during 2010 was due to an increase at Teal of \$620,000 and an increase at MTE of \$1,604,000. The increase in the High Power Group's income from operations was due to an increase in sales coupled with a decrease in operating expenses as a percentage of net sales. Operating costs decreased by approximately 3% (excluding restructuring costs) as a percentage of net sales during 2010 due primarily to decreases in SG&A and engineering and product development costs as a percentage of net sales. The increase in net sales and the decrease in operating expenses were partially offset by approximately a 1% increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales during 2010.

SL-MTI

SL-MTI recorded net sales of \$31,261,000, or 16% of consolidated net sales in 2010, compared to \$28,277,000, or 19% of consolidated net sales in 2009. Sales to customers in the defense and commercial aerospace industries increased by \$2,044,000. Sales of medical products and commercial products increased by \$202,000 and \$738,000, respectively. Domestic sales increased by 5% and international sales increased by 31% during 2010. The increase in international sales was primarily related to a new large customer order in Europe and increased sales to Canada in 2010.

SL-MTI reported income from operations of \$4,801,000 in 2010, which represented an increase of 8% from 2009. The increase in income from operations during 2010 was due to an increase in sales coupled with a 1% decrease in engineering and product developments costs as a percentage of net sales, partially offset by a 1% increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales.

RFL

RFL recorded net sales of \$22,398,000, or 12% of consolidated net sales in 2010, compared to \$20,945,000, or 14% of consolidated net sales in 2009. Sales of RFL's communications products increased by \$1,149,000, or 13% and sales of protection products increased by \$261,000, or 2%. The increase in sales in the communications product line was primarily due to increased sales related to multiplexer products and higher volume of replacement orders. The increase in protection products was primarily related to a large customer upgrade project during 2010. Customer service sales remained relatively flat. Domestic sales increased by \$697,000, or 4%, while international sales increased by \$756,000, or 19%.

RFL reported income from operations of \$2,990,000 in 2010, which represented an increase of 56% from 2009. Income from operations increased in 2010 due to an increase in sales and a decrease in cost of sales and operating expenses as a percentage of net sales. Cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales decreased by approximately 3% in 2010. Operating expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased by approximately 1% due to a decrease in SG&A and engineering and product development costs as a percentage of net sales.

Cost Of Products Sold

As a percentage of net sales, cost of products sold was approximately 68% and 67% during 2010 and 2009, respectively. The cost of products sold percentage remained relatively flat on a net sales increase of 29%. The High Power Group and SL-MTI recorded increases in their cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales of approximately 1%. RFL recorded a decrease of approximately 3%. SLPE's cost of products sold was flat as a percentage of net sales between periods. The High Power Group had an increase in its cost of products sold percentage due primarily to sales mix and higher commodity prices, in particular copper. SL-MTI had a slightly higher percentage of cost of products sold due mainly to product mix. RFL's decrease in the percentage of cost of products sold was due to a favorable sales mix and lean initiatives which began in 2009.

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Engineering And Product Development Expenses

Engineering and product development expenses were approximately 7% of net sales in 2010, compared to 8% in 2009. All of the Company's operating entities recorded decreases in engineering and product development expenses as a percentage of net sales during 2010, including a 2% decrease at SLPE, a 1% decrease at the High Power Group, a 1% decrease at SL-MTI, and a 1% decrease at RFL. The decrease in engineering and product development costs as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to an increase in funding of customer projects during 2010 while maintaining a consistent employee headcount between periods. The decrease as a percentage of sales was also due to a 29% increase in sales while product development costs increased by only 9% during 2010.

Selling, General And Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses were approximately 17% of net sales for 2010 and 19% of net sales for 2009. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$4,749,000, or 17%, on a 29% increase in sales. SLPE's expenses increased by \$2,010,000, compared to 2009, due to an increase in sales related costs, higher travel cost, stock option expense and business taxes with respect to the China manufacturing operations. The High Power Group recorded an increase in selling, general and administrative expenses of \$820,000, due to the addition of employees, recruiting fees, increased commissions and bonuses due to the higher sales level. SL-MTI increased by \$345,000, primarily related to increased commissions and bonuses due to the higher sales volumes. RFL's expenses increased by \$336,000, primarily related to increased bonus, benefits, and consulting expenses which were partially offset by decreased commissions expense. Corporate and Other expenses increased by \$1,165,000, or 22%, primarily due to higher legal fees and severance costs for two former executives, which were partially offset by a decrease in consulting fees.

Depreciation And Amortization Expenses

Depreciation and amortization expenses were approximately 2% of net sales in 2010 and in 2009, respectively.

Restructuring Costs

In 2009 the Company incurred a restructuring charge of \$690,000, which was recorded at SLPE and MTE. These charges primarily related to costs associated to reduce workforce levels. The costs represented actions taken in 2009 to align SLPE's cost structure in response to a further reduction in business levels. Workforce reductions in 2009 principally affected personnel in Mexico, but also impacted operations in China and the United States. There were no restructuring charges or payments made in 2010.

Amortization Of Deferred Financing Costs

In connection with entering into the 2008 Credit Facility, the Company incurred costs of approximately \$558,000. These costs were deferred and amortized over the term of the 2008 Credit Facility in accordance with the guidance provided by ASC 470-50 Debt Modification and Extinguishments. During the third quarter of 2009, the 2008 Credit Facility was reset and amended. The Company paid a one-time fee of \$250,000 in consideration for these waivers and amendments. This cost was deferred and amortized over the remaining life of the 2008 Credit Facility. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company paid a one-time fee of \$50,000 as it entered into a Second Amendment to the 2008 Credit Facility. This cost was deferred and amortized over the remaining life of the 2008 Credit Facility.

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Fire Related Loss, Net

On March 24, 2010, the Company sustained fire damage at its leased manufacturing facility in Mexicali, Mexico. This facility manufactures products for both SLPE and MTE. The fire was contained to an area that manufactures MTE products. The Company is fully insured for the replacement of the assets damaged in the fire and for the loss of profits due to business interruption and changed conditions caused by the fire. The Company's fire related loss includes the destruction of property and equipment, damaged inventory, cleanup costs and increased operating expenses incurred as a result of the fire. The Company's insurance recovery represents indemnification for all of these costs, net of applicable adjustments and deductibles. During 2010, the Company recorded an estimated loss related to the fire of \$109,000.

In February 2011, the Company submitted \$952,000 in claims related to the loss. In July 2010, the Company received a \$200,000 advance from its carrier related to the fire loss. Any additional gains, losses and recoveries will be recognized in subsequent periods as amounts are determined and finalized with the Company's insurance carriers.

Interest Income And Interest Expense

In 2010, interest income was \$2,000, compared to \$8,000 in 2009. Interest expense in 2010 was \$86,000, compared to \$63,000 in 2009. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to \$7,500,000 of borrowings incurred during October 2010 to pay for the Tender Offer and \$3,000,000 of borrowings incurred during December 2010 to pay for the repurchase of Company shares held by the Company's defined contribution plan. The Company maintained no outstanding bank debt in 2009.

Taxes (Continuing Operations)

The effective tax rate for 2010 was approximately 24%. In 2009, the effective tax rate was 24%. The rates for both periods reflect the statutory rate after adjustments for state and international tax provisions, offset by the recording of benefits from research and development tax credits and the recognition of a previously unrecognized tax position. The benefit rate related to the research and development tax credits was 5% for 2010 and 13% for 2009.

Discontinued Operations

During 2010, the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, of \$7,226,000, compared to \$628,000, net of tax, in 2009. These charges related to ongoing environmental remediation and legal costs primarily related to the Pennsauken Site and Camden Site. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$5,132,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Pennsauken Site. During the second quarter of 2010, the Company recorded a \$784,000, net of tax, charge related to estimated environmental remediation liabilities associated with the Camden Site. For a discussion of potential environmental liabilities, see Item 3. Legal Proceedings included in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Net Income

Net income was \$2,556,000, or \$0.44 per diluted share, for 2010 compared to \$2,936,000, or \$0.49 per diluted share, for 2009. The weighted-average number of shares used in the diluted earnings per share computation were 5,811,000 and 6,015,000 for 2010 and 2009, respectively.

New Accounting Pronouncements To Be Adopted

For a discussion on the impact of recently issued accounting pronouncements, see **New Accounting Standards** in the Consolidated Financial Statements incorporated by reference in **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data** in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Environmental

See **Item 3. Legal Proceedings** in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Consolidated Financial Statements and supplementary data, together with the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, are included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation Of Disclosure Controls And Procedures

The Company, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15e and 15d-15e promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such controls and procedures are designed to ensure that all material information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and that all such information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported as specified in the rules and forms of the SEC.

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Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act). The Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and Board of Directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the Company's transactions and dispositions of the Company's assets;

provide reasonable assurance that the Company's transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the Company's financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that the Company's receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of the Company's management and the Company's directors; and

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on its financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting cannot prevent or detect every potential misstatement. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurances with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may decline.

The Company's management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, based on the framework and criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, the Company's management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2011 and concluded that such internal control over financial reporting was effective.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's auditors pursuant to rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, such internal control over financial reporting.

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ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Apart from certain information concerning the Company's executive officers, which is set forth in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information required under this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the applicable information in the Proxy Statement for the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) (1) Financial Statements

The information required by this Item is included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Consolidated financial statements and supplementary data, together with the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, are filed as part of this Report. See Index at page F-1 to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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(a) (2) Financial Statement Schedules

The following financial statement schedule for the years ended December 31, 2011, December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 are submitted herewith:

Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other schedules are omitted because (a) the required information is shown elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, or (b) they are inapplicable, or (c) they are not required.

See Index at page F-1 to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part IV of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(a) (3) Exhibits

The information required by this Item is listed in the Exhibit Index of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

SL INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Company)

By /s/ William T. Fejes
William T. Fejes
Date: March 30, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Company and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

By /s/ Glen M. Kassan
Glen M. Kassan Chairman of the Board
Date: March 30, 2012

By /s/ William T. Fejes
William T. Fejes President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
Date: March 30, 2012

By /s/ Louis J. Belardi
Louis J. Belardi Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
Date: March 30, 2012

By /s/ Warren G. Lichtenstein
Warren G. Lichtenstein Director
Date: March 30, 2012

By /s/ Avrum Gray
Avrum Gray Director
Date: March 30, 2012

By /s/ James A. Risher
James A. Risher Director
Date: March 30, 2012

By /s/ Mark E. Schwarz
Date: