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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, 2007

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-12387
TENNECO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

76-0515284

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE
LAKE FOREST, IL

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

60045

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

TITLE OF EACH CLASS -----	NAME OF EACH EXCHANGE ON WHICH REGISTERED -----
7.45% Debentures due 2025;	New York Stock Exchange
9.20% Debentures due 2012;	New York Stock Exchange
10.20% Debentures due 2008	New York Stock Exchange
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	New York, Chicago, and London Stock Exchanges
Preferred Share Purchase Rights	New York, Chicago, and London Stock Exchanges

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

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pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes _____ No

Note -- Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from their obligations under those Sections.

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, 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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer _____ Non-accelerated filer _____
 (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

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter.

CLASS OF COMMON EQUITY AND NUMBER OF SHARES HELD BY NON-AFFILIATES AT JUNE 30, 2007	MARKET VALUE HELD BY NON-AFFILIATES*
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Common Stock, 44,925,882 shares	\$1,574,202,905

 * Based upon the closing sale price on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Tape for the Common Stock on June 30, 2007.

INDICATE THE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING OF EACH OF THE REGISTRANT'S CLASSES OF COMMON STOCK, AS OF THE LATEST PRACTICABLE DATE. Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, 46,584,982 shares outstanding as of February 22, 2008.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

DOCUMENT -----	PART OF THE FORM 10-K INTO WHICH INCORPORATED -----
Portions of Tenneco Inc.'s Definitive Proxy Statement	

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for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2008

Part III

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SAFE HARBOR" PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This Annual Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning, among other things, the prospects and developments of the Company (as defined) and business strategies for our operations, all of which are subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are included in various sections of this report, including the section entitled "Outlook" appearing in Item 7 of this report. These statements are identified as "forward-looking statements" or by their use of terms (and variations thereof) such as "will," "may," "can," "anticipate," "intend," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "plan," "should," "outlook," "believe," and "seek" and similar terms (and variations thereof) and phrases.

When a forward-looking statement includes a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement, we caution that, while we believe such assumptions or bases to be reasonable and make them in good faith, assumed facts or bases almost always vary from actual results, and the differences between assumed facts or bases and actual results can be material, depending upon the circumstances. Where, in any forward-looking statement, we or our management expresses an expectation or belief as to future results, we express that expectation or belief in good faith and believe it has a reasonable basis, but we can give no assurance that the statement of expectation or belief will result or be achieved or accomplished.

Our actual results may differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such a difference include the matters described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" appearing in Item 1A of this report and the following:

- general economic, business and market conditions;
- potential legislation, regulatory changes and other governmental actions, including the ability to receive regulatory approvals and the timing of such approvals;
- new technologies that reduce the demand for certain of our products or otherwise render them obsolete;
- changes in distribution channels or competitive conditions in the markets and countries where we operate;
- capital availability or costs, including changes in interest rates, our leverage, market perceptions of the industries in which we operate or ratings of securities;
- increases in the cost of compliance with regulations, including environmental regulations, and environmental liabilities in excess of the amount reserved;

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- changes by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or the Securities and Exchange Commission of authoritative accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- acts of war or terrorism, including, but not limited to, the events taking place in the Middle East, the current military action in Iraq and the continuing war on terrorism, as well as actions taken or to be taken by the United States and other governments as a result of further acts or threats of terrorism, and the impact of these acts on economic, financial and social conditions in the countries where we operate; and
- the timing and occurrence (or non-occurrence) of transactions and events which may be subject to circumstances beyond our control.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS.

TENNECO INC.

GENERAL

Our company, Tenneco Inc., is one of the world's largest producers of automotive emission control and ride control products and systems. Our company serves both original equipment vehicle manufacturers ("OEMs") and the repair and replacement markets, or aftermarket, worldwide. As used herein, the term "Tenneco", "we", "us", "our", or the "Company" refers to Tenneco Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Tenneco was incorporated in Delaware in 1996. In 2005, we changed our name from Tenneco Automotive Inc. back to Tenneco Inc. The name Tenneco better represents the expanding number of markets we serve through our commercial and specialty vehicle businesses. Building a stronger presence in these markets complements our core businesses of supplying ride control and emission control products and systems for light vehicles to automotive original equipment and aftermarket customers worldwide. Our common stock continues to trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "TEN".

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We have established a comprehensive corporate governance plan for the purpose of defining responsibilities, setting high standards of professional and personal conduct and assuring compliance with such responsibilities and standards. As part of its annual review process, the Board of Directors monitors developments in the area of corporate governance. Listed below are some of the key elements of our corporate governance plan.

For more information about these matters, see our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2008.

INDEPENDENCE OF DIRECTORS

- Eight of our nine directors are independent under the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") listing standards.
- Independent directors are scheduled to meet separately in executive session after every regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- We have a lead independent director, Mr. Paul T. Stecko.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- All members meet the independence standards for audit committee membership under the NYSE listing standards and applicable Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules.
- One member of the Audit Committee, Mr. Charles Cramb, has been designated by the Board as an "audit committee financial expert," as defined in the

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SEC rules, and the remaining members of the Audit Committee satisfy the NYSE's financial literacy requirements. Mr. Dennis Letham also meets the requirements to be considered a financial expert under SEC rules.

- The Audit Committee operates under a written charter which governs its duties and responsibilities, including its sole authority to appoint, review, evaluate and replace our independent auditors.
- The Audit Committee has adopted policies and procedures governing the pre-approval of all audit, audit-related, tax and other services provided by our independent auditors.

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COMPENSATION/NOMINATING/GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- All members meet the independence standards for compensation and nominating committee membership under the NYSE listing standards.
- The Compensation/Nominating/Governance Committee operates under a written charter that governs its duties and responsibilities, including the responsibility for executive compensation.
- In December 2005, an Executive Compensation Subcommittee was formed which has the responsibility to consider and approve equity based compensation for our executive officers which is intended to qualify as "performance based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

- We have adopted Corporate Governance Principles, including qualification and independence standards for directors.

STOCK OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES

- We have adopted Stock Ownership Guidelines to align the interests of our executives with the interests of stockholders and promote our commitment to sound corporate governance.
- The Stock Ownership Guidelines apply to the independent directors, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, all Executive Vice Presidents and all Senior Vice Presidents.

COMMUNICATION WITH DIRECTORS

- The Audit Committee has established a process for confidential and anonymous submission by our employees, as well as submissions by other interested parties, regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- Additionally, the Board of Directors has established a process for stockholders to communicate with the Board of Directors, as a whole, or any independent director.

CODES OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

- We have adopted a Code of Ethical Conduct for Financial Managers, which applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer,

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Controller and other key financial managers. This code is filed as Exhibit 14 to this report.

- We also operate under a Statement of Business Principles that applies to all directors, officers and employees and includes provisions ranging from restrictions on gifts to conflicts of interests. All salaried employees are required to affirm in writing their acceptance of these principles.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS POLICY

- We have adopted a Policy and Procedure for Transactions With Related Persons, under which our Audit Committee must generally pre-approve transactions involving more than \$120,000 with our directors, executive officers, five percent or greater stockholders and their immediate family members.

EQUITY AWARD POLICY

- We have adopted a written policy to be followed for all issuances by our company of compensatory awards in the form of our common stock or any derivative of the common stock.

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PERSONAL LOANS TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- We comply with and operate in a manner consistent with the legislation outlawing extensions of credit in the form of a personal loan to or for our directors or executive officers.

Our Internet address is www.tenneco.com. We make our proxy statements, annual report to stockholders, annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports, as filed with or furnished to the SEC, available free of charge on our Internet website as soon as reasonably practicable after submission to the SEC. Securities ownership reports on Forms 3, 4 and 5 are also available free of charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after submission to the SEC. The contents of our website are not, however, a part of this report.

Our Audit Committee, Compensation/Nominating/Governance Committee and Executive Compensation Subcommittee Charters, Corporate Governance Principles, Stock Ownership Guidelines, Audit Committee policy regarding accounting complaints, Code of Ethical Conduct for Financial Managers, Statement of Business Principles, Policy and Procedures for Transactions with Related Persons, Equity Award Policy, policy for communicating with the Board of Directors and Audit Committee policy regarding the pre-approval of audit, non-audit, tax and other services are available free of charge on our website at www.tenneco.com. In addition, we will make a copy of any of these documents available to any person, without charge, upon written request to Tenneco Inc., 500 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, Attn: General Counsel. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirements under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K and applicable NYSE rules regarding amendments to or waivers of our Code of Ethical Conduct for Financial Managers and Statement of Business Principles by posting this information on our website at www.tenneco.com.

CEO AND CFO CERTIFICATIONS

In 2007 our chief executive officer provided to the NYSE and the Chicago

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Stock Exchange the annual CEO certification regarding our compliance with the corporate governance listing standards of those exchanges. In addition, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission all required certifications regarding the quality of our disclosures in our fiscal 2007 SEC reports. There were no qualifications to these certifications.

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAJOR BUSINESSES

For information concerning our operating segments, geographic areas and major products or groups of products, see Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8. The following tables summarize for each of our operating segments for the periods indicated: (i) net sales and operating revenues; (ii) earnings before interest expense, income taxes and minority interest ("EBIT"); and (iii) expenditures for plant, property and equipment. You should also read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in Item 7 for information about certain costs and charges included in our results.

NET SALES AND OPERATING REVENUES:

	2007		2006		2005	
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	(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS)					
North America.....	\$2,910	47%	\$1,963	42%	\$2,033	46%
Europe, South America and India.....	3,135	51	2,387	51	2,110	48
Asia Pacific.....	560	9	436	9	371	8
Intergroup sales.....	(421)	(7)	(104)	(2)	(74)	(2)
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Total.....	\$6,184	100%	\$4,682	100%	\$4,440	100%
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EBIT:

	2007		2006		2005	
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	(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS)					
North America.....	\$120	48%	\$103	53%	\$148	69%
Europe, South America and India.....	99	39	81	41	53	24
Asia Pacific.....	33	13	12	6	16	7
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Total.....	\$252	100%	\$196	100%	\$217	100%
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EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

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	2007		2006		2005	
	(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS)					
North America.....	\$106	54%	\$100	59%	\$ 74	51%
Europe, South America and India.....	74	37	51	30	54	38
Asia Pacific.....	18	9	19	11	16	11
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Total.....	\$198	100%	\$170	100%	\$144	100%
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Interest expense, income taxes, and minority interest that were not allocated to our operating segments are:

	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS)		
Interest expense (net of interest capitalized).....	\$164	\$136	\$133
Income tax expense.....	83	5	26
Minority interest.....	10	6	2

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR BUSINESS

We design, manufacture and sell automotive emission control and ride control systems and products, with 2007 revenues of \$6.2 billion. We serve both original equipment manufacturers and replacement markets worldwide through leading brands, including Monroe(R), Rancho(R), Clevite(R) Elastomers, and Fric Rot(TM) ride control products and Walker(R), Fonos(TM), and Gillet(TM) emission control products.

As an automotive parts supplier, we produce individual component parts for vehicles as well as groups of components that are combined as modules or systems within vehicles. These parts, modules and systems are sold globally to most leading OEMs and throughout all aftermarket distribution channels.

OVERVIEW OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INDUSTRY

The automotive parts industry is generally separated into two categories: (1) "original equipment" or "OE" sales, in which parts are sold in large quantities directly for use by OEMs; and (2) "aftermarket" sales, in which parts are sold as replacement parts in varying quantities to a wide range of wholesalers, retailers and installers. In the OE market, parts suppliers are generally divided into tiers -- "Tier 1" suppliers, who provide their products directly to OEMs, and "Tier 2" or "Tier 3" suppliers, who sell their products principally to other suppliers for combination into the other suppliers' own

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product offerings.

Demand for automotive parts in the OE market is generally a function of the number of new vehicles produced, which in turn is a function of prevailing economic conditions and consumer preferences. In 2007, the number of light vehicles (i.e. passenger cars and light trucks) produced was 15.0 million in North America, 29.4 million in Europe, South America and India and 26.3 million in Asia Pacific. Worldwide new light vehicle production is forecasted to increase to 73.4 million units in 2008 from approximately 70.7 million units in 2007. Although OE demand is tied to planned vehicle production, parts suppliers also have the opportunity to grow through increasing their product content per vehicle, by further penetrating business with existing customers and by gaining new customers and markets. Companies with global presence and advanced technology, engineering, manufacturing and support capabilities, such as our company, are, we believe, well positioned to take advantage of these opportunities.

Demand for aftermarket products is driven by the quality of OE parts, the number of vehicles in operation, the age of the vehicle fleet, vehicle usage and the average useful life of vehicle parts. Although more vehicles are on the road than ever before, the aftermarket has experienced longer replacement cycles due to improved quality of OE parts and increases in average useful lives of automotive parts as a result of technological innovation. Suppliers are increasingly being required to deliver innovative aftermarket products that upgrade the performance or safety of a vehicle's original components to drive aftermarket demand.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

Currently, we believe several significant existing and emerging trends are dramatically impacting the automotive industry. As the dynamics of the automotive industry change, so do the roles, responsibilities and relationships of its participants. Key trends that we believe are affecting automotive parts suppliers include:

INCREASING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

Automotive parts suppliers and OE manufacturers are designing products and developing materials to respond to increasingly stringent environmental requirements, a growing diesel market and the demand for better fuel economy. Government regulations adopted over the past decade require substantial reductions in automobile tailpipe emissions, longer warranties on parts of an automobile's pollution control equipment and additional equipment to control fuel vapor emissions. Some of these regulations also mandate more frequent emission inspections for the existing fleet of vehicles. Manufacturers have responded by focusing their efforts towards technological development to minimize pollution. As a leading supplier of emission control systems with strong technical capabilities, we believe we are well positioned to benefit from more rigorous environmental standards. For example, we developed the diesel particulate filter to meet stricter air quality regulations in Europe. Diesel particulate filters are produced in both Europe on the Mercedes Benz Sprinter

and E-class and North America on the GM Duramax, Ford Super Duty, Dodge Ram and ITEC Medium duty. Our particulate filter and De-NOx converter can reduce particulate emissions by up to 90 percent and nitrogen oxide emissions by up to 85 percent. We also have numerous development contracts with North American, European and Asian light and medium-duty truck manufacturers for our selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems. In addition, we are actively working on

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development of a non-road emission aftertreatment system for multiple manufacturers, in order to meet Tier 4 environmental regulations. In China, we have development contracts for complete turnkey SCR systems, including the Elim-NOx urea dosing technology which we acquired in 2007. Several customers have also purchased prototypes of our hydrocarbon injector, acquired with the ELIM-NOx technology, for the purpose of actively regenerating diesel particulate filters and Lean NOx Traps through hydrocarbon injection directly into the exhaust system.

INCREASING TECHNOLOGICALLY SOPHISTICATED CONTENT

As consumers continue to demand competitively priced vehicles with increased performance and functionality, the number of sophisticated components utilized in vehicles is increasing. By replacing mechanical functions with electronics and by integrating mechanical and electronic functions within a vehicle, OE manufacturers are achieving improved emission control, improved safety and more sophisticated features at lower costs.

Automotive parts customers are increasingly demanding technological innovation from suppliers to address more stringent emission and other regulatory standards and to improve vehicle performance. To develop innovative products, systems and modules, we have invested \$114 million for 2007, \$88 million for 2006 and \$83 million for 2005, net of customer reimbursements, into engineering, research and development and we continuously seek to take advantage of our technology investments and brand strength by extending our products into new markets and categories. For example, we were the first supplier to develop and commercialize a diesel particulate filter that can virtually eliminate carbon and hydrocarbon emissions with minimal impact on engine performance.

We have expanded our competence in diesel particulate filters in Europe and are winning business in North America on these same applications. In addition, we supply Volvo, Audi, Ford and Mercedes Benz with a computerized electronic suspension system that we co-developed with Ohlins Racing AB. As other examples, we are sponsoring funded University Research for advanced technologies for both emission control and ride control, and we are participating in the HyTRAN consortium in Europe for the development of practical fuel cell reformers and auxiliary power units.

Our customers reimburse us for engineering, research, and development costs on some platforms when we prepare prototypes and incur costs before platform awards. Our engineering, research and development expense for 2007, 2006, and 2005 has been reduced by \$72 million, \$61 million, and \$51 million, respectively, for these reimbursements.

ENHANCED VEHICLE SAFETY

Vehicle safety continues to gain increased industry attention and play a critical role in consumer purchasing decisions. As such, OEMs are seeking out suppliers with new technologies, capabilities and products that have the ability to advance vehicle safety. Continued research and development by select automotive suppliers in roll-over protection systems, smart airbag systems, braking electronics and safer, more durable materials has dramatically advanced the market for safety products and its evolving functional demands. Those suppliers who are able to enhance vehicle safety through innovative products and technologies have a distinct competitive advantage with the consumer, and thus their OEM customers. In the Aftermarket, Tenneco has promoted the "Safety Triangle" of Steering-Stopping-Stability to educate consumers of the detrimental effect of worn shock absorbers on vehicle steering and stopping distances. We further strengthened this message with the introduction of Monroe(R) branded brakes as an Aftermarket product offering during 2007. Also during 2007, the new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 126 was introduced for electronic stability control (ECS) systems, making those systems mandatory by 2012. We

believe that this

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legislation will encourage more vehicle manufacturers to specify products like CES and Kinetic, and we are sponsoring University Research to establish the synergistic impact of our technologies to ECS systems.

OUTSOURCING AND DEMAND FOR SYSTEMS AND MODULES

OE manufacturers have been steadily moving towards outsourcing automotive parts and systems to simplify the vehicle assembly process, lower costs and reduce vehicle development time. Outsourcing allows OE manufacturers to take advantage of the lower cost structure of the automotive parts suppliers and to benefit from multiple suppliers engaging in simultaneous development efforts. Furthermore, development of advanced electronics has enabled formerly independent vehicle components to become "interactive," leading to a shift in demand from individual parts to fully integrated systems. As a result, automotive parts suppliers offer OE manufacturers component products individually, as well as in a variety of integrated forms such as modules and systems:

- "Modules" are groups of component parts arranged in close physical proximity to each other within a vehicle. Modules are often assembled by the supplier and shipped to the OEM for installation in a vehicle as a unit. Integrated shock and spring units, seats, instrument panels, axles and door panels are examples.
- "Systems" are groups of component parts located throughout a vehicle which operate together to provide a specific vehicle function. Emission control systems, anti-lock braking systems, safety restraint systems, roll control systems and powertrain systems are examples.

This shift in demand towards fully integrated systems has created the role of the Tier 1 systems integrator. These systems integrators increasingly have the responsibility to execute a number of activities, such as design, product development, engineering, testing of component systems and purchasing from Tier 2 suppliers. We are an established Tier 1 supplier with more than ten years of product integration experience. We have modules or systems for various vehicle platforms in production worldwide and modules or systems for additional platforms under development. For example, we supply ride control modules for the GM Chevy Silverado, GM Sierra and the VW Transporter and the emission control system for the Ford Super Duty, Toyota Tundra, Chrysler Dodge Ram, Ford Focus, and the GM Acadia, Enclave and Outlook.

GLOBAL REACH OF OE CUSTOMERS

OEMs are increasingly requesting suppliers to provide parts on a global basis to support global vehicle platforms. Also, as the customer base of OEMs has consolidated and emerging markets have become more important to achieving growth, suppliers must be prepared to provide products any place in the world.

- Growing Importance of Emerging Markets: Because the North American and Western European automotive markets are relatively mature, OE manufacturers are increasingly focusing on emerging markets for growth opportunities, particularly the so-called BRIC economies, including Brazil, Russia, India, China and Eastern Europe. This increased OE focus has, in turn, increased the growth opportunities in the aftermarkets in these regions.

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- Governmental Tariffs and Local Parts Requirements: Many governments around the world require that vehicles sold within their country contain specified percentages of locally produced parts. Additionally, some governments place high tariffs on imported parts.
- Location of Production Closer to End Markets: OE manufacturers and parts suppliers have relocated production globally on an "onsite" basis that is closer to end markets. This international expansion allows suppliers to pursue sales in developing markets and take advantage of relatively lower labor costs.

With facilities around the world, including the key regions of North America, South America, Europe and Asia, we can supply our customers on a global basis.

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GLOBAL RATIONALIZATION OF OE VEHICLE PLATFORMS

OE manufacturers are increasingly designing "global platforms." A global platform is a basic mechanical structure of a vehicle that can accommodate different features and is in production and/or development in more than one region. Thus, OE manufacturers can design one platform for a number of similar vehicle models. This allows manufacturers to realize significant economies of scale through limiting variations across items such as steering columns, brake systems, transmissions, axles, exhaust systems, support structures and power window and door lock mechanisms. We believe that this shift towards standardization will have a large impact on automotive parts suppliers, who should experience a reduction in production costs as OE manufacturers reduce variations in components. We also expect parts suppliers to experience higher production volumes per platform and greater economies of scale, as well as reduced total investment costs for molds, dies and prototype development. Light vehicle platforms of over one million units are expected to grow from 34 percent to 45 percent of global OE production from 2007 to 2012.

EXTENDED PRODUCT LIFE OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS

The average useful life of automotive parts -- both OE and replacement -- has been steadily increasing in recent years due to innovations in products and technologies. The longer product lives allow vehicle owners to replace parts of their vehicles less often. As a result, although more vehicles are on the road than ever before, the global aftermarket has not grown as fast as the number of vehicles on the road. Accordingly, a supplier's future viability in the aftermarket will depend, in part, on its ability to reduce costs and leverage its advanced technology and recognized brand names to maintain or achieve additional sales. As a Tier 1 OE supplier, we believe we are well positioned to leverage our products and technology into the aftermarket.

CHANGING AFTERMARKET DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

From 1997 to 2007, the number of retail automotive parts stores increased significantly while the number of jobber stores declined more than 16 percent in North America. Major automotive aftermarket retailers, such as AutoZone and Advance Auto Parts, are attempting to increase their commercial sales by selling directly to automotive parts installers in addition to individual consumers. These installers have historically purchased from their local warehouse distributors and jobbers, who are our more traditional customers. This enables the retailers to offer the option of a premium brand, which is often preferred by their commercial customers, or a standard product, which is often preferred

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by their retail customers. We believe we are well positioned to respond to this trend in the aftermarket because of our focus on cost reduction and high-quality, premium brands.

CONTRACTING SUPPLIER BASE

Over the past few years, automotive suppliers have been consolidating in an effort to become more global, have a broad integrated product and service offering, and gain economies of scale in order to remain competitive amidst growing pricing pressures and increased outsourcing opportunities from the OEMs. One industry consultant projects that the number of automotive supplier companies will decrease from 5,600 in 2000 to 2,800 by 2015. A supplier's viability in this market will depend, in part, on its ability to maintain and increase operating efficiencies and provide value-added services.

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ANALYSIS OF REVENUES

The table below provides, for each of the years 2007 through 2005, information relating to our net sales and operating revenues, by primary product lines and customer categories. You should read Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8 for a discussion of the changes in our results due to the restatement described therein.

	NET SALES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS)		
EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEMS & PRODUCTS			
Aftermarket.....	\$ 370	\$ 384	\$ 368
Original Equipment market			
OE Value-add.....	2,288	1,665	1,709
OE Substrate(1).....	1,673	927	681
	3,961	2,592	2,390
	4,331	2,976	2,758
RIDE CONTROL SYSTEMS & PRODUCTS			
Aftermarket.....	734	690	653
Original Equipment market.....	1,119	1,016	1,029
	1,853	1,706	1,682
Total Revenues.....	\$6,184	\$4,682	\$4,440

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- (1) See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in Item 7 for a discussion of substrate sales.

BRANDS

In each of our operating segments, we manufacture and market leading brand names. Monroe(R) ride control products and Walker(R) exhaust products are two of the most recognized brand names in the automotive parts industry. We emphasize product value differentiation with these and other key brands such as Monroe Sensa-Trac(R) and Reflex(R) (shock absorbers and struts), Quiet-Flow(R) (mufflers), DynoMax(R) (performance exhaust products), Rancho(R) (ride control products for the high performance light truck market) and Clevite(R) Elastomers (elastomeric vibration control components), and Lukey (performance exhaust and filters). In Europe, our Gillet(TM) brand is recognized as a leader in developing highly engineered exhaust systems for OE customers.

CUSTOMERS

We have developed long-standing business relationships with our customers around the world. In each of our operating segments, we work together with our customers in all stages of production, including design, development, component sourcing, quality assurance, manufacturing and delivery. With a balanced mix of OE and aftermarket products and facilities in major markets worldwide, we believe we are well-positioned to meet customer needs. We believe we have a strong, established reputation with customers for providing high-quality products at competitive prices, as well as for timely delivery and customer service.

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Worldwide we serve more than 39 different OE manufacturers, and our products or systems are included on 8 of the top 10 passenger car models produced for sale in Europe and 9 of the top 10 SUV and light truck models produced for sale in North America for 2007. During 2007, our OE customers included:

NORTH AMERICA	EUROPE	ASIA
AM General	BMW	BMW
CAMI Automotive	Daimler	Brilliance JinBei Automotive Co.
Caterpillar	Fiat	Chang'an Automobile
Chrysler	Ford	Chery Automobile
Club Car	General Motors	Daimler
E-Z Go Golf Car	Nissan	First Auto Works
Ford	Paccar	Ford
General Motors	Porsche	General Motors
Harley-Davidson	PSA Peugeot Citroen	Great Wall Motor Co.
Honda	Renault	Isuzu
John Deere	Scania	Jiangling Motors
Motor Coach Industries	Suzuki	Mazda
Navistar (International)	Toyota	Mitsubishi
Nissan	Volkswagen	Nissan
Paccar	Volvo Truck	PSA Peugeot Citroen
Toyota		Shanghai Automotive (SAIC)
Volkswagen Group	SOUTH AMERICA	Toyota
Volvo Truck	Daimler	

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AUSTRALIA	Fiat	Volkswagen Group
Club Car	Ford	
Ford	General Motors	INDIA
General Motors	PSA Peugeot Citroen	Club Car
Mazda	Renault	E-Z Go Golf Car
Mitsubishi	Scania	General Motors
Toyota	Toyota	Mahindra & Mahindra
	Volkswagen Group	Suzuki
		TATA Motors
		TVS Motors

The following customers accounted for 10 percent or more of our net sales in any of the last three years.

CUSTOMER -----	2007 ----	2006 ----	2005 ----
General Motors.....	20%	14%	17%
Ford.....	14%	11%	12%
Volkswagen Group.....	9%	11%	9%
DaimlerChrysler(1).....	--	11%	9%

(1) In 2007, DaimlerChrysler sold approximately 80% of its interest in its U.S. unit, Chrysler Group, to Cerberus Capital Management L.P. Daimler AG accounted for approximately 8 percent of our 2007 net sales. The Chrysler Group accounted for approximately 2 percent of our 2007 net sales.

During 2007, our aftermarket customers were comprised of full-line and specialty warehouse distributors, retailers, jobbers, installer chains and car dealers. These customers included such wholesalers and retailers such as National Auto Parts Association (NAPA), Advance Auto Parts, Uni-Select and O'Reilly Automotive in North America and Temot, Group Auto Union, Mekonoman Grossist and Auto Distribution International in Europe. We believe we have a balanced mix of aftermarket customers, with our top 10 aftermarket customers accounting for 38 percent of our total net aftermarket sales and only 7 percent of our total net sales for 2007.

COMPETITION

We operate in highly competitive markets. Customer loyalty is a key element of competition in these markets and is developed through long-standing relationships, customer service, high quality value-added products and timely delivery. Product pricing and services provided are other important competitive factors.

In both the OE market and aftermarket, we compete with the vehicle manufacturers, some of which are also customers of ours, and numerous independent suppliers. In the OE market, we believe that we are among the top

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two suppliers in the world for both emission control and ride control products and systems for light vehicles. In the aftermarket, we believe that we are the market share leader in the supply of both emission control and ride control products for light vehicles in the markets we serve throughout the world.

SEASONALITY

Our business is somewhat seasonal. OE manufacturers' production requirements have historically been higher in the first two quarters of the year as compared to the last two quarters. Production requirements tend to decrease in the third quarter due to plant shutdowns for model changeovers. In addition, we believe this seasonality is due, in part, to consumer demand for new vehicles softening during the holiday season and as a result of the winter months in North America and Europe. Also, the major North American OE manufacturers generally close their production facilities for the last two weeks of the year. Our aftermarket business also experiences seasonality. Demand for aftermarket products increases during the spring as drivers prepare for the summer driving season. Although seasonality does impact our business, actual results may vary from the above trends due to timing of platform launches and other production related events.

EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEMS

Vehicle emission control products and systems play a critical role in safely conveying noxious exhaust gases away from the passenger compartment and reducing the level of pollutants and engine exhaust noise to an acceptable level. Precise engineering of the exhaust system -- from the manifold that connects an engine's exhaust ports to an exhaust pipe, to the catalytic converter that eliminates pollutants from the exhaust, to the muffler -- leads to a pleasant, tuned engine sound, reduced pollutants and optimized engine performance.

We design, manufacture and distribute a variety of products and systems designed to reduce pollution and optimize engine performance, acoustic tuning and weight, including the following:

- Catalytic converters and diesel oxidation catalysts -- Devices consisting of a substrate coated with precious metals enclosed in a steel casing used to reduce harmful gaseous emissions, such as carbon monoxide, below the EPA regulated limits for emissions;
- Diesel Particulate Filters -- Devices to eliminate particulate matter emitted from diesel engines;
- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) systems -- Devices which reduce Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) emissions from diesel powertrains;
- Mufflers and resonators -- Devices to provide noise elimination and acoustic tuning;
- Exhaust manifolds -- Components that collect gases from individual cylinders of a vehicle's engine and direct them into a single exhaust pipe;
- Pipes -- Utilized to connect various parts of both the hot and cold ends of an exhaust system;
- Hydroformed assemblies -- Forms into various geometric shapes, such as Y-pipes or T-pipes, which provides optimization in both design and installation as compared to conventional pipes; and
- Hangers and isolators -- Used for system installation and noise and

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vibration elimination;

We entered the emission control product line in 1967 with the acquisition of Walker Manufacturing Company, which was founded in 1888. With the acquisition of Heinrich Gillet GmbH & Co. in 1994, we also became one of Europe's leading OE emission control systems suppliers. When the term "Walker" is used in this document, it refers to our subsidiaries and affiliates that produce emission control products and systems.

We supply our emission control offerings to over 38 vehicle-makers for use on over 160 vehicle models, including 6 of the top 10 passenger cars produced for sale in Europe and 7 of the top 10 SUVs and light trucks produced for sale in North America in 2007. We also supply OE EC products to heavy duty and

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specialty vehicle manufacturers including Harley-Davidson, BMW Motorcycle, Daimler Trucks, and International Truck and Engine (Navistar).

With respect to catalytic converters, we buy the substrate coated with precious metals, or sometimes the completed catalytic converter, from third parties, use them in our manufacturing process and sell them as part of the completed system. This often occurs at the direction of the OE customers. See Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for more information on our sales of these products.

In the aftermarket, we manufacture, market and distribute replacement mufflers for virtually all North American, European, and Asian makes of light vehicles under brand names including Quiet-Flow(R), TruFit(R) and Aluminox Pro(TM), in addition to offering a variety of other related products such as pipes and catalytic converters (Walker Perfection(R)). We also serve the specialty exhaust aftermarket, where our key offerings include Mega-Flow(TM) exhaust products for heavy-duty vehicle applications and DynoMax(R) high performance exhaust products. We continue to emphasize product value differentiation with other aftermarket brands such as Thrush(R) and Fonos(TM).

The following table provides, for each of the years 2007 through 2005, information relating to our sales of emission control products and systems for certain geographic areas:

	PERCENTAGE OF NET SALES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
UNITED STATES			
Aftermarket.....	10%	19%	18%
OE market.....	90	81	82
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	100%	100%	100%
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FOREIGN SALES			
Aftermarket.....	8%	10%	11%
OE market.....	92	90	89
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	100%	100%	100%
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TOTAL SALES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

United States.....	34%	29%	33%
Foreign.....	66	71	67
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	100%	100%	100%
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RIDE CONTROL SYSTEMS

Superior ride control is governed by a vehicle's suspension system, including its shock absorbers and struts. Shock absorbers and struts help maintain vertical loads placed on a vehicle's tires to help keep the tires in contact with the road. A vehicle's ability to steer, brake and accelerate depends on the contact between the vehicle's tires and the road. Worn shocks and struts can allow excess weight transfer from side to side, which is called "roll," from front to rear, which is called "pitch," and up and down, which is called "bounce." Variations in tire-to-road contact can affect a vehicle's handling and braking performance and the safe operation of a vehicle. Shock absorbers are designed to control vertical loads placed on tires by providing resistance to vehicle roll, pitch and bounce. Thus, by maintaining the tire to road contact, ride control products are designed to function as safety components of a vehicle, in addition to providing a comfortable ride.

We design, manufacture and distribute a variety of ride control products and systems. Our ride control offerings include:

- Shock absorbers -- A broad range of mechanical shock absorbers and related components for light- and heavy-duty vehicles. We supply both twin-tube and monotube shock absorbers to vehicle manufacturers and the aftermarket;

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- Struts -- A complete line of struts and strut assemblies for light vehicles;

- Vibration control components (Clevite(R) Elastomers) -- Generally rubber-to-metal bushings and mountings to reduce vibration between metal parts of a vehicle. Our offerings include a broad range of suspension arms, rods and links for light- and heavy-duty vehicles;

- Kinetic(R) Suspension Technology -- A suite of roll control, near equal wheel loading systems ranging from simple mechanical systems to complex hydraulic systems featuring proprietary and patented technology. The Kinetic(R) Suspension Technology was incorporated on the Citroen World Rally Car that was featured in the World Rally Championship 2003, 2004 and 2005. Additionally, the Kinetic(R) Suspension Technology was incorporated on the Lexus GX 470 sport utility vehicle which resulted in our winning the PACE Award;

- Advanced suspension systems -- Electronically adjustable shock absorbers and suspension systems that change performance based on vehicle inputs such as steering and braking; and

- Other -- We also offer other ride control products such as load assist products, springs, steering stabilizers, adjustable suspension systems,

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suspension kits and modular assemblies.

We supply our ride control offerings to over 37 vehicle-makers for use on over 155 vehicle models, including 8 of the top 10 SUV and light truck models produced for sale in North America for 2007. We also supply OE ride control products and systems to a range of heavy-duty and specialty vehicle manufacturers including Volvo Truck, Scania, International Truck and Engine (Navistar), and PACCAR.

In the ride control aftermarket, we manufacture, market and distribute replacement shock absorbers for virtually all North American, European and Asian makes of light vehicles under several brand names including Gas Matic(R), Sensa-Trac(R), Monroe Reflex(R) and Monroe Adventure(R), as well as Clevite(R) Elastomers for elastomeric vibration control components. We also sell ride control offerings for the heavy duty, off-road and specialty aftermarket, such as our Gas-Magnum(R) shock absorbers for the North American heavy-duty category.

We entered the ride control product line in 1977 with the acquisition of Monroe Auto Equipment Company, which was founded in 1916 and introduced the world's first modern tubular shock absorber in 1930. When the term "Monroe" is used in this document it refers to our subsidiaries and affiliates that produce ride control products and systems.

The following table provides, for each of the years 2007 through 2005, information relating to our sales of ride control equipment for certain geographic areas:

	PERCENTAGE OF NET SALES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
UNITED STATES			
Aftermarket.....	58%	53%	46%
OE market.....	42	47	54
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	100%	100%	100%
	===	===	===
FOREIGN SALES			
Aftermarket.....	31%	33%	33%
OE market.....	69	67	67
	---	---	---
	100%	100%	100%
	===	===	===
TOTAL SALES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA			
United States.....	32%	38%	42%
Foreign.....	68	62	58
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	100%	100%	100%
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

Refer to Note 11 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8 of this report for financial information about geographic areas.

SALES, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION

We have separate and distinct sales and marketing efforts for our OE and aftermarket businesses.

For OE sales, our sales and marketing team is an integrated group of professionals, including skilled engineers and program managers that are organized by customer and product type (e.g., ride control and emission control). Our sales and marketing team provides the appropriate mix of operational and technical expertise needed to interface successfully with the OEMs. Our new business "capture process" involves working closely with the OEM platform engineering and purchasing team. Bidding on OE automotive platforms typically encompasses many months of engineering and business development activity. Throughout the process, our sales team, program managers and product engineers assist the OE customer in defining the project's technical and business requirements. A normal part of the process includes our engineering and sales personnel working on customers' integrated product teams, and assisting with the development of component/system specifications and test procedures. Given that the OE business involves long-term production contracts awarded on a platform-by-platform basis, our strategy is to leverage our engineering expertise and strong customer relationships to obtain platform awards and increase operating margins.

For aftermarket sales and marketing, our sales force is generally organized by customer and region and covers multiple product lines. We sell aftermarket products through four primary channels of distribution: (1) the traditional three-step distribution system: full line warehouse distributors, jobbers and installers; (2) the specialty two-step distribution system: specialty warehouse distributors that carry only specified automotive product groups and installers; (3) direct sales to retailers; and (4) direct sales to installer chains. Our aftermarket sales and marketing representatives cover all levels of the distribution channel, stimulating interest in our products and helping our products move through the distribution system. Also, to generate demand for our products from end-users, we run print and television advertisements and offer pricing promotions. We were one of the first parts manufacturers to offer business-to-business services to customers with TA-Direct, an on-line order entry and customer service tool. In addition, we maintain detailed web sites for each of the Walker(R), Monroe(R), Rancho(R) and DynoMax(R) brands and our heavy duty products.

MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING

We focus on achieving superior product quality at the lowest operating costs possible and generally use state-of-the-art manufacturing processes to achieve that goal. Our manufacturing strategy centers on a lean production system designed to reduce overall costs, while maintaining quality standards and reducing manufacturing cycle time. In addition, we have implemented Six Sigma in our processes to minimize product defects and improve operational efficiencies. We deploy new technology to differentiate our products from our competitors' or to achieve higher quality and productivity. We continue to adapt our capacity to customer demand, both expanding capabilities in growth areas as well as reallocating capacity away from demand segments in decline.

EMISSION CONTROL

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Our consolidated businesses operate 13 emission control manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and 39 emission control manufacturing facilities outside of the U.S. We operate 11 of these international manufacturing facilities through joint ventures in which we own a controlling interest. We operate 5 emission control engineering and technical facilities worldwide and share two other such facilities with our ride control operations. In addition, three joint ventures in which we hold a noncontrolling interest operate a total of three manufacturing facilities outside the U.S.

Within each of our emission control manufacturing facilities, operations are organized by component (muffler, catalytic converter, pipe, resonator and manifold). Our manufacturing systems incorporate cell-based

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designs, allowing work-in-process to move through the operation with greater speed and flexibility. We continue to invest in plant and equipment to stay competitive in the industry. For instance, in our Smithville, Tennessee, OE manufacturing facility, we have developed a muffler assembly cell that utilizes laser welding. This allows for quicker change over times in the process as well as less material used and less weight for the product. There is also a reduced cycle time compared to traditional joining and increased manufacturing precision for superior durability and performance. In 2007, we introduced the Measured and Matched Converter technique in North America. This allows us to maintain the optimum GBD (Gap Bulk Density) in our converter manufacturing operations with Tenneco proprietary processing. This process, coupled with cold spinning of the converter body versus traditional cone to can welding, allows for more effective use of material through reduced welding, lower cost, and better performance of the product.

In an effort to further improve our OE customer service and position ourselves as a Tier-1 OE systems supplier, we have been developing some of our emission control manufacturing operations into "just-in-time" or "JIT" systems. In this system, a JIT facility located close to our OE customer's manufacturing plant receives product components from both our manufacturing operations and independent suppliers, assembles and then ships products to the OEMs on an as-needed basis. To manage the JIT functions and material flow, we have advanced computerized material requirements planning systems linked with our customers' and supplier partners' resource management systems. We have 4 emission control JIT assembly facilities in the United States and 20 in the rest of the world.

Our engineering capabilities include advanced predictive design tools, advanced prototyping processes and state-of-the-art testing equipment. This technological capability makes us a "full system" integrator, supplying complete emission control systems from the manifold to the tailpipe, to provide full emission and noise control. We have expanded our engineering capabilities with the recent acquisition of Combustion Component Associates Elim-NOx(R) mobile emission technology to include urea and hydrocarbon injection, and electronic controls and software for selective catalytic reduction. We have also developed advanced predictive engineering tools, including KBM&E (Knowledge Based Manufacturing & Engineering). The innovation of our KBM&E (which we call TEN-KBM&E) is a modular toolbox set of CAD embedded applications for manufacturing and engineering compliant design. The encapsulated TEN-KBM&E content is driven by an analytical method which continuously captures and updates the knowledge of our main manufacturing and engineering processes.

RIDE CONTROL

Our consolidated businesses operate 7 ride control manufacturing facilities

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in the U.S. and 21 ride control manufacturing facilities outside the U.S. We operate 2 of these international facilities through joint ventures in which we own a controlling interest. We operate 8 engineering and technical facilities worldwide and share 2 other such facilities with our emission control operations.

Within each of our ride control manufacturing facilities, operations are organized by product (shocks, struts and vibration control products) and include computer numerically controlled and conventional machine centers; tube milling and drawn-over-mandrel manufacturing equipment; metal inert gas and resistance welding; powdered metal pressing and sintering; chrome plating; stamping; and assembly/test capabilities. Our manufacturing systems incorporate cell-based designs, allowing work-in-process to move through the operation with greater speed and flexibility.

As in the emission control business, in an effort to further improve our OE customer service and position us as a Tier 1 OE module supplier, we have been developing some of our manufacturing operations into JIT systems. We have 3 JIT ride control facilities outside the U.S.

In designing our shock absorbers and struts, we use advanced engineering and test capabilities to provide product reliability, endurance and performance. Our engineering capabilities feature advanced computer aided

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design equipment and testing facilities. Our dedication to innovative solutions has led to such technological advances as:

- Adaptive damping systems -- adapt to the vehicle's motion to better control undesirable vehicle motions;
- Electronically adjustable suspensions -- change suspension performance based on a variety of inputs such as steering, braking, vehicle height, and velocity; and
- Air leveling systems -- manually or automatically adjust the height of the vehicle.

Conventional shock absorbers and struts generally compromise either ride comfort or vehicle control. Our innovative grooved-tube, gas-charged shock absorbers and struts provide both ride comfort and vehicle control, resulting in improved handling, reduced vibration and a wider range of vehicle control. This technology can be found in our premium quality Sensa-Trac(R) shock absorbers. We further enhanced this technology by adding the SafeTech(TM) fluon banded piston, which improves shock absorber performance and durability. We introduced the Monroe Reflex(R) shock absorber, which incorporates our Impact Sensor(TM) device. This technology permits the shock absorber to automatically switch in milliseconds between firm and soft compression damping when the vehicle encounters rough road conditions, thus maintaining better tire-to-road contact and improving handling and safety. We have also developed an innovative computerized electronic suspension system, which features dampers developed by Tenneco and electronic valves designed by Ohlins Racing AB. The continuously controlled electronic suspension ("CES") ride control system is featured on Audi, Volvo, Ford and Mercedes Benz vehicles.

QUALITY CONTROL

Quality control is an important part of our production process. Our quality engineers establish performance and reliability standards in the product's

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design stage, and use prototypes to confirm the component/system can be manufactured to specifications. Quality control is also integrated into the manufacturing process, with shop operators being responsible for quality control of their specific work product. In addition, our inspectors test work-in-progress at various stages to ensure components are being fabricated to meet customers' requirements.

We believe our commitment to quality control and sound management practices and policies is demonstrated by our successful participation in the International Standards Organization/Quality Management Systems certification process ("ISO/TS"). ISO/TS certifications are semi-annual or annual audits that certify that a company's facilities meet stringent quality and business systems requirements. Without ISO or TS certification, we would not be able to supply our products for the aftermarket or the OE market, respectively, either locally or globally. Of those manufacturing facilities where we have determined that TS certification is required to service our customers or would provide us with an advantage in securing additional business, 95 percent have achieved TS 16949:2002 certification. We plan to complete the certification of the remaining plants by year end 2008. Of those manufacturing facilities where we have determined that ISO 9000 certification is required or would provide us with an advantage in securing additional business, all have achieved ISO 9000 certification.

BUSINESS STRATEGY

Our objective is to enhance profitability by leveraging our global position in the manufacture of emission control and ride control products and systems. We intend to apply our competitive strengths and balanced mix of products, markets, customers and distribution channels to capitalize on many of the significant existing and emerging trends in the automotive and specialty industries. The key components of our business strategy are described below.

LEVERAGE GLOBAL ENGINEERING AND ADVANCED SYSTEM CAPABILITIES

We continue to focus on the development of highly engineered systems and complex assemblies and modules, which are designed to provide value-added solutions to customers and generally increase vehicle

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content and carry higher profit margins than individualized components. We have developed integrated, electronically linked global engineering and manufacturing facilities, which we believe help us to maintain our presence on top-selling vehicles. We have more than 11 years of experience in integrating systems and modules. In addition, our JIT and in-line sequencing manufacturing and distribution capabilities have enabled us to better respond to our customers' needs. We operate 27 JIT facilities worldwide.

"OWN" THE PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE

We seek to leverage our aftermarket expertise, which provides us with valuable consumer demand information, to strengthen our competitive position with OEMs. Our market knowledge, coupled with our leading aftermarket presence, strengthens our ties with our OE customer base and drives OE acceptance of our aftermarket products and technologies for use in original equipment vehicle manufacturing.

COMMERCIALIZE INNOVATIVE, VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS

To differentiate our offerings from those of our competitors, we focus on

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commercializing innovative, value-added products, both on our own and through strategic alliances, with emphasis on highly engineered systems and complex assemblies and modules. We seek to continually identify and target new, fast-growing niche markets and commercialize our new technologies for these markets, as well as our existing markets. For example, our exclusive Kinetic(R) Dynamic Suspension System, a version of the Kinetic(R) Reversible Function Stabilizer Technology, is featured as an option on the Lexus GX470 sports utility vehicle and LX470 Land Cruiser through a licensing arrangement between us and Toyota.

EXPAND OUR AFTERMARKET BUSINESS

We manufacture and market leading brand name products. Monroe(R) ride control products and Walker(R) emission control products, which have been offered to consumers for approximately 76 years, are two of the most recognized brand name products in the automotive parts industry. We continue to emphasize product value differentiation with these brands and our other primary brands, including:

- The Monroe Reflex(R) shock absorber which features an Acceleration Sensitive Damping Technology (ASD) to maintain better tire-to-road contact and improve handling and safety for high center of gravity vehicles (SUVs and light trucks) requiring more control;
- The Monroe Sensa-Trac(R) line of shock absorbers, that has been enhanced by the PSD (Position Sensitive Damping) technology which offers both comfort and control when you need it;
- Walker's Quiet-Flow(R) muffler, which features an open flow design that increases exhaust flow, improves sound quality and significantly reduces exhaust back pressure when compared to other replacement mufflers;
- Rancho(R) ride control products provide on and off road performance for both stock or raised light truck vehicles;
- DynoMax(R), which offers a complete line of mufflers, cat-back performance exhaust systems, headers and pipes engineered to increase the efficiency, horsepower, torque and sound of virtually any car, truck, or light vehicle;
- Walker Ultra(TM) catalytic converters, which offer a higher loading of precious metals to help problematic vehicles pass emissions testing;
- Monroe(R) Dynamics and Ceramics brakes offer the Complete Solution, combining wire wear sensors, hardware and lube allowing installers to do the job right the first time; and
- In European markets, Walker(TM) and Aluminox Pro(TM) mufflers.

We are capitalizing on our brand strength by incorporating newly acquired product lines within existing product families. We believe brand equity is a key asset in a time of customer consolidation and merging channels of distribution.

Our plans to expand our aftermarket business are focused on four key marketing initiatives: new product introductions; building customer and industry awareness of the maintenance, performance and other benefits of ensuring that a vehicle's ride control systems are in good working condition; adding coverage to current brands; and extending our brands and aftermarket penetration to new

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product segments. For example, in North America we introduced a ride control line extension with the Quick Strut. This strut is a completed module that incorporates the spring and upper mount, resulting in a much easier installation. This allows installers quicker turn over of vehicles in their bay and the opportunity for do it yourself consumers to perform a task that previously required special tools and skills. In addition, Monroe(R) Dynamics and Ceramic Disc brake pads were introduced in the United States in 2006. We also created the Monroe(R) 50,000 mile replacement campaign to help increase customer and industry awareness. The campaign is being advertised via radio and outdoor billboards throughout the United States and Canada stating "Monroe(R) Recommends Replacing Your Shocks and Struts at 50,000 Miles." We will continue to carry that message to consumers and the trade in 2008, again utilizing billboards, radio spots and ads in both trade and consumer magazines. We are exploring a number of opportunities to extend our existing well-known brands, such as Monroe(R), and our product line generally, to aftermarket product segments not previously served. We believe that, when combined with our expansive customer service network, these initiatives will yield incremental aftermarket revenues.

ACHIEVE GREATER CONTENT PER VEHICLE

As a result of increasing emissions standards we believe that available emission control content per light vehicle will rise over the next several years. We believe that consumers' greater emphasis on automotive safety could also allow available ride control content per light vehicle to rise. In addition, advanced technologies and modular assemblies represent an opportunity to increase vehicle content. For example, our innovative CES system, which we supply on several Volvo, Audi, Ford and Mercedes Benz passenger cars, increases our content revenues seven-fold compared to a standard shock offering. We plan to take advantage of these trends by leveraging our existing position on many top-selling vehicle platforms and by continuing to enhance our modular/systems capabilities.

EXECUTE FOCUSED TRANSACTIONS

In the past, we have been successful in identifying and capitalizing on strategic acquisitions and alliances to achieve growth. Through these acquisitions and alliances, we have (1) expanded our product portfolio; (2) realized incremental business with existing customers; (3) gained access to new customers; and (4) achieved leadership positions in new geographic markets.

We have developed a strategic alliance with Futaba, a leading exhaust manufacturer in Japan that also includes a joint venture operation in Burnley, England. We also have an alliance with Hitachi (as successor to Tokico Ltd. following its acquisition of Tokico), a leading Japanese ride control manufacturer. These alliances help us grow our business with Japan-based OEMs by leveraging the geographical presence of each partner to serve Japan-based global platforms. We have established a presence in Thailand through a joint venture that supplies exhaust components for GM Isuzu. Our joint venture operations in Dalian and Shanghai, China have established us as one of the leading exhaust suppliers in the rapidly growing Chinese automotive market. We also operate joint ventures with Eberspacher International GmbH to supply emission control products and systems for luxury cars produced by BMW and Audi in China, and with Chengdu Lingchuan Mechanical Plant to supply emission control products and systems for various Ford platforms produced in China.

We are expanding our operations in China with investment in both manufacturing and engineering facilities. We opened our first wholly-owned operation in China, an elastomer manufacturing facility in Suzhou. In addition, we extended our joint venture with Shanghai Tractor and Engine Company, a subsidiary of Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp., by establishing an engineering center to develop automotive exhaust products. Finally, we increased our

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ownership stake in the Beijing Monroe Shock Absorber Co. Ltd. (a joint venture with Beijing Automotive Industry Corp.) from 51 percent to 65 percent in 2006.

In September 2007, we acquired the mobile emissions business of Combustion Components Associates, Inc., a manufacturer of air pollution control technologies. The acquisition enhances Tenneco's complete system

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integration capabilities for selective catalyst reduction emissions control technologies designed to meet future more stringent diesel emissions regulations for passenger cars and trucks and is an example of our strategy to grow through expansion of our offerings.

Where appropriate, we intend to continue to pursue strategic alliances, joint ventures, acquisitions and other transactions that complement or enhance our existing products, technology, systems development efforts, customer base and/or domestic or international presence. We strive to align with strong local partners to help us further develop our leadership in systems integration and to penetrate international markets. In addition, we align with companies that have proven products, proprietary technology, research capabilities and/or market penetration to help us achieve further leadership in product offerings, customer relationships, and systems integration and overall presence.

GROWTH IN ADJACENT MARKETS

One of our goals is to apply our existing design, engineering and manufacturing capabilities to penetrate a variety of adjacent markets and to achieve growth in higher-margin businesses. For example, we are aggressively leveraging our technology and engineering leadership in emission and ride control into adjacent markets, such as the heavy-duty market for trucks, buses, agricultural equipment, construction machinery and other commercial vehicles. As an established leading supplier of heavy-duty ride control and elastomer products, we are already serving customers like Volvo Truck, Navistar (International), Freightliner and PACCAR. We also see tremendous opportunity to expand our presence in the heavy-duty market with our emission control products and systems, having recently entered this market in both North America and Europe with diesel technologies that will help customers meet environmental requirements.

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE COSTS

We are a process-oriented company and have implemented and are continuing to implement several programs designed to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Our recent restructuring activities began in the fourth quarter of 2001, when our Board of Directors approved a restructuring plan, a project known as Project Genesis, which was designed to lower our fixed costs, relocate capacity, reduce our work force, improve efficiency and utilization, and better optimize our global footprint. We have subsequently engaged in various other restructuring projects related to Project Genesis. We incurred \$27 million in restructuring and restructuring-related costs during 2006, of which \$23 million was recorded in cost of sales and \$4 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense. During 2007, we incurred \$25 million in restructuring and restructuring-related costs of which \$22 million was recorded in cost of sales, \$2 million of which related to a charge for asset impairments, and \$3 million in selling, general and administrative expense. The majority of the 2007 charges were related to the planned closing of our emission control plant in Wissembourg, France. Since Project Genesis was initiated, we have incurred costs of \$155 million through December 31, 2007.

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Under the terms of our amended and restated senior credit agreement that took effect on March 16, 2007, we are allowed to exclude \$80 million of cash charges and expenses, before taxes, related to cost reduction initiatives incurred after March 16, 2007 from the calculation of the financial covenant ratios required under our senior credit facility. As of December 31, 2007, we have excluded \$23 million in allowable charges relating to restructuring initiatives against the \$80 million available under the terms of the March 2007 amendment and restatement of the senior credit facility.

In addition to the announced actions, we will continue to evaluate additional opportunities and expect that we will initiate actions that will reduce our costs through implementing the most appropriate and efficient logistics, distribution and manufacturing footprint for the future. We expect to continue to undertake additional restructuring actions as deemed necessary, however there can be no assurances we will undertake such actions. Actions that we take, if any, will require the approval of our Board of Directors, or its authorized committee. We plan to conduct any workforce reductions that result in compliance with all legal and contractual requirements including obligations to consult with workers' councils, union representatives and others.

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IMPROVE CASH FLOW

We are focused on a core set of goals designed to improve cash flow: (i) continuing to reduce selling, general and administrative expenses plus engineering, research and development costs ("SGA&E") as a percentage of sales, while continuing to invest in sales and engineering; (ii) extracting significant cash flow from working capital initiatives; (iii) offsetting to the greatest extent possible pressures on overall gross margins in a challenging economic environment; and (iv) strengthening existing customer relationships and winning new long-term OE business. We intend to continue to use our cash flow after capital expenditures and other investments in our business to repay our borrowings.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

We estimate that we and our subsidiaries will make expenditures for plant, property and equipment for environmental matters of approximately \$12 million in 2008 and approximately \$3 million in 2009.

For additional information regarding environmental matters, see Item 3, "Legal Proceedings," Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Environmental and Other Matters," and Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

EMPLOYEES

As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately 21,000 employees of which approximately 51 percent are covered by collective bargaining agreements. Of the employees covered by collective bargaining agreements, 47 percent are also governed by European works councils. Several of our existing labor agreements in the United States and Mexico are scheduled for renegotiation in 2008, in addition to fair agreements expiring in Europe covering plants in Spain, France, Portugal and the United Kingdom. We regard our employee relations as generally satisfactory.

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OTHER

The principal raw material utilized by us is steel. We obtain steel from a number of sources pursuant to various contractual and other arrangements. We believe that an adequate supply of steel can presently be obtained from a number of different domestic and foreign suppliers. However, we are actively addressing higher steels costs which are expected to continue through 2008. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Outlook" included in Item 7 for more information.

We hold a number of domestic and foreign patents and trademarks relating to our products and businesses. We manufacture and distribute our products primarily under the Walker(R) and Monroe(R) brand names, which are well-recognized in the marketplace and are registered trademarks. The patents, trademarks and other intellectual property owned by or licensed to us are important in the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of our products.

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ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN OR OTHER FACTORS THAT REDUCE CONSUMER DEMAND FOR OUR PRODUCTS OR REDUCE PRICES COULD MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS, AND OUR DEBT MAKES US MORE SENSITIVE TO THESE EFFECTS.

Demand for and pricing of our products are subject to economic conditions and other factors present in the various domestic and international markets where the products are sold. Demand for our OE products is subject to the level of consumer demand for new vehicles that are equipped with our parts. The level of new light vehicle purchases is cyclical, affected by such factors as general economic conditions, interest rates, consumer confidence, consumer preferences, patterns of consumer spending, fuel cost and the automobile replacement cycle. For example, in 2006 North American light vehicle production of light trucks and SUVs decreased 8.8 percent from 2005 to 2006 as consumers shifted their preferences from light trucks and SUVs to other vehicles in light of higher fuel costs. Because the percentage of our North American OE revenues related to light trucks and SUVs is greater than the percentage of the total North American light vehicle build rate represented by light trucks and SUVs, our North American OE business is sensitive to this type of change in consumer preferences. A decline in automotive sales and production would likely cause a decline in our sales to vehicle manufacturers, and could result in a decline in our results of operations and financial condition.

Demand for our aftermarket, or replacement, products varies based upon such factors as general economic conditions, the level of new vehicle purchases, which initially displaces demand for aftermarket products, the severity of winter weather, which increases the demand for certain aftermarket products, and other factors, including the average useful life of parts and number of miles driven.

The highly cyclical nature of the automotive industry presents a risk that is outside our control and that cannot be accurately predicted. For example, many predict an economic downturn in the United States in 2008 and we cannot assure you that we would be able to maintain or improve our results of operations in a stagnant or recessionary economic environment. Further decreases in demand for automobiles and automotive products generally, or in the demand for our products in particular, could materially and adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations. Our significant amount of debt

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makes us more vulnerable to changes in our results of operations because we must devote a significant portion of our cash flow to debt service, maintain financial ratios in our debt agreements and comply with covenants in our debt agreements that limit our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in our business and our industry. Our failure to maintain or improve our cash flows and other results of operations or our decision to otherwise increase our leverage could have an adverse effect on our ability to service our indebtedness, repay our debt at maturity, meet other obligations and fund other liquidity needs, all of which could have a material adverse effect on us.

WE MAY BE UNABLE TO REALIZE SALES REPRESENTED BY OUR AWARDED BUSINESS, WHICH COULD MATERIALLY AND ADVERSELY IMPACT OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The realization of future sales from awarded business is inherently subject to a number of important risks and uncertainties, including the number of vehicles that our OE customers will actually produce, the timing of that production and the mix of options that our OE customers and consumers may choose. Substantially all of our North American vehicle manufacturing customers have slowed or maintained at relatively flat levels new vehicle production for the past several years. More recently, new vehicle production has varied year-over-year from negative growth to positive growth. For example, production rates for SUVs and light trucks increased 2.4 percent in 2007 compared to 2006 and decreased 8.8 percent in 2006 compared to 2005. Production rates for passenger cars decreased 6.4 percent in 2007 compared to 2006 and increased 5.1 percent in 2006 compared to 2005. We remain cautious regarding production volumes for 2008 due to rising oil and steel prices, current OE manufacturers' inventory levels and uncertainty regarding the willingness of OE manufacturers to continue to support vehicle sales. Production rates for SUVs and light trucks in North America are expected to decrease by 5.7 percent and passenger car production rates are expected to decrease by 3.7 percent in 2008. We expect the light vehicle build for Asia to significantly increase in 2008 and production rates in Eastern Europe and South America to increase slightly. All other regions are expected to remain flat. In addition, our customers generally have the right to replace us with another supplier at any time for a variety of

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reasons and have increasingly demanded price decreases over the life of awarded business. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will in fact realize any or all of the future sales represented by our awarded business. Any failure to realize these sales could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In many cases, we must commit substantial resources in preparation for production under awarded OE business well in advance of the customer's production start date. In certain instances, the terms of our OE customer arrangements permit us to recover these pre-production costs if the customer cancels the business through no fault of our company. Although we have been successful in recovering these costs under appropriate circumstances in the past, we can give no assurance that our results of operations will not be materially impacted in the future if we are unable to recover these types of pre-production costs related to OE cancellation of awarded business.

WE ARE DEPENDENT ON LARGE CUSTOMERS FOR FUTURE REVENUE. THE LOSS OF ANY OF THESE CUSTOMERS OR THE LOSS OF MARKET SHARE BY THESE CUSTOMERS COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON US.

We depend on major vehicle manufacturers for a substantial portion of our net sales. For example, during 2007, General Motors, Ford, Volkswagen, and

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Daimler AG accounted for 20 percent, 14 percent, 9 percent, and 8 percent of our net sales, respectively. The loss of all or a substantial portion of our sales to any of our large-volume customers could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations by reducing cash flows and our ability to spread costs over a larger revenue base. We may make fewer sales to these customers for a variety of reasons, including: (1) loss of awarded business; (2) reduced or delayed customer requirements; or (3) strikes or other work stoppages affecting production by the customers.

During the past several years, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler have lost market share particularly in the United States, primarily to Asian competitors. While we are actively targeting Chinese and Korean automakers, any further market share loss by these North American-based and European-based automakers could, if we are unable to achieve increased sales to the Asian OE manufacturers, have a material adverse effect on our business.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FACING OTHER AUTOMOTIVE COMPANIES MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON US.

A number of companies in the automotive industry are, and over the last several years have been, facing severe financial difficulties. As a result, there have been numerous recent bankruptcies of companies in the automotive industry, including the 2005 bankruptcy of Delphi Corporation, one of the world's largest automotive parts suppliers. In February 2008, Plastech Engineered Products filed for Chapter 11 protection. Severe financial difficulties at any major automotive manufacturer or automotive supplier could have a significantly disruptive effect on the automotive industry in general, including by leading to labor unrest, supply chain disruptions and weakness in demand. In particular, severe financial difficulties at any of our major suppliers could have a material adverse effect on us if we are unable to obtain on a timely basis the quantity and quality of components we require to produce our products. In addition, such financial difficulties at any of our major customers could have a material adverse impact on us if such customer were unable to pay for the products we provide or we experienced a loss of, or material reduction in, business from such customer.

THE HOURLY WORKFORCE IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IS HIGHLY UNIONIZED AND OUR BUSINESS COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY LABOR DISRUPTIONS.

Although we consider our current relations with our employees to be satisfactory, if major work disruptions were to occur, our business could be adversely affected by, for instance, a loss of revenues, increased costs or reduced profitability. We have not experienced a material labor disruption in our workforce in the last ten years, but there can be no assurance that we will not experience a material labor disruption at one of our facilities in the future in the course of renegotiation of our labor arrangements or otherwise. In addition, substantially all of the hourly employees of North American vehicle manufacturers and many of their other suppliers are represented by the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of

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America under collective bargaining agreements. Vehicle manufacturers and such suppliers and their employees in other countries are also subject to labor agreements. A work stoppage or strike at our production facilities, at those of a significant customer, or at a significant supplier of ours or any of our customers could have an adverse impact on us by disrupting demand for our products and/or our ability to manufacture our products.

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN RAW MATERIALS PRICING, AND

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FURTHER CHANGES IN THE PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON US.

Significant increases in the cost of certain raw materials used in our products, to the extent they are not timely reflected in the price we charge our customers or otherwise mitigated, could materially and adversely impact our results. For example, since 2004, we have experienced significant increases in processed metal and steel prices. High steel prices are expected to continue into the foreseeable future. We expect that the pricing environment for steel will increase our costs by up to \$40 million in 2008. We addressed this increase in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and will continue to address this issue in 2008 by evaluating alternative materials and processes, reviewing material substitution opportunities, increasing component and assembly outsourcing to low cost countries and aggressively negotiating with our customers to allow us to recover these higher costs from them. In addition to these actions, we continue to pursue productivity initiatives and review opportunities to reduce costs through restructuring activities. The situation remains fluid as we continue to pursue these actions and, at this point, we cannot assure you that these actions will be effective in containing margin pressures from these significant raw materials price increases. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations -- Outlook" included in Item 7 for more information.

WE MAY BE UNABLE TO REALIZE OUR BUSINESS STRATEGY OF IMPROVING OPERATING PERFORMANCE, GROWING OUR BUSINESS AND GENERATING SAVINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HELP OFFSET PRICING PRESSURES FROM OUR SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS AND TO OTHERWISE IMPROVE OUR RESULTS.

We regularly implement strategic and other initiatives designed to improve our operating performance and grow our business. The failure to achieve the goals of these initiatives could have a material adverse effect on our business, particularly since we rely on these initiatives to offset pricing pressures from our suppliers and our customers, as described above. Furthermore, the terms of our senior credit agreement may restrict the types of initiatives we undertake, as the agreement restricts our uses of cash, requires us to maintain financial ratios and otherwise prohibits us from undertaking certain activities. In the past we have been successful in obtaining the consent of our senior lenders where appropriate in connection with our initiatives. We cannot assure you, however, that we will be able to pursue, successfully implement or realize the expected benefits of any initiative or that we will be able to sustain improvements made to date.

In addition, we believe that increasingly stringent environmental standards for automotive emissions have presented and will continue to present an important opportunity for us to grow our emissions control business. We cannot assure you, however, that environmental standards for automotive emissions will continue to become more stringent or that the adoption of any new standards will not be delayed beyond our expectations.

WE MAY INCUR MATERIAL COSTS RELATED TO PRODUCT WARRANTIES, ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY MATTERS AND OTHER CLAIMS, WHICH COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

From time to time, we receive product warranty claims from our customers, pursuant to which we may be required to bear costs of repair or replacement of certain of our products. Vehicle manufacturers are increasingly requiring their outside suppliers to guarantee or warrant their products and to be responsible for the operation of these component products in new vehicles sold to consumers. Warranty claims may range from individual customer claims to full recalls of all products in the field. We cannot assure you that costs associated with providing product warranties will not be material, or that those costs will not exceed any amounts reserved for them in our consolidated financial statements. For a

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description of our accounting policies regarding warranty reserves, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Critical Accounting Policies" included in Item 7.

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Additionally, we are subject to a variety of environmental and pollution control laws and regulations in all jurisdictions in which we operate. Soil and groundwater remediation activities are being conducted at certain of our current and former real properties. We record liabilities for these activities when environmental assessments indicate that the remedial efforts are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. On this basis, we have established reserves that we believe are adequate for the remediation activities at our current and former real properties for which we could be held responsible. Although we believe our estimates of remediation costs are reasonable and are based on the latest available information, the cleanup costs are estimates and are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the extent of remediation required. In future periods, we could be subject to cash or non-cash charges to earnings if we are required to undertake material additional remediation efforts based on the results of our ongoing analyses of the environmental status of our properties, as more information becomes available to us.

We also from time to time are involved in legal proceedings, claims or investigations that are incidental to the conduct of our business. Some of these proceedings allege damages against us relating to environmental liabilities, intellectual property matters, personal injury claims, taxes, employment matters or commercial or contractual disputes. For example, we are subject to a number of lawsuits initiated by a significant number of claimants alleging health problems as a result of exposure to asbestos. Many of these cases involve significant numbers of individual claimants. Many of these cases also involve numerous defendants, with the number of defendants in some cases exceeding 200 defendants from a variety of industries. As major asbestos manufacturers or other companies that used asbestos in their manufacturing processes continue to go out of business, we may experience an increased number of these claims.

We vigorously defend ourselves in connection with all of the matters described above. We cannot, however, assure you that the costs, charges and liabilities associated with these matters will not be material, or that those costs, charges and liabilities will not exceed any amounts reserved for them in our consolidated financial statements. In future periods, we could be subject to cash costs or non-cash charges to earnings if any of these matters is resolved unfavorably to us. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Environmental and Other Matters," included in Item 7 for further description.

WE MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY COMPETING FAVORABLY IN THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AUTOMOTIVE PARTS INDUSTRY.

The automotive parts industry is highly competitive. Although the overall number of competitors has decreased due to ongoing industry consolidation, we face significant competition within each of our major product areas. The principal competitive factors include price, quality, service, product performance, design and engineering capabilities, new product innovation, global presence and timely delivery. As a result, many suppliers have established or are establishing themselves in emerging, low-cost markets to reduce their costs of production and be more conveniently located for customers. Although we are also pursuing a low-cost country production strategy and otherwise continue to seek process improvements to reduce costs, we cannot assure you that we will be

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able to continue to compete favorably in this competitive market or that increased competition will not have a material adverse effect on our business by reducing our ability to increase or maintain sales or profit margins.

THE DECREASING NUMBER OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO COMPETE FAVORABLY.

Our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected because the customer base for automotive parts is decreasing in both the original equipment market and aftermarket. As a result, we are competing for business from fewer customers. Due to the cost focus of these major customers, we have been, and expect to continue to be, requested to reduce prices as part of our initial business quotations and over the life of vehicle platforms we have been awarded. We cannot be certain that we will be able to generate cost savings and operational improvements in the future that are sufficient to offset price reductions requested by existing customers and necessary to win additional business.

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Furthermore, the trend toward consolidation and bankruptcies among automotive parts suppliers is resulting in fewer, larger suppliers who benefit from purchasing and distribution economies of scale. If we cannot achieve cost savings and operational improvements sufficient to allow us to compete favorably in the future with these larger companies, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected due to a reduction of, or inability to increase, sales.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY RESPOND TO THE CHANGING DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS FOR AFTERMARKET PRODUCTS.

Major automotive aftermarket retailers, such as AutoZone and Advance Auto Parts, are attempting to increase their commercial sales by selling directly to automotive parts installers in addition to individual consumers. These installers have historically purchased from their local warehouse distributors and jobbers, who are our more traditional customers. We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain or increase aftermarket sales through increasing our sales to retailers. Furthermore, because of the cost focus of major retailers, we have occasionally been requested to offer price concessions to them. Our failure to maintain or increase aftermarket sales, or to offset the impact of any reduced sales or pricing through cost improvements, could have an adverse impact on our business and operating results.

LONGER PRODUCT LIVES OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTING AFTERMARKET DEMAND FOR SOME OF OUR PRODUCTS.

The average useful life of automotive parts has steadily increased in recent years due to innovations in products and technologies. The longer product lives allow vehicle owners to replace parts of their vehicles less often. As a result, a portion of sales in the aftermarket has been displaced. This has adversely impacted, and could continue to adversely impact, our aftermarket sales. Also, any additional increases in the average useful lives of automotive parts would further adversely affect the demand for our aftermarket products. Recently, we have experienced relative stabilization in our aftermarket business due to our ability to win new customers and recover steel price increases through selling price increases. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain this stabilization. Aftermarket sales represented approximately 18 percent and 23 percent of our net sales in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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ANY ACQUISITIONS WE MAKE COULD DISRUPT OUR BUSINESS AND SERIOUSLY HARM OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION.

We may, from time to time, consider acquisitions of complementary companies, products or technologies. Acquisitions involve numerous risks, including difficulties in the assimilation of the acquired businesses, the diversion of our management's attention from other business concerns and potential adverse effects on existing business relationships with current customers and suppliers. In addition, any acquisitions could involve the incurrence of substantial additional indebtedness. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully integrate any acquisitions that we pursue or that such acquisitions will perform as planned or prove to be beneficial to our operations and cash flow. Any such failure could seriously harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

WE ARE SUBJECT TO RISKS RELATED TO OUR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS.

We have manufacturing and distribution facilities in many regions and countries, including Australia, China, India, North America, Europe and South America, and sell our products worldwide. For 2007, approximately 53 percent of our net sales were derived from operations outside North America. International operations are subject to various risks which could have a material adverse effect on those operations or our business as a whole, including:

- exposure to local economic conditions;
- exposure to local political conditions, including the risk of seizure of assets by a foreign government;
- exposure to local social unrest, including any resultant acts of war, terrorism or similar events;
- exposure to local public health issues and the resultant impact on economic and political conditions;

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- currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- hyperinflation in certain foreign countries;
- controls on the repatriation of cash, including imposition or increase of withholding and other taxes on remittances and other payments by foreign subsidiaries; and
- export and import restrictions.

EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS COULD CAUSE A DECLINE IN OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

As a result of our international operations, we generate a significant portion of our net sales and incur a significant portion of our expenses in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. To the extent we are unable to match revenues received in foreign currencies with costs paid in the same currency, exchange rate fluctuations in that currency could have a material adverse effect on our business. For example, where we have significantly more costs than revenues generated in a foreign currency, we are subject to risk if the foreign currency in which our costs are paid appreciates against the currency in which

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we generate revenue because the appreciation effectively increases our cost in that country.

The financial condition and results of operations of some of our operating entities are reported in foreign currencies and then translated into U.S. dollars at the applicable exchange rate for inclusion in our consolidated financial statements. As a result, appreciation of the U.S. dollar against these foreign currencies generally will have a negative impact on our reported revenues and operating profit while depreciation of the U.S. dollar against these foreign currencies will generally have a positive effect on reported revenues and operating profit. For example, our European operations were positively impacted in 2007 and 2006 due to the strengthening of the Euro against the U.S. dollar. However, in 2005, the dollar strengthened against the Euro which had a negative effect on our results of operations. Our South American operations were negatively impacted by the devaluation in 2000 of the Brazilian currency as well as by the devaluation of the Argentine currency in 2002. We do not generally seek to mitigate this translation effect through the use of derivative financial instruments.

WE HAVE DISCLOSED A MATERIAL WEAKNESS IN OUR INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING RELATING TO OUR ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES WHICH COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO REPORT OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS ACCURATELY AND ON A TIMELY BASIS.

In connection with our assessment of internal control over financial reporting under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting relating to our accounting for income taxes as of December 31, 2006. Although we believe our processes have improved, during 2007, we believe we have a material weakness in accounting for income taxes as of December 31, 2007. For a discussion of our internal control over financial reporting and a description of the identified material weakness, see "Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" under Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

A material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting could adversely impact our ability to provide timely and accurate financial information. While we have taken measures to strengthen our internal controls in response to the identified material weakness related to accounting for income taxes, and engaged outside professionals to assist us in our efforts, additional work remains to be done to address the identified material weakness. If we are unsuccessful in implementing or following our remediation plan, we may not be able to timely or accurately report our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows or maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures. If we are unable to report financial information timely and accurately or to maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures, we could be subject to, among other things, regulatory or enforcement actions by the SEC and the NYSE, including a delisting from the NYSE, securities litigation, debt rating agency downgrades or rating withdrawals, and a general loss of investor confidence, any one of which could adversely affect our business prospects and the valuation of our common stock.

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ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

NONE.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

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We lease our principal executive offices, which are located at 500 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045.

Walker's consolidated businesses operate 13 manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and 39 manufacturing facilities outside of the U.S., operate 5 engineering and technical facilities worldwide and share 2 other such facilities with Monroe. Twenty-four of these manufacturing plants are JIT facilities. In addition, three joint ventures in which we hold a noncontrolling interest operate a total of three manufacturing facilities outside the U.S., 2 of which are JIT facilities.

Monroe's consolidated businesses operate 7 manufacturing facilities in the U.S. and 21 manufacturing facilities outside the U.S., operate 8 engineering and technical facilities worldwide and share 2 other such facilities with Walker. Three of these manufacturing plants are JIT facilities.

The above-described manufacturing locations outside of the U.S. are located in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand and the United Kingdom. We also have sales offices located in Croatia, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Singapore, Turkey and the Ukraine.

We own approximately one half of the properties described above and lease the other half. We hold 13 of the above-described international manufacturing facilities through 7 joint ventures in which we own a controlling interest. In addition, three joint ventures in which we hold a noncontrolling interest operate a total of three manufacturing facilities outside the U.S. We also have distribution facilities at our manufacturing sites and at a few offsite locations, substantially all of which we lease.

We believe that substantially all of our plants and equipment are, in general, well maintained and in good operating condition. They are considered adequate for present needs and, as supplemented by planned construction, are expected to remain adequate for the near future.

We also believe that we have generally satisfactory title to the properties owned and used in our respective businesses.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

As of December 31, 2007, we are designated as a potentially responsible party in one Superfund site. Including the Superfund site, we may have the obligation to remediate current or former facilities, and we estimate our share of environmental remediation costs at these facilities to be approximately \$11 million. For the Superfund site and the current and former facilities, we have established reserves that we believe are adequate for these costs. Although we believe our estimates of remediation costs are reasonable and are based on the latest available information, the cleanup costs are estimates and are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the extent of remediation required. At some sites, we expect that other parties will contribute to the remediation costs. In addition, at the Superfund site, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act provides that our liability could be joint and several, meaning that we could be required to pay in excess of our share of remediation costs. Our understanding of the financial strength of other potentially responsible parties at the Superfund site, and of other liable parties at our current and former facilities, has been considered, where appropriate, in our determination of our estimated liability. We believe that any potential costs associated with our current status as a potentially responsible party in the Superfund site, or as a liable party at our current or former facilities, will not be material to our results of operations or consolidated financial position.

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From time to time we are subject to product warranty claims whereby we are required to bear costs of repair or replacement of certain of our products. Warranty claims may range from individual customer claims to full recalls of all products in the field. We believe that our warranty reserve is appropriate; however, actual

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claims incurred could differ from the original estimates requiring adjustments to the reserve. The reserve is included in current and long-term liabilities on the balance sheet. See Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8 for information regarding our warranty reserves.

We also from time to time are involved in legal proceedings, claims or investigations that are incidental to the conduct of our business. Some of these proceedings allege damages against us relating to environmental liabilities (including toxic tort, property damage and remediation), intellectual property matters (including patent, trademark and copyright infringement, and licensing disputes), personal injury claims (including injuries due to product failure, design or warnings issues, and other product liability related matters), taxes, employment matters, and commercial or contractual disputes, sometimes related to acquisitions or divestitures. We vigorously defend ourselves against all of these claims. In future periods, we could be subjected to cash costs or non-cash charges to earnings if any of these matters is resolved on unfavorable terms. However, although the ultimate outcome of any legal matter cannot be predicted with certainty, based on present information, including our assessment of the merits of the particular claim, we do not expect that these legal proceedings or claims will have any material adverse impact on our future consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In addition, we are subject to a number of lawsuits initiated by a significant number of claimants alleging health problems as a result of exposure to asbestos. A small percentage of claims have been asserted by railroad workers alleging exposure to asbestos products in railroad cars manufactured by The Pullman Company, one of our subsidiaries. Nearly all of the claims are related to alleged exposure to asbestos in our automotive emission control products. Only a small percentage of these claimants allege that they were automobile mechanics and a significant number appear to involve workers in other industries or otherwise do not include sufficient information to determine whether there is any basis for a claim against us. We believe, based on scientific and other evidence, it is unlikely that mechanics were exposed to asbestos by our former muffler products and that, in any event, they would not be at increased risk of asbestos-related disease based on their work with these products. Further, many of these cases involve numerous defendants, with the number of each in some cases exceeding 200 defendants from a variety of industries. Additionally, the plaintiffs either do not specify any, or specify the jurisdictional minimum, dollar amount for damages. As major asbestos manufacturers continue to go out of business or file for bankruptcy, we may experience an increased number of these claims. We vigorously defend ourselves against these claims as part of our ordinary course of business. In future periods, we could be subject to cash costs or non-cash charges to earnings if any of these matters is resolved unfavorably to us. To date, with respect to claims that have proceeded sufficiently through the judicial process, we have regularly achieved favorable resolution. Accordingly, we presently believe that these asbestos-related claims will not have a material adverse impact on our future financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

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No matters were submitted to the vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2007.

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ITEM 4.1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT.

The following provides information concerning the persons who serve as our executive officers as of February 29, 2008.

NAME (AND AGE AT DECEMBER 31, 2007)	OFFICES HELD
Gregg Sherrill (54).....	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Hari N. Nair (47).....	Executive Vice President and President -- International
Kenneth R. Trammell (47).....	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Brent J. Bauer (52).....	Senior Vice President and General Manager -- North American Original Equipment Emission Control
Timothy E. Jackson (50)..	Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Alain Michaelis (41).....	Senior Vice President, Global Supply Chain Management and Manufacturing
Richard P. Schneider (60).....	Senior Vice President -- Global Administration
David A. Wardell (53)....	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
Neal A. Yanos (45).....	Senior Vice President and General Manager -- North American Original Equipment Ride Control and North American Aftermarket
Paul D. Novas (49).....	Vice President and Controller

GREGG SHERRILL -- Mr. Sherrill was named the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Tenneco in January 2007. Mr. Sherrill joined us from Johnson Controls Inc., where he served since 1998, most recently as President, Power Solutions. From 2002 to 2003, Mr. Sherrill served as the Vice President and Managing Director of Europe, South Africa and South America for Johnson Controls' Automotive Systems Group. Prior to joining Johnson Controls, Mr. Sherrill held various engineering and manufacturing assignments over a 22-year span at Ford Motor Company, including Plant Manager of Ford's Dearborn, Michigan engine plant and Director of Supplier Technical Assistance. Mr. Sherrill became a director of our company in January 2007.

HARI N. NAIR -- Mr. Nair was named our Executive Vice President and President -- International effective March 2007. Previously, Mr. Nair served as Executive Vice President and Managing Director of our business in Europe, South America and India. Before that, he was Senior Vice President and Managing Director -- International. Prior to December 2000, Mr. Nair was the Vice President and Managing Director -- Emerging Markets. Previously, Mr. Nair was the Managing Director for Tenneco Automotive Asia, based in Singapore and responsible for all operations and development projects in Asia. He began his

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career with the former Tenneco Inc. in 1987, holding various positions in strategic planning, marketing, business development, quality and finance. From July 2006 until January 2007 during our search for our new Chief Executive Officer, he served as a member of our interim management committee known as the Office of the Chief Executive. Prior to joining Tenneco, Mr. Nair was a senior financial analyst at General Motors Corp. focusing on European operations.

KENNETH R. TRAMMELL -- Mr. Trammell was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in January 2006. Mr. Trammell was named our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in September 2003, having served as our Vice President and Controller from September 1999. From April 1997 to November 1999 he served as Corporate Controller of Tenneco Inc. He joined Tenneco Inc. in May 1996 as Assistant Controller. From July 2006 until January 2007 during our search for our new Chief Executive Officer, he served as a member of our interim management committee known as the Office of the Chief Executive. Before joining Tenneco Inc., Mr. Trammell spent 12 years with the international public accounting firm of Arthur Andersen LLP, last serving as a senior manager.

BRENT J. BAUER -- Mr. Bauer joined Tenneco Automotive in August 1996 as a Plant Manager and was named Vice President and General Manager -- European Original Equipment Emission Control in September 1999. Mr. Bauer was named Vice President and General Manager -- European and North American Original

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Equipment Emission Control in July 2001. Currently, Mr. Bauer serves as the Senior Vice President and General Manager -- North American Original Equipment Emission Control. Prior to joining Tenneco, he was employed at AeroquipVickers Corporation for 20 years in positions of increasing responsibility serving most recently as Director of Operations.

TIMOTHY E. JACKSON -- Mr. Jackson joined us as Senior Vice President and General Manager -- North American Original Equipment and Worldwide Program Management in June 1999. He served in this position until August 2000, at which time he was named Senior Vice President -- Global Technology. From 2002 to 2005, Mr. Jackson served as Senior Vice President -- Manufacturing, Engineering, and Global Technology. In July 2005, Mr. Jackson was named Senior Vice President -- Global Technology and General Manager, Asia Pacific. In March 2007, he was named our Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Jackson joined us from ITT Industries where he was President of that company's Fluid Handling Systems Division. With over 20 years of management experience, 14 within the automotive industry, he was also Chief Executive Officer for HiSAN, a joint venture between ITT Industries and Sanoh Industrial Company. Mr. Jackson has also served in senior management positions at BF Goodrich Aerospace and General Motors Corporation.

ALAIN MICHAELIS -- Mr. Michaelis joined Tenneco in July 2007 as Senior Vice President, Global Supply Chain Management & Manufacturing. He is responsible for the company's worldwide purchasing, logistics and material management functions, as well as our global manufacturing programs. Mr. Michaelis returned to Tenneco after working for three years at Wolseley PLC, where he served as the Supply Chain Director for Europe. Before that, Mr. Michaelis worked for Tenneco since 1996, serving as the Executive Director for Exhaust Operations in Europe, as well as holding operations and logistics positions for South America & Asia and the United States. He began his career in London at Ove Arup Partnership as a design engineer.

RICHARD P. SCHNEIDER -- Mr. Schneider was named as our Senior Vice President -- Global Administration in 1999 and is responsible for the

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development and implementation of human resources programs and policies and employee communications activities for our worldwide operations. Prior to 1999, Mr. Schneider served as our Vice President -- Human Resources. He joined us in 1994 from International Paper Company where, during his 20 year tenure, he held key positions in labor relations, management development, personnel administration and equal employment opportunity.

DAVID A. WARDELL -- Mr. Wardell joined Tenneco in May 2007 as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. He is responsible for managing the company's worldwide legal affairs including corporate governance. Prior to joining Tenneco, Mr. Wardell was associated with Abbott Laboratories where he held several positions of increasing responsibility, most recently being named Associate General Counsel, Pharmaceutical Products Group Legal Operations in 2005. Before joining Abbott Laboratories, Mr. Wardell spent over ten years in the legal department of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, where he spent six years living and working in London, England providing legal support to various business units in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Mr. Wardell started his legal career as a New York County Assistant District Attorney.

NEAL A. YANOS -- Mr. Yanos was named our Senior Vice President and General Manager -- North American Original Equipment Ride Control and North American Aftermarket in May 2003. He joined our Monroe ride control division as a process engineer in 1988 and since that time has served in a broad range of assignments including product engineering, strategic planning, business development, finance, program management and marketing, including Director of our North American original equipment GM/VW business unit and most recently as our Vice President and General Manager -- North American Original Equipment Ride Control from December 2000. From July 2006 until January 2007 during our search for our new Chief Executive Officer, he served as a member of our interim management committee known as the Office of the Chief Executive. Before joining our company, Mr. Yanos was employed in various engineering positions by Sheller Globe Inc. from 1985 to 1988.

PAUL D. NOVAS -- Mr. Novas was named our Vice President and Controller in July 2006. Mr. Novas served as Vice President, Finance and Administration for Tenneco Europe from January 2004 until July 2006 and as Vice President and Treasurer of Tenneco from November 1999 until January 2004. Mr. Novas joined Tenneco in 1996 as assistant treasurer responsible for corporate finance and North American treasury

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operations. Prior to joining Tenneco, Mr. Novas worked in the treasurer's office of General Motors Corporation for ten years.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER REPURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

Our outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, are listed on the New York, Chicago and London Stock Exchanges. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions Tape.

QUARTER	SALES PRICES	
	HIGH	LOW

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PERIOD		
2007		
1st	\$27.34	\$23.04
2nd	35.81	25.49
3rd	37.73	28.11
4th	33.46	24.16
2006		
1st	\$23.33	\$19.61
2nd	27.55	20.64
3rd	26.39	20.03
4th	25.34	21.41

As of February 22, 2008, there were approximately 22,036 holders of record of our common stock, including brokers and other nominees.

The declaration of dividends on our common stock is at the discretion of our Board of Directors. The Board has not adopted a dividend policy as such; subject to legal and contractual restrictions, its decisions regarding dividends are based on all considerations that in its business judgment are relevant at the time. These considerations may include past and projected earnings, cash flows, economic, business and securities market conditions and anticipated developments concerning our business and operations.

We are highly leveraged and restricted with respect to the payment of dividends under the terms of our financing arrangements. On January 10, 2001, we announced that our Board of Directors eliminated the regular quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock. The Board took this action in response to then-current industry conditions, primarily greater than anticipated production volume reductions by original equipment manufacturers in North America and continued softness in the global aftermarket. We have not paid dividends on our common stock since the fourth quarter of 2000. There are no current plans to reinstate a dividend on our common stock, as the Board of Directors intends to retain any earnings for use in our business for the foreseeable future. For additional information concerning our payment of dividends, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in Item 7.

See "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" included in Item 12 for information regarding securities authorized for issuance under our equity compensation plans.

PURCHASE OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

The following table provides information relating to our purchase of shares of our common stock in the fourth quarter of 2007. All of these purchases reflect shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock to satisfy minimum tax withholding obligations.

PERIOD	TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED	AVERAGE PRICE PAID
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October 2007.....	85	\$30.69
November 2007.....	--	--
December 2007.....	--	--
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Total.....	85	\$30.69

We presently have no publicly announced repurchase plan or program, but intend to continue to satisfy statutory minimum tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of outstanding restricted stock through the withholding of shares.

RECENT SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

On November 20, 2007, we sold \$250 million of 8 1/8 percent Senior Notes due 2015 through offerings to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended), and, outside the United States, to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. We offered and sold the notes to the initial purchasers in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. The initial purchasers then sold the Notes to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Banc of America Securities LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. were the principal initial purchasers of the Notes. In connection with the transaction, we paid offering fees and expenses, including fees to the initial purchasers, of approximately \$5 million. We used the net proceeds of \$245 million and cash on hand to repurchase \$230 million of our outstanding 10 1/4 percent Senior Notes due 2013 pursuant to a tender offer that closed on November 14, 2007.

For further discussion of the issuance, see "Liquidity and Capital Resources" in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation."

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ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,				
	2007	2006 (A)	2005 (A)	2004 (A) (B) (D)	2003 (B) (C)
(MILLIONS EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS)					
STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) DATA:					
Net sales and operating					
revenues --					
North America.....	\$ 2,910	\$ 1,963	\$ 2,033	\$ 1,966	\$ 1,966
Europe, South America and India.....	3,135	2,387	2,110	1,940	1,940
Asia Pacific.....	560	436	371	380	380
Intergroup sales.....	(421)	(104)	(74)	(73)	(73)

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	\$ 6,184	\$ 4,682	\$ 4,440	\$ 4,213	\$ 3
Income before interest expense, income taxes, and minority interest --					
North America.....	\$ 120	\$ 103	\$ 148	\$ 131	\$
Europe, South America and India.....	99	81	53	19	
Asia Pacific.....	33	12	16	20	
Total.....	252	196	217	170	
Interest expense (net of interest capitalized).....	164	136	133	178	
Income tax expense (benefit).....	83	5	26	(21)	
Minority interest.....	10	6	2	4	
Net income (loss).....	\$ (5)	\$ 49	\$ 56	\$ 9	\$
Average number of shares of common stock outstanding					
Basic.....	45,809,730	44,625,220	43,088,558	41,534,810	40,426
Diluted.....	45,809,730	46,755,573	45,321,225	44,180,460	41,767
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock.....	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.30	\$ 0.22	\$
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock.....	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.21	\$

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	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,				
	2007	2006 (A)	2005 (A)	2004 (A) (B) (D)	2003 (B) (C)
	(MILLIONS EXCEPT RATIO AND PERCENT AMOUNTS)				
BALANCE SHEET DATA:					
Total assets.....	\$3,590	\$3,274	\$2,945	\$3,134	\$2,883
Short-term debt.....	46	28	22	19	20
Long-term debt.....	1,328	1,357	1,361	1,402	1,410
Minority interest.....	31	28	24	24	23
Shareholders' equity.....	400	226	137	170	81
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS DATA:					
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	\$ 165	\$ 203	\$ 123	\$ 218	\$ 290
Net cash used by investing activities.....	(202)	(172)	(164)	(131)	(134)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities.....	(17)	12	(28)	(15)	(51)
Cash Payments for plant, property and equipment.....	(177)	(177)	(140)	(132)	(130)
OTHER DATA:					

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EBITDA(e).....	\$ 457	\$ 380	\$ 394	\$ 347	\$ 334
Ratio of EBITDA to interest expense...	2.79	2.79	2.96	1.95	2.29
Ratio of total debt to EBITDA.....	3.01	3.64	3.51	4.10	4.28
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(f).....	1.46	1.35	1.55	0.95	1.15

NOTE: Our consolidated financial statements for the three years ended December 31, 2007, which are discussed in the following notes, are included in this Form 10-K under Item 8.

- (a) These amounts reflect the restatement discussed in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8 -- Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

For a discussion of the significant items affecting comparability of the financial information for the years ended 2007, 2006 and 2005, see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

- (b) Prior to the first quarter of 2005, inventories in the U.S. based operations (17 percent and 19 percent of our total consolidated inventories at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively) were valued using the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method and all other inventories were valued using the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") or average cost methods at the lower of cost or market value. Effective January 1, 2005, we changed our accounting method for valuing inventory for our U.S. based operations from the LIFO method to the FIFO method. As a result, all U.S. inventories are now stated at the lower of cost, determined on a FIFO basis, or market. We elected to change to the FIFO method as we believe it is preferable for the following reasons: 1) the change will provide better matching of revenue and expenditures and 2) the change will achieve greater consistency in valuing our global inventory. Additionally, we initially adopted LIFO as it provided certain U.S. tax benefits which we no longer realize due to our U.S. net operating losses (when applied for tax purposes, tax laws require that LIFO be applied for accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as well). As a result of the change, we also expect to realize administrative efficiencies. In accordance with GAAP, the change in inventory accounting has been applied by restating prior years' consolidated financial statements. The effect of the change on our financial position and results of operations are presented below.

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- (c) Similar correcting entries have been made to the 2003 amounts for the restatement discussed in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8 -- Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

AS OF DECEMBER 31,

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	(MILLIONS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)	
Inventories.....	\$ 14	\$ 11
Deferred income tax assets (noncurrent).....	\$ (5)	\$ (4)
Shareholders' equity.....	\$ 9	\$ 7
Income (loss) before interest expense, income taxes and minority interest.....	\$ 3	\$ (2)
Income tax expense (benefit).....	1	(1)
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Income (loss) before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle and net income (loss).....	\$ 2	\$ (1)
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Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock.....	\$0.04	\$ (0.03)
	=====	=====
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock.....	\$0.04	\$ (0.03)
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(d) In October 2004 and July 2005, we announced a change in the structure of our organization which changed the components of our reportable segments. The European segment now includes our South American and Indian operations. While this has no impact on our consolidated results, it changes our segment results.

(e) EBITDA represents income before extraordinary item, cumulative effect of change in accounting principle, interest expense, income taxes, minority interest and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a calculation based upon generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts included in the EBITDA calculation, however, are derived from amounts included in the historical statements of income data. In addition, EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income or operating income as an indicator of our operating performance, or as an alternative to operating cash flows as a measure of liquidity. We have reported EBITDA because we regularly review EBITDA as a measure of our company's performance. In addition, we believe our debt holders utilize and analyze our EBITDA for similar purposes. We also believe EBITDA assists investors in comparing a company's performance on a consistent basis without regard to depreciation and amortization, which can vary significantly depending upon many factors. However, the EBITDA measure presented in this document may not always be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies due to differences in the components of the calculation. EBITDA is derived from the statements of income (loss) as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,				
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	2007	2006(A)	2005(A)	2004(A)(B)	2003(B)(C)
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	(MILLIONS)				
Net income (loss).....	\$ (5)	\$ 49	\$ 56	\$ 9	\$ 25
Minority interest.....	10	6	2	4	6
Income tax expense (benefit).....	83	5	26	(21)	(6)
Interest expense, net of interest capitalized.....	164	136	133	178	146
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	205	184	177	177	163

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Total EBITDA.....	\$457	\$380	\$394	\$347	\$334
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(f) For purposes of computing this ratio, earnings generally consist of income before income taxes and fixed charges excluding capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of interest expense, the portion of rental expense considered representative of the interest factor and capitalized interest. For the year ended December 31, 2004, earnings were insufficient by \$9 million to cover fixed charges. See Exhibit 12 to this Form 10-K for the calculation of this ratio.

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

As you read the following review of our financial condition and results of operations, you should also read our consolidated financial statements and related notes beginning on page 66. As discussed in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8, we

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restated our financial statements as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and for the three year period ended December 31, 2006. This management's discussion and analysis reflects that restatement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We are one of the world's leading manufacturers of automotive emission control and ride control products and systems. We serve both original equipment (OE) vehicle designers and manufacturers and the repair and replacement markets, or aftermarket, globally through leading brands, including Monroe(R), Rancho(R), Clevite(R) Elastomers and Fric Rot(TM) ride control products and Walker(R), Fonos(TM), and Gillet(TM) emission control products. Worldwide we serve more than 39 different original equipment manufacturers, and our products or systems are included on eight of the top 10 passenger car models produced for sale in Europe and nine of the top 10 light truck and SUV models produced for sale in North America for 2007. Our aftermarket customers are comprised of full-line and specialty warehouse distributors, retailers, jobbers, installer chains and car dealers. We operate 80 manufacturing facilities worldwide and employ approximately 21,000 people to service our customers' demands.

Factors that are critical to our success include winning new business awards, managing our overall global manufacturing footprint to ensure proper placement and workforce levels in line with business needs, maintaining competitive wages and benefits, maximizing efficiencies in manufacturing processes, fixing or eliminating unprofitable businesses and reducing overall costs. In addition, our ability to adapt to key industry trends, such as a shift in consumer preferences to other vehicles in response to higher fuel costs and other economic and social factors, increasing technologically sophisticated content, changing aftermarket distribution channels, increasing environmental standards and extended product life of automotive parts, also play a critical role in our success. Other factors that are critical to our success include adjusting to industry and economic challenges such as increases in the cost of raw materials and our ability to successfully reduce the impact of any such cost increases through material substitutions, cost reduction initiatives and other

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methods.

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness. As such, our ability to generate cash -- both to fund operations and service our debt -- is also a significant area of focus for our company. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below for further discussion of cash flows.

Total revenues for 2007 were \$6.2 billion, a 32 percent increase compared to 2006. Excluding the impact of currency and substrate sales, revenue was up \$552 million, or 15 percent, driven primarily by volume ramp-ups on platform launches in North America, and higher OE revenues in Europe and Asia, more than offsetting lower aftermarket sales. In addition to the benefit of the new launches, our geographic balance and diverse customer base helped offset the overall North American industry production decline.

Gross margin for 2007 was 15.8 percent, down 2.3 percentage points from 18.1 percent in 2006. Higher substrate sales, which typically carry lower margins, driven by significant diesel platforms in North America and Europe, and a shift toward a lower percentage of revenue generated by higher margin aftermarket business negatively impacted overall gross margin. Also impacting gross margin were increased steel and other material costs, and reduced North American production volumes, all of which more than offset savings and improved efficiencies from Lean manufacturing, Six Sigma programs, cost recoveries and other cost reduction initiatives.

We reported selling, general, administrative and engineering expenses for 2007 of 8.3 percent of revenues, as compared to 9.8 percent of revenues for 2006. The improvement in this ratio was due to leveraging our higher revenues by tightly controlling selling, general and administrative spending while still making investments in engineering for next generation ride and emission control technologies.

Earnings before interest expense, taxes and minority interest ("EBIT") was \$252 million for 2007, up \$56 million from the \$196 million reported in 2006. Global sales growth on OE platforms, benefits from the company's ongoing manufacturing efficiency programs, favorable currency and lower restructuring and aftermarket customer changeover costs more than offset higher material costs, reduced North American industry production volumes and softer global aftermarket conditions.

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RESULTS FROM OPERATIONS

NET SALES AND OPERATING REVENUES FOR YEARS 2007 AND 2006

The following tables reflect our revenues for the years of 2007 and 2006. We present these reconciliations of revenues in order to reflect the trend in our sales in various product lines and geographic regions separately from the effects of doing business in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. We have not reflected any currency impact in the 2006 table since this is the base period for measuring the effects of currency during 2007 on our operations. We believe investors find this information useful in understanding period-to-period comparisons in our revenues.

Additionally, we show the component of our revenue represented by substrate sales in the following table. While we generally have primary design, engineering and manufacturing responsibility for OE emission control systems, we do not manufacture substrates. Substrates are porous ceramic filters coated with

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a catalyst -- precious metals such as platinum, palladium and rhodium. These are supplied to us by Tier 2 suppliers and directed by our OE customers. We generally earn a small margin on these components of the system. As the need for more sophisticated emission control solutions increases to meet more stringent environmental regulations, and as we capture more diesel aftertreatment business, these substrate components have been increasing as a percentage of our revenue. While these substrates dilute our gross margin percentage, they are a necessary component of an emission control system. We view the growth of substrates as a key indicator that our value-add content in an emission control system is moving toward the higher technology hot-end gas and diesel business.

Our value-add content in an emission control system includes designing the system to meet environmental regulations through integration of the substrates into the system, maximizing use of thermal energy to heat up the catalyst quickly, efficiently managing airflow to reduce back pressure as the exhaust stream moves past the catalyst, managing the expansion and contraction of the emission control system components due to temperature extremes experienced by an emission control system, using advanced acoustic engineering tools to design the desired exhaust sound, minimizing the opportunity for the fragile components of the substrate to be damaged when we integrate it into the emission control system and reducing unwanted noise, vibration and harshness transmitted through the emission control system.

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We present these substrate sales separately in the following table because we believe investors utilize this information to understand the impact of this portion of our revenues on our overall business and because it removes the impact of potentially volatile precious metals pricing from our revenues. While our original equipment customers generally assume the risk of precious metals pricing volatility, it impacts our reported revenues. Excluding "substrate" catalytic converter and diesel particulate filter sales removes this impact.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007				
	REVENUES	CURRENCY IMPACT	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	SUBSTRATE SALES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY AND SUBSTRATE SALES
	(MILLIONS)				
North America Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	\$ 514	\$ --	\$ 514	\$ --	\$ 514
Emission Control.....	1,850	5	1,845	924	921
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Total North America Original Equipment.....	2,364	5	2,359	924	1,435
North America Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	385	--	385	--	385
Emission Control.....	152	--	152	--	152
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Total North America Aftermarket..	537	--	537	--	537
Total North America.....	2,901	5	2,896	924	1,972
Europe Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	427	37	390	--	390

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Emission Control.....	1,569	120	1,449	511	938
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Total Europe Original Equipment..	1,996	157	1,839	511	1,328
Europe Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	201	15	186	--	186
Emission Control.....	207	16	191	--	191
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Total Europe Aftermarket.....	408	31	377	--	377
South America & India.....	333	24	309	39	270
Total Europe, South America & India.....	2,737	212	2,525	550	1,975
Asia.....	352	15	337	123	214
Australia.....	194	23	171	25	146
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Total Asia Pacific.....	546	38	508	148	360
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Total Tenneco.....	\$6,184	\$255	\$5,929	\$1,622	\$4,307
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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	REVENUES	CURRENCY IMPACT	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	SUBSTRATE SALES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY AND SUBSTRATE SALES
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	(MILLIONS)				
North America Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	\$ 483	\$--	\$ 483	\$ --	\$ 483
Emission Control.....	928	--	928	272	656
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Total North America Original Equipment.....	1,411	--	1,411	272	1,139
North America Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	383	--	383	--	383
Emission Control.....	162	--	162	--	162
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Total North America Aftermarket..	545	--	545	--	545
Total North America.....	1,956	--	1,956	272	1,684
Europe Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	380	--	380	--	380
Emission Control.....	1,264	--	1,264	519	745
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Total Europe Original Equipment..	1,644	--	1,644	519	1,125
Europe Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	178	--	178	--	178
Emission Control.....	211	--	211	--	211
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Total Europe Aftermarket.....	389	--	389	--	389

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South America & India.....	272	--	272	32	240
Total Europe, South America and India.....	2,305	--	2,305	551	1,754
Asia.....	246	--	246	85	161
Australia.....	175	--	175	19	156
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Total Asia Pacific.....	421	--	421	104	317
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Total Tenneco.....	\$4,682	\$--	\$4,682	\$927	\$3,755
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Revenues from our North American operations increased \$945 million in 2007 compared to the same period last year. Higher sales from new North American OE platform launches more than offset lower aftermarket revenues. Total North American OE revenues increased 68 percent to \$2,364 million in 2007 from \$1,411 million in 2006. North American OE emission control revenues were up 99 percent to \$1,850 million, from \$928 million in the prior year. Substrate emission control sales excluding currency increased 239 percent to \$924 million, from \$272 million in 2006. Excluding substrate sales and currency impact, OE emission control sales increased 41 percent from the prior year. This increase was primarily due to significant new OE platform launches which included GM's Lambda crossover, the Ford Super Duty gas and diesel pick-up trucks, GM's light duty pick-up trucks and vans with Duramax diesel engines, Toyota's Tundra gasoline pick-up truck, the International Truck and Engine medium duty diesel platform, GM's three-quarter ton gasoline powered pick-up trucks, and the Dodge Ram three-quarter ton diesel pick-up truck. North American OE ride control revenues for 2007 increased seven percent from the prior year. Expanded ride-control content on the GMT900 platform, the launch of the GMT360 platform, and strong sales of Chrysler's Jeep Wrangler, and Ford Ranger and Superduty, was partially offset by lower ride-control commercial vehicle sales. Total North American light vehicle production fell by two percent with a seven percent production decrease in passenger cars being partially offset by a three percent increase in light truck and SUV production. Aftermarket revenues for North America were \$537 million in 2007, representing a decrease of \$8 million compared to 2006. Volume decreases on our continuing business were partially offset by new customer wins and price increases to recover

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steel costs. Aftermarket ride control revenues were \$385 million in 2007, an increase of \$2 million from the prior year. Aftermarket emission control revenues were \$152 million in 2007, down \$10 million from the prior year.

Our European, South American and Indian segment's revenues increased \$432 million or 19 percent in 2007 compared to last year. Total Europe OE revenues were \$1,996 million, up 21 percent from last year. Excluding favorable currency and substrate sales, total European OE revenue was up 18 percent while total light vehicle production for Europe was up six percent. Europe OE emission control revenues increased 24 percent to \$1,569 million from \$1,264 million in the prior year. Excluding the impact of \$120 million of favorable currency and \$511 million in substrate sales, OE emission control revenues increased 26 percent from 2006 due to a growing position on the hot-end of exhaust platforms, new launches and higher OE volumes on the BMW 1 and 3-Series, Daimler's Sprinter, C-Class, and Smart, Volvo's V50 and V70, PSA's Picasso and Ford's Mondeo. Europe OE ride control revenues increased by \$47 million in 2007, up 12 percent from \$380 million a year ago. Excluding currency, revenues increased by three percent in 2007 due to improved volumes on the Ford Focus, Ford Galaxy and

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Mondeo with electronic shocks, Dacia Logan, VW Transporter, Mazda 2, and Mercedes C-Class with electronic shocks, partially offset with lower volumes on the Audi A4 and a shift in some production for the Audi A6 to our Chinese operations. European aftermarket sales were \$408 million in 2007 compared to \$389 million last year. Excluding \$31 million of favorable currency, European aftermarket revenues declined three percent in 2007 compared to last year. Ride control aftermarket revenues, excluding the impact of currency, were up five percent from the prior year, reflecting strong volumes and improved pricing. Emission control aftermarket revenues were down nine percent, excluding \$16 million in currency benefit, due to lower volumes which more than offset improved pricing. South American and Indian revenues were \$333 million in 2007, compared to \$272 million in the prior year. Stronger OE and aftermarket sales and currency appreciation drove this increase.

Revenues from our Asia Pacific segment, which includes Asia and Australia, increased \$125 million to \$546 million in 2007, as compared to \$421 million in the prior year. Excluding the impact of substrate sales and currency, Asian revenues increased \$53 million in 2007 compared to last year driven by higher OE sales in China due to new launches and higher emission control volumes on existing platforms. In Australia, industry OE production declines negatively impacted revenues. Excluding substrate sales and favorable currency of \$23 million, Australian revenue was down \$10 million due to lower volumes.

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NET SALES AND OPERATING REVENUES FOR YEARS 2006 AND 2005

The following tables reflect our revenues for the years of 2006 and 2005. See "Net Sales and Operating Revenues for Years 2007 and 2006" for a description of why we present these reconciliations of revenue.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006				
	REVENUES	CURRENCY IMPACT	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	SUBSTRATE SALES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY AND SUBSTRATE SALES
	(MILLIONS)				
North America Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	\$ 483	\$--	\$ 483	\$ --	\$ 483
Emission Control.....	928	6	922	272	650
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Total North America Original Equipment.....	1,411	6	1,405	272	1,133
North America Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	383	--	383	--	383
Emission Control.....	162	--	162	--	162
	-----	---	-----	-----	-----
Total North America Aftermarket..	545	--	545	--	545
Total North America.....	1,956	6	1,950	272	1,678
Europe Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	380	10	370	--	370
Emission Control.....	1,264	34	1,230	504	726
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Total Europe Original Equipment..	1,644	44	1,600	504	1,096
Europe Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	178	3	175	--	175
Emission Control.....	211	5	206	--	206
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Total Europe Aftermarket.....	389	8	381	--	381
South America & India.....	272	14	258	32	226
Total Europe, South America & India.....	2,305	66	2,239	536	1,703
Asia.....	246	--	246	85	161
Australia.....	175	(1)	176	19	157
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Total Asia Pacific.....	421	(1)	422	104	318
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Total Tenneco.....	\$4,682	\$71	\$4,611	\$912	\$3,699
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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	REVENUES	CURRENCY IMPACT	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	SUBSTRATE SALES EXCLUDING CURRENCY	REVENUES EXCLUDING CURRENCY AND SUBSTRATE SALES
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	(MILLIONS)				
North America Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	\$ 495	\$--	\$ 495	\$ --	\$ 495
Emission Control.....	1,011	--	1,011	272	739
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Total North America Original Equipment.....	1,506	--	1,506	272	1,234
North America Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	361	--	361	--	361
Emission Control.....	160	--	160	--	160
	-----	---	-----	----	-----
Total North America Aftermarket..	521	--	521	--	521
Total North America.....	2,027	--	2,027	272	1,755
Europe Original Equipment					
Ride Control.....	378	--	378	--	378
Emission Control.....	1,078	--	1,078	327	751
	-----	---	-----	----	-----
Total Europe Original Equipment..	1,456	--	1,456	327	1,129
Europe Aftermarket					
Ride Control.....	169	--	169	--	169
Emission Control.....	195	--	195	--	195
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Total Europe Aftermarket.....	364	--	364	--	364
South America & India.....	233	--	233	20	213
Total Europe, South America and					

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India.....	2,053	--	2,053	347	1,706
Asia.....	149	--	149	43	106
Australia.....	211	--	211	19	192
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Total Asia Pacific.....	360	--	360	62	298
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Total Tenneco.....	\$4,440	\$--	\$4,440	\$681	\$3,759
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Revenues from our North American operations decreased \$71 million in 2006 compared to the same period in 2005 reflecting lower sales in OE partially offset by increased aftermarket sales. Total North American OE revenues decreased six percent to \$1,411 million in 2006. North American industry production of SUVs and light trucks was down year-over-year which had a significant impact on OE volumes, particularly on key exhaust platforms. OE emission control revenues were down eight percent to \$928 million from \$1,011 million in 2005. Substrate emission control sales remained the same as 2005 at \$272 million. Adjusted for substrate sales and currency, OE emission control sales were down 12 percent from 2005. This decline was primarily driven by the impact from lower OE production of light trucks and SUVs on key exhaust platforms. In addition, the timing on the transition of one of GM's largest light truck platforms negatively impacted revenue. OE ride control revenues for 2006 decreased two percent from 2005. Increased heavy duty and commercial volumes were more than offset by lower OE production of light trucks and SUVs. Total OE revenues, excluding substrate sales and currency, decreased eight percent in 2006. Total North American light vehicle production fell by three percent with a nine percent decline in light truck and SUV production being partially offset by a five percent production increase in passenger cars. Aftermarket revenues for North America were \$545 million in 2006, representing an increase of five percent compared to 2005. Aftermarket ride control revenues increased \$22 million or six percent in 2006, primarily due to increased sales to new and existing customers and price increases to help offset higher material costs. Aftermarket emission control

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revenues were \$162 million in 2006, up \$2 million from 2005. Price increases driven by higher steel costs more than offset lower volumes.

Our European, South American and Indian segment's revenues increased \$252 million or 12 percent in 2006 compared to 2005. Total Europe OE revenues were \$1,644 million, up 13 percent from 2005. Excluding favorable currency and increased substrate sales, total European OE revenue was down three percent while total light vehicle production for Europe was up three percent. OE emission control revenues increased 17 percent to \$1,264 million from \$1,078 million in 2005. Excluding the impact of \$34 million of favorable currency and \$177 million in higher substrate sales, OE emission control revenues decreased three percent from 2005 primarily driven by OE price concessions. OE ride control revenues increased by \$2 million in 2006, up one percent from \$378 million in 2005. We changed our reporting in the second quarter of 2005 for an "assembly-only" contract with a European OE ride control customer and began accounting for those revenues as net of the related cost of sales. If we had reported our 2005 revenues in the same manner, they would have been lower by \$15 million. Excluding a \$10 million benefit from currency appreciation, OE ride control revenues decreased two percent. European aftermarket sales were \$389 million in 2006 compared to \$364 million in 2005. Excluding \$8 million of favorable currency, European aftermarket revenues increased five percent in 2006

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compared to 2005. Ride control aftermarket revenues, excluding the impact of currency, were up four percent from 2005, reflecting increased volumes. Aftermarket emission control revenues were up six percent from 2005 excluding the benefits of currency. Improved pricing, market share gains, and the introduction of new diesel particulate filter business drove the increase. South American and Indian revenues, excluding the benefits of currency appreciation and substrate sales, were up six percent compared to 2005. Higher volumes and improved pricing drove this increase.

Revenues from our Asia Pacific segment, which includes Australia and Asia, increased \$61 million to \$421 million in 2006, as compared to \$360 million in 2005. Excluding substrate sales, revenues increased \$55 million at our Asian operations in 2006 compared to 2005 driven by higher OE volumes in China. In Australia, industry OE production declines and unfavorable currency negatively impacted revenues. Australian revenues were down 17 percent compared to 2005, or 18 percent when the impact of currency and substrate sales were excluded.

EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE, INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST ("EBIT") FOR YEARS 2007 AND 2006

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	CHANGE
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	(MILLIONS)		
North America.....	\$120	\$103	\$17
Europe, South America and India.....	99	81	18
Asia Pacific.....	33	12	21
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	\$252	\$196	\$56
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The EBIT results shown in the preceding table include the following items, discussed below under "Restructuring and Other Charges" and "Liquidity and Capital Resources -- Capitalization", which have an effect on the comparability of EBIT results between periods:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
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	(MILLIONS)	
North America		

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Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.....	\$ 3	\$13
New aftermarket customer changeover costs(1).....	5	6
Pension replacement(2).....	--	(7)
Reserve for receivable from former affiliate.....	--	3
Europe, South America and India		
Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.....	22	8
Asia Pacific		
Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.....	--	6

- (1) Represents costs associated with changing new aftermarket customers from their prior suppliers to an inventory of our products. Although our aftermarket business regularly incurs changeover costs, we specifically identify in the table above those changeover costs that, based on the size or number of customers involved, we believe are of an unusual nature for the quarter in which they were incurred.
- (2) In August 2006, we announced that we were freezing future accruals under our U.S. defined benefit pension plans for substantially all our U.S. salaried and non-union hourly employees effective December 31, 2006. In lieu of those benefits, we are offering additional benefits under our defined contribution plan.

EBIT for North American operations increased to \$120 million from \$103 million in the prior year. The improvement was primarily driven by the \$22 million impact of higher OE volumes due to new platform launches, lower selling, general and administrative expenses, manufacturing efficiencies of \$25 million driven by Lean and Six Sigma, lower changeover cost and lower restructuring costs of \$10 million. These increases were partially offset by higher steel costs of \$38 million, incremental launch costs of \$2 million, increased spending on engineering and a softer aftermarket. Included in North America's 2007 EBIT is \$3 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses and \$5 million in customer changeover costs. Included in North America's 2006 EBIT were \$13 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses, \$6 million in customer changeover costs, \$3 million of expense in connection with booking a reserve for a receivable from a former affiliate and a \$7 million dollar benefit due to changes to our U.S. retirement plans for salaried and non-union hourly employees described above. Currency had a \$1 million favorable impact on North American EBIT for 2007.

Our European, South American and Indian segment's EBIT was \$99 million for 2007, up \$18 million from \$81 million in 2006. Higher OE volumes on existing business and new platform launches had a combined \$28 million impact, favorable currency of \$10 million, manufacturing efficiencies of \$43 million gained through Lean manufacturing and Six Sigma programs drove the improvement. These increases were partially offset by material cost increases which included \$26 million of higher steel costs, higher SG&A of \$8 million, net alloy surcharge of \$10 million and increased spending on engineering of \$5 million. Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses of \$22 million were included in EBIT of 2007 compared to \$8 million in 2006.

EBIT for our Asia Pacific segment, which includes Asia and Australia, increased \$21 million to \$33 million in 2007 compared to \$12 million in the prior year. Increased volume had an impact of \$10 million driven primarily by OE production and new launches in China, reduced restructuring charges of \$6 million and favorable currency of \$4 million was partially offset by \$5 million of increased steel costs and reduced light vehicle production in Australia. Included in Asia Pacific's 2006 EBIT were \$6 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.

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Currency had a \$15 million favorable impact on overall company EBIT for 2007, as compared to the prior year.

EBIT FOR YEARS 2006 AND 2005

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2006	2005	CHANGE
	(MILLIONS)		
North America.....	\$103	\$148	\$ (45)
Europe, South America and India.....	81	53	28
Asia Pacific.....	12	16	(4)
	\$196	\$217	\$ (21)
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The EBIT results shown in the preceding table include the following items, discussed below under "Restructuring and Other Charges" and "Liquidity and Capital Resources -- Capitalization", which have an effect on the comparability of EBIT results between periods:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS)	
North America		
Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.....	\$13	\$ 4
New aftermarket customer changeover costs(1).....	6	10
Pension replacement (2).....	(7)	--
Stock-based compensation accounting change(3).....	1	--
Reserve for receivable from former affiliate.....	3	--
Europe, South America and India		
Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.....	8	8
Asia Pacific		
Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.....	6	--

(1) Represents costs associated with changing new aftermarket customers from

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their prior suppliers to an inventory of our products. Although our aftermarket business regularly incurs changeover costs, we specifically identify in the table above those changeover costs that, based on the size or number of customers involved, we believe are of an unusual nature for the quarter in which they were incurred.

- (2) In August 2006, we announced that we were freezing future accruals under our U.S. defined benefit pension plans for substantially all our U.S. salaried and non-union hourly employees effective December 31, 2006. In lieu of those benefits, we are offering additional benefits under defined contribution plans.
- (3) Represents the expense associated with the change to the new stock-based accounting standard, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment."

EBIT for North American operations decreased to \$103 million from \$148 million in 2005. The decline was primarily driven by lower OE volumes of \$27 million, OE price concessions of \$17 million and higher material and restructuring costs. Partially offsetting these negative items were higher aftermarket sales, OE manufacturing efficiencies and lower selling, general and administrative costs of \$16 million. Included in North America's 2006 EBIT were \$13 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses, \$6 million in customer changeover costs, \$1 million of stock-based compensation expense due to an accounting change, \$3 million of expense in connection with booking a reserve for a receivable from a former affiliate and a \$7 million dollar benefit due to changes to our U.S. retirement plans for salaried and non-union hourly employees described above. Included in North America's 2005 EBIT were \$4 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses and \$10 million in customer changeover costs.

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Our European, South American and Indian segment's EBIT was \$81 million for 2006, up \$28 million from \$53 million in 2005. Increased European aftermarket sales benefited EBIT by \$5 million. Higher European OE volumes from both emission and ride control product lines, improved European OE manufacturing efficiencies of \$34 million, particularly in our exhaust operations, and favorable currency all contributed to the EBIT improvement. These improvements were partially offset by higher steel costs and price concessions of \$11 million. South America and India EBIT benefited from higher revenues. Included in Europe, South America and India's EBIT were \$8 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses in both 2006 and 2005.

EBIT for our Asia Pacific segment, which includes Asia and Australia, decreased \$4 million to \$12 million in 2006 compared to \$16 million in 2005. Lower Australian production volumes of \$4 million and higher material and restructuring costs more than offset stronger volumes of \$5 million in Asia. Included in Asia Pacific's 2006 EBIT were \$6 million in restructuring and restructuring-related expenses.

EBIT AS A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE FOR YEARS 2007, 2006 AND 2005

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		

2007	2006	2005

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North America.....	4%	5%	7%
Europe, South America and India.....	4%	4%	3%
Asia Pacific.....	6%	3%	4%
Total Tenneco.....	4%	4%	5%

In North America, EBIT as a percentage of revenue for 2007 was down one percentage point from prior year levels. The benefits from our new platform launches, lower selling, general and administrative expenses and manufacturing efficiencies were more than offset by the margin impact from an increase in lower margin substrate sales, lower North American light vehicle production volumes, higher material costs, incremental launch costs, increased investments in engineering and soft aftermarket conditions. During 2007, North American results included lower restructuring and restructuring-related charges and lower aftermarket changeover costs. In Europe, South America and India, EBIT margin for 2007 was flat with prior year. Higher European OE volumes on existing business, new platform launches, favorable currency and manufacturing efficiencies were offset by higher material costs and restructuring charges. Restructuring and restructuring-related expenses were higher than prior year. EBIT as a percentage of revenue for our Asia Pacific segment increased three percentage points in 2007 versus the prior year. OE production increases in China, favorable currency and benefits from last year's restructuring activities drove the improvement. Lower restructuring and restructuring-related expenses also benefited EBIT margin.

In North America, EBIT as a percentage of revenue for 2006 was down two percentage points from 2005 levels. Lower OE volumes, OE price concessions and higher material and restructuring costs, were partially offset by higher aftermarket sales, OE manufacturing efficiencies and lower selling, general and administrative costs. Our Europe, South America and India EBIT margin for 2006 increased one percentage point over 2005. Increased European aftermarket sales, as well as increased sales in South America and India, along with higher European OE volumes, improved European OE manufacturing efficiencies, particularly in our exhaust operations, and favorable currency drove the improvement to EBIT margin. These improvements were partially offset by higher steel costs, price concessions and a margin shift due to higher substrate sales. EBIT as a percentage of revenue for our Asia Pacific operations decreased one percentage point in 2006 compared to 2005. Higher revenues in Asia were more than offset by lower Australian production volumes and higher material and restructuring costs.

INTEREST EXPENSE, NET OF INTEREST CAPITALIZED

We reported interest expense of \$164 million in 2007 compared to \$136 million in 2006, net of interest capitalized of \$6 million in each year. Of the increase, \$5 million related to a charge to expense the unamortized portion of debt issuance costs related to our 2003 amended and restated senior credit facility in

connection with our debt refinancing in the first quarter of 2007 and \$21 million related to a net charge to expense the costs associated with the tender premium and fees, the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs and the write-off of previously recognized debt issuance premium in connection with our November 2007 refinancing transaction. The requirement to mark the fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps to market reduced interest expense by \$6 million in

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2007 and increased expense by \$1 million in 2006. The remainder of the change was due to higher borrowing during the year to fund growth.

We reported interest expense of \$136 million in 2006 compared to \$133 million in 2005, net of interest capitalized of \$6 million in 2006 and \$3 million in 2005. The increase in expense was due to higher LIBOR rates on the variable portion of our debt and higher average borrowings, offset by lower expense associated with our swaps. See more detailed explanations on our debt structure, prepayments and the amendment and restatement of our senior credit facility in March 2007 and our November 2007 refinancing transaction, and their impact on our interest expense, in "Liquidity and Capital Resources -- Capitalization" later in this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

We have three fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps that effectively convert \$150 million of our 10.25 percent fixed interest rate senior secured notes into floating interest rate debt at an annual rate of LIBOR plus 5.68 percent. Based upon the current LIBOR rate of 4.08 percent (which is in effect until July 15, 2008) these swaps are expected to reduce our interest expense by \$1 million in 2008 excluding any impact from marking the swaps to market. Since entering into these swaps, we have realized a net cumulative benefit of \$2 million through December 31, 2007, in reduced cash interest payments. On December 31, 2007, we had \$1,010 million in long-term debt obligations that have fixed interest rates. Of that amount, \$245 million is fixed through July 2013, \$500 million is fixed through November 2014, \$250 million is fixed through November 2015 while the remaining \$15 million is fixed over the 2008 through 2025 timeframe. Of the \$245 million, \$150 million has been swapped to floating rate debt and we also have \$169 million in long-term debt obligations outstanding under our senior secured credit facility that are subject to variable interest rates. See Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense was \$83 million in 2007, \$5 million in 2006 and \$26 million in 2005. The effective tax rate for 2007 was 94 percent as compared to 8 percent for 2006. The rate for 2007 included net tax expense of \$56 million, including \$66 million in non-cash tax expenses to realign the company's European ownership structure and net tax benefits of \$10 million related to a reduction in foreign income tax rates and adjustments for prior year income tax returns. Included in 2006 were tax benefits of \$15 million comprised of a FAS 109 adjustment, adjustments for prior year income tax returns, Czech Investment Credit and resolution of tax issues with former affiliates. Included in 2005 were benefits of \$5 million, including settlements of prior year tax issues, prior year true-ups and resolution of some tax contingencies with our foreign operations.

RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER CHARGES

Over the past several years we have adopted plans to restructure portions of our operations. These plans were approved by Board of Directors and were designed to reduce operational and administrative overhead costs throughout the business. Prior to the change in accounting required for exit or disposal activities, we recorded charges to income related to these plans for costs that did not benefit future activities in the period in which the plans were finalized and approved, while actions necessary to affect these restructuring plans occurred over future periods in accordance with established plans.

Our recent restructuring activities began in the fourth quarter of 2001, when our Board of Directors approved a restructuring plan, a project known as Project Genesis, which was designed to lower our fixed costs, relocate capacity, reduce our work force, improve efficiency and utilization, and better optimize our global footprint. We have subsequently engaged in various other

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restructuring projects related to Project Genesis. We incurred \$27 million in restructuring and restructuring-related costs during 2006, of which \$23 million was recorded in cost of sales and \$4 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense. In 2007, we incurred \$25 million in restructuring and restructuring-related costs of which \$22 million

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was recorded in cost of sales, \$2 million of which related to a charge for asset impairments for the plant closure in France, and \$3 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense. The majority of the 2007 charges were related to the planned closing of our emission control plant in Wissenbourg, France. Since Project Genesis was initiated, we have incurred costs of \$155 million through December 31, 2007. We estimate that our current annual savings rate for completed projects is approximately \$102 million. When all actions are complete, we expect an additional \$6 million of annual savings.

Under the terms of our amended and restated senior credit agreement that took effect on March 16, 2007, we are allowed to exclude \$80 million of cash charges and expenses, before taxes, related to cost reduction initiatives excluding any charge for asset impairments incurred after March 16, 2007 from the calculation of the financial covenant ratios required under our senior credit facility. As of December 31, 2007, we have excluded \$23 million in allowable charges relating to restructuring initiatives against the \$80 million available under the terms of the March 2007 amendment and restatement of the senior credit facility.

In addition to the announced actions, we will continue to evaluate additional opportunities and expect that we will initiate actions that will reduce our costs through implementing the most appropriate and efficient logistics, distribution and manufacturing footprint for the future. We expect to continue to undertake additional restructuring actions as deemed necessary, however, there can be no assurances we will undertake such actions. Actions that we take, if any, will require the approval of our Board of Directors, or its authorized committee. We plan to conduct any workforce reductions that result in compliance with all legal and contractual requirements including obligations to consult with workers' councils, union representatives and others.

EARNINGS PER SHARE

We reported a net loss of \$5 million or \$0.11 per diluted common share for 2007, as compared to net income of \$49 million or \$1.05 per diluted common share for 2006. Included in the results for 2007 were negative impacts from expenses related to our restructuring activities, new aftermarket customer changeover costs, charges relating to refinancing activities and tax adjustments. The net impact of these items decreased earnings per diluted share by \$1.93. Included in the results for 2006 were negative impacts from expenses related to our restructuring activities, new aftermarket customer changeover costs and expense in connection with booking a reserve for a receivable from a former affiliate, partially offset by a positive impact from tax adjustments and a benefit from replacing the defined benefit pension plans in the U.S. The net impact of these items decreased earnings per diluted share by \$0.10.

We reported net income of \$56 million or \$1.24 per diluted share for 2005. Included in the results for 2005 were expenses related to our restructuring activities, customer changeover costs and favorable tax adjustments. The net impact of these items decreased earnings per diluted share by \$0.23. Please read Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8 for more detailed information on earnings per share.

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DIVIDENDS ON COMMON STOCK

On January 10, 2001, we announced that our Board of Directors eliminated the quarterly dividend on our common stock. The Board took the action in response to industry conditions, primarily greater than anticipated production volume reductions by original equipment manufacturers and continued softness in the global light vehicle aftermarket. There are no current plans to reinstate a dividend on our common stock.

OUTLOOK

Total North American OE light vehicle production levels for 2007 were 15.0 million units, down two percent from 2006. Of this, production of passenger cars was down six percent while production of SUVs and light trucks was up two percent. Currently 2008 North American OE light vehicle production levels are expected to be down five percent, with passenger cars down four percent and SUVs and light trucks down six percent. We anticipate that 2008 will be another challenging year due to volatile oil prices, increasing demand for steel, and consumer caution due to recession concerns. We believe that new product launches, continued growth from existing platforms that launched in the first half of 2007, our position on top-selling platforms,

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our position with Japanese OE customers, flexible cost structure and a strong new product and technology pipeline will help us offset pressures from North American production rates. European light vehicle production volumes were 22.1 million units during 2007 compared to 20.9 million units in 2006. Expectations for 2008 indicate production will increase three percent in Europe. North American heavy-duty truck production rates for 2007 decreased by 54 percent. North American heavy-duty production rates for 2008 are expected to increase two percent. In China, 2007 light vehicle production levels were 8.1 million units, up 22 percent from last year. Light vehicle production levels in China are anticipated to grow 15 percent in 2008. In the global aftermarket we anticipate soft market conditions. We also plan to continue our efforts to increase new and existing sales in the global aftermarket business.

Tenneco estimates that its global original equipment revenues will be approximately \$5.5 billion in 2008 and \$6.0 billion in 2009. Adjusted for lower margin substrate sales, the company's global original equipment value-added revenues are estimated to be approximately \$3.7 billion in 2008 and \$4.1 billion in 2009. In addition, we project we will achieve an average compounded annual OE revenue growth rate of 11% to 13% between 2008 and 2012, primarily driven by tightening emission control regulations globally. These revenue estimates are based on original equipment manufacturers' programs that have been formally awarded to the company; programs where the company is highly confident that it will be awarded business based on informal customer indications consistent with past practices; Tenneco's status as supplier for the existing program and its relationship with the customer; and the actual original equipment revenues achieved by the company for each of the last several years compared to the amount of those revenues that the company estimated it would generate at the beginning of each year. Our revenue estimate is subject to increase or decrease due to changes in customer requirements, customer and consumer preferences, and the number of vehicles actually produced by our customers. We do not intend, however, to update the amounts shown above due to these changes. In addition, our revenue estimate is based on our anticipated pricing for each applicable program over its life. However, we are under continuing pricing pressures from our OE customers. We do not intend to update the amounts shown above for any price changes. Finally, for our foreign operations, our revenue estimate assumes

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a fixed foreign currency value. This value is used to translate foreign business to the US dollar. Currency in our foreign operations is subject to fluctuation based on the economic conditions in each of our foreign operations. We do not intend to update the amounts shown above due to these fluctuations. See "Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the 'Safe Harbor' Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995" and Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

We expect the pricing environment for steel will increase gross steel costs year-over-year up to \$40 million in 2008, which we anticipate fully offsetting through cost reductions, manufacturing efficiencies, material substitutions, low-cost country sourcing and customer recovery. We are leveraging our position in 2008 as we prepare for our new product launches to negotiate the best possible pricing. We worked hard in 2007 and continue to work hard to address this issue by evaluating alternative materials and processes, reviewing material substitution opportunities, increasing component and assembly outsourcing to low cost countries and aggressively pursuing recovery of higher costs from our customers. In addition to these actions, we continue to pursue productivity initiatives and review opportunities to reduce costs through Six Sigma, Lean manufacturing and restructuring activities. We will continue to focus on controlling costs and leveraging global supply chain spending.

CASH FLOWS FOR 2007 AND 2006

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
	(MILLIONS)	
Cash provided (used) by:		
Operating activities.....	\$ 165	\$ 203
Investing activities.....	(202)	(172)
Financing activities.....	(17)	12

Operating Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2007, cash flow provided from operating activities was \$165 million as compared to \$203 million in the prior year. For 2007 cash used by working capital was \$56 million compared to cash provided of \$6 million for 2006. Receivables were a cash use of \$117 million for 2007, a \$93 million increase from last year. Inventory was a use of cash of \$66 million compared to cash use of \$57 million in the prior year. Inventory was up year over year due to the ramp-up of future platform launches. The year-over-year increase in the use of cash for both accounts receivable and inventory was primarily a result of working capital requirements for our new platform launches in North America. In addition to the higher level of receivables related to the revenue increase, we must carry higher inventory levels for these new platforms, a portion of which relates to higher value substrates sourced from South Africa. This inventory from South Africa increased our cash outflow from operating activities during 2007 by \$33 million. Accounts payable provided cash of \$123 million versus last year's cash inflow of \$92 million. Cash interest payments of

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\$177 million in 2007 were higher than prior year payments of \$137 million as a result of higher interest rates on our variable portion of debt, increased average borrowings, and costs related to our refinancing activities of \$26 million. Cash tax payments were \$60 million in 2007 compared to \$26 million in 2006. We made tax payments in 2007 to resolve audits related to prior years' operations and for separation from the old Tenneco packaging company. In addition, cash collected from former affiliates in 2006 offset other cash tax payments.

Negotiable Financial Instruments -- One of our European subsidiaries receives payment from one of its OE customers whereby the account receivables are satisfied through the delivery of negotiable financial instruments. These financial instruments are then sold at a discount to a European bank. The sales of these financial instruments are not included in the account receivables sold. Any of these financial instruments which were not sold as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 are classified as other current assets and are excluded from our definition of cash equivalents. We had sold approximately \$15 million of these instruments at December 31, 2007 and \$26 million at December 31, 2006.

In certain instances several of our Chinese subsidiaries receive payment from OE customers and satisfy vendor payments through the receipt and delivery of negotiable financial instruments. Financial instruments used to satisfy vendor payables and not redeemed totaled \$23 million and \$12 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and were classified as notes payable. Financial instruments received from OE customers and not redeemed totaled \$8 million and \$9 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively and were classified as other current assets. One of our Chinese subsidiaries is required to maintain a cash balance at a financial institution issuing the financial instruments which are used to satisfy vendor payments. No financial instruments were outstanding at that Chinese subsidiary as of December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2006 the required cash balance was less than \$1 million and was classified as cash and cash equivalents.

Investing Activities

Cash used for investing activities was \$202 million in 2007, \$30 million greater than the same period a year ago. In 2007 we received \$10 million in cash from the sale of assets. Cash payments for plant, property and equipment (PP&E) were \$177 million in 2007, equal to 2006. In 2007, we spent \$16 million to acquire Combustion Components Associates' ELIM-NOx(TM) technology. Cash payments for software-related intangible assets were \$19 million in 2007 compared to \$13 million in 2006.

Financing Activities

Cash flow from financing activities was a \$17 million outflow in 2007 compared to an inflow of \$12 million in 2006. The primary reason for the change is debt issuance costs due to our long-term debt refinancing activities in the year.

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	2006	2005
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	(MILLIONS)	
Cash provided (used) by:		
Operating activities.....	\$ 203	\$ 123
Investing activities.....	(172)	(164)
Financing activities.....	12	(28)

Operating Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2006, cash flow provided from operating activities was \$203 million as compared to \$123 million in 2005. For 2006 cash provided by working capital was \$6 million compared to cash used of \$95 million for 2005. Receivables were a cash outflow of \$24 million, a \$62 million improvement from 2005, which was impacted by the discontinuation of the advance payment programs with three major OE customers in North America in 2005. Inventory was a use of cash of \$57 million compared to cash provided of \$6 million in 2005. Inventory was up year over year due to the ramp-up of future platform launches. Accounts payable provided cash of \$92 million versus last year's cash outflow of \$9 million. Cash interest payments of \$137 million in 2006 were higher than 2005 payments of \$126 million as a result of higher interest rates on our variable portion of debt and increased average borrowings. Cash tax payments were \$26 million in 2006 compared to \$23 million in 2005. Other operating activity was a use of \$5 million in cash for 2006, compared to a cash outflow of \$22 million in 2005 which was primarily related to an increase in pension contributions during 2005.

Negotiable Financial Instruments -- One of our European subsidiaries receives payment from one of its OE customers whereby the account receivables are satisfied through the delivery of negotiable financial instruments. These financial instruments are then sold at a discount to a European bank. The sales of these financial instruments are not included in the account receivables sold. Any of these financial instruments which were not sold as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 are classified as other current assets and are excluded from our definition of cash equivalents. We had sold approximately \$26 million of these instruments at December 31, 2006 and \$34 million at December 31, 2005.

In certain instances several of our Chinese subsidiaries receive payment from OE customers and satisfy vendor payments through the receipt and delivery of negotiable financial instruments. Financial instruments used to satisfy vendor payables and not redeemed totaled \$12 million and \$8 million at December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and were classified as notes payable. Financial instruments received from OE customers and not redeemed totaled \$9 million at both December 31, 2006 and 2005 and were classified as other current assets. One of our Chinese subsidiaries is required to maintain a cash balance at a financial institution issuing the financial instruments which are used to satisfy vendor payments. The balance was less than \$1 million at December 31, 2006 and \$3 million at December 31, 2005 and was classified as cash and cash equivalents.

Investing Activities

Cash used for investing activities was \$8 million higher in 2006 compared to 2005. In 2006 we received \$17 million in cash from the sale of assets. Cash payments for plant, property and equipment (PP&E) were \$177 million in 2006 versus \$140 million in 2005. The increase of \$37 million in cash payments for plant, property and equipment was primarily due to the timing of future OE customer platform launches. Without adjusting for changes in the balance of accounts payable relating to acquisitions of PP&E, the amount of PP&E acquired

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in 2006 and 2005 was \$7 million lower and \$3 million higher, respectively, than the cash payments reported. Acquisitions for PP&E were \$170 million in 2006 and \$143 million in 2005. Cash payments for software-related intangible assets were \$13 million in 2006 compared to \$14 million in 2005.

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In 2005 we used \$11 million in cash to acquire the exhaust operations of Gabilan Manufacturing and \$3 million to acquire the remaining minority interest in India's Hydraulics joint venture operations, partially offset by net proceeds from the sale of assets of \$4 million.

Financing Activities

Cash flow from financing activities was a \$12 million inflow in 2006 compared to an outflow of \$28 million in the same period of 2005. The primary reason for the change is attributable to \$45 million in cash used to reduce our long-term debt during 2005.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparing our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The following paragraphs include a discussion of some critical areas where estimates are required.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue for sales to our original equipment and aftermarket customers when title and risk of loss passes to the customers under the terms of our arrangements with those customers, which is usually at the time of shipment from our plants or distribution centers. In connection with the sale of exhaust systems to certain original equipment manufacturers, we purchase catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters or components thereof including precious metals ("substrates") on behalf of our customers which are used in the assembled system. These substrates are included in our inventory and "passed through" to the customer at our cost, plus a small margin, since we take title to the inventory and are responsible for both the delivery and quality of the finished product. Revenues recognized for substrate sales were \$1,673 million, \$927 million and \$681 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. For our aftermarket customers, we provide for promotional incentives and returns at the time of sale. Estimates are based upon the terms of the incentives and historical experience with returns. Certain taxes assessed by governmental authorities on revenue producing transactions, such as value added taxes, are excluded from revenue and recorded on a net basis. Shipping and handling costs billed to customers are included in revenues and the related costs are included in cost of sales in our Statements of Income (Loss).

Warranty Reserves

Where we have offered product warranty, we also provide for warranty costs. Those estimates are based upon historical experience and upon specific warranty issues as they arise. While we have not experienced any material differences between these estimates and our actual costs, it is reasonably possible that

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future warranty issues could arise that could have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Pre-production Design and Development and Tooling Assets

We expense pre-production design and development costs as incurred unless we have a contractual guarantee for reimbursement from the original equipment customer. We had long-term receivables of \$20 million and \$22 million on the balance sheet at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for guaranteed pre-production design and development reimbursement arrangements with our customers. In addition, plant, property and equipment includes \$62 million and \$63 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for original equipment tools and dies that we own, and prepayments and other includes \$33 million and \$38 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for in-process tools and dies that we are building for our original equipment customers.

Income Taxes

We have a U.S. Federal tax net operating loss carryforward ("NOL") at December 31, 2007, of \$518 million, which will expire in varying amounts from 2020 to 2027. The federal tax effect of that NOL is

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recorded as a deferred tax asset on our balance sheet for \$181 million and \$209 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We also have state NOL carryforwards at December 31, 2007 of \$767 million, which will expire in various years through 2027. The tax effect of the state NOL, net of a valuation allowance, is recorded as a deferred tax asset on our balance sheet for \$40 million and \$29 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We estimate, based on available evidence both positive and negative, that it is more likely than not that we will utilize these NOLs within the prescribed carryforward period. That estimate is based upon our expectations regarding future taxable income of our U.S. operations and the implementation of available tax planning strategies that accelerate usage of the NOL. Circumstances that could change that estimate include future U.S. earnings at lower than expected levels or a majority ownership change as defined in the rules of the U.S. tax law. If that estimate changed, we would be required to cease recognizing an income tax benefit for any new NOL and could be required to record a reserve for some or all of the asset currently recorded on our balance sheet.

Stock-Based Compensation

Effective January 1, 2006, we began accounting for our stock-based compensation plans in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment," which requires a fair value method of accounting for compensation costs related to our stock-based compensation plans. Under the fair value method recognition provision of the statement, a share-based payment is measured at the grant date based upon the value of the award and is recognized as expense over the vesting period. Determining the fair value of share-based awards requires judgment in estimating employee and market behavior. If actual results differ significantly from these estimates, stock-based compensation expense and our results of operations could be materially impacted. As of December 31, 2007, there is approximately \$4 million, net of tax, of total unrecognized compensation costs related to these stock-based awards that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.8 years as compared to \$4 million, net of tax, and a weighted average period of 1.0 years as of December 31, 2006.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

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We utilize an impairment-only approach to value our purchased goodwill in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Each year in the fourth quarter, we perform an impairment analysis on the balance of goodwill. Inherent in this calculation is the use of estimates as the fair value of our designated reporting units is based upon the present value of our expected future cash flows. In addition, our calculation includes our best estimate of our weighted average cost of capital and growth rate. If the calculation results in a fair value of goodwill which is less than the book value of goodwill, an impairment charge would be recorded in the operating results of the impaired reporting unit.

Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

We have various defined benefit pension plans that cover substantially all of our employees. We also have postretirement health care and life insurance plans that cover a majority of our domestic employees. Our pension and postretirement health care and life insurance expenses and valuations are dependent on assumptions used by our actuaries in calculating those amounts. These assumptions include discount rates, health care cost trend rates, long-term return on plan assets, retirement rates, mortality rates and other factors. Health care cost trend rate assumptions are developed based on historical cost data and an assessment of likely long-term trends. Retirement rates are based primarily on actual plan experience while mortality rates are based upon the general population experience which is not expected to differ materially from our experience.

Our approach to establishing the discount rate assumption for both our domestic and foreign plans starts with high-quality investment-grade bonds adjusted for an incremental yield based on actual historical performance. This incremental yield adjustment is the result of selecting securities whose yields are higher than the "normal" bonds that comprise the index. Based on this approach, for 2007 we raised the weighted average discount rate for all of our pension plans to 5.9 percent, from 5.5 percent. The discount rate for postretirement benefits was raised from approximately 5.9 percent for 2006 to approximately 6.2 percent for 2007.

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Our approach to determining expected return on plan asset assumptions evaluates both historical returns as well as estimates of future returns, and is adjusted for any expected changes in the long-term outlook for the equity and fixed income markets. As a result, our estimate of the weighted average long-term rate of return on plan assets for all of our pension plans was left unchanged at 8.2 percent for 2007.

Except in the U.K., our pension plans generally do not require employee contributions. Our policy is to fund our pension plans in accordance with applicable U.S. and foreign government regulations and to make additional payments as funds are available to achieve full funding of the accumulated benefit obligation. At December 31, 2007 and 2006, all legal funding requirements had been met. Other postretirement benefit obligations, such as retiree medical, and certain foreign pension plans are not funded.

Effective December 31, 2006, we froze future accruals under our defined benefit plans for substantially all U.S. salaried and non-union hourly employees and replaced these benefits with additional contributions under defined contribution plans. These changes reduced expense by approximately \$11 million in 2007. These changes will continue to generate savings in future years but

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those savings will vary based on many factors, including the performance of our pension fund investments. Additionally, we realized a one-time benefit of \$7 million in the fourth quarter 2006 related to curtailing the defined benefit pension plans.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In February 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) 140-3, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions". FSP 140-3 provides guidance on accounting for a transfer of a financial asset and a repurchase financing which is a repurchase agreement that relates to a previously transferred financial asset between the same counterparties that is entered into contemporaneously with, or in contemplation of, the initial transfer. FSP 140-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. We are evaluating FSP 140-3 to determine the effect on our financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP 157-1, "Application of FASB Statement No. 157 to FASB Statement No. 13 and Other Accounting Pronouncements That Address Fair Value Measurements for Purposes of Lease Classification or Measurement Under Statement 13". FSP 157-1 provides a scope exception to SFAS No. 157 which does not apply under Statement 13 and other accounting pronouncements that address fair value measurements for purposes of lease classification or measurement under Statement 13. FSP 157-1 is effective upon the initial adoption of SFAS No. 157. We do not expect the adoption of FSP 157-1 to have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (Revised 2007), "Business Combinations" (SFAS No. 141(R)). SFAS No. 141(R) requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, contractual contingencies and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date at their fair values as of that date. SFAS No. 141(R) provides guidance on the accounting for acquisition-related costs, restructuring costs related to the acquisition and the measurement of goodwill and a bargain purchase. SFAS No. 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after December 15, 2008. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No. 5." SFAS No. 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling (minority) interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarified that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements, establishes a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that does not result in deconsolidation and provides for expanded disclosure in the consolidated financial statements relating to the interests of the parent's owners and the interests of the noncontrolling owners of the subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 applies prospectively (except for the presentation and disclosure requirements) for fiscal years and interim periods within those fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The presentation and disclosure

requirements will be applied retrospectively for all periods presented. We are evaluating this statement to determine the effect on our financial statements and related disclosures.

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In December 2007, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 110 (SAB 110). SAB 110 amends and replaces Question 6 of Section D.2 Topic 14, "Share-Based Payment." Question 6 of Topic 14:D.2 (as amended) expresses the views of the staff regarding the use of a "simplified" method in developing an estimate of the expected term of "plain vanilla" share options in accordance with SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" (SFAS No. 123(R)). SAB 110 is effective January 1, 2008. The adoption of SAB 110 will have no impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement." This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157," which delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2007, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issued EITF 06-11, "Accounting for Income Tax Benefits of Dividends on Share-Based Payment Awards." EITF 06-11 provides the final consensus on the application of paragraphs 62 and 63 of SFAS No. 123(R) on the accounting for income tax benefits relating to the payment of dividends on equity-classified employee share-based payment awards that are charged to retained earnings. EITF 06-11 affirms that the realized income tax benefit from dividends or dividend equivalents that are charged to retained earnings for equity classified nonvested equity shares, nonvested equity share units, and outstanding equity share options should be recognized as an increase in additional paid-in-capital. Additionally, EITF 06-11 provides guidance on the amount of tax benefits from dividends that are reclassified from additional paid-in-capital to the income statement when an entity's estimate of forfeitures changes. EITF 06-11 is effective prospectively to the income tax benefits that result from dividends on equity-classified employee share-based payment awards that are declared in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. We do not expect the adoption of EITF 06-11 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2007, the EITF issued EITF 07-3, "Accounting for Nonrefundable Advance Payments for Goods or Services Received for Use in Future Research and Development Activities." EITF 07-3 requires the deferral and capitalization of nonrefundable advance payments for goods or services that an entity will use in research and development activities pursuant to an executory contractual agreement. Expenditures which are capitalized under EITF 07-3 should be expensed as the goods are delivered or the related services are performed. EITF 07-3 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. EITF 07-3 is applicable to new contracts entered into after the effective date of this Issue. We do not expect the adoption of EITF 07-3 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2007, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48-1, "Definition of Settlement in FASB Interpretation No. 48" (FIN 48-1). FIN 48-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 and provides guidance on how a reporting entity should determine when a tax position is effectively settled. We began applying FIN 48-1 in the second quarter. The adoption of FIN 48-1 did not have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

In April 2007, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 39-1, "Amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39" (FIN 39-1). This amendment allows a reporting entity to

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offset fair value amounts recognized for derivative instruments with fair value amounts recognized for the right to reclaim or realize cash collateral. Additionally, this amendment requires disclosure of the accounting policy on the reporting entity's election to offset or not offset amounts for derivative instruments. FIN 39-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We do not expect the adoption of FIN 39-1 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities." This statement permits companies to choose to measure at fair value many financial instruments and certain other items that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning on or after November 15, 2007. We do not believe the statement will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)." Part of this Statement was effective as of December 31, 2006, and requires companies that have defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans to recognize the funded status of those plans on the balance sheet on a prospective basis from the effective date. The funded status of these plans is determined as of the plans' measurement dates and represents the difference between the amount of the obligations owed to participants under each plan (including the effects of future salary increases for defined benefit plans) and the fair value of each plan's assets dedicated to paying those obligations. To record the funded status of those plans, unrecognized prior service costs and net actuarial losses experienced by the plans will be recorded in the Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss section of shareholders' equity on the balance sheet. The initial adoption as of December 31, 2006 resulted in a reduction of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss in shareholders' equity of \$59 million.

In addition, SFAS No. 158 requires that companies using a measurement date for their defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans other than their fiscal year end, change the measurement date effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008. Effective January 1, 2007, we elected to early adopt the measurement date provision of SFAS No. 158. Adoption of this part of the statement was not material to our financial position and results of operations. See Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Capitalization

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	% CHANGE
	(MILLIONS)		
Short-term debt and current maturities.....	\$ 46	\$ 28	64%
Long-term debt.....	1,328	1,357	(2)

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Total debt.....	1,374	1,385	(1)
Total minority interest.....	31	28	11
Shareholders' equity.....	400	226	77
Total capitalization.....	\$1,805	\$1,639	10
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General. Short-term debt, which includes the current portion of long-term obligations and borrowings by foreign subsidiaries, was \$46 million and \$28 million as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. Borrowings under our revolving credit facilities, which are now classified as long-term debt, were approximately \$169 million as of December 31, 2007. There were no borrowings outstanding on our revolving credit facilities as of December 31, 2006.

The 2007 increase in shareholders' equity primarily resulted from \$138 million of translation of foreign balances into U.S. dollars partially offset by a net loss of \$5 million. In addition, the implementation of the measurement date provision of SFAS No. 158, additional liability for pension benefits and other transactions contributed \$41 million to shareholders' equity. While our book equity balance was small at December 31, 2007, it had no effect on our business operations. We have no debt covenants that are based upon our book equity, and there are no other agreements that are adversely impacted by our relatively low book equity. You

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should also read Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

Overview and Recent Transactions. Our financing arrangements are primarily provided by a committed senior secured financing arrangement with a syndicate of banks and other financial institutions. The arrangement is secured by substantially all our domestic assets and pledges of 66 percent of the stock of certain first-tier foreign subsidiaries, as well as guarantees by our material domestic subsidiaries.

On November 20, 2007, we issued \$250 million of 8 1/8 percent Senior Notes due November 15, 2015 through a private placement offering. The offering and related transactions were designed to (1) reduce our interest expense and extend the maturity of a portion of our debt (by using the proceeds of the offering to tender for \$230 million of our outstanding \$475 million 10 1/4 percent senior secured notes due 2013), (2) facilitate the realignment of the ownership structure of some of our foreign subsidiaries and (3) otherwise amend certain of the covenants in the indenture for our 10 1/4 percent senior secured notes to be consistent with those contained in our 8 5/8 percent senior subordinated notes, including conforming the limitation on incurrence of indebtedness and the absence of a limitation on issuances or transfers of restricted subsidiary stock, and make other minor modifications.

The ownership structure realignment is designed to more effectively align our domestic and foreign assets and revenues with expenses in the appropriate local currencies. Some of the desired results of the realignment will be to allow us to more rapidly use our U.S. net operating losses and reduce our cash tax payments. At present, the ownership structure realignment involves a new

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European holding company which will own some of our foreign entities. We may alter the components of the realignment from time to time. If market conditions permit in 2008, we may offer debt issued by the new European holding company. The proceeds of that debt would be used to repay any outstanding intercompany debt and, in turn, to fund the redemption of any remaining 10 1/4 percent senior secured notes. This realignment involves utilizing part of our U.S. net operating tax losses. Consequently, we recorded a non-cash charge of \$66 million in the fourth quarter of 2007.

The offering of new notes and related repurchase of our senior secured notes will reduce our annual interest expense by approximately \$3 million for 2008 and increased our total debt outstanding to third-parties by approximately \$20 million. In connection with the offering and the related repurchase of our senior secured notes, we also recorded non-recurring pre-tax charges related to the tender premium and fees, the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs, and the write-off of previously recognized issuance premium totaling \$21 million in the fourth quarter of 2007.

In March 2007, we refinanced our \$831 million senior credit facility. This transaction reduced the interest rates we pay on all portions of the facility. While the total amount of the new senior credit facility is \$830 million, approximately the same as the previous facility, we changed the components of the facility to enhance our financial flexibility. We increased the amount of commitments under our revolving loan facility from \$320 million to \$550 million, reduced the amount of commitments under our tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility from \$155 million to \$130 million and replaced the \$356 million term loan B with a \$150 million term loan A. As of December 31, 2007, the senior credit facility consisted of a five-year, \$150 million term loan A maturing in March 2012, a five-year, \$550 million revolving credit facility maturing in March 2012, and a seven-year \$130 million tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility maturing in March 2014.

The refinancing of the prior facility allowed us to: (i) amend the consolidated net debt to EBITDA ratio, (ii) eliminate the fixed charge coverage ratio, (iii) eliminate the restriction on capital expenditures, (iv) increase the amount of acquisitions permitted to \$250 million, (v) improve the flexibility to repurchase and retire higher cost junior debt, (vi) increase our ability to enter into capital leases, (vii) increase the ability of our foreign subsidiaries to incur debt, (viii) increase our ability to pay dividends and repurchase common stock, (ix) increase our ability to invest in joint ventures, (x) allow for the increase in the existing tranche B-1 facility and/or the term loan A or the addition of a new term loan of up to \$275 million in order to reduce our 10.25 percentage senior secured notes, and (xi) make other modifications.

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Following the refinancing, the term loan A facility is payable in twelve consecutive quarterly installments, commencing June 30, 2009 as follows: \$6 million due each of June 30, September 30, December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, \$15 million due each of June 30, September 30, December 31, 2010 and March 31, 2011, and \$17 million due each of June 30, September 30, December 31, 2011 and March 16, 2012. The revolving credit facility requires that any amounts drawn be repaid by March 2012. Prior to that date, funds may be borrowed, repaid and reborrowed under the revolving credit facility without premium or penalty. Letters of credit may be issued under the revolving credit facility.

The tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility requires that it be repaid by March 2014. We can borrow revolving loans and issue letters of

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credit under the \$130 million tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility. The tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility lenders have deposited \$130 million with the administrative agent, who has invested that amount in time deposits. We do not have an interest in any of the funds on deposit. When we draw revolving loans under this facility, the loans are funded from the \$130 million on deposit with the administrative agent. When we make repayments, the repayments are redeposited with the administrative agent.

The tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility is reflected as debt on our balance sheet only if we borrow money under this facility or if we use the facility to make payments for letters of credit. We will not be liable for any losses to or misappropriation of any (i) return due to the administrative agent's failure to achieve the return described above or to pay all or any portion of such return to any lender under such facility or (ii) funds on deposit in such account by such lender (other than the obligation to repay funds released from such accounts and provided to us as revolving loans under such facility).

Senior Credit Facility -- Interest Rates and Fees. Prior to the March 2007 refinancing, borrowings under the term loan B facility and the tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 200 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points, plus a margin of 100 basis points. As of December 31, 2007 borrowings under the term loan A facility and the tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 150 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points, plus a margin of 50 basis points. The interest margin for borrowings under the facilities are subject to adjustment based on the consolidated net leverage ratio (consolidated indebtedness net of cash divided by consolidated EBITDA as defined in the senior credit facility agreement). The margin we pay on the term loan A and the tranche B-1 facility is reduced by 25 basis points following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio is less than 2.5 beginning in March 2007, and would increase by 25 basis points following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio exceeds 3.5. There is no cost to us for issuing letters of credit under the tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility, however outstanding letters of credit reduce our availability to borrow revolving loans under this portion of the facility. If a letter of credit issued under this facility is subsequently paid and we do not reimburse the amount paid in full, then a ratable portion of each lender's deposit would be used to fund the letter of credit. We pay the tranche B-1 lenders a fee which is equal to LIBOR plus 150 basis points. This fee is offset by the return on the funds deposited with the administrative agent which earn interest at a per annum rate approximately equal to LIBOR. Outstanding revolving loans reduce the funds on deposit with the administrative agent which in turn reduce the earnings of those deposits and effectively increases our interest expense at a per annum rate equal to LIBOR.

Prior to the March 2007 refinancing, borrowings under the revolving credit facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 275 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 37.5 basis points, plus a margin of 175 basis points. As of December 31, 2007 borrowings under the revolving credit facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 150 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points, plus a margin of 50 basis points. Letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility accrue a letter of credit fee at a per annum rate of 150 basis points for the pro rata account of the lenders under such facility and

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thereof at a per annum rate in an amount to be agreed upon payable quarterly in arrears. We also pay a commitment fee of 35 basis points on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. The interest margins for borrowings and letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility are subject to adjustment based on the consolidated net leverage ratio (consolidated indebtedness net of cash divided by consolidated EBITDA as defined in the senior credit facility agreement) measured at the end of each quarter. The margin we pay on the revolving credit facility is reduced by 25 basis points and the commitment fee we pay on the revolving credit facility is reduced by 5 basis points following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio is less than 2.5 beginning in March 2007. The margin and the commitment fee would increase by 25 basis points and 2.5 basis points, respectively, following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio exceeds 3.5.

Senior Credit Facility -- Other Terms and Conditions. As described above, we are highly leveraged. Our refinanced senior credit facility requires that we maintain financial ratios equal to or better than the following consolidated net leverage ratio (consolidated indebtedness net of cash divided by consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the senior credit facility agreement), and consolidated interest coverage ratio (consolidated EBITDA divided by consolidated interest expense, as defined under the senior credit facility agreement) at the end of each period indicated. Failure to maintain these ratios will result in a default under our senior credit facility, which could result in all amounts due immediately, as well as most of our other debt, being declared immediately due and payable. The financial ratios required under the amended and restated senior credit facility and, the actual ratios we achieved for the four quarters of 2007, are shown in the following tables:

	QUARTER ENDED							
	MARCH 31, 2007		JUNE 30, 2007		SEPTEMBER 30, 2007		DECEMBER 31, 2007	
	REQ.	ACT.	REQ.	ACT.	REQ.	ACT.	REQ.	ACT.
Leverage Ratio (maximum).....	4.25	3.27	4.25	2.99	4.25	2.97	4.25	2.53
Interest Coverage Ratio (minimum).....	2.10	3.09	2.10	3.21	2.10	3.35	2.10	3.61

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	REQ.	REQ.	REQ.	REQ.	REQ.
Leverage Ratio (maximum).....	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50
Interest Coverage Ratio (minimum).....	2.10	2.25	2.40	2.55	2.75

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The senior credit facility agreement provides the ability to refinance our senior subordinated notes and/or our senior secured notes in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the net cash proceeds of equity issued after the closing date plus (ii) the portion of annual excess cash flow (as defined in the senior credit facility agreement) that is not required to be applied to the payment of the credit facilities and which is not used for other purposes, provided that the amount of the subordinated notes and the aggregate amount of the senior secured notes and the subordinated notes that may be refinanced is capped based upon the pro forma consolidated leverage ratio after giving effect to such refinancing as shown in the following table:

PROFORMA CONSOLIDATED LEVERAGE RATIO	SUBORDINATED NOTES MAXIMUM AMOUNT	AGGREGATE SENIOR AND SUBORDINATE NOTE MAXIMUM AMOUNT
Greater than or equal to 3.0x.....	\$ 50 million	\$150 million
Greater than or equal to 2.5x.....	\$100 million	\$300 million
Less than 2.5x.....	\$125 million	\$375 million

In addition, the senior secured notes may be refinanced with (i) the net cash proceeds of incremental facilities and permitted refinancing indebtedness (as defined in the senior credit facility agreement), (ii) the net cash proceeds of any new senior or subordinated unsecured indebtedness, (iii) proceeds of revolving credit loans (as defined in the senior credit facility agreement), (iv) up to E200 million of unsecured indebtedness of the company's foreign subsidiaries and (v) cash generated by the company's operations.

The refinanced senior credit facility agreement also contains restrictions on our operations that are customary for similar facilities, including limitations on: (i) incurring additional liens; (ii) sale and leaseback transactions (except for the permitted transactions as described in the amended and restated agreement);

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(iii) liquidations and dissolutions; (iv) incurring additional indebtedness or guarantees; (v) investments and acquisitions; (vi) dividends and share repurchases; (vii) mergers and consolidations; and (viii) refinancing of subordinated and 10.25 percent senior secured notes. Compliance with these requirements and restrictions is a condition for any incremental borrowings under the senior credit facility agreement and failure to meet these requirements enables the lenders to require repayment of any outstanding loans. As of December 31, 2007, we were in compliance with all the financial covenants and operational restrictions of the facility.

Our senior credit facility does not contain any terms that could accelerate the payment of the facility as a result of a credit rating agency downgrade.

Senior Secured, Senior and Subordinated Notes. Our outstanding debt also includes \$245 million of 10 1/4 percent senior secured notes due July 15, 2013, \$250 million of 8 1/8 percent senior notes due November 15, 2015, and \$500 million of 8 5/8 percent senior subordinated notes due November 15, 2014. We can redeem some or all of the notes at any time after July 15, 2008 in the case of the senior secured notes, November 15, 2009 in the case of the senior

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subordinated notes and November 15, 2011 in the case of the senior notes. If we sell certain of our assets or experience specified kinds of changes in control, we must offer to repurchase the notes. We are permitted to redeem up to 35 percent of the senior notes with the proceeds of certain equity offerings completed before November 15, 2010.

Our senior secured, senior and subordinated notes require that, as a condition precedent to incurring certain types of indebtedness not otherwise permitted, our consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio, as calculated on a proforma basis, be greater than 2.00. We have not incurred any of the types of indebtedness not otherwise permitted by the indentures. The indentures also contain restrictions on our operations, including limitations on: (i) incurring additional indebtedness or liens; (ii) dividends; (iii) distributions and stock repurchases; (iv) investments; (v) asset sales and (vi) mergers and consolidations. Subject to limited exceptions, all of our existing and future material domestic wholly owned subsidiaries fully and unconditionally guarantee these notes on a joint and several basis. In addition, the senior secured notes and related guarantees are secured by second priority liens, subject to specified exceptions, on all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' assets that secure obligations under our senior credit facility, except that only a portion of the capital stock of our subsidiary guarantor's domestic subsidiaries is provided as collateral and no assets or capital stock of our direct or indirect foreign subsidiaries secure the notes or guarantees. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the subsidiaries that have guaranteed these notes to make distributions to us. The senior subordinated notes rank junior in right of payment to our senior credit facility and any future senior debt incurred. As of December 31, 2007, we were in compliance with the covenants and restrictions of these indentures.

Accounts Receivable Securitization. In addition to our senior credit facility, senior secured notes, senior notes and senior subordinated notes, we also sell some of our accounts receivable on a nonrecourse basis in North America and Europe. In North America, we have an accounts receivable securitization program with two commercial banks. We sell original equipment and aftermarket receivables on a daily basis under this program. We sold accounts receivable under this program of \$100 million and \$85 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. This program is subject to cancellation prior to its maturity date if we (i) fail to pay interest or principal payments on an amount of indebtedness exceeding \$50 million, (ii) default on the financial covenant ratios under the senior credit facility, or (iii) fail to maintain certain financial ratios in connection with the accounts receivable securitization program. In January 2008, this program was renewed for 364 days to January 26, 2009 at a facility size of \$120 million. We also sell some receivables in our European operations to regional banks in Europe. As of December 31, 2007, we sold \$57 million of accounts receivable in Europe up from \$48 million at December 31, 2006. The arrangements to sell receivables in Europe are not committed and can be cancelled at any time. If we were not able to sell receivables under either the North American or European securitization programs, our borrowings under our revolving credit agreements may increase. These accounts receivable securitization programs provide us with access to cash at costs that are generally favorable to alternative sources of financing, and allow us to reduce borrowings under our revolving credit agreements.

Capital Requirements. We believe that cash flows from operations, combined with available borrowing capacity described above, assuming that we maintain compliance with the financial covenants and other requirements of our loan agreement, will be sufficient to meet our future capital requirements for the

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following year. Our ability to meet the financial covenants depends upon a number of operational and economic factors, many of which are beyond our control. Factors that could impact our ability to comply with the financial covenants include the rate at which consumers continue to buy new vehicles and the rate at which they continue to repair vehicles already in service, as well as our ability to successfully implement our restructuring plans and offset higher raw material prices. Lower North American vehicle production levels, weakening in the global aftermarket, or a reduction in vehicle production levels in Europe, beyond our expectations, could impact our ability to meet our financial covenant ratios. In the event that we are unable to meet these financial covenants, we would consider several options to meet our cash flow needs. These options could include renegotiations with our senior credit lenders, additional cost reduction or restructuring initiatives, sales of assets or common stock, or other alternatives to enhance our financial and operating position. Should we be required to implement any of these actions to meet our cash flow needs, we believe we can do so in a reasonable time frame.

Contractual Obligations.

Our remaining required debt principal amortization and payment obligations under lease and certain other financial commitments as of December 31, 2007, are shown in the following table:

	PAYMENTS DUE IN:						TOTAL
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	BEYOND 2012	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(MILLIONS)						
Obligations:							
Revolver borrowings.....	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 169	\$ 169
Senior term loans.....	--	17	50	66	17	--	150
Senior secured notes.....	2	--	--	--	--	246	248
Senior subordinated notes.....	--	--	--	--	--	500	500
Senior notes.....	--	--	--	--	--	250	250
Capital leases.....	3	3	3	--	--	--	9
Other subsidiary debt.....	1	--	--	--	--	2	3
Short-term debt.....	40	--	--	--	--	--	40
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Debt and capital lease obligations..	46	20	53	66	17	1,167	1,369
Operating leases.....	17	14	11	9	5	2	58
Interest payments.....	110	110	108	104	99	165	696
Capital commitments.....	48	--	--	--	--	--	48
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Total Payments.....	\$221	\$144	\$172	\$179	\$121	\$1,334	\$2,171
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If we do not maintain compliance with the terms of our senior credit facility, senior secured notes indenture, senior notes indenture and senior subordinated debt indenture described above, all amounts under those arrangements could, automatically or at the option of the lenders or other debt holders, become due. Additionally, each of those facilities contains provisions that certain events of default under one facility will constitute a default under the other facility, allowing the acceleration of all amounts due. We currently expect to maintain compliance with terms of all of our various credit agreements for the foreseeable future.

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Included in our contractual obligations is the amount of interest to be paid on our long-term debt. As our debt structure contains both fixed and variable rate interest debt, we have made assumptions in calculating the amount of the future interest payments. Interest on our senior secured notes, senior subordinated notes, and senior notes is calculated using the fixed rates of 10 1/4 percent, 8 5/8 percent, and 8 1/8 percent respectively. Interest on our variable rate debt is calculated as 150 basis points plus LIBOR of 4.60 percent which was the rate at December 31, 2007. We have assumed that LIBOR will remain unchanged for the outlying years. See

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"-- Capitalization." In addition we have included the impact of our interest rate swaps entered into in April 2004, excluding any impact marking the swaps to market may have. See "Interest Rate Risk" below.

We have also included an estimate of expenditures required after December 31, 2007 to complete the projects authorized at December 31, 2007, in which we have made substantial commitments in connection with purchasing plant, property and equipment for our operations. For 2008, we expect our capital expenditure budget to be \$200 million to \$220 million.

We have not included purchase obligations as part of our contractual obligations as we generally do not enter into long-term agreements with our suppliers. In addition, the agreements we currently have do not specify the volumes we are required to purchase. If any commitment is provided, in many cases the agreements state only the minimum percentage of our purchase requirements we must buy from the supplier. As a result, these purchase obligations fluctuate from year to year and we are not able to quantify the amount of our future obligation.

We have not included material cash requirements for taxes as we are a taxpayer in certain foreign jurisdictions but not domestically. Additionally, it is difficult to estimate taxes to be paid as changes in where we generate income can have a significant impact on future tax payments. We have also not included cash requirements for funding pension and postretirement benefit costs. Based upon current estimates we believe we will be required to make contributions of approximately \$39 million to those plans in 2008. Pension and postretirement contributions beyond 2008 will be required but those amounts will vary based upon many factors, including the performance of our pension fund investments during 2008. In addition, we have not included cash requirements for environmental remediation. Based upon current estimates we believe we will be required to spend approximately \$11 million over the next 20 to 30 years. However, due to possible modifications in remediation processes and other factors, it is difficult to determine the actual timing of the payments. See "-- Environmental and Other Matters".

We occasionally provide guarantees that could require us to make future payments in the event that the third party primary obligor does not make its required payments. We have not recorded a liability for any of these guarantees.

Additionally, we have from time to time issued guarantees for the performance of obligations by some of our subsidiaries, and some of our subsidiaries have guaranteed our debt. All of our existing and future material domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries fully and unconditionally guarantee our senior credit facility, our senior secured notes, our senior notes and our senior subordinated notes on a joint and several basis. The arrangement for the senior credit facility is also secured by first-priority liens on substantially all our domestic assets and pledges of 66 percent of the stock of certain first-

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tier foreign subsidiaries. The arrangement for the \$245 million senior secured notes is also secured by second-priority liens on substantially all our domestic assets, excluding some of the stock of our domestic subsidiaries. No assets or capital stock of our direct or indirect foreign subsidiaries secure these notes. You should also read Note 13 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8, where we present the Supplemental Guarantor Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements.

We have issued guarantees through letters of credit in connection with some obligations of our affiliates. As of December 31, 2007, we have guaranteed \$18 million in letters of credit to support some of our subsidiaries' insurance arrangements. In addition, we have issued \$13 million in guarantees through letters of credit to guarantee other obligations of subsidiaries primarily related to foreign employee benefit programs, environmental remediation activities, and cash management requirements.

DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We use derivative financial instruments, principally foreign currency forward purchase and sale contracts with terms of less than one year, to hedge our exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Our primary exposure to changes in foreign currency rates results from intercompany loans made between affiliates to minimize the need for borrowings from third parties. Additionally, we enter into foreign currency forward

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purchase and sale contracts to mitigate our exposure to changes in exchange rates on certain intercompany and third-party trade receivables and payables. We manage counter-party credit risk by entering into derivative financial instruments with major financial institutions that can be expected to fully perform under the terms of such agreements. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

In managing our foreign currency exposures, we identify and aggregate existing offsetting positions and then hedge residual exposures through third-party derivative contracts. The following table summarizes by major currency the notional amounts, weighted average settlement rates, and fair value for foreign currency forward purchase and sale contracts as of December 31, 2007. All contracts in the following table mature in 2008.

		DECEMBER 31, 2007		
		NOTIONAL AMOUNT	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	FAIR VA
		IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	SETTLEMENT RATES	U.S. D

		(MILLIONS EXCEPT SETTLEMENT RATES)		
Australian dollars.....	--Purchase	13	.876	\$
	--Sell	(2)	.876	
British pounds.....	--Purchase	4	1.987	
	--Sell	(1)	1.987	
European euro.....	--Purchase	1	1.464	
	--Sell	(98)	1.461	(1
South Africa rand.....	--Purchase	409	.146	
	--Sell	(92)	.146	(

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U.S. dollars.....	--Purchase	136	1.000	
	--Sell	(62)	1.003	
Other.....	--Purchase	414	.009	
	--Sell	--	--	

Interest Rate Risk

Our financial instruments that are sensitive to market risk for changes in interest rates are primarily our debt securities and our interest rate swaps. We use our revolving credit facilities to finance our short-term and long-term capital requirements. We pay a current market rate of interest on these borrowings. Our long-term capital requirements have been financed with long-term debt with original maturity dates ranging from five to ten years. On December 31, 2007, we had \$1,010 million in long-term debt obligations that have fixed interest rates. Of that amount, \$245 million is fixed through July 2013, \$500 million is fixed through November 2014, \$250 million is fixed through November 2015, and the remainder is fixed from 2008 through 2025. Of the \$245 million, \$150 million has been swapped to floating and we also have \$169 million in long-term debt obligations outstanding under our senior secured credit facility that are subject to variable interest rates. See Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

We estimate that the fair value of our long-term debt at December 31, 2007 was about 99 percent of its book value. A one percentage point increase or decrease in interest rates would increase or decrease the annual interest expense we recognize in the income statement and the cash we pay for interest expense by about \$2 million after tax, excluding the effect of the interest rate swaps we completed in April 2004. A one percentage point increase or decrease in interest rates on the swaps we completed in April 2004 would increase or decrease the annual interest expense we recognize in the income statement and the cash we pay for interest expense by approximately \$1 million after tax, excluding the effect on interest expense of marking the swaps to market.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER MATTERS

We are subject to a variety of environmental and pollution control laws and regulations in all jurisdictions in which we operate. We expense or capitalize, as appropriate, expenditures for ongoing compliance with environmental regulations that relate to current operations. We expense costs related to an existing environmental condition caused by past operations that do not contribute to current or future revenue generation. We record liabilities when environmental assessments indicate that remedial efforts are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Estimates of the liability are based upon currently available facts, existing technology, and presently enacted laws and regulations taking into consideration the likely effects of inflation and other societal and economic factors. We consider all available evidence including prior experience in remediation of contaminated sites, other companies' cleanup experiences and data released by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or other organizations. These estimated liabilities are subject to revision in future periods based on actual costs or new information. Where future cash flows are fixed or reliably determinable, we have discounted the

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liabilities. All other environmental liabilities are recorded at their undiscounted amounts. We evaluate recoveries separately from the liability and, when they are assured, recoveries are recorded and reported separately from the associated liability in our consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2007, we are designated as a potentially responsible party in one Superfund site. Including the Superfund site, we may have the obligation to remediate current or former facilities, and we estimate our share of environmental remediation costs at these facilities to be approximately \$11 million. For the Superfund site and the current and former facilities, we have established reserves that we believe are adequate for these costs. Although we believe our estimates of remediation costs are reasonable and are based on the latest available information, the cleanup costs are estimates and are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the extent of remediation required. At some sites, we expect that other parties will contribute to the remediation costs. In addition, at the Superfund site, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act provides that our liability could be joint and several, meaning that we could be required to pay in excess of our share of remediation costs. Our understanding of the financial strength of other potentially responsible parties at the Superfund site, and of other liable parties at our current and former facilities, has been considered, where appropriate, in our determination of our estimated liability. We believe that any potential costs associated with our current status as a potentially responsible party in the Superfund site, or as a liable party at our current or former facilities, will not be material to our results of operations or consolidated financial position.

We also from time to time are involved in legal proceedings, claims or investigations that are incidental to the conduct of our business. Some of these proceedings allege damages against us relating to environmental liabilities (including toxic tort, property damage and remediation), intellectual property matters (including patent, trademark and copyright infringement, and licensing disputes), personal injury claims (including injuries due to product failure, design or warnings issues, and other product liability related matters), taxes, employment matters, and commercial or contractual disputes, sometimes related to acquisitions or divestitures. We vigorously defend ourselves against all of these claims. In future periods, we could be subjected to cash costs or non-cash charges to earnings if any of these matters is resolved on unfavorable terms. However, although the ultimate outcome of any legal matter cannot be predicted with certainty, based on current information, including our assessment of the merits of the particular claim, we do not expect that these legal proceedings or claims will have any material adverse impact on our future consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In addition, we are subject to a number of lawsuits initiated by a significant number of claimants alleging health problems as a result of exposure to asbestos. A small percentage of claims have been asserted by railroad workers alleging exposure to asbestos products in railroad cars manufactured by the Pullman Company, one of our subsidiaries. Nearly all of the claims are related to alleged exposure to asbestos in our automotive emission control products. Only a small percentage of these claimants allege that they were automobile mechanics and a significant number appear to involve workers in other industries or otherwise do not include sufficient information to determine whether there is any basis for a claim against us. We believe, based on scientific and other evidence, it is unlikely that mechanics were exposed to asbestos by our former muffler products and that, in any event, they would not be at increased risk of asbestos-related disease based

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on their work with these products. Further, many of these cases involve numerous defendants, with the number of each in some cases exceeding 200 defendants from a variety of industries. Additionally, the plaintiffs either do not specify any, or specify the jurisdictional minimum, dollar amount for damages. As major asbestos manufacturers continue to go out of business or file for bankruptcy, we may experience an increased number of these claims. We vigorously defend ourselves against these claims as part of our ordinary course of business. In future periods, we could be subject to cash costs or non-cash charges to earnings if any of these matters is resolved unfavorably to us. To date, with respect to claims that have proceeded sufficiently through the judicial process, we have regularly achieved favorable resolution. Accordingly, we presently believe that these asbestos-related claims will not have a material adverse impact on our future financial condition or results of operations.

EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLANS

We have established Employee Stock Ownership Plans for the benefit of our employees. Under the plans, subject to limitations in the Internal Revenue Code, participants may elect to defer up to 75 percent of their salary through contributions to the plan, which are invested in selected mutual funds or used to buy our common stock. We currently match in cash 50 percent of each employee's contribution up to eight percent of the employee's salary. In connection with freezing the defined benefit pension plans for nearly all U.S. based salaried and hourly employees effective December 31, 2006, and the related replacement of those defined benefit plans with defined contribution plans, we are making additional contributions to the Employee Stock Ownership Plans. We recorded expense for these matching and defined benefit replacement contributions of approximately \$17 million for December 31, 2007 and \$7 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. Matching contributions vest immediately. Defined benefit replacement contributions fully vest on the employee's third anniversary of employment.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

The section entitled "Derivative Financial Instruments" in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" is incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

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MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management of Tenneco Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Management's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error or circumvention or overriding of controls. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation and may not prevent or detect misstatements in financial reporting. Further, due to changing conditions and adherence to established policies and controls, internal control effectiveness may vary over time.

Management assessed the company's effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. In making this assessment, it used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control-Integrated Framework.

Based on our assessment we believe that the company's internal control over financial reporting was not effective as a result of the material weakness related to accounting for income taxes as of December 31, 2007.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Accounting for income taxes was identified as a material weakness as of December 31, 2006. In response to this material weakness, we took substantial actions to strengthen our controls and processes. Despite our efforts, as of December 31, 2007, we believe additional controls are needed related to the oversight and review of tax coordination, documentation and reporting. We did not maintain effective controls over the monitoring of specific balance sheet accounts relating to obligations under a tax sharing agreement with a former subsidiary, the foreign currency valuation of foreign affiliate transactions which are subject to changes in exchange rates, and the accuracy and completeness of the tax components of a foreign affiliate.

This control deficiency resulted in audit adjustments to the tax accounts for our financial statements as of December 31, 2007, as our internal controls did not operate effectively to detect errors that were or could have been, individually or in the aggregate, material.

Our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included herein.

February 29, 2008

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REMEDIATION PLANS FOR A MATERIAL WEAKNESS IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

To address the 2006 material weakness related to accounting for income taxes, we took the following actions to strengthen our internal controls over accounting for income taxes including:

- With the assistance of an outside professional service provider, during the fourth quarter of 2006 we implemented procedures to more effectively and accurately accumulate detailed support for approximately 70 foreign tax basis balance sheets and related processes to quantify deferred tax balances.
- We changed the tax provision reporting processes (including U.S. federal and state tax provision processes) to improve visibility, timeliness and accuracy, as well as technical support and documentation standards.
- We reorganized functional responsibilities in the tax department to better control and manage the income tax data that is collected and enhance our current process for completing the provision and performing analysis.

Despite our efforts, as of December 31, 2007, we encountered errors relating to obligations under a tax sharing agreement with a former subsidiary, the foreign currency valuation of foreign affiliate transactions which are subject to changes in exchange rates, and the accuracy and completeness of the tax components of a foreign affiliate. In addition, we believe additional controls are needed related to the oversight and review of tax coordination, documentation and reporting. As a result of these internal control deficiencies, there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the our annual and interim income tax provision and tax account balances will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Consequently, we concluded that we did not maintain effective controls over the monitoring of income tax accounts. To address the current material weakness in accounting for income taxes, we will undertake the following actions:

1. We will require that all income tax entries approved for recording at the consolidated level include supporting documentation which will be provided to the local finance personnel with instructions for recording the transactions on the local ledgers.

2. We will formalize a process for documenting decisions and journal entries made based upon the review of tax packages or any other supporting information provided.

3. Based on review of each entity's quarterly balance sheet and income tax provision reconciliation, we will identify variances requiring additional balance sheet and income tax provision reconciliations. The tax department will institute a process whereby a member of the tax department will work with the location to review the tax accounting if an analysis of the balance sheet and income tax provision reconciliation identifies multiple and/or significant tax reporting variances requiring further analysis and training.

4. We will accelerate year end tax analysis and reporting activities to periods earlier in the year in order to provide additional analysis and

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reconciliation time.

We are in the process of developing additional remediation plans which will be implemented to address the material weakness in internal controls in accounting for income taxes. Although the remediation plans include accelerating the occurrence of many of the controls to earlier in the year, many of the controls and procedures will only be executed annually during the year-end closing process. Our assessment of the remediation will remain open until that time.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Tenneco Inc.

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Tenneco Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) 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 the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of

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the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. The following material weakness has been identified and included in management's assessment: accounting for income taxes. Specifically, the Company did not maintain effective controls over the monitoring of specific balance sheet accounts relating to obligations under a tax sharing agreement with a former subsidiary, the foreign currency valuation of foreign affiliate transactions which are subject to changes in exchange rates, and the accuracy and completeness of the tax components of a foreign affiliate. In addition, additional controls are needed related to the oversight and review of tax coordination, documentation and reporting. This material weakness was considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit tests applied in our audit of the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2007 and the related consolidated statements of income (loss), cash flows, changes in shareholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss) and financial statement schedule for the year ended December 31, 2007, of the Company and this report does not affect our report on such financial statements and financial statement schedule.

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In our opinion, because of the effect of the material weakness identified above on the achievement of the objectives of the control criteria, the Company has not maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on the criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of the Company as of December 31, 2007 and the related consolidated statements of income (loss), cash flows, changes in shareholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss) and financial statement schedule for the year ended December 31, 2007, and our report dated February 29, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule and included an explanatory paragraph regarding the Company's adoption of the measurement date provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans -- an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)" as of January 1, 2007.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
Chicago, Illinois
February 29, 2008

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Tenneco Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Tenneco Inc and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income (loss), cash flows, changes in shareholders' equity, and comprehensive income (loss) for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 8. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 10, effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the measurement date provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans -- an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)."

As described in Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements, on January 1, 2006, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment" and as discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, on December 31, 2006, the Company adopted the recognition and disclosure provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans -- an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106 and 132(R)."

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on the criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 29, 2008 expressed an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting because of a material weakness.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
Chicago, Illinois
February 29, 2008

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS)		
REVENUES			
Net sales and operating revenues.....	\$ 6,184	\$ 4,682	\$ 4,440
COSTS AND EXPENSES			
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown below).....	5,210	3,836	3,578
Engineering, research, and development.....	114	88	83
Selling, general, and administrative.....	399	373	384
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles..	205	184	177
	5,928	4,481	4,222
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)			
Loss on sale of receivables.....	(10)	(9)	(6)
Other income.....	6	4	5
	(4)	(5)	(1)
INCOME BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE, INCOME TAXES, AND MINORITY INTEREST.....			
	252	196	217
Interest expense (net of interest capitalized of \$6 million, \$6 million and \$3 million, respectively).....	164	136	133
Income tax expense.....	83	5	26
Minority interest.....	10	6	2
NET INCOME (LOSS).....	\$ (5)	\$ 49	\$ 56
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE			
Average shares of common stock outstanding --			
Basic.....	45,809,730	44,625,220	43,088,558
Diluted.....	45,809,730	46,755,573	45,321,225
Basic earnings (loss) per share of common stock --	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.30
Diluted earnings (loss) per share of common stock --	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.24

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements of income (loss).

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

BALANCE SHEETS

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
	(MILLIONS)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 188	\$ 202
Receivables --		
Customer notes and accounts, net.....	732	578
Other.....	25	17
Inventories.....	539	441
Deferred income taxes.....	36	51
Prepayments and other.....	121	126
	1,641	1,415
Other assets:		
Long-term notes receivable, net.....	19	26
Goodwill.....	208	203
Intangibles, net.....	26	8
Deferred income taxes.....	370	397
Other.....	141	132
	764	766
Plant, property, and equipment, at cost.....	2,978	2,643
Less -- Accumulated depreciation and amortization.....	(1,793)	(1,550)
	1,185	1,093
	\$ 3,590	\$ 3,274
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term debt (including current maturities of long-term debt).....	\$ 46	\$ 28
Trade payables.....	987	781
Accrued taxes.....	41	49
Accrued interest.....	22	33
Accrued liabilities.....	213	194
Other.....	49	34
	1,358	1,119
Long-term debt.....	1,328	1,357
Deferred income taxes.....	114	107
Postretirement benefits.....	288	350
Deferred credits and other liabilities.....	71	87
Commitments and contingencies	31	28
Minority interest.....		

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Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock.....	--	--
Premium on common stock and other capital surplus.....	2,800	2,790
Accumulated other comprehensive loss.....	(73)	(252)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit).....	(2,087)	(2,072)
	-----	-----
	640	466
Less -- Shares held as treasury stock, at cost.....	240	240
	-----	-----
	400	226
	-----	-----
	\$ 3,590	\$ 3,274
	=====	=====

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these balance sheets.

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER		
	31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	-----	-----	-----
	(MILLIONS)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income (loss).....	\$ (5)	\$ 49	\$ 56
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by operating activities --			
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	205	184	177
Stock-based compensation.....	9	7	3
Deferred income taxes.....	25	(41)	1
Loss on sale of assets.....	8	3	3
Changes in components of working capital (net of acquisition) --			
(Increase) decrease in receivables.....	(117)	(24)	(86)
(Increase) decrease in inventories.....	(66)	(57)	6
(Increase) decrease in prepayments and other current assets.....	15	(25)	4
Increase (decrease) in payables.....	123	92	(9)
Increase (decrease) in accrued taxes.....	(25)	15	13
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest.....	(10)	2	4
Increase (decrease) in other current liabilities.....	24	3	(27)
Other.....	(21)	(5)	(22)
	-----	-----	-----
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	165	203	123
	-----	-----	-----

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INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of assets.....	10	17	4
Cash payments for plant, property, and equipment.....	(177)	(177)	(140)
Cash payments for software related intangible assets.....	(19)	(13)	(14)
Cash payment for net assets purchased.....	(16)	--	--
Acquisition of businesses (net of cash acquired).....	--	--	(14)
Investments and other.....	--	1	--
	-----	-----	-----
Net cash used by investing activities.....	(202)	(172)	(164)
	-----	-----	-----
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Issuance of common shares.....	8	17	7
Issuance of long-term debt.....	400	--	1
Debt issuance costs on long-term debt.....	(11)	--	--
Retirement of long-term debt.....	(591)	(4)	(45)
Net increase (decrease) in revolver borrowings and short-term debt excluding current maturities of long-term debt.....	183	3	9
Distribution to minority interest partners.....	(6)	(4)	--
	-----	-----	-----
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities.....	(17)	12	(28)
	-----	-----	-----
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.....	40	18	(4)
	-----	-----	-----
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	(14)	61	(73)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1.....	202	141	214
	-----	-----	-----
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31 (Note).....	\$ 188	\$ 202	\$ 141
	=====	=====	=====
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
Cash paid during the year for interest.....	\$ 177	\$ 137	\$ 126
Cash paid during the year for income taxes (net of refunds).....	\$ 60	\$ 26	\$ 23
NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Retirement of obligation and exchange of property.....	\$ --	\$ --	\$ (2)
Period ended balance of payables for plant, property, and equipment.....	\$ 40	\$ 18	\$ 25

Note: Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase.

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements of cash flows.

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	2007		2006		2005	
	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT	SHARES	AMOUNT
	(MILLIONS EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS)					
COMMON STOCK						
Balance January 1.....	47,085,274	\$ --	45,544,668	\$ --	44,275,594	\$ --
Issued (Reacquired) pursuant to benefit plans.....	209,558	--	(104,240)	--	283,797	--
Stock options exercised.....	597,700	--	1,644,846	--	985,277	--
Balance December 31.....	47,892,532	--	47,085,274	--	45,544,668	--
PREMIUM ON COMMON STOCK AND OTHER CAPITAL SURPLUS						
Balance January 1.....		2,790		2,776		2,776
Premium on common stock issued pursuant to benefit plans.....		10		14		14
Balance December 31.....		2,800		2,790		2,776
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS						
Balance January 1.....		(252)		(281)		(181)
Adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 158, net of tax....		--		(59)		--
Other comprehensive income (loss).....		179		88		(9)
Balance December 31.....		(73)		(252)		(281)
RETAINED EARNINGS (ACCUMULATED DEFICIT)						
Balance January 1.....		(2,072)		(2,118)		(2,118)
Net income (loss).....		(5)		49		5
Measurement date implementation of SFAS No. 158, net of tax...		(8)		--		--
Other.....		(2)		(3)		(3)
Balance December 31.....		(2,087)		(2,072)		(2,118)
LESS -- COMMON STOCK HELD AS TREASURY STOCK, AT COST						
Balance January 1 and December 31..	1,294,692	240	1,294,692	240	1,294,692	240
Total.....		\$ 400		\$ 226		\$ 13

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements of changes in shareholders' equity.

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,			
	2007		2006	
	ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
	(MILLIONS)			
NET INCOME (LOSS).....		\$ (5)		\$ 49
		----		----
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)				
CUMULATIVE TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENT				
Balance January 1.....	\$ (53)		\$ (149)	
Translation of foreign currency statements..	138	138	96	96
	-----		-----	
Balance December 31.....	85		(53)	
	-----		-----	
ADDITIONAL LIABILITY FOR PENSION BENEFITS				
Balance January 1.....	(199)		(132)	
Additional liability for pension benefits.....	27	27	(5)	(5)
Measurement date implementation of SFAS No. 158, net of tax.....	14	14	--	--
Income tax benefit.....	--	--	--	--
Deferred tax valuation allowance adjustment.....	--	--	(3)	(3)
	-----		-----	
Balance December 31.....	(158)		(140)	
	-----		-----	
ADOPTION OF SFAS NO. 158, NET OF TAX.....	--	--	(59)	--
	-----		-----	
Balance December 31.....	\$ (73)		\$ (252)	
	=====		=====	
Other comprehensive income (loss).....		179		88
		-----		-----
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS).....		\$174		\$137
		=====		=====

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The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements of comprehensive income (loss).

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Consolidation and Presentation

Our consolidated financial statements include all majority-owned subsidiaries. We carry investments in 20 percent to 50 percent owned companies as an equity method investment, at cost plus equity in undistributed earnings since the date of acquisition and cumulative translation adjustments. We have eliminated all significant intercompany transactions.

Sales of Accounts Receivable

We entered into an agreement to sell an interest in some of our U.S. trade accounts receivable to a third party. Receivables become eligible for the program on a daily basis, at which time the receivables are sold to the third party, net of a factoring discount, through a wholly-owned subsidiary. Under this agreement, as well as individual agreements with third parties in Europe, we sell accounts receivable throughout the year. As of December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, we have sold accounts receivables of \$157 million, \$133 million and \$129 million, respectively. We recognized losses of approximately \$10 million, \$9 million and \$6 million during 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively, on these sales of trade accounts receivable, representing the discount from book values at which these receivables were sold to the third party. The discount rate varies based on funding cost incurred by the third party, and it averaged six percent during 2007. We retained ownership of the remaining interest in the pool of receivables not sold to the third party. The retained interest represents a credit enhancement for the program. We value the retained interest based upon the amount we expect to collect from our customers, which approximates book value.

Inventories

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, inventory by major classification was as follows:

	2007	2006
	----	----
	(MILLIONS)	
Finished goods.....	\$212	\$193
Work in process.....	175	90
Raw materials.....	111	122
Materials and supplies.....	41	36
	----	----

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\$539 \$441
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Our inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value using the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") or average cost methods.

Goodwill and Intangibles, net

As required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," each year in the fourth quarter, or more frequently if events indicate it is warranted, we compare the estimated fair value of our reporting units with goodwill to the carrying value of the unit's assets and liabilities to determine if impairment exists within the recorded balance of goodwill. Inherent in this calculation is the use of estimates as the fair value of our designated reporting units is based upon the present value of our expected future cash flows. In addition, our calculation includes our best estimate of our weighted average cost of capital and growth rate. If the calculation results in a fair value of the reporting unit which is less than its book value, a goodwill impairment charge would be recorded in the operating results of the impaired reporting unit. We also evaluate the carrying value of our intangible assets with indefinite lives by comparing it to their estimated fair value. If the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value, we would record an impairment charge.

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill for the twelve months ended December 31, 2007, are as follows:

	NORTH AMERICA	EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA AND INDIA	ASIA PACIFIC	TOTAL
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(MILLIONS)			
Balance at December 31, 2006.....	\$138	\$56	\$ 9	\$203
Translation adjustments.....	--	4	1	5
	----	----	----	----
Balance at December 31, 2007.....	\$138	\$60	\$10	\$208
	=====	=====	=====	=====

We have capitalized certain intangible assets, primarily trademarks and patents, based on their estimated fair value at the date we acquired them. We amortize these intangible assets on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from five to 30 years. Amortization of intangibles amounted to \$1 million in 2007, and less than \$1 million in 2006 and 2005, and is included in the statements of income caption "Depreciation and amortization of other

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intangibles." The carrying amount and accumulated amortization are as follows:

	DECEMBER 31, 2007		DECEMBER 31, 2006	
	GROSS CARRYING VALUE	ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION	GROSS CARRYING VALUE	ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION
	(MILLIONS)		(MILLIONS)	
Amortized Intangible Assets				
Customer contract.....	\$ 8	\$ (1)	\$ 6	\$--
Patents.....	3	(2)	3	(2)
Noncompete covenants.....	--	--	--	--
Trademarks.....	--	--	1	(1)
Technology rights & capital subsidies.....	20	(2)	2	(1)
	---	---	---	---
Total.....	\$31	\$ (5)	\$12	\$ (4)
	===	===	===	===

Estimated amortization of intangible assets over the next five years is expected to be \$2 million each year. During 2007, we spent \$16 million to acquire Combustion Components Associates' ELIM-NOx(TM) technology which we will begin to amortize in 2008.

Plant, Property, and Equipment, at Cost

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, plant, property, and equipment, at cost, by major category were as follows:

	2007	2006
	(MILLIONS)	
Land, buildings, and improvements.....	\$ 496	\$ 432
Machinery and equipment.....	2,288	2,027
Other, including construction in progress.....	194	184
	-----	-----
	\$2,978	\$2,643
	=====	=====

We depreciate these properties excluding land on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Useful lives range from 10 to 50 years for buildings and improvements and from three to 25 years for machinery and equipment.

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Notes and Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Short and long-term notes receivable outstanding were \$23 million and \$29 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The allowance for doubtful accounts on short-term and long-term notes receivable was \$3 million at December 31, 2007, and \$3 million at December 31, 2006.

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, the allowance for doubtful accounts on short-term and long-term accounts receivable was \$22 million and \$20 million, respectively.

Pre-production Design and Development and Tooling Assets

We expense pre-production design and development costs as incurred unless we have a contractual guarantee for reimbursement from the original equipment customer. We had long-term receivables of \$20 million and \$22 million on the balance sheet at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for guaranteed pre-production design and development reimbursement arrangements with our customers. In addition, plant, property and equipment includes \$62 million and \$63 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for original equipment tools and dies that we own, and prepayments and other includes \$33 million and \$38 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for in-process tools and dies that we are building for our original equipment customers.

Internal Use Software Assets

We capitalize certain costs related to the purchase and development of software that we use in our business operations. We amortize the costs attributable to these software systems over their estimated useful lives, ranging from three to 12 years, based on various factors such as the effects of obsolescence, technology, and other economic factors. Capitalized software development costs, net of amortization, were \$86 million and \$81 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and are recorded in other long-term assets. Amortization of software development costs was approximately \$21 million, \$17 million and \$16 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and is included in the statements of income caption "Depreciation and Amortization of other intangibles." Additions to capitalized software development costs, including payroll and payroll-related costs for those employees directly associated with developing and obtaining the internal use software, are classified as investing activities in the statements of cash flows.

Income Taxes

We have a U.S. Federal tax net operating loss carryforward ("NOL") at December 31, 2007, of \$518 million, which will expire in varying amounts from 2020 to 2027. The federal tax effect of that NOL is recorded as a deferred tax asset on our balance sheet for \$181 million and \$209 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We also have state NOL carryforwards at December 31, 2007 of \$767 million, which will expire in various years through 2027. The tax effect of the state NOL, net of a valuation allowance, is recorded as a deferred tax asset on our balance sheet for \$40 million and \$29 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We estimate, based on available evidence both positive and negative, that it is more likely than not that we will utilize these NOLs within the prescribed carryforward period. That estimate is based upon our expectations regarding future taxable income of our U.S. operations and the implementation of available tax planning strategies that accelerate usage of the NOL. Circumstances that could change that estimate include future U.S. earnings at lower than expected levels or a majority

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ownership change as defined in the rules of the U.S. tax law. If that estimate changed, we would be required to cease recognizing an income tax benefit for any new NOL and could be required to record a reserve for some or all of the asset currently recorded on our balance sheet.

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Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue for sales to our original equipment and aftermarket customers when title and risk of loss passes to the customers under the terms of our arrangements with those customers, which is usually at the time of shipment from our plants or distribution centers. In connection with the sale of exhaust systems to certain original equipment manufacturers, we purchase catalytic converters and diesel particulate filters or components thereof including precious metals ("substrates") on behalf of our customers which are used in the assembled system. These substrates are included in our inventory and "passed through" to the customer at our cost, plus a small margin, since we take title to the inventory and are responsible for both the delivery and quality of the finished product. Revenues recognized for substrate sales were \$1,673 million, \$927 million and \$681 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. For our aftermarket customers, we provide for promotional incentives and returns at the time of sale. Estimates are based upon the terms of the incentives and historical experience with returns. Certain taxes assessed by governmental authorities on revenue producing transactions, such as value added taxes, are excluded from revenue and recorded on a net basis. Shipping and handling costs billed to customers are included in revenues and the related costs are included in cost of sales in our Statements of Income (Loss).

Warranty Reserves

Where we have offered product warranty, we also provide for warranty costs. Those estimates are based upon historical experience and upon specific warranty issues as they arise. While we have not experienced any material differences between these estimates and our actual costs, it is reasonably possible that future warranty issues could arise that could have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Earnings Per Share

We compute basic earnings per share by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. The computation of diluted earnings per share is similar to the computation of basic earnings per share, except that we adjust the weighted-average number of shares outstanding to include estimates of additional shares that would be issued if potentially dilutive common shares had been issued. In addition, we adjust income available to common shareholders to include any changes in income or loss that would result from the assumed issuance of the dilutive common shares. Due to the net loss for the year ended December 31, 2007, the calculation of diluted earnings per share does not include the dilutive effect from shares of restricted stock and stock options. See Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries.

Engineering, Research and Development

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We expense engineering, research, and development costs as they are incurred. Engineering, research and development expenses were \$114 million for 2007, \$88 million for 2006 and \$83 million for 2005, net of reimbursements from our customers. Of these amounts, \$18 million in 2007, \$13 million in 2006 and \$11 million in 2005 relate to research and development, which includes the research, design, and development of a new unproven product or process. Additionally, \$59 million, \$45 million and \$47 million of engineering, research, and development expense for 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively, relates to improvements and enhancements to existing products and processes. The remainder of the expenses in each year relate to engineering costs we incurred for application of existing products and processes to vehicle platforms. Further, our customers reimburse us for engineering, research, and development costs on some platforms when we prepare prototypes and incur costs before platform awards. Our engineering research and development expense for 2007, 2006, and 2005 has been reduced by \$72 million, \$61 million and \$51 million, respectively, for these reimbursements.

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Foreign Currency Translation

We translate the consolidated financial statements of foreign subsidiaries into U.S. dollars using the exchange rate at each balance sheet date for assets and liabilities and a weighted-average exchange rate for revenues and expenses in each period. We record translation adjustments for those subsidiaries whose local currency is their functional currency as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in shareholders' equity. We recognize transaction gains and losses arising from fluctuations in currency exchange rates on transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency in earnings as incurred, except for those transactions which hedge purchase commitments and for those intercompany balances which are designated as long-term investments. Net income included foreign currency transaction gains of \$15 million in 2007 and losses of \$8 million and \$5 million in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Risk Management Activities

We use derivative financial instruments, principally foreign currency forward purchase and sale contracts with terms of less than one year, to hedge our exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, and interest rate swaps to manage our exposure to changes in interest rates. Our primary exposure to changes in foreign currency rates results from intercompany loans made between affiliates to minimize the need for borrowings from third parties. Net gains or losses on these foreign currency exchange contracts that are designated as hedges are recognized in the income statement to offset the foreign currency gain or loss on the underlying transaction. From time to time we may enter into foreign currency forward purchase and sale contracts to mitigate our exposure to changes in exchange rates on some intercompany and third party trade receivables and payables. Since these anticipated transactions are not firm commitments, we mark these forward contracts to market each period and record any gain or loss in the income statement. We recognize the after-tax net gains or losses on these contracts on the accrual basis in the balance sheet caption "Accumulated other comprehensive loss." In the statement of cash flows, cash receipts or payments related to these exchange contracts are classified consistent with the cash flows from the transaction being hedged.

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We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Changes in Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) 140-3, "Accounting for Transfers of Financial Assets and Repurchase Financing Transactions". FSP 140-3 provides guidance on accounting for a transfer of a financial asset and a repurchase financing which is a repurchase agreement that relates to a previously transferred financial asset between the same counterparties that is entered into contemporaneously with, or in contemplation of, the initial transfer. FSP 140-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. We are evaluating FSP 140-3 to determine the effect on our financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP 157-1, "Application of FASB Statement No. 157 to FASB Statement No. 13 and Other Accounting Pronouncements That Address Fair Value Measurements for Purposes of Lease Classification or Measurement Under Statement 13". FSP 157-1 provides a scope exception to SFAS No. 157 which does not apply under Statement 13 and other accounting pronouncements that address fair value measurements for purposes of lease classification or measurement under Statement 13. FSP 157-1 is effective upon the initial adoption of SFAS No. 157. We do not expect the adoption of FSP 157-1 to have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (Revised 2007), "Business Combinations" (SFAS No. 141(R)). SFAS No. 141(R) requires an acquirer to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, contractual contingencies and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date at their fair

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values as of that date. SFAS No. 141(R) provides guidance on the accounting for acquisition-related costs, restructuring costs related to the acquisition and the measurement of goodwill and a bargain purchase. SFAS No. 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after December 15, 2008. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of ARB No. 51." SFAS No. 160 amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling (minority) interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarified that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements, establishes a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that does not result in deconsolidation and provides for expanded disclosure in the consolidated financial statements relating to the interests of the parent's owners and the interests of the noncontrolling owners of the subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 applies prospectively (except for the presentation and disclosure requirements) for fiscal years and interim periods within those fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The presentation and disclosure

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requirements will be applied retrospectively for all periods presented. We are evaluating this statement to determine the effect on our financial statements and related disclosures.

In December 2007, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 110 (SAB 110). SAB 110 amends and replaces Question 6 of Section D.2 Topic 14, "Share-Based Payment." Question 6 of Topic 14:D.2 (as amended) expresses the views of the staff regarding the use of a "simplified" method in developing an estimate of the expected term of "plain vanilla" share options in accordance with SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment" (SFAS No. 123(R)). SAB 110 is effective January 1, 2008. The adoption of SAB 110 will have no impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurement." This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP 157-2, "Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157," which delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 and interim periods within those fiscal years. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2007, the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) issued EITF 06-11, "Accounting for Income Tax Benefits of Dividends on Share-Based Payment Awards." EITF 06-11 provides the final consensus on the application of paragraphs 62 and 63 of SFAS No. 123(R) on the accounting for income tax benefits relating to the payment of dividends on equity-classified employee share-based payment awards that are charged to retained earnings. EITF 06-11 affirms that the realized income tax benefit from dividends or dividend equivalents that are charged to retained earnings for equity classified nonvested equity shares, nonvested equity share units, and outstanding equity share options should be recognized as an increase in additional paid-in-capital. Additionally, EITF 06-11 provides guidance on the amount of tax benefits from dividends that are reclassified from additional paid-in-capital to the income statement when an entity's estimate of forfeitures changes. EITF 06-11 is effective prospectively to the income tax benefits that result from dividends on equity-classified employee share-based payment awards that are declared in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007. We do not expect the adoption of EITF 06-11 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2007, the EITF issued EITF 07-3, "Accounting for Nonrefundable Advance Payments for Goods or Services Received for Use in Future Research and Development Activities." EITF 07-3 requires the deferral and capitalization of nonrefundable advance payments for goods or services that an entity will use in research and development activities pursuant to an executory contractual agreement. Expenditures which are capitalized

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under EITF 07-3 should be expensed as the goods are delivered or the related services are performed. EITF 07-3 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. EITF 07-3 is applicable to new contracts entered into after the effective date

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of this Issue. We do not expect the adoption of EITF 07-3 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2007, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48-1, "Definition of Settlement in FASB Interpretation No. 48" (FIN 48-1). FIN 48-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 and provides guidance on how a reporting entity should determine when a tax position is effectively settled. We began applying FIN 48-1 in the second quarter. The adoption of FIN 48-1 did not have a material impact to our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. See Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

In April 2007, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 39-1, "Amendment of FASB Interpretation No. 39" (FIN 39-1). This amendment allows a reporting entity to offset fair value amounts recognized for derivative instruments with fair value amounts recognized for the right to reclaim or realize cash collateral. Additionally, this amendment requires disclosure of the accounting policy on the reporting entity's election to offset or not offset amounts for derivative instruments. FIN 39-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We do not expect the adoption of FIN 39-1 to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities." This statement permits companies to choose to measure at fair value many financial instruments and certain other items that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning on or after November 15, 2007. We do not believe the statement will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, "Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans, an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)." Part of this Statement was effective as of December 31, 2006, and requires companies that have defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans to recognize the funded status of those plans on the balance sheet on a prospective basis from the effective date. The funded status of these plans is determined as of the plans' measurement dates and represents the difference between the amount of the obligations owed to participants under each plan (including the effects of future salary increases for defined benefit plans) and the fair value of each plan's assets dedicated to paying those obligations. To record the funded status of those plans, unrecognized prior service costs and net actuarial losses experienced by the plans will be recorded in the Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss section of shareholders' equity on the balance sheet. The initial adoption as of December 31, 2006 resulted in a reduction of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss in shareholders' equity of \$59 million.

In addition, SFAS No. 158 requires that companies using a measurement date for their defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans other than their fiscal year end, change the measurement date effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2008. Effective January 1, 2007, we elected to early adopt the measurement date provision of SFAS No. 158. Adoption of this part of the statement was not material to our financial position and results of operations. See Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries included in Item 8.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of

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assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates include, among others allowances for doubtful receivables, promotional and product returns, pension and post-retirement benefit plans, income taxes, and contingencies. These items are covered in more detail elsewhere in Note 1, Note 7, Note 10, and Note 12 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER CHARGES

Over the past several years we have adopted plans to restructure portions of our operations. These plans were approved by the Board of Directors and were designed to reduce operational and administrative overhead costs throughout the business. Prior to the change in accounting required for exit or disposal activities, we recorded charges to income related to these plans for costs that did not benefit future activities in the period in which the plans were finalized and approved, while actions necessary to affect these restructuring plans occurred over future periods in accordance with established plans.

Our recent restructuring activities began in the fourth quarter of 2001, when our Board of Directors approved a restructuring plan, a project known as Project Genesis, which was designed to lower our fixed costs, relocate capacity, reduce our work force, improve efficiency and utilization, and better optimize our global footprint. We have subsequently engaged in various other restructuring projects related to Project Genesis. We incurred \$27 million in restructuring and restructuring-related costs during 2006, of which \$23 million was recorded in cost of sales and \$4 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense. In 2007, we incurred \$25 million in restructuring and restructuring-related costs of which \$22 million was recorded in cost of sales, \$2 million of which related to a charge for asset impairments for the plant closure in France and \$3 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense. At December 31, 2007, our restructuring reserve balance was \$18 million, of which, \$15 million relates to our remaining obligations for the Wissembourg, France plant closure. Since Project Genesis was initiated, we have incurred costs of \$155 million through December 31, 2007.

Under the terms of our amended and restated senior credit agreement that took effect on March 16, 2007, we are allowed to exclude \$80 million of cash charges and expenses, before taxes, related to cost reduction initiatives excluding any charge for asset impairments incurred after March 16, 2007 from the calculation of the financial covenant ratios required under our senior credit facility. As of December 31, 2007, we have excluded \$23 million in allowable charges relating to restructuring initiatives against the \$80 million available under the terms of the March 2007 amended and restated senior credit facility.

In addition to the announced actions, we will continue to evaluate additional opportunities and expect that we will initiate actions that will reduce our costs through implementing the most appropriate and efficient logistics, distribution and manufacturing footprint for the future. We expect to continue to undertake additional restructuring actions as deemed necessary, however, there can be no assurance we will undertake such actions. Actions that

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we take, if any, will require the approval of our Board of Directors, or its authorized committee. We plan to conduct any workforce reductions that result in compliance with all legal and contractual requirements including obligations to consult with workers' councils, union representatives and others.

3. ACQUISITIONS

In September 2007, we completed the acquisition of Combustion Components Associates' ELIM-NOx(TM) technology for \$16 million. The acquisition included a complete reactant dosing system design and associated intellectual property including granted patents and patent applications yet to be granted for selective catalytic reduction emission control systems that reduce emissions of oxides of nitrogen from diesel powered vehicles. The technology can be used for both urea and hydrocarbon injection. We have recorded the acquisition as part

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of intangible assets on our balance sheet. The final allocation of the purchase price for the assets will be completed in the first quarter of 2008.

In December 2005, we completed the acquisition of the minority interest of the joint venture partner for our Indian ride control operations. We purchased the minority owned interest for approximately \$5 million in cash and property.

In February 2005, we acquired substantially all the exhaust assets, and assumed certain related liabilities of, Gabilan Manufacturing, Inc., a privately held company that had developed and manufactured motorcycle exhaust systems for Harley-Davidson motorcycles since 1978. The company also produced aftermarket muffler kits for Harley-Davidson. We purchased Gabilan's assets, including working capital adjustments, for \$11 million in cash.

4. RESTATEMENT

Subsequent to the issuance of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006, we determined that an error existed in our consolidated financial statements relating to our accounting for three interest rate swaps. The error did not change the underlying economics of the transaction and had no effect on our cash flow or liquidity.

In April 2004, we entered into three separate fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps with two financial institutions. These agreements swapped a total of \$150 million of our fixed 10.25% senior secured notes to floating interest rate debt at LIBOR plus an average spread of 5.68 percentage points. From the inception of the interest rate swaps, we applied the so-called "short-cut" method of fair value hedge accounting under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." To qualify for the short-cut method of hedge accounting, the terms of an interest rate swap must be an exact match, or "mirror image," of the terms of the debt it is hedging. When these conditions are met, a company can assume the changes in the value of the hedges and the underlying debt offset each other. Any unrealized gains and losses in fair value of the swap agreements are recorded as an offset to long-term debt thereby having no effect on earnings.

While we believed we had appropriately matched the terms of the swaps and the underlying debt, differences have subsequently been identified. One

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difference is between the 30-day notice period to terminate the swaps and the 30 to 60 day notice period to redeem the notes. Another difference relates to the fact that while the debt and swaps can both be redeemed before their maturity dates, the notes allow us to make redemptions in increments of \$1,000 while the interest rate swap agreements imply that they can only be redeemed in their full amounts.

As a result, we determined that these transactions do not meet the requirements for hedge accounting treatment under SFAS No. 133 and we corrected our past accounting for the swaps as hedges. Therefore, we recorded the changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps as increases or decreases to interest expense in each period since we entered into them, instead of recording the changes in fair value as an offset to the underlying debt.

In connection with the restatement, we requested and received from the lenders under the senior credit facility a waiver of any default or event of default that would otherwise have arisen because our prior consolidated financial statements could no longer be relied upon.

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Other restatement adjustments

We also corrected other errors as part of this restatement that we originally determined to be immaterial, individually and in the aggregate, to our consolidated financial statements. In addition, we have conducted a detailed reconciliation of our deferred income tax balances. The corrections include the following:

Stock option expense -- We moved the fourth quarter 2006 expense related to past administration of stock options to the periods to which the charges relate. In certain years our administrative procedures for determining the final allocation of the options granted to middle management were not finalized until after the Board approved the grants and set the exercise price. During certain years, at the time the administrative procedures were completed, the market value of the option was greater than the grant price. As a result, we are required to recognize expense for the difference in price. Approximately \$1 million of expense was recorded in periods prior to 2006.

Currency gains and losses -- In the second quarter of 2005, we recorded an expense to correct a system error in calculating realized and unrealized currency gains and losses. We have moved this expense from the second quarter of 2005 and recorded the expense in the periods to which it relates. Approximately \$2 million was recorded in the fourth quarter of 2004 and \$1 million was recorded in the first quarter of 2005.

Deferred income taxes -- As part of our efforts to improve our internal control environment surrounding accounting for income taxes, we undertook a detailed reconciliation of deferred tax balances. As a result, we recorded a net increase of approximately \$16 million in our net deferred tax assets. This tax adjustment recognized historical book to tax basis differences identified in the reconciliation including depreciation, property transfers and disposals, and state income taxes. A substantial portion of the adjustment also relates to the 1999 spin-off of our former

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packaging subsidiary now known as Pactiv, Inc., a 1996 acquisition and a 1994 U.K. business restructuring.

Fees on Receivables Sold -- We corrected the classification of costs associated with our European receivables sale program. These costs were recorded in interest expense and selling, general and administrative expenses and should have been recorded in other income and expense. This change reduced interest expense by \$1 million in each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 and selling, general and administrative expense by \$2 million in each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, with a corresponding increase in other expense. This represents the discount from book values at which these receivables were sold to the third party. This adjustment did not impact net income.

As a result, we filed restated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 on Form 10-K/A on August 14, 2007.

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5. LONG-TERM DEBT, SHORT-TERM DEBT, AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

Long-Term Debt

A summary of our long-term debt obligations at December 31, 2007 and 2006, is set forth in the following table:

	2007	2006
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	(MILLIONS)	
Tenneco Inc. --		
Revolver borrowings due 2012, average effective interest rate 5.8% in 2007.....	\$ 169	\$ --
Senior Term Loans due 2012, average effective interest rate 7.2% in 2007 and 7.1% in 2006.....	150	356
10 1/4% Senior Secured Notes due 2013, including unamortized premium.....	250	488
8 5/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014.....	500	500
8 1/8% Senior Notes due 2015.....	250	--
Debentures due 2008 through 2025, average effective interest rate 9.3% in both 2007 and 2006.....	3	3
Notes due 2007, average effective interest rate 7.5% in both 2007 and 2006.....	--	2
Other subsidiaries -- Notes due 2008 through 2016, average effective interest rate 4.6% in 2007 and 4.0% in 2006...	12	14
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	1,334	1,363
Less -- current maturities.....	6	6
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Total long-term debt.....	\$1,328	\$1,357
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The aggregate maturities and sinking fund requirements applicable to the issues outstanding at December 31, 2007, are \$6 million, \$21 million, \$54 million, \$67 million, and \$18 million for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, respectively.

Short-Term Debt

Our short-term debt includes the current portion of long-term obligations and borrowing by foreign subsidiaries. Information regarding our short-term debt as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 is as follows:

	2007	2006
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	(MILLIONS)	
Current maturities on long-term debt.....	\$ 6	\$ 6
Notes payable.....	40	22
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Total short-term debt.....	\$46	\$28
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	2007	2006
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	NOTES PAYABLE (A)	NOTES PAYABLE (A)

	(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)	
Outstanding borrowings at end of year.....	\$ 40	\$ 22
Weighted average interest rate on outstanding borrowings at end of year (b).....	4.0%	3.7%
Approximate maximum month-end outstanding borrowings during year.....	\$ 40	\$175
Approximate average month-end outstanding borrowings during year.....	\$ 28	\$ 97
Weighted average interest rate on approximate average month-end outstanding borrowings during year (b).....	4.5%	6.6%

(a) Includes borrowings under both committed credit facilities and

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uncommitted lines of credit and similar arrangements.

- (b) This calculation does not include the commitment fees to be paid on the unused revolving credit facilities balances which are recorded as interest expense for accounting purposes.

Financing Arrangements

COMMITTED CREDIT FACILITIES (A) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007					
TERM	COMMITMENTS	BORROWINGS	LETTERS OF CREDIT (B)	AVAILABLE	
		(MILLIONS)			
Tenneco Inc. revolving credit agreement.....	2012	\$550	\$100	\$31	\$419
Tenneco Inc. tranche B letter of credit/revolving loan agreement.....	2014	130	69	--	61
Subsidiaries' credit agreements.....	Various	40	40	--	--
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		\$720	\$209	\$31	\$480
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- (a) We generally are required to pay commitment fees on the unused portion of the total commitment.
- (b) Letters of credit reduce the available borrowings under the tranche B letter of credit/revolving loan agreement.

Overview and Recent Transactions. Our financing arrangements are primarily provided by a committed senior secured financing arrangement with a syndicate of banks and other financial institutions. The arrangement is secured by substantially all our domestic assets and pledges of 66 percent of the stock of certain first-tier foreign subsidiaries, as well as guarantees by our material domestic subsidiaries.

On November 20, 2007, we issued \$250 million of 8 1/8 percent Senior Notes due November 15, 2015 through a private placement offering. The offering and related transactions were designed to (1) reduce our interest expense and extend the maturity of a portion of our debt (by using the proceeds of the offering to tender for \$230 million of our outstanding \$475 million 10 1/4 percent senior secured notes due 2013), (2) facilitate the realignment of the ownership structure of some of our foreign subsidiaries and (3) otherwise amend certain of the covenants in the indenture for the senior secured notes to be consistent with those contained in our 8 5/8 percent senior subordinated notes, including conforming the limitation on incurrence of indebtedness and the absence of a limitation on issuances or transfers of restricted subsidiary stock, and make other minor modifications.

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The ownership structure realignment is designed to more effectively align our domestic and foreign assets and revenues with expenses in the appropriate local currencies. Some of the desired results of the realignment will be to allow us to more rapidly use our U.S. net operating losses and reduce our cash tax payments. At present, the ownership structure realignment involves a new European holding company which will own some of our foreign entities. We may alter the components of the realignment from time to time. If market conditions permit in 2008, we may offer debt issued by the new European holding company. The proceeds of that debt would be used to repay any outstanding intercompany debt and, in turn, to fund the redemption of any remaining senior secured notes. This realignment involves utilizing part of our U.S. net operating tax losses. Consequently, we recorded a non-cash charge of \$66 million in the fourth quarter of 2007.

The offering of new notes and related repurchase of our senior secured notes will reduce our annual interest expense by approximately \$3 million for 2008 and increased our total debt outstanding to third-parties by approximately \$20 million. In connection with the offering and the related repurchase of our senior secured notes, we also recorded non-recurring pre-tax charges related to the tender premium and fees, the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs, and the write-off of previously recognized issuance premium totaling \$21 million in the fourth quarter of 2007.

In March 2007, we refinanced our \$831 million senior credit facility. This transaction reduced the interest rates we pay on all portions of the facility. While the total amount of the new senior credit facility is \$830 million, approximately the same as the previous facility, we changed the components of the facility to enhance our financial flexibility. We increased the amount of commitments under our revolving loan facility from \$320 million to \$550 million, reduced the amount of commitments under our tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility from \$155 million to \$130 million and replaced the \$356 million term loan B with a \$150 million term loan A. As of December 31, 2007, the senior credit facility consisted of a five-year, \$150 million term loan A maturing in March 2012, a five-year, \$550 million revolving credit facility maturing in March 2012, and a seven-year \$130 million tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility maturing in March 2014.

The refinancing of the prior facility allowed us to: (i) amend the consolidated net debt to EBITDA ratio, (ii) eliminate the fixed charge coverage ratio, (iii) eliminate the restriction on capital expenditures, (iv) increase the amount of acquisitions permitted to \$250 million, (v) improve the flexibility to repurchase and retire higher cost junior debt, (vi) increase our ability to enter into capital leases, (vii) increase the ability of our foreign subsidiaries to incur debt, (viii) increase our ability to pay dividends and repurchase common stock, (ix) increase our ability to invest in joint ventures, (x) allow for the increase in the existing tranche B-1 facility and/or the term loan A or the addition of a new term loan of up to \$275 million in order to reduce our 10.25 percentage senior secured notes, and (xi) make other modifications.

Following the refinancing, the term loan A facility is payable in twelve consecutive quarterly installments, commencing June 30, 2009 as follows: \$6 million due each of June 30, September 30, December 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010, \$15 million due each of June 30, September 30, December 31, 2010 and March 31, 2011, and \$17 million due each of June 30, September 30, December 31, 2011 and March 16, 2012. The revolving credit facility requires that any amounts drawn,

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be repaid by March 2012. Prior to that date, funds may be borrowed, repaid and reborrowed under the revolving credit facility without premium or penalty. Letters of credit may be issued under the revolving credit facility.

The tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility requires that it be repaid by March 2014. We can borrow revolving loans and issue letters of credit under the \$130 million tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility. The tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility lenders have deposited \$130 million with the administrative agent, who has invested that amount in time deposits. We do not have an interest in any of the funds on deposit. When we draw revolving loans under this facility, the loans are funded from the \$130 million on deposit with the administrative agent. When we make repayments, the repayments are redeposited with the administrative agent.

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The tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility is reflected as debt on our balance sheet only if we borrow money under this facility or if we use the facility to make payments for letters of credit. We will not be liable for any losses to or misappropriation of any (i) return due to the administrative agent's failure to achieve the return described above or to pay all or any portion of such return to any lender under such facility or (ii) funds on deposit in such account by such lender (other than the obligation to repay funds released from such accounts and provided to us as revolving loans under such facility).

Senior Credit Facility -- Interest Rates and Fees. Prior to the March 2007 refinancing, borrowings under the term loan B facility and the tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 200 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points, plus a margin of 100 basis points. As of December 31, 2007 borrowings under the term loan A facility and the tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 150 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points, plus a margin of 50 basis points. The interest margin for borrowings under the term loan A are subject to adjustment based on the consolidated net leverage ratio (consolidated indebtedness net of cash divided by consolidated EBITDA as defined in the senior credit facility agreement). The margin we pay on the term loan A and the tranche B-1 facility is reduced by 25 basis points following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio is less than 2.5 beginning in March 2007, and would increase by 25 basis points following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio exceeds 3.5. There is no cost to us for issuing letters of credit under the tranche B-1 letter of credit/revolving loan facility, however outstanding letters of credit reduce our availability to borrow revolving loans under this portion of the facility. If a letter of credit issued under this facility is subsequently paid and we do not reimburse the amount paid in full, then a ratable portion of each lender's deposit would be used to fund the letter of credit. We pay the tranche B-1 lenders a fee which is equal to LIBOR plus 150 basis points. This fee is offset by the return on the funds deposited with the administrative agent which earn interest at a per annum rate approximately equal to LIBOR. Outstanding revolving loans reduce the funds on deposit with the

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administrative agent which in turn reduce the earnings of those deposits and effectively increases our interest expense at a per annum rate equal to LIBOR.

Prior to the March 2007 refinancing, borrowings under the revolving credit facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 275 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 37.5 basis points, plus a margin of 175 basis points. As of December 31, 2007 borrowings under the revolving credit facility bore interest at an annual rate equal to, at our option, either (i) the London Interbank Offering Rate plus a margin of 150 basis points; or (ii) a rate consisting of the greater of the JP Morgan Chase prime rate or the Federal Funds rate plus 50 basis points, plus a margin of 50 basis points. Letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility accrue a letter of credit fee at a per annum rate of 150 basis points for the pro rata account of the lenders under such facility and a fronting fee for the ratable account of the issuers thereof at a per annum rate in an amount to be agreed upon payable quarterly in arrears. We also pay a commitment fee of 35 basis points on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility. The interest margins for borrowings and letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility are subject to adjustment based on the consolidated net leverage ratio (consolidated indebtedness net of cash divided by consolidated EBITDA as defined in the senior credit facility agreement) measured at the end of each quarter. The margin we pay on the revolving credit facility is reduced by 25 basis points and the commitment fee we pay on the revolving credit facility is reduced by 5 basis points following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio is less than 2.5 beginning in March 2007. The margin and the commitment fee would increase by 25 basis points and 2.5 basis points, respectively, following each fiscal quarter for which the consolidated net leverage ratio exceeds 3.5.

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Senior Credit Facility -- Other Terms and Conditions. As described above, we are highly leveraged. Our refinanced senior credit facility requires that we maintain financial ratios equal to or better than the following consolidated net leverage ratio (consolidated indebtedness net of cash divided by consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the senior credit facility agreement), and consolidated interest coverage ratio (consolidated EBITDA divided by consolidated interest expense, as defined under the senior credit facility agreement) at the end of each period indicated. Failure to maintain these ratios will result in a default under our senior credit facility which could result in all amounts due immediately, as well as most of our other debt, being declared immediately due and payable. The financial ratios required under the amended and restated senior credit facility and, the actual ratios we achieved for the four quarters of 2007, are shown in the following tables:

QUARTER ENDED							
MARCH 31, 2007		JUNE 30, 2007		SEPTEMBER 30, 2007		DECEMBER 2007	
REQ.	ACT.	REQ.	ACT.	REQ.	ACT.	REQ.	ACT.
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Leverage Ratio (maximum).....	4.25	3.27	4.25	2.99	4.25	2.97	4.25
Interest Coverage Ratio (minimum).....	2.10	3.09	2.10	3.21	2.10	3.35	2.10

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	REQ.	REQ.	REQ.	REQ.	REQ.
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Leverage Ratio (maximum).....	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50
Interest Coverage Ratio (minimum).....	2.10	2.25	2.40	2.55	2.75

The senior credit facility agreement provides the ability to refinance our senior subordinated notes and/or our senior secured notes in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the net cash proceeds of equity issued after the closing date plus (ii) the portion of annual excess cash flow (as defined in the senior credit facility agreement) that is not required to be applied to the payment of the credit facilities and which is not used for other purposes, provided that the amount of the subordinated notes and the aggregate amount of the senior secured notes and the subordinated notes that may be refinanced is capped based upon the pro forma consolidated leverage ratio after giving effect to such refinancing as shown in the following table:

PROFORMA CONSOLIDATED LEVERAGE RATIO -----	SUBORDINATED NOTES MAXIMUM AMOUNT -----	AGGREGATE SENIOR AND SUBORDINATE NOTES MAXIMUM AMOUNT -----
Greater than or equal to 3.0x.....	\$ 50 million	\$150 million
Greater than or equal to 2.5x.....	\$100 million	\$300 million
Less than 2.5x.....	\$125 million	\$375 million

In addition, the senior secured notes may be refinanced with (i) the net cash proceeds of incremental facilities and permitted refinancing indebtedness (as defined in the senior credit facility agreement), (ii) the net cash proceeds of any new senior or subordinated unsecured indebtedness, (iii) proceeds of revolving credit loans (as defined in the senior credit facility agreement), (iv) up to E200 million of unsecured indebtedness of the company's foreign subsidiaries and (v) cash generated by the company's operations.

The refinanced senior credit facility agreement also contains restrictions on our operations that are customary for similar facilities, including limitations on: (i) incurring additional liens; (ii) sale and leaseback transactions (except for the permitted transactions as described in the amended and restated agreement); (iii) liquidations and dissolutions; (iv) incurring additional indebtedness or guarantees; (v) investments and acquisitions; (vi) dividends and share repurchases; (vii) mergers and consolidations; and (viii) refinancing of subordinated and 10.25 percent senior secured notes. Compliance with these requirements and restrictions is a condition for any incremental borrowings under the senior credit facility agreement and failure to meet these

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requirements enables the lenders to require repayment of any outstanding loans. As of December 31, 2007, we were in compliance with all the financial covenants and operational restrictions of the facility.

Our senior credit facility does not contain any terms that could accelerate the payment of the facility as a result of a credit rating agency downgrade.

Senior Secured, Senior and Subordinated Notes. Our outstanding debt also includes \$245 million of 10.25 percent senior secured notes due July 15, 2013, \$250 million of 8 1/8 percent senior notes due November 15, 2015, and \$500 million of 8 5/8 percent senior subordinated notes due November 15, 2014. We can redeem some or all of the notes at any time after July 15, 2008 in the case of the senior secured notes, November 15, 2009 in the case of the senior subordinated notes and November 15, 2011 in the case of the senior notes. If we sell certain of our assets or experience specified kinds of changes in control, we must offer to repurchase the notes. We are permitted to redeem up to 35 percent of the senior notes with the proceeds of certain equity offerings completed before November 15, 2010.

Our senior secured, senior and subordinated notes require that, as a condition precedent to incurring certain types of indebtedness not otherwise permitted, our consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio, as calculated on a proforma basis, be greater than 2.00. We have not incurred any of the types of indebtedness not otherwise permitted by the indentures. The indentures also contain restrictions on our operations, including limitations on: (i) incurring additional indebtedness or liens; (ii) dividends; (iii) distributions and stock repurchases; (iv) investments; (v) asset sales and (vi) mergers and consolidations. Subject to limited exceptions, all of our existing and future material domestic wholly owned subsidiaries fully and unconditionally guarantee these notes on a joint and several basis. In addition, the senior secured notes and related guarantees are secured by second priority liens, subject to specified exceptions, on all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' assets that secure obligations under our senior credit facility, except that only a portion of the capital stock of our subsidiary guarantor's domestic subsidiaries is provided as collateral and no assets or capital stock of our direct or indirect foreign subsidiaries secure the notes or guarantees. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the subsidiaries that have guaranteed these notes to make distributions to us. The senior subordinated notes rank junior in right of payment to our senior credit facility and any future senior debt incurred. As of December 31, 2007, we were in compliance with the covenants and restrictions of these indentures.

Accounts Receivable Securitization. In addition to our senior credit facility, senior secured notes, senior notes and senior subordinated notes, we also sell some of our accounts receivable on a nonrecourse basis in North America and Europe. In North America, we have an accounts receivable securitization program with two commercial banks. We sell original equipment and aftermarket receivables on a daily basis under this program. We sold accounts receivable under this program of \$100 million and \$85 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. This program is subject to cancellation prior to its maturity date if we (i) fail to pay interest or principal payments on an amount of indebtedness exceeding \$50 million, (ii) default on the financial covenant ratios under the senior credit facility, or (iii) fail to maintain

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certain financial ratios in connection with the accounts receivable securitization program. In January 2008, this program was renewed for 364 days to January 26, 2009 at a facility size of \$120 million. We also sell some receivables in our European operations to regional banks in Europe. As of December 31, 2007, we sold \$57 million of accounts receivable in Europe up from \$48 million at December 31, 2006. The arrangements to sell receivables in Europe are not committed and can be cancelled at any time. If we were not able to sell receivables under either the North American or European securitization programs, our borrowings under our revolving credit agreements may increase. These accounts receivable securitization programs provide us with access to cash at costs that are generally favorable to alternative sources of financing, and allow us to reduce borrowings under our revolving credit agreements.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying and estimated fair values of our financial instruments by class at December 31, 2007 and 2006 were as follows:

	2007		2006	
	CARRYING AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE	CARRYING AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE
	(MILLIONS)			
	ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			
Long-term debt (including current maturities).....	\$1,334	\$1,324	\$1,363	\$1,420
Instruments with off-balance sheet risk:				
Foreign currency contracts.....	--	(2)	--	1
Financial guarantees.....	--	--	--	--

Asset and Liability Instruments -- The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, short and long-term receivables, accounts payable, and short-term debt was considered to be the same as or was not determined to be materially different from the carrying amount.

Long-term Debt -- The fair value of fixed rate long-term debt was based on the market value of debt with similar maturities and interest rates.

Instruments With Off-Balance Sheet Risk

Foreign Currency Contracts -- Note 1 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries, "Summary of Accounting Policies -- Risk Management Activities" describes our use of and accounting for foreign currency exchange contracts. The following table summarizes by major currency the contractual amounts of foreign currency contracts we utilize:

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	NOTIONAL AMOUNT			
	DECEMBER 31, 2007		DECEMBER 31, 2006	
	PURCHASE	SELL	PURCHASE	SELL
	(MILLIONS)			
Foreign currency contracts (in U.S.\$):				
Australian dollars.....	\$ 11	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 7
British pounds.....	8	2	158	119
Canadian dollars.....	--	--	13	--
Czech Republic koruna.....	--	--	7	9
Danish kroner.....	--	--	29	4
European euro.....	1	143	162	3
Polish zloty.....	--	--	25	17
South Africa rand.....	60	13	--	--
Swedish krona.....	--	--	44	--
U.S. dollars.....	136	62	--	282
Other.....	4	--	3	1
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	\$220	\$222	\$443	\$442
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We manage our foreign currency risk by entering into derivative financial instruments with major financial institutions that can be expected to fully perform under the terms of such agreements. Based on exchange rates at December 31, 2007 and 2006, the cost of replacing these contracts in the event of

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non-performance by the counterparties would not have been material. The face value of these instruments is recorded in other current liabilities.

Financial Guarantees -- We occasionally provide guarantees that could require us to make future payments in the event that the third party primary obligor does not make its required payments. We have not recorded a liability for any of these guarantees.

Additionally, we have from time to time issued guarantees for the performance of obligations by some of our subsidiaries, and some of our subsidiaries have guaranteed our debt. All of our existing and future material domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries fully and unconditionally guarantee our senior credit facility, our senior secured notes, our senior notes and our senior subordinated notes on a joint and several basis. The arrangement for the senior credit facility is also secured by first-priority liens on substantially all our domestic assets and pledges of 66 percent of the stock of certain first-tier foreign subsidiaries. The arrangement for the \$245 million senior secured notes is also secured by second-priority liens on substantially all our domestic assets, excluding some of the stock of our domestic subsidiaries. No assets or capital stock of our direct or indirect foreign subsidiaries secure these notes.

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You should also read Note 13 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries, where we present the Supplemental Guarantor Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements.

We have issued guarantees through letters of credit in connection with some obligations of our affiliates. As of December 31, 2007, we have guaranteed \$18 million in letters of credit to support some of our subsidiaries' insurance arrangements. In addition, we have issued \$13 million in guarantees through letters of credit to guarantee other obligations of subsidiaries primarily related to foreign employee benefit program, environmental remediation activities, and cash management requirements.

Interest Rate Swaps -- In April 2004, we entered into fixed-to-floating interest rate swaps covering \$150 million of our fixed interest rate debt. The change in market value of these swaps is recorded as part of interest expense and other long-term liabilities. The cost of replacing these contracts in the event of non-performance by the counterparties would not be material. You should also see Notes 4 and 5 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries.

Negotiable Financial Instruments -- One of our European subsidiaries receives payment from one of its OE customers whereby the account receivables are satisfied through the delivery of negotiable financial instruments. These financial instruments are then sold at a discount to a European bank. The sales of these financial instruments are not included in the account receivables sold. Any of these financial instruments which were not sold as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 are classified as other current assets and are excluded from our definition of cash equivalents. We had sold approximately \$15 million of these instruments at December 31, 2007 and \$26 million at December 31, 2006.

In certain instances several of our Chinese subsidiaries receive payment from OE customers and satisfy vendor payments through the receipt and delivery of negotiable financial instruments. Financial instruments used to satisfy vendor payables and not redeemed totaled \$23 million and \$12 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and were classified as notes payable. Financial instruments received from OE customers and not redeemed totaled \$8 million and \$9 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively and were classified as other current assets. One of our Chinese subsidiaries is required to maintain a cash balance at a financial institution issuing the financial instruments which are used to satisfy vendor payments. No financial instruments were outstanding at that Chinese subsidiary as of December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2006 the required cash balance was less than \$1 million and was classified as cash and cash equivalents.

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7. INCOME TAXES

The domestic and foreign components of our income before income taxes and minority interest are as follows:

YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31,

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	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS)		
U.S. loss before income taxes.....	\$ (99)	\$ (66)	\$ (5)
Foreign income before income taxes.....	187	126	89
Income before income taxes and minority interest.....	\$ 88	\$ 60	\$84

Following is a comparative analysis of the components of income tax expense:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS)		
Current --			
U.S.....	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
State and local.....	--	--	2
Foreign.....	58	46	23
	58	46	25
Deferred --			
U.S.....	38	(28)	(15)
State and local.....	5	(1)	4
Foreign.....	(18)	(12)	12
	25	(41)	1
Income tax expense.....	\$ 83	\$ 5	\$ 26

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Following is a reconciliation of income taxes computed at the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate (35 percent for all years presented) to the income tax expense reflected in the statements of income (loss):

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS)		
Income tax expense computed at the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate.....	\$31	\$ 21	\$29
Increases (reductions) in income tax expense resulting from:			
Foreign income taxed at different rates and foreign losses with no tax benefit.....	(3)	(4)	1
Taxes on repatriation of dividends.....	1	2	1
State and local taxes on income, net of U.S. federal income tax benefit.....	(1)	(1)	1
Changes in valuation allowance for tax loss carryforwards and credits.....	6	3	2
Amortization of tax goodwill.....	(2)	(2)	(2)
Income exempt from tax due to tax holidays.....	(5)	(3)	(2)
Investment tax credit earned.....	(1)	(8)	--
European ownership structure realignment.....	66	--	--
Foreign earnings subject to U.S. federal income tax.....	4	3	1
Adjustment of prior years taxes.....	(9)	3	2
Impact of foreign rate reduction.....	(7)	(1)	(1)
Tax contingencies.....	6	(10)	(9)
Other.....	(3)	2	3
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Income tax expense.....	\$83	\$ 5	\$26
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The components of our net deferred tax asset were as follows:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
	(MILLIONS)	
Deferred tax assets --		
Tax loss carryforwards:		
U.S.....	\$181	\$209
State.....	57	35
Foreign.....	61	59
Investment tax credit benefits.....	54	52
Postretirement benefits other than pensions.....	56	58
Pensions.....	45	55

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Bad debts.....	1	1
Sales allowances.....	5	7
Other.....	87	115
Valuation allowance.....	(89)	(81)
	----	----
Net deferred tax asset.....	458	510
	----	----
Deferred tax liabilities --		
Tax over book depreciation.....	101	129
Other.....	70	57
	----	----
Total deferred tax liability.....	171	186
	----	----
Net deferred tax asset.....	\$287	\$324
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Following is a reconciliation of deferred taxes to the deferred taxes shown in the balance sheet:

	DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
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	(MILLIONS)	
Balance Sheet:		
Current portion -- deferred tax asset.....	\$ 36	\$ 51
Non-current portion -- deferred tax asset.....	370	397
Current portion -- deferred tax liability shown in other		
current liabilities.....	(5)	(17)
Non-current portion -- deferred tax liability.....	(114)	(107)
	-----	-----
Net Deferred Tax Assets.....	\$ 287	\$ 324
	=====	=====

As shown by the valuation allowance in the table above, we had potential tax benefits of \$89 million and \$81 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, that we did not recognize in the statements of income when they were generated. These unrecognized tax benefits resulted primarily from foreign tax loss carryforwards, foreign investment tax credits and U.S. state net operating losses that are available to reduce future U.S. state and foreign tax liabilities.

We have a U.S. Federal tax net operating loss carryforward ("NOL") at December 31, 2007, of \$518 million, which will expire in varying amounts from 2020 to 2027. The federal tax effect of that NOL is recorded as a deferred tax asset on our balance sheet for \$181 million and \$209 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We also have state NOL carryforwards at December 31, 2007 of \$767 million, which will expire in various years through 2027. The tax effect of the state NOL, net of a valuation allowance, is

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recorded as a deferred tax asset on our balance sheet for \$40 million and \$29 million at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We estimate, based on available evidence both positive and negative, that it is more likely than not that we will utilize these NOLs within the prescribed carryforward period. That estimate is based upon our expectations regarding future taxable income of our U.S. operations and the implementation of available tax planning strategies that accelerate usage of the NOL. Circumstances that could change that estimate include future U.S. earnings at lower than expected levels or a majority ownership change as defined in the rules of the U.S. tax law. If that estimate changed, we would be required to cease recognizing an income tax benefit for any new NOL and could be required to record a reserve for some or all of the asset currently recorded on our balance sheet.

As of December 31, 2007, for foreign income tax purposes, we have \$61 million of foreign tax NOLs. Of the \$61 million of foreign tax NOLs, \$54 million does not expire and the remainder will expire in varying amounts from 2008 to 2022.

We do not provide for U.S. income taxes on unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries, except for the earnings of certain of our China operations, as our present intention is to reinvest the unremitted earnings in our foreign operations. Unremitted earnings of foreign subsidiaries are approximately \$594 million at December 31, 2007. We estimated that the amount of U.S. and foreign income taxes that would be accrued or paid upon remittance of the assets that represent those unremitted earnings is \$215 million.

We have tax sharing agreements with our former affiliates that allocate tax liabilities for prior periods and establish indemnity rights on certain tax issues.

In July 2006, the FASB issued Financial Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." FIN 48 provides that a tax benefit from an uncertain tax position may be recognized when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including resolutions of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits. Income tax positions must meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold at the effective date to be recognized upon the adoption of FIN 48 and in subsequent periods. This interpretation also provides guidance on measurement, derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006.

We adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation, the Company recognized approximately a \$1 million decrease in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, which was accounted for as an increase to the January 1, 2007, balance of retained earnings.

	2007

Uncertain tax positions --	
Balance upon adoption (January 1, 2007).....	\$42

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Gross increases in tax positions in current period.....	3
Gross increases in tax positions in prior period.....	6
Gross decreases in tax positions in prior period.....	(5)
Gross decreases -- settlements.....	(1)
Gross decreases -- statute of limitations expired.....	(1)

Ending balance.....	\$44
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Included in the balance of unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2007 are \$41 million of tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. We recognize accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. Related to the uncertain tax benefits noted above, we

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accrued penalties of \$1 million and interest of \$3 million during 2007 and in total, as of December 31, 2007, we have recognized a liability for penalties of \$2 million and interest of \$5 million.

Our unrecognized tax benefits include foreign exposures relating to the disallowance of deductions, global transfer pricing and various other issues. We believe it is reasonably possible that a decrease of up to \$7 million in unrecognized tax benefits related to the expiration of foreign statute of limitations and the conclusion of foreign income tax examinations may occur within the coming year.

We are subject to taxation in the U.S. and various state and foreign jurisdictions. Our tax years open to examination in primary jurisdictions are as follows:

	OPEN TO TAX YEAR -----
United States -- due to NOL.....	1998
Germany.....	2002
Belgium.....	2005
Canada.....	2002
UK.....	2005
Spain.....	2003

8. COMMON STOCK

We have authorized 135 million shares (\$0.01 par value) of common stock, of which 47,892,532 shares and 47,085,274 shares were issued at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We held 1,294,692 shares of treasury stock at both December 31, 2007 and 2006.

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Equity Plans -- In December 1996, we adopted the 1996 Stock Ownership Plan, which permitted the granting of a variety of awards, including common stock, restricted stock, performance units, stock equivalent units, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), and stock options to our directors, officers, employees and consultants. The 1996 plan, which terminated as to new awards on December 31, 2001, was renamed the "Stock Ownership Plan." In December 1999, we adopted the Supplemental Stock Ownership Plan, which permitted the granting of a variety of similar awards to our directors, officers, employees and consultants. We were authorized to deliver up to about 1.1 million treasury shares of common stock under the Supplemental Stock Ownership Plan, which also terminated as to new awards on December 31, 2001. In March 2002, we adopted the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan which permitted the granting of a variety of similar awards to our officers, directors, employees and consultants. Up to 4 million shares of our common stock were authorized for delivery under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan. In March 2006, we adopted the 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan which replaced the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan and permits the granting of a variety of similar awards to directors, officers, employees and consultants. As of December 31, 2007, up to 1,884,216 shares of our common stock remain authorized for delivery under the 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Our nonqualified stock options have 7 to 20 year terms and vest equally over a three year service period from the date of the grant.

We have granted restricted common stock to our directors and certain key employees. These awards generally require, among other things, that the award holder remains in service to our company during the restriction period. We have also granted stock equivalent units and long-term performance units to certain key employees that have been payable in cash. For 2007, the awards contain an annual stub-year grant payable in the first quarter of 2008 and a three year grant payable in the first quarter of 2010. Payment is based on the attainment of specified performance goals. The grant value is indexed to the stock price. In addition, we have granted SARs to certain key employees in our Asian operations that are payable in cash after a three year service period. The grant value is indexed to the stock price.

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Accounting Methods -- Prior to January 1, 2006, we utilized the intrinsic value method to account for our stock-based compensation plans in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees." Therefore, no compensation cost was reflected in net income related to stock options as all options granted under the plans had an exercise price equal to the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of the grant. Compensation cost was previously recognized for restricted stock, stock equivalent units and SARs under this accounting principle.

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment," using the modified prospective application method. Under this transition method, compensation cost recognized for the twelve months ended December 31, 2007, includes the applicable amounts of: (1) compensation cost of all unvested stock-based awards granted prior to January 1, 2006, based upon the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123 and previously presented in pro-forma footnote disclosures, and (2) compensation cost for all stock-based awards granted on or after January 1, 2006, based upon the grant

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date fair value estimated in accordance with the new provisions of SFAS No. 123(R).

The table below illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if we had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 prior to January 1, 2006:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005
	(MILLIONS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)
Net income.....	\$ 56
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in net income, net of income tax.....	6
Deduct: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of income tax.....	(8)

Pro forma net income.....	\$ 54
	=====
Earnings per share:	
Basic.....	\$1.30
Basic -- pro forma for stock-based compensation expense...	\$1.25
Diluted.....	\$1.24
Diluted -- pro forma for stock-based compensation expense.....	\$1.19

The impact of recognizing compensation expense related to nonqualified stock options under the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) is contained in the table below.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
	(MILLIONS)	
Selling, general and administrative.....	\$ 4	\$ 4
	-----	-----
Loss before interest expense, income taxes and minority interest.....	(4)	(4)
Income tax benefit.....	(1)	(1)
	-----	-----
Net loss.....	\$ (3)	(3)
	=====	=====
Decrease in basic earnings per share.....	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.06)
Decrease in diluted earnings per share.....	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.06)

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For stock options awarded to retirement eligible employees prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) we immediately accelerate the recognition of any outstanding compensation cost when employees become retiree eligible before the end of the explicit vesting period.

As of December 31, 2007, there was approximately \$4 million, net of tax, of total unrecognized compensation costs related to these stock-based awards that we expect to recognize over a weighted average period of 0.8 years.

SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," discusses the deductibility of transactions. We are allowed a tax deduction for compensation cost which is calculated as the difference between the value of the stock at the date of grant and the price upon exercise of a stock option. Under SFAS No. 123(R), excess tax benefits, which are tax benefits we may realize upon the exercise of stock options that are greater than the tax benefit recognized on the compensation cost recorded in our income statement, are recognized as an addition to paid-in capital. We would present cash retained as a result of excess tax benefits as financing cash flows. Any write-offs of deferred tax assets related to unrealized tax benefits associated with the recognized compensation cost would be reported as income tax expense.

Compensation expense for restricted stock, stock equivalent units, long-term performance units and SARs net of tax, was \$5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$9 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 and was recorded in selling, general, and administrative expense on the statement of income.

Cash received from option exercises for the year ended December 31, 2007, was approximately \$4 million. Stock option exercises during the year ended December 31, 2007 generated an excess tax benefit of approximately \$5 million. Pursuant to footnote 82 of SFAS No. 123(R), this benefit was not recorded as we have federal and state net operating losses which are not currently being utilized. As a result, the excess tax benefit had no impact on our financial position or statement of cash flows.

Assumptions -- We calculated the fair values of the awards using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the weighted average assumptions listed below. Determining the fair value of share-based awards requires judgment in estimating employee and market behavior. If actual results differ significantly from these estimates, stock-based compensation expense and our results of operations could be materially impacted.

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
Stock Options			
Weighted average grant date fair value, per share.....	\$9.93	\$9.27	\$8.14
Weighted average assumptions used:			
Expected volatility.....	38.4%	42.6%	43.0%
Expected lives.....	4.1	5.1	7.0

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Risk-free interest rates.....	4.7%	4.2%	4.0%
Dividend yields.....	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Effective January 1, 2006, we changed our method of determining volatility on all new options granted after that date to implied volatility rather than an analysis of historical volatility. We believe the market-based measures of implied volatility are currently the best available indicators of the expected volatility used in these estimates. The effect of this change did not have a material impact to our results of operations.

Expected lives of options are based upon the historical and expected time to post-vesting forfeiture and exercise. We believe this method is the best estimate of the future exercise patterns currently available.

The risk-free interest rates are based upon the Constant Maturity Rates provided by the U.S. Treasury. For our valuations, we used the continuous rate with a term equal to the expected life of the options.

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On January 10, 2001, we announced that our Board of Directors eliminated the quarterly dividend on our common stock. As a result, there is no dividend yield.

Stock Options -- The following table reflects the status and activity for all options to purchase common stock for the period indicated:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007			
	SHARES UNDER OPTION	WEIGHTED AVG. EXERCISE PRICES	WEIGHTED AVG. REMAINING LIFE IN YEARS	AGGREGATE INTRINSIC VALUE
	----- (MILLIONS) -----			
Outstanding Stock Options				
Outstanding, January 1, 2007.....	3,074,173	\$10.13	5.5	\$40
Granted.....	589,681	26.68		
Canceled.....	--	--		
Forfeited.....	(54,730)	23.67		
Exercised.....	(192,563)	7.31		\$ 3

Outstanding, March 31, 2007.....	3,416,561	12.93	5.2	42
Granted.....	33,039	13.86		
Canceled.....	(159,800)	24.07		
Forfeited.....	(31,317)	23.27		
Exercised.....	(191,097)	6.58		5

Outstanding, June 30, 2007.....	3,067,386	12.65	5.2	55
Granted.....	5,884	32.08		

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Canceled.....	--	--		
Forfeited.....	(6,419)	20.30		
Exercised.....	(108,310)	8.72		3

Outstanding, September 30, 2007.....	2,958,541	12.82	4.9	61
Granted.....	--	--		
Canceled.....	(10,000)	13.17		
Forfeited.....	(21,922)	23.65		
Exercised.....	(105,730)	6.02		2

Outstanding, December 31, 2007.....	2,820,889	\$13.10	4.6	\$46
	=====			
Vested or Expected to Vest, December 31, 2007.....	2,761,658	\$12.83	4.6	\$46
	=====			
Exercisable, December 31, 2007.....	1,919,624	\$ 8.14	4.1	\$41
	=====			

As previously disclosed, in certain years our administrative procedures for determining the final allocation of the options granted to middle management under our 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the predecessor to our current equity incentive Plan) were not finalized until after the Board approved the grants and set the exercise price. At the time the administrative procedures were completed, the market values of some of the options were greater than the grant prices. While these option-grant practices were not intended to avoid regulations or gain unfair financial advantage, they did result in monetary gains that current law (recently enacted Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code) would subject to additional taxes and penalties.

To mitigate this financial impact of the new tax rules for affected employees, we offered to amend the affected outstanding stock options so the exercise prices match the higher prices on the date they were actually

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granted (we also offered to make up the difference between the revised exercise prices and the lower, original exercise prices with a special cash payment during the first pay period of 2008). Amended options are not liable for additional Section 409A tax liabilities. We also offered to "make whole" employees who were already subject to the additional Section 409A liabilities because of prior exercises or vesting of affected options.

We completed the offer in November 2007 and accepted for amendment options to purchase 98,375 shares of our common stock.

Restricted Stock -- The following table reflects the status for all nonvested restricted shares for the period indicated:

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	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVG. GRANT DATE FAIR VALUE
Nonvested Restricted Shares		
Nonvested balance at January 1, 2007.....	386,507	\$17.10
Granted.....	364,018	26.73
Vested.....	(222,040)	15.39
Forfeited.....	(35,972)	22.49

Nonvested balance at March 31, 2007.....	492,513	\$24.60
Granted.....	6,527	30.22
Vested.....	(833)	13.28
Forfeited.....	(17,199)	22.35

Nonvested balance at June 30, 2007.....	481,008	\$24.77
Granted.....	3,054	32.46
Vested.....	(612)	16.59
Forfeited.....	--	--

Nonvested balance at September 30, 2007.....	483,450	\$24.83
Granted.....	747	31.23
Vested.....	(90)	13.97
Forfeited.....	(14,713)	22.81

Nonvested balance at December 31, 2007.....	469,394	\$24.91
=====		

The fair value of restricted stock grants is equal to the average market price of our stock at the date of grant. As of December 31, 2007, \$7 million of total unrecognized compensation costs related to compensation for restricted stock awards is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years.

Long-term Performance Units and SARs -- Long-term performance units and SARs are paid in cash and recognized as a liability based upon their fair value. As of December 31, 2007, \$2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 2 years.

Rights Plan

On September 9, 1998, we adopted a Rights Plan and established an independent Board committee to review it every three years. The Rights Plan was adopted to deter coercive takeover tactics and to prevent a

potential acquirer from gaining control of us in a transaction that is not in the best interests of our shareholders. Generally, under the Rights Plan, as it

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has been amended to date, if a person becomes the beneficial owner of 15 percent or more of our outstanding common stock, each right will entitle its holder to purchase, at the right's exercise price, a number of shares of our common stock or, under certain circumstances, of the acquiring person's common stock, having a market value of twice the right's exercise price. Rights held by the 15 percent or more holders will become void and will not be exercisable.

In March 2000, we amended the Rights Plan to (i) reduce from 20 percent to 15 percent the level of beneficial ownership at which the rights became exercisable, as described above, and (ii) eliminate the "qualified offer" terms of the plan. These terms provided that the rights would not become exercisable in connection with a "qualified offer," which was defined as an all-cash tender offer for all outstanding common stock that was fully financed, remained open for a period of at least 60 business days, resulted in the offeror owning at least 85 percent of our common stock after consummation of the offer, assured a prompt second-step acquisition of shares not purchased in the initial offer, at the same price as the initial offer, and met certain other requirements.

In connection with the adoption of the Rights Plan, our Board of Directors also adopted a three-year independent director evaluation ("TIDE") mechanism. Under the TIDE mechanism, an independent Board committee (the "Tide Committee") will review, on an ongoing basis, the Rights Plan and developments in rights plans generally, and, if it deems appropriate, recommend modification or termination of the Rights Plan. The independent committee will report to our Board at least every three years as to whether the Rights Plan continues to be in the best interests of our shareholders.

In 2005, the Tide Committee met and reviewed, among other things, developments in rights plans and academic studies of rights plans and contests for corporate control since the last meeting of the Tide Committee. Based upon this review, the Tide Committee determined that the Rights Agreement continues to be in the best interests of our shareholders. The Tide Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that the Board should not take any action with respect to the Rights Plan.

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Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Earnings (loss) per share of common stock outstanding were computed as follows:

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(MILLIONS EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS)		
Basic earnings (loss) per share --			
Net income (loss).....	\$ (5)	\$ 49	\$ 56
	=====	=====	=====
Average shares of common stock outstanding....	45,809,730	44,625,220	43,088,588

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Earnings (loss) per average share of common stock.....	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.30
Diluted earnings (loss) per share --			
Net income (loss).....	\$ (5)	\$ 49	\$ 56
Average shares of common stock outstanding....	45,809,730	44,625,220	43,088,588
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Restricted stock.....	--	400,954	380,656
Stock options.....	--	1,729,399	1,852,011
Average shares of common stock outstanding including dilutive securities.....	45,809,730	46,755,573	45,321,225
Earnings (loss) per average share of common stock.....	\$ (0.11)	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.24

As a result of the net loss in 2007, the calculation of diluted earnings per share does not include the dilutive effect of 206,960 shares of restricted stock and 1,509,462 stock options. In addition, options to purchase 517,012, 564,749 and 716,441, shares of common stock were outstanding at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options were anti-dilutive for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

9. PREFERRED STOCK

We had 50 million shares of preferred stock (\$0.01 par value) authorized at December 31, 2007 and 2006. No shares of preferred stock were outstanding at those dates. We have designated and reserved 2 million shares of the preferred stock as junior preferred stock for the Rights Plan.

10. PENSION PLANS, POSTRETIREMENT AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

We have various defined benefit pension plans that cover substantially all of our employees. For 2007 we have adopted the measurement date provisions of SFAS No. 158, "Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans." Therefore, the measurement date used to determine measurement of our pension plan assets and benefit obligations is December 31st for both our domestic and foreign plans. Benefits are based on years of service and, for most salaried employees, on final average compensation. Our funding policy is to contribute to the plans amounts necessary to satisfy the funding requirement of applicable federal or foreign laws and regulations. Of our \$678 million benefit obligation at December 31, 2007, approximately \$612 million required funding under applicable federal and foreign laws. At December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$531 million in assets to fund that obligation. The balance of our benefit obligation, \$66 million,

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did not require funding under applicable federal or foreign laws and regulations. Pension plan assets were invested in the following classes of securities:

	PERCENTAGE OF FAIR MARKET VALUE			
	DECEMBER 31, 2007		SEPTEMBER 30, 2006	
	US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Equity Securities.....	69%	61%	70%	60%
Debt Securities.....	31%	34%	28%	36%
Real Estate.....	--	1%	--	--
Other.....	--	4%	2%	4%

Our investment policy for both our domestic and foreign plans is to invest more heavily in equity securities than debt securities. Targeted pension plan allocations are 70 percent in equity securities and 30 percent in debt securities, with acceptable tolerance levels of plus or minus five percent within each category for our domestic plans. Our foreign plans are individually managed to different target levels depending on the investing environment in each country.

Our approach to determining expected return on plan asset assumptions evaluates both historical returns as well as estimates of future returns, and adjusts for any expected changes in the long-term outlook for the equity and fixed income markets for both our domestic and foreign plans.

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A summary of the change in benefit obligation, the change in plan assets, the development of net amount recognized, and the amounts recognized in the balance sheets for the pension plans and postretirement benefit plans follows:

PENSION				POSTRETIRE- MENT	
2007		2006		2007	2006
US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN	US	US
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(MILLIONS)					

Change in benefit obligation:
Benefit obligation at December 31 and
September 30 of the previous year,

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respectively.....	\$325	\$348	\$332	\$ 304	\$ 158	\$ 146
Currency rate conversion.....	--	23	--	29	--	--
Settlement.....	--	--	--	(2)	--	--
Curtailement.....	--	--	(30)	--	--	--
Service cost.....	1	5	15	6	2	2
Interest cost.....	19	19	19	16	9	8
Plan amendments.....	--	1	--	6	--	--
Actuarial loss.....	(15)	(25)	1	(4)	(3)	11
Benefits paid.....	(18)	(14)	(12)	(9)	(9)	(9)
Participants' contributions.....	--	4	--	2	--	--
Impact of change in measurement data.....	1	3	--	--	(5)	--
	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----
Benefit obligation at December 31 and September 30, respectively.....	\$313	\$364	\$325	\$ 348	\$ 152	\$ 158
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Change in plan assets:						
Fair value at December 31 and September 30, of the previous year, respectively.....						
	\$229	\$231	\$196	\$ 194	\$ --	\$ --
Currency rate conversion.....	--	17	--	18	--	--
Settlement.....	--	--	--	(2)	--	--
Actual return on plan assets.....	13	9	18	16	--	--
Employer contributions.....	16	20	27	12	10	9
Participants' contributions.....	--	4	--	2	--	--
Benefits paid.....	(18)	(14)	(12)	(9)	(10)	(9)
Impact of change in measurement date.....	9	15	--	--	--	--
	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----
Fair value at December 31 and September 30, respectively.....	\$249	\$282	\$229	\$ 231	\$ --	\$ --
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Development of net amount recognized:						
Funded status at December 31 and September 30 of the previous year, respectively..						
	\$(64)	\$(82)	\$(97)	\$(117)	\$(152)	\$(158)
Post measurement date contributions.....	--	--	1	5	--	3
Unrecognized cost:						
Actuarial loss.....	81	101	102	123	87	102
Prior service cost.....	3	14	4	14	(42)	(48)
	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----
Net amount recognized at December 31...	\$ 20	\$ 33	\$ 10	\$ 25	\$(107)	\$(101)
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Amounts recognized in the balance sheets as of December 31						
Noncurrent assets.....	\$ --	\$ 3	\$ --	\$ 1	\$ --	\$ --
Current liabilities.....	(5)	(2)	(5)	(1)	(10)	(9)
Noncurrent liabilities.....	(59)	(83)	(92)	(111)	(142)	(147)
	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----
Net amount recognized.....	\$(64)	\$(82)	\$(97)	\$(111)	\$(152)	\$(156)
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

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Assets of one plan may not be utilized to pay benefits of other plans. Additionally, the prepaid (accrued) pension cost has been recorded based upon certain actuarial estimates as described below. Those estimates are subject to revision in future periods given new facts or circumstances.

As a result of our adoption of the measurement date provisions of SFAS No. 158, the measurement date for our plans changed from September 30 in 2006 to December 31 in 2007.

Net periodic pension costs (income) for the years 2007, 2006, and 2005, consist of the following components:

	2007		2006		2005	
	US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN
	(MILLIONS)					
Service cost -- benefits earned during the year.....	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 6	\$ 15	\$ 6
Interest on prior year's projected benefit obligation.....	19	19	19	16	18	14
Expected return on plan assets.....	(21)	(20)	(19)	(16)	(16)	(15)
Curtailment gain.....	--	--	(25)	--	--	--
Recognition of:						
Actuarial loss.....	2	6	21	1	4	4
Prior service cost.....	1	2	6	6	3	1
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net pension costs.....	\$ 2	\$ 12	\$ 17	\$ 13	\$ 24	\$ 10
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Other comprehensive loss.....	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 10	\$ 5
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

As a result of the adoption of the recognition provisions of SFAS No. 158, "Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans," other changes in plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in other comprehensive income consisted of the following components:

	2007	
	US	FOREIGN
Net actuarial gain.....	\$ (18)	\$ (23)
Recognized actuarial loss.....	(2)	(6)
Currency translation adjustment.....	--	9
Recognition of prior service cost.....	(1)	(2)
	-----	-----
Total recognized in other comprehensive income before tax effects.....	\$ (21)	\$ (22)
	=====	=====

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Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income consist of:

	2007	
	US	FOREIGN
Net actuarial loss.....	\$81	\$101
Prior service cost.....	3	14
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	\$84	\$115
	===	===

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In 2008, we expect to recognize the following amounts, which are currently reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income, as components of net periodic benefit cost:

	2008	
	US	FOREIGN
Net actuarial loss.....	\$2	\$4
Prior service cost.....	1	2
	--	--
	\$3	\$6
	==	==

The projected benefit obligation, accumulated benefit obligation and fair value of plan assets for all pension plans with accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets at December 31, 2007 and September 30, 2006 were as follows:

DECEMBER 31, 2007		SEPTEMBER 30, 2006	
US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN
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(MILLIONS)			

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Projected Benefit Obligation.....	\$314	\$273	\$325	\$335
Accumulated Benefit Obligation.....	314	260	325	321
Fair Value of Plan Assets.....	249	188	229	217

The following estimated benefit payments are payable from the pension plans to participants:

YEAR	PENSION BENEFITS
----	-----
	(MILLIONS)
2008.....	\$ 34
2009.....	35
2010.....	38
2011.....	49
2012.....	47
2013-2017.....	253

The following assumptions were used in the accounting for the pension plans for the years of 2007, 2006, and 2005:

	2007		2006	
	US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS				
Discount rate.....	6.2%	5.6%	5.9%	5.0%
Rate of compensation increase.....	3.0%	4.4%	3.0%	4.1%

	2007		2006		2005	
	US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN	US	FOREIGN
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WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COST						
Discount rate.....	6.0%	5.0%	5.8%	5.0%	6.3%	5.7%
Expected long-term return on plan assets.....	8.8%	7.6%	8.8%	7.6%	8.8%	7.7%
Rate of compensation increase.....	N/A	4.3%	3.2%	4.3%	4.5%	4.4%

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Effective January 1, 2007, we froze our defined benefit plans and replaced them with additional contributions under defined contribution plans for nearly all U.S.-based salaried and non-union hourly employees.

Effective January 1, 2007, Tenneco elected to early-adopt the measurement date provisions of SFAS No. 158. As a result, during the first quarter of 2007, the following adjustments were made to retained earnings (accumulated deficit) and other comprehensive income (both net of tax effects) for our defined benefit pension plans:

	US	FOREIGN
	---	-----
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit), net of tax.....	\$(3)	\$(2)
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax.....	8	6

We made contributions of \$36 million to these pension plans during 2007. Based on current actuarial estimates, we believe we will be required to make contributions of \$29 million to those plans during 2008. Pension contributions beyond 2008 will be required, but those amounts will vary based upon many factors, including the performance of our pension fund investments during 2008.

Effective December 31, 2006, we froze future accruals under our defined benefit plans for substantially all U.S. salaried and non-union hourly employees and replaced these benefits with additional contributions under defined contribution plans. These changes saved approximately \$11 million in earnings before taxes in 2007. Additionally, we realized a one-time benefit of \$7 million in the fourth quarter 2006 related to curtailing the defined benefit pension plans.

We have life insurance plans which cover a majority of our domestic employees. We also have postretirement plans for our domestic employees hired before January 1, 2001. The plans cover salaried employees retiring on or after attaining age 55 who have at least 10 years of service with us after attaining age 45. For hourly employees, the postretirement benefit plans generally cover employees who retire according to one of our hourly employee retirement plans. All of these benefits may be subject to deductibles, co-payment provisions and other limitations, and we have reserved the right to change these benefits. For those employees hired after January 1, 2001, we do not provide any postretirement benefits. Our postretirement healthcare and life insurance plans are not funded. The measurement date used to determine postretirement benefit obligations is December 31st.

On September 1, 2003, we changed our retiree medical benefits program to provide participating retirees with continued access to group health coverage while reducing our subsidization of the program. This negative plan amendment is being amortized over the average remaining service life to retirement eligibility of active plan participants as a reduction of service cost beginning September 1, 2003.

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In July 2004, we entered into a settlement with a group of the retirees which were a part of the September 2003 change mentioned above. This settlement provided the group with increased coverage, and as a result, a portion of the negative plan amendment was reversed and a positive plan amendment put in place. The effect of the settlement increased our 2004 postretirement benefit expense by approximately \$1 million and increased our accumulated postretirement benefit obligation by approximately \$13 million.

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Net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the years 2007, 2006, and 2005, consists of the following components:

	2007	2006	2005
	----	----	----
	(MILLIONS)		
Service cost -- benefits earned during the year.....	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 3
Interest on accumulated postretirement benefit obligation.....	9	9	8
Recognition of:			
Actuarial loss.....	6	6	6
Prior service cost.....	(5)	(6)	(6)
	---	---	---
Net periodic pension cost.....	\$12	\$11	\$11
	===	===	===

In 2008, we expect to recognize the following amounts, which are currently reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income, as components of net periodic benefit cost:

	2008

Net actuarial loss.....	\$ 5
Prior service cost.....	(5)

	\$--
	===

Effective January 1, 2007, Tenneco elected to early-adopt the measurement date provisions of SFAS No. 158. As a result, during the first quarter of 2007, the following adjustments were made to retained earnings (accumulated deficit) and other comprehensive income (both net of tax effects) for our postretirement plans:

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	US
	--
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit), net of tax.....	\$3
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax.....	--

The following estimated postretirement benefit payments are payable from the plans to participants:

YEAR	POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS
----	-----
	(MILLIONS)
2008.....	\$10
2009.....	10
2010.....	10
2011.....	11
2012.....	11
2013-2017.....	53

The weighted average assumed health care cost trend rate used in determining the 2007 accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 10 percent, declining to 5 percent by 2012. The healthcare cost trend rate was 10 percent and 9 percent for 2006 and 2005, respectively, in each case trading down to 5 percent over succeeding periods.

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The following assumptions were used in the accounting for postretirement cost for the years of 2007, 2006 and 2005:

	2007	2006
	----	----
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS		
Discount rate.....	6.2%	5.9%
Rate of compensation increase.....	4.0%	4.0%

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	2007	2006	2005
	----	----	----
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COST			
Discount rate.....	6.0%	5.8%	6.3%
Rate of compensation increase.....	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%

The effect of a one-percentage-point increase or decrease in the 2007 assumed health care cost trend rates on total service cost and interest and the postretirement benefit obligation are as follows:

	ONE-PERCENTAGE POINT INCREASE	ONE-PERCENTAGE POINT DECREASE
	-----	-----
	(MILLIONS)	
Effect on total of service cost and interest cost.....	\$ 1	\$ 1
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation.....	14	12

Based on current actuarial estimates, we believe we will be required to make postretirement contributions of approximately \$10 million during 2008.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Accounting Standards No. 158, "Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans" which amended certain provisions of FASB Statements 87, 88, 106 and 132(R). As a result of implementing the recognition provisions of this Statement on our pension and postretirement plans, the incremental effect on individual line items in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2006, is as follows:

	BEFORE APPLICATION OF STATEMENT 158	ADJUSTMENTS	AFTER APPLICATION OF STATEMENT 158
	-----	-----	-----
Deferred Income Tax Assets.....	\$ 417	\$ 31	\$ 448
Total Assets.....	3,243	31	3,274
Liability for Pension Benefits.....	274	90	364
Total Liabilities.....	2,958	90	3,048
Accumulated Other Comprehensive loss...	(193)	(59)	(252)
Total Stockholders' Equity.....	285	(59)	226

Employee Stock Ownership Plans (401(k) Plans) -- We have established Employee Stock Ownership Plans for the benefit of our employees. Under the plans, subject to limitations in the Internal Revenue Code, participants may elect to defer up to 75 percent of their salary through contributions to the plan, which are invested in selected mutual funds or used to buy our common stock. We currently match in cash 50 percent of each employee's contribution up to eight percent of the employee's salary. In connection with freezing the defined benefit pension plans for nearly all U.S. based salaried and hourly

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employees effective December 31, 2006, and the related replacement of those defined benefit plans with defined contribution plans, we are making additional contributions to the Employee Stock Ownership Plans. We recorded expense for these matching contributions of approximately \$17 million for December 31, 2007 and \$7 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. All contributions vest immediately.

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11. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA INFORMATION

In October 2004 and July 2005, we announced changes in the structure of our organization which changed the components of our reportable segments. The European segment now includes South American and Indian operations. The Asia Pacific segment includes our other Asian and Australian operations. While this had no impact on our consolidated results, it changed our segment results.

We are a global manufacturer with three geographic reportable segments: (1) North America, (2) Europe, South America and India ("Europe"), and (3) Asia Pacific. Each segment manufactures and distributes ride control and emission control products primarily for the automotive industry. We have not aggregated individual operating segments within these reportable segments. We evaluate segment performance based primarily on income before interest expense, income taxes, and minority interest. Products are

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transferred between segments and geographic areas on a basis intended to reflect as nearly as possible the "market value" of the products. Segment results for 2007, 2006, and 2005 are as follows:

	SEGMENT				
	NORTH AMERICA	EUROPE	ASIA PACIFIC	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSOLIDATED
	(MILLIONS)				
AT DECEMBER 31, 2007, AND FOR THE YEAR					
THEN ENDED					
Revenues from external customers.....	\$2,901	\$2,737	\$546	\$ --	\$6,184
Intersegment revenues.....	9	398	14	(421)	--
Interest income.....	--	12	--	--	12
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	103	86	16	--	205
Income before interest expense, income					

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taxes, and minority interest.....	120	99	33	--	252
Total assets.....	1,555	1,605	368	62	3,590
Investment in affiliated companies.....	--	10	--	--	10
Expenditures for plant, property and equipment.....	106	74	18	--	198
Noncash items other than depreciation and amortization.....	(18)	(1)	1	--	(18)
AT DECEMBER 31, 2006, AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED					
Revenues from external customers.....	\$1,956	\$2,305	\$421	\$ --	\$4,682
Intersegment revenues.....	7	82	15	(104)	--
Interest income.....	--	7	--	--	7
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	92	79	13	--	184
Income before interest expense, income taxes, and minority interest.....	103	81	12	--	196
Total assets.....	1,460	1,422	301	91	3,274
Investment in affiliated companies.....	--	9	--	--	9
Expenditures for plant, property and equipment.....	100	51	19	--	170
Noncash items other than depreciation and amortization.....	(14)	4	(1)	--	(11)
AT DECEMBER 31, 2005, AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED					
Revenues from external customers.....	\$2,027	\$2,053	\$360	\$ --	\$4,440
Intersegment revenues.....	6	57	11	(74)	--
Interest income.....	1	3	--	--	4
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	90	76	11	--	177
Income before interest expense, income taxes, and minority interest.....	148	53	16	--	217
Total assets.....	1,352	1,288	251	54	2,945
Investment in affiliated companies.....	--	6	--	--	6
Expenditures for plant, property and equipment.....	74	54	16	--	144
Noncash items other than depreciation and amortization.....	(8)	8	--	--	--

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The following table shows information relating to our external customer revenues for each product or each group of similar products:

NET SALES		
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
-----	-----	-----
2007	2006	2005
-----	-----	-----
(MILLIONS)		

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EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEMS & PRODUCTS			
Aftermarket.....	\$ 370	\$ 384	\$ 368
Original Equipment market			
OE Value-add.....	2,288	1,665	1,709
OE Substrate.....	1,673	927	681
	-----	-----	-----
	3,961	2,592	2,390
	-----	-----	-----
	4,331	2,976	2,758
	-----	-----	-----
RIDE CONTROL SYSTEMS & PRODUCTS			
Aftermarket.....	734	690	653
OE market.....	1,119	1,016	1,029
	-----	-----	-----
	1,853	1,706	1,682
	-----	-----	-----
Total Revenues.....	\$6,184	\$4,682	\$4,440
	=====	=====	=====

During 2007, sales to four major customers comprised approximately 20 percent, 14 percent, 9 percent and 8 percent of consolidated net sales and operating revenues. During 2006, sales to four major customers comprised approximately 14 percent, 11 percent, 11 percent and 11 percent of consolidated net sales and operating revenues. During 2005, sales to the same four major customers comprised approximately 17 percent, 12 percent, 9 percent and 9 percent of consolidated net sales and operating revenues.

	GEOGRAPHIC AREA					CONSOLIDA
	UNITED STATES	GERMANY	CANADA	OTHER FOREIGN (A)	RECLASS & ELIMS	
	(MILLIONS)					
AT DECEMBER 31, 2007, AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED						
Revenues from external customers(b).....	\$2,121	\$1,036	\$590	\$2,437	\$ --	\$6,184
Long-lived assets(c).....	410	151	89	695	--	1,345
Total assets.....	1,476	477	150	1,621	(134)	3,590
AT DECEMBER 31, 2006, AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED						
Revenues from external customers(b).....	\$1,538	\$ 842	\$248	\$2,054	\$ --	\$4,682
Long-lived assets(c).....	402	139	73	637	--	1,251
Total assets.....	1,365	329	122	1,553	(95)	3,274
AT DECEMBER 31, 2005, AND FOR THE YEAR THEN ENDED						
Revenues from external customers(b).....	\$1,625	\$ 633	\$260	\$1,922	\$ --	\$4,440
Long-lived assets(c).....	406	136	77	586	--	1,205
Total assets.....	1,265	296	116	1,371	(103)	2,945

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- Notes: (a) Revenues from external customers and long-lived assets for individual foreign countries other than Germany and Canada are not material.
- (b) Revenues are attributed to countries based on location of the shipper.
- (c) Long-lived assets include all long-term assets except goodwill, intangibles and deferred tax assets.

12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Capital Commitments

We estimate that expenditures aggregating approximately \$48 million will be required after December 31, 2007 to complete facilities and projects authorized at such date, and we have made substantial commitments in connection with these facilities and projects.

Lease Commitments

We have long-term leases for certain facilities, equipment and other assets. The minimum lease payments under non-cancelable leases with lease terms in excess of one year are:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	SUBSEQUENT YEARS
	----	----	----	----	----	-----
	(MILLIONS)					
Operating Leases.....	\$17	\$14	\$11	\$ 9	\$ 5	\$ 2
Capital Leases.....	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$--	\$--	\$--

Total rental expense for the year 2007, 2006, and 2005 was \$40 million, \$37 million and \$35 million respectively.

Litigation

We also from time to time are involved in legal proceedings, claims or investigations that are incidental to the conduct of our business. Some of these proceedings allege damages against us relating to environmental liabilities (including toxic tort, property damage and remediation), intellectual property matters (including patent, trademark and copyright infringement, and licensing disputes), personal injury claims (including injuries due to product failure, design or warnings issues, and other product liability related matters), taxes, employment matters, and commercial or contractual disputes, sometimes related to acquisitions or divestitures. We vigorously defend ourselves against all of these claims. In future periods, we could be subjected to cash costs or non-cash

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charges to earnings if any of these matters are resolved on unfavorable terms. However, although the ultimate outcome of any legal matter cannot be predicted with certainty, based on present information, including our assessment of the merits of the particular claim, we do not expect that these legal proceedings or claims will have any material adverse impact on our future consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In addition, we are subject to a number of lawsuits initiated by a significant number of claimants alleging health problems as a result of exposure to asbestos. A small percentage of claims have been asserted by railroad workers alleging exposure to asbestos products in railroad cars manufactured by The Pullman Company, one of our subsidiaries. Nearly all of the claims are related to alleged exposure to asbestos in our automotive emission control products. Only a small percentage of these claimants allege that they were automobile mechanics and a significant number appear to involve workers in other industries or otherwise do not include sufficient information to determine whether there is any basis for a claim against us. We believe, based on scientific and other evidence, it is unlikely that mechanics were exposed to asbestos by our former muffler products and that, in any event, they would not be at increased risk of asbestos-related disease based on their work with these products. Further, many of these cases involve numerous defendants, with the number

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of each in some cases exceeding 200 defendants from a variety of industries. Additionally, the plaintiffs either do not specify any, or specify the jurisdictional minimum, dollar amount for damages. As major asbestos manufacturers continue to go out of business or file for bankruptcy, we may experience an increased number of these claims. We vigorously defend ourselves against these claims as part of our ordinary course of business. In future periods, we could be subject to cash costs or non-cash charges to earnings if any of these matters are resolved unfavorably to us. To date, with respect to claims that have proceeded sufficiently through the judicial process, we have regularly achieved favorable resolution. Accordingly, we presently believe that these asbestos-related claims will not have a material adverse impact on our future financial condition or results of operations.

Product Warranties

We provide warranties on some of our products. The warranty terms vary but range from one year up to limited lifetime warranties on some of our premium aftermarket products. Provisions for estimated expenses related to product warranty are made at the time products are sold or when specific warranty issues are identified on OE products. These estimates are established using historical information about the nature, frequency and average cost of warranty claims. We actively study trends of warranty claims and take action to improve product quality and minimize warranty claims. We believe that the warranty reserve is appropriate; however, actual claims incurred could differ from the original estimates, requiring adjustments to the reserve. The reserve is included in both current and long-term liabilities on the balance sheet.

Below is a table that shows the activity in the warranty accrual accounts:

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	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	
	2007	2006
	(MILLIONS)	
Beginning Balance.....	\$ 25	\$ 22
Accruals related to product warranties.....	12	17
Reductions for payments made.....	(12)	(14)
	----	----
Ending Balance.....	\$ 25	\$ 25
	====	====

Environmental Matters

We are subject to a variety of environmental and pollution control laws and regulations in all jurisdictions in which we operate. We expense or capitalize, as appropriate, expenditures for ongoing compliance with environmental regulations that relate to current operations. We expense costs related to an existing condition caused by past operations and that do not contribute to current or future revenue generation. We record liabilities when environmental assessments indicate that remedial efforts are probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Estimates of the liability are based upon currently available facts, existing technology and presently enacted laws and regulations taking into consideration the likely effects of inflation and other societal and economic factors. We consider all available evidence including prior experience in remediation of contaminated sites, other companies' cleanup experiences and data released by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or other organizations. These estimated liabilities are subject to revision in future periods based on actual costs or new information. Where future cash flows are fixed or reliably determinable, we have discounted the liabilities. All other environmental liabilities are recorded at their undiscounted amounts. We evaluate recoveries separately from the liability and, when they are assured, recoveries are recorded and reported separately from the associated liability in our consolidated financial statements.

As of December 31, 2007, we are designated as a potentially responsible party in one Superfund site. Including the Superfund site, we may have the obligation to remediate current or former facilities, and we

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estimate our share of environmental remediation costs at these facilities to be approximately \$11 million. For the Superfund site and the current and former facilities, we have established reserves that we believe are adequate for these costs. Although we believe our estimates of remediation costs are reasonable and are based on the latest available information, the cleanup costs are estimates and are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the extent of remediation required. At some sites, we expect that other parties will contribute to the remediation costs. In addition, at the Superfund site, the

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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act provides that our liability could be joint and several, meaning that we could be required to pay in excess of our share of remediation costs. Our understanding of the financial strength of other potentially responsible parties at the Superfund site, and of other liable parties at our current and former facilities, has been considered, where appropriate, in our determination of our estimated liability.

We believe that any potential costs associated with our current status as a potentially responsible party in the Superfund site, or as a liable party at our current or former facilities, will not be material to our results of operations or consolidated financial position.

13. SUPPLEMENTAL GUARANTOR CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basis of Presentation

Subject to limited exceptions, all of our existing and future material domestic 100% owned subsidiaries (which are referred to as the Guarantor Subsidiaries) fully and unconditionally guarantee our senior subordinated notes due in 2014, our senior notes due in 2015 and our senior secured notes due 2013 on a joint and several basis. You should also read Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries, "Financial Instruments" for further discussion of the notes and related guarantee. We have not presented separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning each of the Guarantor Subsidiaries because management has determined that such information is not material to the holders of the notes. Therefore, the Guarantor Subsidiaries are combined in the presentation below.

These condensed consolidating financial statements are presented on the equity method. Under this method, our investments are recorded at cost and adjusted for our ownership share of a subsidiary's cumulative results of operations, capital contributions and distributions, and other equity changes. You should read the condensed consolidating financial information of the Guarantor Subsidiaries in connection with our consolidated financial statements and related notes of which this note is an integral part.

Distributions

There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Guarantor Subsidiaries to make distributions to us.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSO
(MILLIONS)				

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REVENUES

Net sales and operating
revenues --

External.....	\$2,827	\$3,357	\$ --	\$ --	\$6
Affiliated companies.....	95	895	--	(990)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	2,922	4,252	--	(990)	6
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
COSTS AND EXPENSES					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation shown below).....	2,619	3,582	(1)	(990)	5
Engineering, research, and development.....	55	59	--	--	--
Selling, general, and administrative.....	145	249	4	1	--
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	80	125	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	2,899	4,015	3	(989)	5
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)					
Loss on sale of receivables.....	--	(10)	--	--	--
Other income (expense).....	13	3	--	(10)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	13	(7)	--	(10)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE, INCOME TAXES, MINORITY INTEREST, AND EQUITY IN NET INCOME FROM AFFILIATED COMPANIES.....					
Interest expense --	36	230	(3)	(11)	--
External (net of interest capitalized).....	(2)	2	164	--	--
Affiliated companies (net of interest income).....	185	(16)	(169)	--	--
Income tax expense (benefit)..	(42)	78	57	(10)	--
Minority interest.....	--	10	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(105)	156	(55)	(1)	--
Equity in net income (loss) from affiliated companies...	135	--	50	(185)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NET INCOME (LOSS).....	\$ 30	\$ 156	\$ (5)	\$ (186)	\$
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSO
	(MILLIONS)				
REVENUES					
Net sales and operating revenues --					
External.....	\$1,892	\$2,790	\$ --	\$ --	\$4
Affiliated companies.....	88	483	--	(571)	--
	1,980	3,273	--	(571)	4
COSTS AND EXPENSES					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation shown below).....	1,614	2,793	--	(571)	3
Engineering, research, and development.....	45	43	--	--	--
Selling, general, and administrative.....	131	238	4	--	--
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	71	113	--	--	--
	1,861	3,187	4	(571)	4
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)					
Loss on sale of receivables.....	--	(9)	--	--	--
Other income (expense).....	--	6	(3)	1	--
	--	(3)	(3)	1	--
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE, INCOME TAXES, MINORITY INTEREST, AND EQUITY IN NET INCOME FROM AFFILIATED COMPANIES.....					
Interest expense --					
External (net of interest capitalized).....	(4)	3	137	--	--
Affiliated companies (net of interest income).....	165	(11)	(154)	--	--
Income tax expense (benefit).....	(33)	41	(4)	1	--
Minority interest.....	--	6	--	--	--
	(9)	44	14	--	--
Equity in net income (loss) from affiliated companies....	24	3	35	(62)	--
NET INCOME (LOSS).....	\$ 15	\$ 47	\$ 49	\$ (62)	\$

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STATEMENT OF INCOME (LOSS)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSO
	(MILLIONS)				
REVENUES					
Net sales and operating revenues --					
External.....	\$2,026	\$2,414	\$ --	\$ --	\$4
Affiliated companies.....	73	508	--	(581)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	2,099	2,922	--	(581)	4
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
COSTS AND EXPENSES					
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation shown below).....	1,697	2,462	--	(581)	3
Engineering, research, and development.....	41	42	--	--	--
Selling, general, and administrative.....	165	219	--	--	--
Depreciation and amortization of other intangibles.....	71	106	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	1,974	2,829	--	(581)	4
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)					
Loss on sale of receivables.....	--	(6)	--	--	--
Other income (expense).....	43	(30)	2	(10)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	43	(36)	2	(10)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE, INCOME TAXES, MINORITY INTEREST, AND EQUITY IN NET INCOME FROM AFFILIATED COMPANIES.....					
	168	57	2	(10)	--
Interest expense --					
External (net of interest capitalized).....	(2)	3	132	--	--
Affiliated companies (net of interest income).....	122	(8)	(114)	--	--
Income tax expense (benefit).....	(76)	26	69	7	--
Minority interest.....	--	2	--	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	124	34	(85)	(17)	--
Equity in net income (loss) from affiliated companies...	57	--	141	(198)	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NET INCOME (LOSS).....	\$ 181	\$ 34	\$ 56	\$ (215)	\$

TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CO
	(MILLIONS)				
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 6	\$ 182	\$ --	\$ --	
Receivables, net.....	385	1,090	148	(866)	
Inventories.....	198	341	--	--	
Deferred income taxes.....	53	0	3	(20)	
Prepayments and other.....	18	103	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
	660	1,716	151	(886)	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Other assets:					
Investment in affiliated companies.....	628	--	1,083	(1,711)	
Notes and advances receivable from affiliates.....	3,607	232	5,383	(9,222)	
Long-term notes receivable, net....	--	19	--	--	
Goodwill.....	136	72	--	--	
Intangibles, net.....	17	9	--	--	
Deferred income taxes.....	310	60	180	(180)	
Other.....	40	76	25	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
	4,738	468	6,671	(11,113)	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Plant, property, and equipment, at cost.....	994	1,984	--	--	
Less -- Accumulated depreciation and amortization.....	(658)	(1,135)	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
	336	849	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
	\$5,734	\$ 3,033	\$6,822	\$ (11,999)	
	=====	=====	=====	=====	

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
 Current liabilities:

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Short-term debt (including current maturities of long-term debt)				
Short-term debt -- non-affiliated.....	\$ --	\$ 44	\$ 2	\$ --
Short-term debt -- affiliated...	274	439	10	(723)
Trade payables.....	350	774	--	(137)
Accrued taxes.....	27	16	--	(2)
Other.....	118	169	21	(24)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	769	1,442	33	(886)
Long-term debt-non-affiliated.....	--	7	1,321	--
Long-term debt-affiliated.....	4,100	54	5,068	(9,222)
Deferred income taxes.....	213	81	--	(180)
Postretirement benefits and other liabilities.....	264	89	--	6
Commitments and contingencies				
Minority interest.....	--	31	--	--
Shareholders' equity.....	388	1,329	400	(1,717)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$5,734	\$ 3,033	\$6,822	\$ (11,999)
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

BALANCE SHEET

	DECEMBER 31, 2006				
	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CO
	(MILLIONS)				
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 57	\$ 146	\$ (1)	\$ --	
Receivables, net.....	333	828	23	(589)	
Inventories.....	138	303	--	--	
Deferred income taxes.....	34	12	7	(2)	
Prepayments and other.....	24	102	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
	586	1,391	29	(591)	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Other assets:					
Investment in affiliated companies.....	587	--	1,108	(1,695)	
Notes and advances receivable from					

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affiliates.....	3,442	215	5,012	(8,669)
Long-term notes receivable, net....	2	27	(3)	--
Goodwill.....	135	68	--	--
Intangibles, net.....	--	9	(1)	--
Deferred income taxes.....	327	67	200	(197)
Other.....	34	70	28	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	4,527	456	6,344	(10,561)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Plant, property, and equipment, at cost.....	949	1,694	--	--
Less -- Accumulated depreciation and amortization.....	(621)	(929)	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	328	765	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$5,441	\$2,612	\$6,373	\$(11,152)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Short-term debt (including current maturities of long-term debt)				
Short-term debt -- non-				
affiliated.....	\$ --	\$ 26	\$ 2	\$ --
Short-term debt -- affiliated...	211	281	10	(502)
Trade payables.....	248	618	(1)	(84)
Accrued taxes.....	16	33	1	(1)
Other.....	119	114	32	(4)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	594	1,072	44	(591)
Long-term debt-non-affiliated.....	--	10	1,347	--
Long-term debt-affiliated.....	3,872	49	4,748	(8,669)
Deferred income taxes.....	212	92	--	(197)
Postretirement benefits and other liabilities.....	311	111	8	7
Commitments and contingencies				
Minority interest.....	--	28	--	--
Shareholders' equity.....	452	1,250	226	(1,702)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	\$5,441	\$2,612	\$6,373	\$(11,152)
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSO
			(MILLIONS)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities.....	\$ 380	\$ 309	\$ (524)	\$	\$
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Net proceeds from the sale of assets...	1	9	--	--	
Cash payments for plant, property, and equipment.....	(59)	(118)	--	--	
Cash payments for software related intangible assets.....	(13)	(6)	--	--	
Cash payment for net assets purchased..	(16)	--	--	--	
Investments and other.....	--	(250)	250	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Net cash used by investing activities..	(87)	(365)	250	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Issuance of common shares.....	--	--	8	--	
Issuance of Subsidiary Equity.....	41	(41)	--	--	
Issuance of long-term debt.....	--	--	400	--	
Retirement of long-term debt.....	--	(3)	(588)	--	
Debt issuance cost of long-term debt...	--	--	(11)	--	
Net increase (decrease) in revolver borrowings and short-term debt excluding current maturities of long-term debt.....	--	16	167	--	
Intercompany dividends and net increase (decrease) in intercompany obligations.....	(384)	86	298	--	
Distribution to minority interest partners.....	--	(6)	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities.....	(343)	52	274	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.....	--	40	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	(50)	36	--	--	
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1...	56	146	--	--	
	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31 (Note).....	\$ 6	\$ 182	\$ --	\$--	\$
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

Note: Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase.

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSO
	(MILLIONS)				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities.....	\$ 242	\$ 249	\$ (288)	\$--	\$
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Net proceeds from the sale of assets.....	10	7	--	--	
Cash payment for plant, property, and equipment.....	(78)	(99)	--	--	
Cash payment for software related intangible assets.....	(6)	(7)	--	--	
Investments and other.....	--	1	--	--	
Net cash used by investing activities.....	(74)	(98)	--	--	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Issuance of common shares.....	--	--	17	--	
Retirement of long-term debt.....	--	(3)	(1)	--	
Net increase (decrease) in revolver borrowings and short-term debt excluding current maturities of long-term debt.....	--	3	--	--	
Intercompany dividends and net increase (decrease) in intercompany obligations.....	(142)	(129)	271	--	
Distribution to minority interest partners.....	--	(4)	--	--	
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities.....	(142)	(133)	287	--	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.....	--	18	--	--	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	26	36	(1)	--	
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1.....	31	110	--	--	
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31 (Note).....	\$ 57	\$ 146	\$ (1)	\$--	\$

 Note: Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase.

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005				
	GUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	NONGUARANTOR SUBSIDIARIES	TENNECO INC. (PARENT COMPANY)	RECLASS & ELIMS	CONSO
	(MILLIONS)				
OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities.....	\$ 202	\$ 159	\$ (238)	\$--	\$
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Net proceeds from the sale of assets.....	3	1	--	--	
Cash payments for plant, property, and equipment.....	(47)	(93)	--	--	
Cash payments for software related intangible assets.....	(6)	(8)	--	--	
Acquisition of business.....	--	(14)	--	--	
Investments and other.....	2	(2)	--	--	
Net cash used by investing activities.....	(48)	(116)	--	--	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Issuance of common shares.....	--	--	7	--	
Issuance of long-term debt.....	--	1	--	--	
Retirement of long-term debt.....	--	(3)	(42)	--	
Net increase (decrease) in revolver borrowings and short-term debt excluding current maturities of long-term debt.....	--	9	--	--	
Intercompany dividends and net increase (decrease) in intercompany obligations.....	(264)	(9)	273	--	
Distribution to minority interest partners.....	--	--	--	--	
Net cash provided (used) by					

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financing activities.....	(264)	(2)	238	--
	-----	-----	-----	---
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.....	--	(4)	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	---
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	(110)	37	--	--
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1.....	140	74	--	--
	-----	-----	-----	---
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31 (Note).....	\$ 30	\$ 111	\$ --	\$--
	=====	=====	=====	===

 Note: Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase.

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TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

14. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

QUARTER	NET SALES AND OPERATING REVENUES	COST OF SALES (EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION)	INCOME BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE, INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST	NET INCOME
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	(MILLIONS)			
2007				
1st.....	\$1,400	\$1,179	\$ 49	\$
2nd.....	1,663	1,377	103	
3rd.....	1,556	1,313	57	
4th.....	1,565	1,341	43	
	-----	-----	-----	---
	\$6,184	\$5,210	\$252	\$
	=====	=====	=====	===
The net loss of \$72 million in the fourth quarter of 2007 was primarily driven by \$66 million in cash tax expense to realign the European ownership structure, a net tax benefit of \$4 million for year income tax returns, a charge of \$14 million, after tax, for refinancing a portion of the company debt and after tax restructuring and restructuring related expenses of \$11 million.				
2006				
1st.....	\$1,131	\$ 921	\$ 41	\$
2nd.....	1,221	971	73	
3rd.....	1,121	925	43	
4th.....	1,209	1,019	39	

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\$4,682	\$3,836	\$196
=====	=====	=====

QUARTER -----	BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK -----	DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK -----
2007		
1st.....	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11
2nd.....	0.89	0.85
3rd.....	0.47	0.45
4th.....	(1.57)	(1.57)
Full Year.....	(0.11)	(0.11)
2006		
1st.....	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
2nd.....	0.55	0.51
3rd.....	0.16	0.16
4th.....	0.32	0.31
Full Year.....	1.11	1.05

Note: The sum of the quarters may not equal the total of the respective year's earnings per share on either a basic or diluted basis due to changes in the weighted average shares outstanding throughout the year.

(The preceding notes are an integral part of the foregoing consolidated financial statements.)

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SCHEDULE II

TENNECO INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

SCHEDULE II -- VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

DESCRIPTION -----	Column A -----	Column B	Column C		Column D	Column
		BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR -----	ADDITIONS			BALANC
			CHARGED TO COSTS AND EXPENSES -----	CHARGED TO OTHER ACCOUNTS -----	DEDUCTIONS -----	AT END OF YEA -----

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(Millions)

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts and Notes Deducted from Assets to Which it Applies:					
Year Ended December 31, 2007.....	\$23	\$3	\$2	\$3	\$25
	===	==	==	==	===
Year Ended December 31, 2006.....	\$26	\$4	\$1	\$8	\$23
	===	==	==	==	===
Year Ended December 31, 2005.....	\$26	\$5	\$1	\$6	\$26
	===	==	==	==	===

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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

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the year covered by this report. As described below under Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, we have identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)). Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as a result of this material weakness in accounting for income taxes, as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective. See Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for management's report on internal control over financial reporting and the report of our independent registered public accounting firm thereon.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Except as described in management's report on internal control over financial reporting under Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data", there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

None.

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PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

The sections entitled "Election of Directors" and "Corporate Governance" in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference. In addition, Item 4.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which appears at the end of Part I, is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of our Code of Ethical Conduct for Financial Managers, which applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Controller and other key financial managers, is filed as Exhibit 14 to this Form 10-K. We have posted a copy of the Code of Ethical Conduct for Financial Managers on our Internet website at www.tenneco.com. We will make a copy of this code available to any person, without charge, upon written request to Tenneco Inc., 500 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, Attn: General Counsel. We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K and applicable NYSE rules regarding amendments to or waivers of our Code of Ethical Conduct by posting this information on our Internet website at www.tenneco.com.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The section entitled "Executive Compensation" in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2008 is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The section entitled "Ownership of Common Stock" in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2008 is incorporated herein by reference.

SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table shows, as of December 31, 2007, information regarding outstanding awards available under our compensation plans (including individual compensation arrangements) under which our equity securities may be delivered:

PLAN CATEGORY	(A) NUMBER OF SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UPON EXERCISE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS (1)	(B) WEIGHTED- AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS	(C) NUMBER SECURITI AVAILABLE FUTURE ISSUANC (EXCLUDI SHARES COLUMN (A)
EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS APPROVED BY SECURITY HOLDERS:			
Stock Ownership Plan(2).....	774,114	\$ 6.01	
2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended) (3) (4).....	1,259,730	\$12.44	
2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan(5).....	541,814	\$26.82	1,884,2
EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS NOT APPROVED BY			

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SECURITY HOLDERS:

Supplemental Stock Ownership Plan(6).....	245,231	\$ 8.56
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- (1) Reflects the number of shares of the Company's common stock. Does not include 203,001 shares that may be issued in settlement of common stock equivalent units that were credited to outside directors as payment for their retainer and other fees. In general, these units are settled in cash. At the option of the Company, however, the units may be settled in shares of the Company's common stock.
- (2) This plan terminated as to new awards on December 31, 2001 (except awards pursuant to commitments outstanding at that date).

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- (3) This plan terminated as to new awards upon adoption of our 2006 Long-term Incentive Plan (except awards pursuant to commitments outstanding on that date).
- (4) Does not include 145,797 shares subject to outstanding restricted stock (vest over time) as of December 31, 2007 that were issued at a weighted-average issue price of \$19.24 per share.
- (5) Under this plan, as of December 31, 2007, a maximum of 463,236 shares remained available for delivery under full value awards (i.e., bonus stock, stock equivalent units, performance units, restricted stock and restricted stock units).
- (6) The plan described in the table above as not having been approved by security holders is the Tenneco Inc. Supplemental Stock Ownership Plan. This plan, which terminated on December 31, 2001 as to new awards (except awards pursuant to commitments outstanding at that date), originally covered the delivery of up to 1.5 million shares of common stock held in the Company's treasury. This plan was and continues to be administered by the Compensation/Nominating/Governance Committee. The Company's directors, officers and other employees were eligible to receive awards under this plan, although awards under the plan were limited to the Company's non-executive employees. Awards under the plan could take the form of non-statutory stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, stock equivalent units or performance units. All awards made under this plan were discretionary. The committee determined which eligible persons received awards and determined all terms and conditions (including form, amount and timing) of each award.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The subsections entitled "The Board of Directors and its Committees -- General" and "Transactions with Related Persons" under the section entitled "Corporate Governance" in our definitive Proxy Statement for the annual meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 6, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

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The sections entitled "Ratify Appointment of Independent Public Accountants -- Audit, Audit-Related, Tax and Other Fees" and "Ratify Appointment of Independent Public Accountants -- Pre-Approval Policy" in our definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 6, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

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PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN ITEM 8

See "Index to Financial Statements of Tenneco Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries" set forth in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" for a list of financial statements filed as part of this Report.

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SCHEDULES OMITTED AS NOT REQUIRED OR INAPPLICABLE

- Schedule I -- Condensed financial information of registrant
- Schedule III -- Real estate and accumulated depreciation
- Schedule IV -- Mortgage loans on real estate
- Schedule V -- Supplemental information concerning property -- casualty insurance operations

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EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are filed with this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007, or incorporated herein by reference (exhibits designated by an asterisk are filed with the report; all other exhibits are incorporated by reference):

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NUMBER -----	DESCRIPTION -----
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- 2 -- None
- 3.1(a) Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated December 11, 1996 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(a) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(b) -- Certificate of Amendment, dated December 11, 1996 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(c) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(c) -- Certificate of Ownership and Merger, dated July 8, 1997 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(d) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(d) -- Certificate of Designation of Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock dated September 9, 1998 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(d) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1998, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(e) -- Certificate of Elimination of the Series A Participating Junior Preferred Stock of the registrant dated September 11, 1998 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(e) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1998, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(f) -- Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated November 5, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(f) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(g) -- Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated November 5, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(g) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(h) -- Certificate of Ownership and Merger merging Tenneco Automotive Merger Sub Inc. with and into the registrant, dated November 5, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(h) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(i) -- Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated May 9, 2000 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 3.1(i) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.1(j) -- Certificate of Ownership and Merger merging Tenneco Inc. with and into the registrant, dated October 27, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 28, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.2 -- By-laws of the registrant, as amended July 10, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 10, 2006, File No. 1-12387).
- 3.3 -- Certificate of Incorporation of Tenneco Global Holdings Inc. ("Global"), as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
- 3.4 -- By-laws of Global (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
- 3.5 -- Certificate of Incorporation of TMC Texas Inc. ("TMC") (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.5 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).

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3.6 -- By-laws of TMC (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).

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3.7	-- Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Tenneco International Holding Corp. ("TIHC") (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.7 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.8	-- Amended and Restated By-laws of TIHC (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.8 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.9	-- Certificate of Incorporation of Clevite Industries Inc. ("Clevite"), as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.9 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.10	-- By-laws of Clevite (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.10 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.11	-- Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Pullman Company ("Pullman") (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.11 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.12	-- By-laws of Pullman (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.12 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.13	-- Certificate of Incorporation of Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc. ("Operating") (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.13 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
3.14	-- By-laws of Operating (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.14 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
4.1(a)	-- Rights Agreement dated as of September 8, 1998, by and between the registrant and First Chicago Trust Company of New York, as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 24, 1998, File No. 1-12387).
4.1(b)	-- Amendment No. 1 to Rights Agreement, dated March 14, 2000, by and between the registrant and First Chicago Trust Company of New York, as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.4(b) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
4.1(c)	-- Amendment No. 2 to Rights Agreement, dated February 5, 2001, by and between the registrant and First Union National Bank, as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.4(b) of the registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 3, dated February 26, 2001, to its Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated September 17, 1998).
4.1(d)	-- Amendment No. 3 to Rights Agreement, dated November 13, 2006, by and between the registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Rights Agent (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the

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- registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 13, 2006, File No. 1-12387.
- 4.2(a) -- Indenture, dated as of November 1, 1996, between the registrant and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.1 of the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-14003).
- 4.2(b) -- First Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 11, 1996 to Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 between the registrant and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.3(b) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.2(c) -- Third Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 11, 1996 to Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 between the registrant and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.3(d) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.2(d) -- Fourth Supplemental Indenture dated as of December 11, 1996 to Indenture dated as of November 1, 1996 between the registrant and The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.3(e) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.2(e) -- Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated October 21, 1999, to Indenture dated November 1, 1996 between The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee, and the registrant (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.2(1) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).

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4.3	-- Specimen stock certificate for Tenneco Inc. common stock (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.3 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, File No. 1-12387).
4.4(a)	-- Indenture dated October 14, 1999 by and between the registrant and The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.4(a) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
4.4(b)	-- Supplemental Indenture dated November 4, 1999 among Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc., Tenneco International Holding Corp., Tenneco Global Holdings Inc., the Pullman Company, Clevite Industries Inc. and TMC Texas Inc. in favor of The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.4(b) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
4.4(c)	-- Subsidiary Guarantee dated as of October 14, 1999 from Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc., Tenneco International Holding Corp., Tenneco Global Holdings Inc., the Pullman Company, Clevite Industries Inc. and TMC Texas Inc. in favor of The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4(c) to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
4.5(a)	-- Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 16, 2007, among Tenneco Inc., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as

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- administrative agent, and the other lenders party thereto (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 16, 2007).
- 4.5(b) -- Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of March 16, 2007 (amending and restating the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement dated as of November 4, 1999, as previously amended and amended and restated), among Tenneco Inc., various of its subsidiaries and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 16, 2007).
- *4.5(c) -- Waiver, dated July 23, 2007, to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as March 16, 2007, by and among the registrant, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the other lenders party thereto.
- *4.5(d) -- Second Amendment, dated November 26, 2007, to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as March 16, 2007, by and among the registrant, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the other lenders party thereto.
- 4.6(a) -- Indenture, dated as of June 19, 2003, among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.6(a) to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.6(b) -- Collateral Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2003, by the registrant and the subsidiary guarantors named therein in favor of Wachovia Bank, National Association (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.6(b) to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.6(c) -- Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2003, among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, and the initial purchasers named therein, for whom JPMorgan Securities Inc. acted as representative (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.6(c) to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.6(d) -- Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 12, 2003, among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.6(d) to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.6(e) -- Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of December 12, 2003, among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors named therein, and the initial purchasers named therein, for whom Banc of America Securities LLC acted as representative agent (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.5(a) to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.6(f) -- Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 28, 2005, among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors named therein and Wachovia Bank, National Association (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.6(f) to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).

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- 4.6(g) -- Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 14, 2007, by and among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated November 14, 2007).
- 4.7 -- Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2003, among JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Credit Agent, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee and Collateral Agent, and the registrant (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.7 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.8(a) -- Indenture, dated as of November 19, 2004, among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors named therein and The Bank of New York Trust Company (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 19, 2004, File No. 1-12387).
- 4.8(b) -- Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 28, 2005, among the registrant, the guarantors party thereto and the Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.3 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-123752).
- 4.8(c) -- Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of November 19, 2004, among the registrant, the guarantors party thereto and the initial purchasers party thereto (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-123752).
- 4.8(d) -- Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 27, 2005, among the registrant, the guarantors party thereto and the Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 4.8(d) to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
- *4.9(a) -- Indenture, dated as of November 19, 2007, by and among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as trustee.
- *4.9(b) -- Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 19, 2007, by and among the registrant, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and the initial purchasers party thereto.
- 9 -- None.
- 10.1 Distribution Agreement, dated November 1, 1996, by and among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., the registrant, and Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 2 of the registrant's Form 10, File No. 1-12387).
- 10.2 -- Amendment No. 1 to Distribution Agreement, dated as of December 11, 1996, by and among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., the registrant, and Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 10.3 -- Debt and Cash Allocation Agreement, dated December 11, 1996, by and among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., the registrant, and Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 10.4 -- Benefits Agreement, dated December 11, 1996, by and among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., the registrant, and Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.4 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 10.5 -- Insurance Agreement, dated December 11, 1996, by and among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., the registrant, and Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit

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- 10.5 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 10.6 -- Tax Sharing Agreement, dated December 11, 1996, by and among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., Newport News Shipbuilding Inc., the registrant, and El Paso Natural Gas Company (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.6 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- 10.7 -- First Amendment to Tax Sharing Agreement, dated as of December 11, 1996, among El Paso Tennessee Pipeline Co., the registrant, El Paso Natural Gas Company and Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.7 of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.8 -- Value Added 'TAVA' Incentive Compensation Plan, as in effect for periods through December 31, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.8 of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, File No. 1-12387).

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+10.9	-- Change of Control Severance Benefits Plan for Key Executives (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.13 of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
+10.10	-- Stock Ownership Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.10 of the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).
+10.11	-- Key Executive Pension Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.11 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
+10.12	-- Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.12 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
+10.13	-- Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.13 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
10.14	-- Human Resources Agreement by and between the registrant and Tenneco Packaging Inc. dated November 4, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 4, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
10.15	-- Tax Sharing Agreement by and between the registrant and Tenneco Packaging Inc. dated November 3, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 4, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
10.16	-- Amended and Restated Transition Services Agreement by and between the registrant and Tenneco Packaging Inc. dated as of November 4, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.21 of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999, File No. 1-12387).
10.17	-- Assumption Agreement among Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc., Tenneco International Holding Corp., Tenneco Global Holdings Inc., The Pullman Company, Clevite Industries Inc., TMC Texas Inc.,

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Salomon Smith Barney Inc. and the other Initial Purchasers listed in the Purchase Agreement dated as of November 4, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.24 of the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4, Reg. No. 333-93757).

- +10.18 -- Amendment No. 1 to Change in Control Severance Benefits Plan for Key Executives (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.23 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.19 -- Letter Agreement dated July 27, 2000 between the registrant and Mark P. Frissora (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.24 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.20 -- Omitted.
- +10.21 -- Letter Agreement dated July 27, 2000 between the registrant and Timothy R. Donovan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.28 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.22 -- Form of Indemnity Agreement entered into between the registrant and the following directors of the registrant: Paul Stecko, M. Kathryn Eickhoff and Dennis Severance (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.29 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.23 -- Letter Agreement dated July 27, 2000 between the registrant and Timothy E. Jackson (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.27 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000, File No. 1-12387)
- +10.24 -- Letter Agreement dated as of June 1, 2001 between the registrant and Hari Nair (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.28 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001. File No. 1-12387).
- +10.25 -- 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan (As Amended and Restated Effective March 11, 2003) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.26 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. File No. 1-12387).
- +10.26 -- Amendment No. 1 to Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.27 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.27 -- Supplemental Stock Ownership Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.28 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, File No. 1-12387).

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+10.28	-- Form of Stock Equivalent Unit Award Agreement under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
+10.29	-- Form of Stock Option Agreement for employees under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (providing for a ten year option term) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2005,

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- File No. 1-12387).
- +10.30 -- Form of Stock Option Agreement for non-employee directors under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (providing for a ten year option term) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.3 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.31 -- Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for employees under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (three year cliff vesting) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.4 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.32 -- Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for non-employee directors under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.5 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 13, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.33 -- Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for employees under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (vesting 1/3 annually) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 17, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.34 -- Form of Stock Option Agreement for employees under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (providing for a seven year option term) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 17, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.35 -- Form of Stock Option Agreement for non-employee directors under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (providing for a seven year option term) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.3 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 17, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.36 -- Form of Performance Share Agreement for non-employee directors under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.37 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, file No. 1-12387).
 - *+10.37 -- Summary of 2008 Outside Directors' Compensation.
 - *+10.38 -- Summary of 2008 Named Executive Officer Compensation.
 - +10.39 -- Amendment No. 1 to the Key Executive Pension Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.39 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.40 -- Amendment No. 1 to the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.40 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.41 -- Second Amendment to the Key Executive Pension Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.41 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.42 -- Amendment No. 2 to the Deferred Compensation Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.42 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.43 -- Supplemental Retirement Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.43 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.44 -- Mark P. Frissora Special Appendix under Supplemental Retirement Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.44 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
 - +10.45 -- Supplemental Pension Plan for Management (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.45 to the registrant's Quarterly Report

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on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).

- +10.46 -- Incentive Deferral Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.46 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005, File No. 1-12387).
- +10.47 -- Amended and Restated Value Added ("TAVA") Incentive Compensation Plan, effective January 1, 2006 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.47 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, file No. 1-12387).

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+10.48	-- Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for non-employee directors under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (providing for one year cliff vesting) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.48 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, file No. 1-12387).
+10.49	-- Form of Stock Equivalent Unit Award Agreement, as amended, under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.49 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, File No. 1-12387).
+10.50	-- Summary of Amendments to Deferred Compensation Plan and Incentive Deferral Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.50 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, File No. 1-12387).
+10.51	-- Tenneco Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 9, 2006).
+10.52	-- Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for non-employee directors under the Tenneco Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 9, 2006).
+10.53	-- Form of Stock Option Agreement for employees under the Tenneco Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 9, 2006).
+10.54	-- Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for employees under the Tenneco Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 9, 2006).
+10.55	-- Summary of Amendments to the Company's excess defined benefit plans, the terms of a new excess defined contribution plan and Amendments to certain executives' employment agreements (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.55 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, File No. 1-12387).
+10.56	-- Form of First Amendment to the Tenneco Inc. Supplemental Pension Plan for Management (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.56 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. File No. 1-12387).
+10.57	-- Form of First Amendment to the Tenneco Inc. Supplemental Retirement Plan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.57 to the

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registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. File No. 1-12387).

+10.58 -- Form of Stock Equivalent Unit Award Agreement, as amended, under the 2002 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of December 6, 2006, File No. 1-12387).

+10.59 -- Letter Agreement dated December 4, 2006 between the registrant and Timothy R. Donovan (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.59 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. File No. 1-12387).

+10.60 -- Letter Agreement dated January 5, 2007 between the registrant and Hari N. Nair (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.60 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. File No. 1-12387).

+10.61 -- Letter Agreement between Tenneco Inc. and Gregg Sherrill (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.2 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of January 5, 2007, File No. 1-12387).

+10.62 -- Letter Agreement between Tenneco Inc. and Gregg Sherrill, dated as of January 15, 2007 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of January 15, 2007, File No. 1-12387).

+10.63 -- Form of Restricted Stock Agreement between Tenneco Inc. and Gregg Sherrill (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.63 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, File No. 1-12387).

+10.64 -- Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Under the 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (stub period award for 2007) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.64 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007, File No. 1-12387).

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+10.65	-- Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Under the 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (three year award for 2007-2009 period) (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.65 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007, File No. 1-12387).
+10.66	-- Tenneco Inc. Change in Control Severance Benefit Plan for Key Executives, as Amended and Restated effective December 12, 2007 (incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated December 18, 2007).
+*10.67	-- Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Under the 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (stub period award for 2008).
+*10.68	-- Form of Long Term Performance Unit Award Under the 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (three-year award for periods commencing with 2008).
+*10.69	-- Letter Agreement dated January 5, 2007 between the registrant and Timothy E. Jackson.
11	-- None.
*12	-- Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.
13	-- None.
14	-- Tenneco Inc. Code of Ethical Conduct for Financial Managers

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(incorporated herein by reference from Exhibit 99.3 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002, File No. 1-12387).

16	--	None.
18	--	None.
*21	--	List of Subsidiaries of Tenneco Inc.
22	--	None.
*23	--	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
*24	--	Powers of Attorney.
*31.1	--	Certification of Gregg Sherrill under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*31.2	--	Certification of Kenneth R. Trammell under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
*32.1	--	Certification of Gregg Sherrill and Kenneth R. Trammell under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
33	--	None.
34	--	None.
35	--	None.
99	--	None.
100	--	None.

* Filed herewith.

+ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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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.

TENNECO INC.

By

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Gregg Sherrill
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 29, 2008

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 this report has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on February 29, 2008.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

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Chairman, President and Chief
Executive Officer and Director

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----- Gregg Sherrill	(principal executive officer)
/s/ KENNETH R. TRAMMELL	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)
----- Kenneth R. Trammell	
*	Vice President and Controller (principal accounting officer)
----- Paul D. Novas	
*	Director
----- Charles W. Cramb	
*	Director
----- Dennis J. Letham	
*	Director
----- Frank E. Macher	
*	Director
----- Roger B. Porter	
*	Director
----- David B. Price, Jr.	
*	Director
----- Paul T. Stecko	
*	Director
----- Mitsunobi Takeuchi	
*	Director
----- Jane L. Warner	
By: /s/ KENNETH R. TRAMMELL	
----- Kenneth R. Trammell Attorney in fact	

