#### FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO INC

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-K

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 29, 2007

OR

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

For the transition period from to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-362

#### FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana 35-0827455

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

or organization)
400 East Spring Street

Bluffton, Indiana 46714-3798 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(260) 824-2900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Common Stock, \$.10 par value

Preference Stock Purchase Rights

(Title of each class)

The NASDAQ Stock Market

The NASDAQ Stock Market

(Name of each exchange on which

registered)

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

None

(Title of each class)

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

YES x NO o

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

YES o NO x

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 x NO o

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.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer x

Accelerated Filer o

Non-Accelerated Filer o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

YES o

NO x

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant at June 30, 2007 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second quarter) was \$1,064,600,848. The stock price used in this computation was the last sales price on that date, as reported by The Nasdaq Stock Market. For purposes of this calculation, the registrant has included restricted shares held by executive officers and directors of the registrant, excepted from this calculation are the shares owned by the executive officers through the registrant's ESOP or 401K Plan. Determination of stock ownership by non-affiliates was made solely for the purpose of responding to this requirement and the registrant is not bound by this determination for any other purpose.

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at December 29, 2007: 23,091,325 shares

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

A portion of the Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 2, 2008 (Part III).

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#### PART I

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Franklin Electric Co., Inc. is an Indiana corporation founded in 1944 and incorporated in 1946 that, together with its subsidiaries, designs, manufactures and distributes groundwater and fuel pumping systems, composed primarily of submersible pumps and motors, electronic controls and related parts and equipment. The Company's business consists of two reporting segments based on the principal end market served: the Water Systems segment and the Fueling Systems segment. The Company includes unallocated corporate expenses in an "Other" segment that together with Water and Fueling represent the Company. Except where the context otherwise requires, "Franklin Electric" or the "Company", shall refer to Franklin Electric Co., Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

#### **Description of Business**

Franklin Electric is a global leader in the production and marketing of groundwater and fuel pumping systems and is a technical leader in submersible pumps and motors, drives, electronic controls, and monitoring devices. The Company is the world's largest manufacturer of Water and Fueling Systems submersible motors, a leading manufacturer of Water and Fueling Systems pumps, underground Fueling Systems hardware and flexible piping systems. The Water Systems segment designs, manufactures and sells motors, pumps, electronic controls and related parts and equipment primarily for use in submersible water and other fluid system applications. The Fueling Systems segment designs, manufactures and sells pumps, electronic controls and related parts and equipment primarily for use in submersible fueling system applications. The Fueling Systems segment integrates and sells motors and electronic controls produced by the Water Systems segment.

During 2007, the Company acquired two pump manufacturers. In the second quarter of 2007, the Company completed the acquisition of the stock of Pump Brands (Pty) Limited, Johannesburg, South Africa ("Pump Brands"). Pump Brands, through its wholly owned subsidiary Denorco (Pty) Limited, offers a broad range of pumping system products for the agricultural irrigation, residential, light commercial, industrial, and municipal markets. Locally-manufactured pumps are complemented by alliances with international partners. The company's brands, Jacuzzi, Normaflo, Mono, Orbit, Rotorflo, Super D and Tsunami, are sold throughout Africa. In the third quarter of 2007, the Company acquired the assets of the pump division of Monarch Industries Limited, Winnipeg, Canada ("Monarch"). The Monarch acquisition expands both the existing pump product lines and the distribution coverage in the North American market. Pro forma annual sales for each of the above acquisitions represented less than 10 percent of Franklin Electric's consolidated sales for 2007.

Franklin Electric's motors and pumps are used principally in submersible applications for pumping fresh water, wastewater, fuel, and other liquids in a variety of applications, including residential, industrial, agricultural, fueling, off-shore drilling, and mining. Franklin Electric also manufactures electronic drives and controls for the motors which control functionality and provide protection from various hazards, such as electric surges, over-heating, or dry wells and tanks. Along with the fueling motor and pump applications, the Company supplies a variety of products to the petroleum equipment industry included with the submersible pumping systems, such as flexible piping, vapor recovery systems and components, electronic tank monitoring equipment, and fittings.

The Company's products are sold in North America, Europe, the Middle East, South Africa, Australia, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, China, and other world markets. The Company's products are sold by its employee sales force and independent manufacturing representatives.

The Company changed its marketing strategy during 2004 and began selling certain Water Systems products directly to specialty Water Systems distributors, as well as original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of pumps. Beginning in

2007, the Company also significantly curtailed Water Systems product sales to integrated pump manufacturers. This change in marketing strategy has resulted in a broader customer base. The market for the Company's products is highly competitive and includes large and small accounts. The Company's Water Systems and Fueling Systems

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products and related equipment are sold to OEMs and specialty Water Systems distributors, as well as industrial equipment distributors, and major oil and utility companies.

In 2007, no single customer accounted for more than 10 percent of the Company's consolidated sales. ITT Industries, Inc. and its various subsidiaries and affiliates, accounted for 11 percent and 16 percent of the Company's consolidated sales in 2006 and 2005, respectively. Pentair Corporation and its various subsidiaries and affiliates, accounted for 12 percent and 14 percent of the Company's consolidated sales in 2006 and 2005, respectively.

The Company offers normal and customary trade terms to its customers, no significant part of which is of an extended nature. Special inventory requirements are not necessary, and customer merchandise return rights do not extend beyond normal warranty provisions.

The principal raw materials used in the manufacture of the Company's products are coil and bar steel, stainless steel, copper wire, and aluminum ingot. Major components are capacitors, motor protectors, forgings, gray iron castings and bearings. Most of these raw materials are available from multiple sources in the United States and world markets. In the opinion of management, no single source of supply is critical to the Company's business. Availability of fuel and energy is adequate to satisfy current and projected overall operations unless interrupted by government direction or allocation.

The Company employed approximately 3,200 persons at the end of 2007.

Segment and Geographic Information

The segment and geographic information set forth below under Note 17, "Segments and Geographic Information," to the consolidated financial statements is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Research and Development

The Company incurred expenses of approximately \$7.3 million in 2007, \$8.1 million in 2006, and \$5.6 million in 2005 on activities related to the development of new products, improvement of existing products and manufacturing methods, and other applied research and development.

In 2007, Water Systems continued developing new pump products (including jet, centrifugal and turbine pumps), extending current product offerings, and improving the functional performance of all products. Water Systems introduced new hydraulic technology (patent pending) which improved performance of residential jet pumps and was awarded a patent on previously introduced residential submersible pumps. Water Systems began production and sale of a new line of deep well submersible turbine pumps for irrigation and municipal water supply applications. Water Systems introduced new variable frequency motor drives featuring enhanced, remote communications capability designed to survive in harsh environments. A line of accessory control devices was introduced to add further functionality to the existing and new motor drives. Water Systems also completed the redesign and began production of a more robust, higher horsepower, higher thrust-rated 4 inch submersible motor line. Fueling Systems achieved California Air Resource Board approval of INCON TS-5 Series In Station Diagnostics products. Fueling Systems developed the 700 Series ORVR compatible Stage II vapor recovery nozzle and gained approval for that product family with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. It also developed the Horizontal Clean Air Separator to enhance the aesthetics of a station installed with Healy Stage II vapor recovery system and achieved California Air Resource Board approval. Fueling Systems further developed a new line of fiberglass Under Dispenser Containment sumps. Research continued on new materials and processes designed to achieve higher quality and more cost-effective construction of the Company's high volume products.

The Company owns a number of patents, trademarks and licenses. In aggregate, these patents are of material importance in the operation of the business; however, the Company believes that its operations are not dependent on any single patent or group of patents.

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#### Backlog

The dollar amount of backlog at the end of 2007 and 2006 was as follows:

(In millions)

The backlog is composed of written orders at prices adjustable on a price-at-the-time-of-shipment basis for products, primarily standard catalog items. All backlog orders are expected to be filled in fiscal 2008. The Company's sales in the first quarter are generally less than its sales in other quarters due to generally lower construction activity during that period in the northern hemisphere. Beyond that, there is no seasonal pattern to the backlog and the backlog has not proven to be a significant indicator of future sales.

#### **Environmental Matters**

The Company believes that it is in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws concerning the discharge of material into the environment, or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment. The Company has not experienced any material costs in connection with environmental compliance, and does not believe that such compliance will have any material adverse effect upon the financial position, capital expenditures, earnings, or competitive position of the Company.

#### **Available Information**

The Company's website address is http://www.fele.com. The Company makes available free of charge on or through its website: its annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Additionally, the Company's website also includes the Company's corporate governance guidelines, its Board committee charters, and the Company's code of ethics. Information contained on the Company's website is not part of this annual report on Form 10-K.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

The following describes the principal risks affecting the Company and its business. Additional risks and uncertainties, not presently known to the Company or currently deemed material, could negatively impact the Company's results of operations or financial condition in the future.

The Company must successfully implement its new marketing and operating strategies.

From 2004 through 2006, the Company implemented significant new marketing and operating strategies as follows:

- In 2004, the Company began selling its Water Systems products directly to wholesale specialty Water Systems distributors, as well as original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of pumps. Previously, the Company sold its Water Systems products primarily to pump OEMs (i.e., the Company was primarily a supplier of submersible motors and controls to the OEMs) who then re-sold the Water Systems products, usually combined with pumps and related products, to the wholesale specialty Water Systems distributors. As a result of this change, the Company became a competitor, as well as a supplier to many of the pump OEMs.
- Also in 2004, the Company purchased a pump manufacturer. The acquisition of certain assets of JBD, Inc. (formerly the Jacuzzi brand pump manufacturer) was completed in the third quarter of 2004.

- In 2006, the Company acquired Little Giant Pump Company, a manufacturer of sump, sewage, effluent, condensate and industrial submersible pumps, further expanding its pump product offerings and further increasing its competition with pump OEMs.

- Also in 2006, the Company announced a new general sales policy, effective January 1, 2007. The new general sales policy, effective for the Water Systems Industry in North America was to sell all of its products, including 2HP and smaller submersible electric motors and associated products, only on a direct basis to wholesale Water Systems distributors. Exceptions will be made only where the Company determines, on a case-by-case basis, that sales to a particular pump OEM will add significant customer value to the distribution of its products.
- As of the end of fiscal year 2004, approximately 42 percent of the Company's consolidated sales were attributable to two customers, both of which were pump OEMs. With the Company's changes in marketing and operating strategies, the Company reduced its dependency on the pump OEMs, which lowered the potential sales loss if one of these customers reduced its purchases from the Company. At the end of fiscal year 2006, these two pump OEM customers accounted for approximately 23 percent of the Company's consolidated sales. For the fiscal year 2007, no individual customer accounted for more than 10 percent of the Company's annual revenues.

The Company believes that these strategic changes will result in increased sales and earnings; however, actual results may vary.

The Company's acquisition strategy entails expense, integration risks, and other risks.

One of the Company's continued strategies is to increase revenues and expand market share through acquisitions that will provide complementary Water and Fueling Systems products. The Company will spend significant time and effort expanding existing businesses through identifying, pursuing, completing, and integrating acquisitions. Competition for acquisition candidates may limit the number of opportunities and may result in higher acquisition prices. There is uncertainty related to successfully acquiring and profitably managing additional companies and integrating additional companies without substantial costs, delays or other problems. There can also be no assurances that acquired companies will achieve revenues, profitability or cash flows that justify the investment in them. The Company believes that these strategic acquisitions will result in increased sales and earnings; however, actual results may vary.

The Company faces increased competition due to industry consolidation and new entrants into the Company's existing markets.

The Company is a global leader in the production and marketing of groundwater and fuel pumping systems. The industry in which the Company operates has experienced significant consolidation in recent years, primarily in the pump OEM companies but increasingly at the distributor level, as well as the addition of submersible motor manufacturing by pump OEMs. Some of the Company's competitors have substantially greater financial resources than the Company. The Company believes that consistency of product quality, timeliness of delivery, service, continued product innovation, as well as price, are the principal factors considered by customers in selecting suppliers. The Company further believes that successful implementation of the strategic initiatives, previously mentioned, will enhance its competitive position; however, actual results may vary.

Competitive pressures may lead to declines in sales or in the prices of submersible electric motor products.

Pump OEMs have acquired the ability to produce submersible electric motors and purchased significant quantities of the Company's submersible electric motors during 2006. Their ability to produce these motors and the excess inventory supply of motors as of the beginning of 2007 contributed to a decline in motor unit sales in 2007. The Company cannot provide assurance that these or other competitive pressures will not continue to have an adverse affect on profitability or performance, which could, in turn, have materially adverse effects on the results of operations and financial condition.

A decline in housing starts could lead to reduced demand for the Company's products, thereby reducing revenues and earnings.

Demand for certain Company products is affected by housing starts. Many economic and other factors outside the Company's control, including housing starts, could impact operating results. A decline in housing starts or general slowdown in the United States or other economies in the international markets the Company serves could reduce demand and adversely impact gross margins and operating results.

Increases in the prices of raw materials, components, finished goods and other commodities could adversely affect operations.

The Company purchases most of the raw materials for its products on the open market and relies on third parties for the sourcing of certain finished goods. Accordingly the cost of its products may be affected by changes in the market price of raw materials, sourced components, or finished goods. Natural gas and electricity prices have historically been volatile. The Company does not generally engage in commodity hedging for raw materials. Significant increases in the prices of commodities, sourced components, finished goods, or other commodities could cause product prices to increase, which may reduce demand for products or make the Company more susceptible to competition. Furthermore, in the event the Company is unable to pass along increases in operating costs to its customers, margins and profitability may be adversely affected.

The Company is exposed to political, economic and other risks that arise from operating a multinational business.

The Company has significant operations outside the United States, including Europe, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico and China. Further, the Company obtains raw materials and finished goods from foreign suppliers. Accordingly, the Company's business is subject to political, economic, and other risks that are inherent in operating a multinational business. These risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Difficulty in enforcing agreements and collecting receivables through foreign legal systems
  - Trade protection measures and import or export licensing requirements
    - Imposition of tariffs, exchange controls or other restrictions
- Difficulty in staffing and managing widespread operations and the application of foreign labor regulations
  - Compliance with foreign laws and regulations
  - Changes in general economic and political conditions in countries where the Company operates

Business success depends in part on the ability to anticipate and effectively manage these risks. The Company cannot assure that these and other factors will not have a material adverse impact on its international operations or on the business as a whole.

Delays in introducing new products or the inability to achieve or maintain market acceptance with existing or new products may cause the Company's revenues to decrease.

The industries to which the Company belongs are characterized by intense competition, changes in end-user requirements, and evolving product offerings and introductions. The Company believes future success will depend, in part, on the ability to anticipate and adapt to these factors and offer on a timely basis, products that meet customer demands. Failure to develop new and innovative products or to enhance existing products could result in the loss of existing customers to competitors or the inability to attract new business, either of which may adversely affect the Company's revenues. The Company believes that the successful introduction of new products will enhance its competitive position; however, actual results may vary.

The growth of municipal water systems and increased government restrictions on groundwater pumping could reduce demand for private water wells and the Company's products, thereby reducing revenues and earnings.

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Demand for certain Company products is affected by rural communities shifting from private and individual water well systems to city or municipal water systems. Many economic and other factors outside the Company's control, including Federal and State regulations on water quality, tax credits and incentives, could impact the demand for private and individual water wells. A decline in private and individual water well systems in the United States or other economies in the international markets the Company serves could reduce demand for the Company's products and adversely impact sales, gross margins and operating results.

Demand for fueling systems products is impacted by environmental legislation which may cause significant increases in product demand and may be followed by significantly reduced demand after meeting compliance requirements.

Environmental legislation related to air quality and fueling containment may create demand for certain fueling systems products which must be supplied in a relatively short time frame to meet the governmental mandate. During this period of increased demand the Company's revenues and profitability could increase significantly. The Company is at risk of not having capacity to meet demand or cost overruns due to inefficiencies during ramp up to the higher production levels. After the Company's customers have met the compliance requirements, the Company's revenues and profitability may decrease significantly as the demand for certain products declines substantially. The Company is at risk of not reducing production costs in relation to the decreased demand as well as reduced revenues adversely impacting gross margins and operating results.

The Company has significant investments in foreign entities and has significant sales and purchases in foreign denominated currencies creating exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The Company has significant investments outside the United States, including Europe, South Africa, Brazil, Mexico and China. Further, the Company has sales and purchases raw materials and finished goods in foreign denominated currencies. Accordingly, the Company has exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates relative to the US dollar. Foreign currency exchange rate risk is reduced through several means: maintenance of local production facilities in the markets served, invoicing of customers in the same currency as the source of the products, prompt settlement of inter-company balances utilizing a global netting system and limited use of foreign currency denominated debt. The Company cannot assure that foreign currency rate fluctuations will not have a material adverse impact on its international operations or on the business as a whole.

#### Additional Risks to the Company

The Company is subject to various risks in the normal course of business. Exhibit 99.1 sets forth a list of risks, including those identified above, that may adversely affect the Company and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

The Company maintains its principal executive offices in Bluffton, Indiana. Manufacturing plants or primary distribution centers are located in the following countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, The Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Botswana, South Africa, and the United States. Within the United States, manufacturing facilities are located in Grant County, Indiana; Little Rock, Arkansas; Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Wilburton, Oklahoma; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Madison, Wisconsin; and Saco, Maine. The Company also maintains warehouse facilities in Bluffton, Indiana; Orange, California; Sanford, Florida; and Bolton, Ontario, Canada.

In the Company's opinion, its facilities are suitable for their intended use, adequate for the Company's business needs, and in good condition.

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#### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The information set forth below under Note 18, "Contingencies and Commitments," to the consolidated financial statements is incorporate herein by reference.

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

None.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The names, ages, and all positions and offices held by the executive officers of the Company as of December 29, 2007 are:

Name	Age Positions and Offices	In This Office Since
R. Scott	59 Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer	2003
Trumbull		
Peter C. Maske	57 Senior Vice President and President of Europa	1999
Gregg C.	49 Senior Vice President and President International &	2005
Sengstack	Fueling Group	
Robert J. Stone	43 Senior Vice President and President Western Hemisphere Water Systems	2007
Thomas J.	54 Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and	2005
Strupp		
	President Water Transfer Systems	
Daniel J. Crose	59 Vice President and Director of North American Operations	2003
Gary D. Ward	52 Vice President and Director of Human Resources	2004
Delancey W.	42 Vice President and Director of Sales Western Hemisphere	2007
Davis	Water Systems	

All executive officers are elected annually by the Board of Directors at the Board meeting held in conjunction with the annual meeting of shareowners. All executive officers hold office until their successors are duly elected or until their death, resignation, or removal by the Board. All executive officers have been in executive or management positions of Franklin Electric for the last five years with the exception of R. Scott Trumbull, Thomas J. Strupp, and Delancey W. Davis.

R. Scott Trumbull has been a Director of Franklin for the last seven years and was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Owens-Illinois, Inc. prior to joining Franklin Electric as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in 2003.

Thomas J. Strupp was Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Pentair Water Group, Inc. prior to joining Franklin Electric in 2005. Previously, he held other executive positions in finance and general management with Sta-Rite Industries, Inc.

Delancey W. Davis was Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Flexcon Industries prior to joining Franklin Electric in 2005. Previously, he was a practicing attorney with the Washington D.C. office of Holland & Knight, LLP and for over five years represented the water systems industry as a lobbyist for the Water Systems Council.

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#### **PART II**

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

The number of shareowners of record as of January 15, 2008 was 1,036. The Company's stock is traded on Nasdaq National Market: Symbol FELE.

Dividends paid and the price range per common share as quoted by the Nasdaq National Market for 2007 and 2006 were as follows:

DIVIDENDS PER SHARE				PRICE PER SHARE							
		2007 2006		2007			20				
					Low		High	Low		High	
1st Quarter	\$	.11	\$	.10	\$ 44.68	\$	52.08 \$	38.70	\$	55.72	
2nd Quarter	\$	.12	\$	.11	\$ 41.87	\$	49.90 \$	46.37	\$	62.95	
3rd Quarter	\$	.12	\$	.11	\$ 40.00	\$	52.55 \$	45.70	\$	54.19	
4th Quarter	\$	.12	\$	.11	\$ 36.07	\$	47.60 \$	49.50	\$	57.35	

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities:

The Company did not purchase, under the Company's stock repurchase program, any shares of its common stock during the three months ended December 29, 2007.

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#### ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements. The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of future operations.

#### FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY (a)

	2007 (b)	2006 (c)	2005 (d)	2004 (e)	2003
Operations:	(0)	(C)	(u)	(0)	
Net sales	\$ 602,025	\$ 557,948	\$ 403,413	\$ 370,070	\$ 325,529
Gross profit	172,820	191,557	142,821	126,191	106,670
Interest expense	8,147	3,373	766	488	1,107
Income tax expense	15,434	30,671	24,953	21,126	16,950
Income from continuing operations	28,683	56,762	45,796	38,368	34,649
Depreciation and amortization	20,359	17,989	14,971	15,143	13,748
Capital expenditures	28,281	23,190	17,845	21,110	15,261
Balance sheet:					
Working capital (f)	\$ 218,830	\$ 123,833	\$ 138,998	\$ 111,697	\$ 82,640
Property, plant and equipment, net	134,931	115,976	95,732	95,924	83,916
Total assets	662,237	526,925	379,762	333,473	281,971
Long-term debt	151,287	51,043	12,324	13,752	14,960
Shareowners' equity	378,544	345,831	267,562	234,333	192,938
Other data:					
Income from continuing operations, to					
sales	4.8%	10.2%	11.4%	10.4%	10.6%
Income from continuing operations, to					
average total assets	4.8%	12.5%	12.8%	12.5%	12.8%
Current ratio (g)	3.4	2.3	3.2	3.1	2.8
Number of common shares outstanding	23,091	23,009	22,485	22,041	21,828
Per share:					
Market price range					
High	\$ 52.55	\$ 62.95	\$ 45.29	\$ 43.48	\$ 32.80
Low	36.07	38.70	34.54	29.01	23.00
Income, from continuing operations, per					
weighted-average common share	1.24	2.49	2.06	1.75	1.60
Income, from continuing operations, per					
weighted-average common share,					
assuming dilution	1.22	2.43	1.97	1.67	1.53
Book value (h)	16.12	14.84	11.54	10.17	8.53
Dividends per common share	0.47	0.43	0.38	0.31	0.27

(a) The five year financial presentation excludes the sales and earnings of the Engineered Motor Products Division (EMPD) which was sold during the fourth quarter of 2006, for 2003 to 2006.

- (b) Includes the results of operations of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Pump Brands and the pump division of Monarch Industries, since their acquisition in the second and third quarters of 2007, respectively.
- (c) Includes the results of operations of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, Little Giant Pump Company and Healy Systems, Inc., since their acquisition in the second and third quarters of 2006, respectively.
- (d) Includes the results of operations of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Phil-Tite Enterprises, and the effect of an equity investment in Pioneer Pump, Inc., both acquired in the third quarter of 2005.
- (e) Includes the results of operations of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Franklin Pump Systems, since the acquisition of certain assets of JBD, Inc. in the third quarter of 2004.
- (f) Working capital = Current assets minus Current liabilities
- (g) Current ratio = Current assets divided by Current liabilities
- (h) Book value = Shareowners equity divided by weighted average common shares, assuming full dilution

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

2007 // 2006

#### **OVERVIEW**

Sales for 2007 were up from 2006. The increase in sales was primarily related to sales from acquisitions. Sales growth was further benefited by significant organic growth in Water Systems pump unit shipments and international sales of Water Systems products, as well as organic growth in Fueling Systems product shipments, primarily vapor recovery systems. Earnings declined in 2007 primarily due to the decreased sales of submersible motor units in the United States and Canada. The Company's margins were also impacted by higher commodity costs, increased fixed costs incurred in connection with manufacturing, engineering, selling, general and administrative spending resulting from the Company's strategy of selling to a more diversified customer base by marketing its Water Systems products direct to distributors as well as price discounting in the submersible motor and pump industry within the United States and Canada. The Company also incurred significant restructuring costs related to the current phase of its Global Manufacturing Realignment program which also decreased operating income.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Net Sales

					2007 v			
(In millions)	2007		2006		2006			
	Net sales to external customers							
Water Systems	\$ 466.8	\$	465.6	\$	1.2			
Fueling Systems	\$ 135.2	\$	92.3	\$	42.9			
Other	-		-		-			
Consolidated	\$ 602.0	\$	557.9	\$	44.1			

Net sales for fiscal year 2007 were \$602.0 million, an increase of \$44.1 million or 8 percent compared to 2006 sales of \$557.9 million. Excluding acquisition related sales and changes in foreign exchange rates, net sales decreased about 8 percent. Incremental sales related to acquisitions for fiscal year 2007 were about \$79 million or 14 percent of prior year sales. Acquisition sales growth was attributable to the full year impact on 2007 of the Little Giant Pump Company and Healy Systems acquisitions from 2006, as well as the 2007 acquisitions of Pump Brands and the pump division of Monarch. The Company also realized organic growth in Fueling Systems sales and in all submersible Water Systems sales in regions outside the United States and Canada.

#### Net Sales-Water Systems

Water Systems sales worldwide were \$466.8 million, up \$1.2 million for fiscal year 2007 compared to 2006. Excluding acquisition related sales and changes in foreign exchange rates, net sales decreased about 15 percent. The decrease was primarily attributable to a significant decline in unit sales of 4 inch submersible motors in the United States and Canada. Partially offsetting the decline was a significant increase in pump product unit sales in the United States and Canada, as well as increases across all submersible product sales outside of the region.

#### Net Sales-Fueling Systems

Fueling Systems sales worldwide were \$135.2 million an increase of approximately 47 percent in 2007 from fiscal year 2006. Fueling Systems sales growth benefited from both organic sales growth, primarily related to vapor recovery systems and electronic fuel management systems, as well as acquisition related sales. Excluding acquisition

related sales and changes in foreign exchange rates, net sales increased about 29 percent.

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#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales as a percent of net sales for 2007 and 2006 was 71.3 percent and 65.7 percent, respectively. Cost of sales as a percent of net sales increased in 2007 from 2006 primarily as a result of product mix changes as Fueling Systems products and complete Water Systems pumps (including Little Giant product lines) represented a higher percentage of overall sales and these product lines carry a higher cost of sales than submersible motor products. Fixed costs increased as a percentage of sales for Water Systems sales in the United States as shipments declined faster than related costs. Other less significant increases in cost of sales during 2007 were freight, warranty and obsolescence expenses.

#### Restructuring expenses

During 2007, the Company continued to execute its Global Manufacturing Realignment program. The current phase includes the recent expansion of small submersible motor manufacturing in Linares, Mexico; the construction and start-up of a new pump manufacturing plant in Linares; the consolidation of Fueling Systems operations into the recently enlarged Madison, Wisconsin plant; and the streamlining of motor manufacturing operations in Siloam Springs, Arkansas and Wittlich, Germany. The Company has also announced the phased relocation of the Little Rock, Arkansas Water Systems pump manufacturing to the new pump plant in Linares, Mexico. Restructuring expenses for 2007 were approximately \$3.9 million (pre-tax) and reduced diluted earnings per share by approximately \$0.11 per share for year ending December 2007. Full year 2007 restructuring expenses include severance and other employee expenses as well as manufacturing equipment relocation costs.

#### Selling, General and Administrative ("SG&A")

SG&A expense as a percent of net sales for 2007 and 2006 was 19.9 percent and 18.4 percent, respectively. The increase in SG&A was about \$17.3 million in 2007 over 2006 primarily due to acquisitions. The increase due to acquisitions was \$13.2 million. Other increases in SG&A costs were incurred in connection with selling, general and administrative spending resulting from the Company's strategy of selling to a more diversified customer base by marketing its Water Systems products directly to distributors and increased variable commissions on stronger Fueling Systems sales.

#### Operating Income

					2007 v
(In millions)	2	007	2006		2006
		Opera	ting income (	loss	)
Water Systems	\$	56.7	\$ 104.4	\$	(47.7)
Fueling Systems	\$	24.6	\$ 15.0	\$	9.6
Other	\$	(32.1)	\$ (30.3)	\$	(1.8)
Consolidated	\$	49.2	\$ 89.1	\$	(39.9)

#### Operating Income-Water Systems

Water Systems operating income decreased primarily as a result of lower unit sales of 4" submersible motors to major OEMs in the US and Canada. In addition, other factors affecting the decrease in operating income for the Water Systems segments were product mix changes, about \$5.5 million primarily from declining motor shipments as a percentage of Water Systems sales, higher freight costs of \$4.5 million, slow moving and obsolescence expense of \$1.4 million related to change over and implementing new product designs and warranty costs of \$0.8 million. Partially offsetting the decline in operating income were earnings from acquisitions and increased Water Systems product sales and related earnings from regions outside of the US and Canada.

#### Operating Income-Fueling Systems

Fueling Systems operating income improved primarily as a result of sales volume increases. Fueling Systems margins improved by 90 basis points due to the product mix benefit of the sales growth and as sales increases grew at a greater rate than fixed manufacturing costs.

#### Operating Income-Other

Other operating income is composed primarily of unallocated general and administrative expenses. General and administrative expense increases were primarily due to increased expenses associated with acquisitions.

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#### Interest expense

Interest expense for 2007 and 2006 was \$8.1 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Interest expense increased in 2007 due to the debt incurred for acquisitions and increased working capital requirements.

#### Other income or expense

Included in other income for 2007 and 2006 was interest income of \$2.2 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, primarily derived from the investment of cash balances in short-term U.S. treasury and agency securities. Also, included in other income for 2007 and 2006 was income from equity investments of \$0.9 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

#### Foreign exchange

Foreign currency-based transactions produced a gain for 2007 of about \$0.1 million primarily due to rate changes of the euro, the Canadian dollar and the South African Rand relative to the U.S. dollar. Foreign currency-based transactions produced a loss for 2006 of \$0.1 million primarily due to euro rate changes relative to other currencies in Europe and the U.S. dollar.

#### Income taxes

The provision for income taxes from continuing operations in 2007 and 2006 was \$15.4 million and \$30.7 million, respectively. The effective tax rates were 35.0 and 35.1 percent for 2007 and 2006, respectively. The effective tax rate differs from the United States statutory rate of 35 percent, generally due to foreign income exclusion and R&D credits and due to the effects of state and foreign income taxes, net of federal tax benefits.

#### Income from continuing operations

Income from continuing operations for 2007 was \$28.7 million, or \$1.22 per diluted share, compared to 2006 income from continuing operations of \$56.8 million or \$2.43 per diluted share.

#### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Net cash flows provided by operating activities were \$4.2 million and \$55.4 million in 2007 and 2006, respectively. The primary source of cash from operations was earnings. The operating cash flows used in 2007 were primarily related to increases in inventory and receivables. The increase in inventory, about \$29.1 million, was primarily in finished goods due to weaker than normal Water Systems product demand in the United States and Canada. Production levels were adjusted down during the second half of 2007 in response to the lower demand. The increase in receivables, about \$6.0 million, was due to timing of customer payments, and a more diversified customer base and change in sales terms. The operating cash flow generated for the same period in 2006 was primarily related to net income of \$57.0 million. In 2006, accounts receivable, a use of cash, increased approximately \$5.4 million primarily due to sales growth, while inventories, also a use of cash, increased about \$11.0 million, primarily in finished goods.

Net cash flows used in investing activities were \$63.2 million and \$131.6 million in 2007 and 2006, respectively. In 2007, the Company paid an aggregate of \$37.0 million for acquisitions, net of cash acquired. The acquisitions consisted of Pump Brands and the pump division of Monarch. In 2006, the Company paid an aggregate of \$159.2 million for acquisitions, net of cash acquired. The acquisitions consisted of Little Giant Pump Company for \$123.9 million and Healy Systems for \$35.3 million. Uses of cash in 2007 and 2006 were also for the purchase of property, plant and equipment, \$28.3 million and \$23.2 million, respectively. Cash proceeds from net investments in securities during 2006 was \$36.0 million.

Cash flows from financing activities were \$87.0 million and \$54.8 million in 2007 and 2006, respectively, primarily from long-term debt. The Company paid \$10.8 million and \$9.8 million in dividends on the Company's common stock

in 2007 and 2006, respectively. In 2007, another principal use of cash was purchases of Company common stock under the Company's repurchase program. During 2007, the Company repurchased 187,600 shares of its common stock for \$8.1 million.

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Cash at the end of 2007 was \$65.3 million compared to \$34.0 million at the end of 2006. Working capital increased \$95.0 million in 2007 and the current ratio of the Company was 3.4 for 2007 compared to a current ratio of 2.3 at the end of 2006. The Company's working capital and current ratio increased in 2007 as the Company's increased borrowings were temporarily invested in cash and used to fund increased inventory on hand during the year.

On December 14, 2006, the Company entered into an amended and restated unsecured, 60-month, \$120.0 million revolving credit agreement (the "Agreement"). The Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Agreement at December 29, 2007 and \$50.0 million at December 30, 2006.

The Company amended and restated an uncommitted shelf agreement with Prudential Capital in the amount of \$175.0 million in the second quarter of 2007. Under the shelf agreement the Company issued notes for \$110.0 million on April 30, 2007 and \$40.0 million on September 7, 2007 at a fixed rate of 5.79 percent with a 10-year average life, which includes financial covenants similar to the Company's other borrowing agreements. Proceeds of the facility were used to pay down short term variable rate borrowings and will be used to fund future acquisitions and Company stock purchases.

The Company also has certain overdraft facilities at its foreign subsidiaries, of which none were outstanding at December 29, 2007 and December 30, 2006.

The Company is subject to certain financial covenants with respect to borrowings, interest coverage, working capital, loans or advances, and investments. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants at all times during 2007 and 2006. On February 26, 2008 the company entered into amendments to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and the Second Amended and Restated Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement changing the financial covenant of consolidated debt divided by consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (the "Leverage Ratio") limit under both agreements from a maximum of three times to a maximum of three and one-half times effective with the company's first fiscal quarter of 2008 through the company's first fiscal quarter of 2009. Starting with the company's second fiscal quarter of 2009 and for each quarter thereafter the Leverage Ratio will be a maximum of three times.

At December 29, 2007, the Company had approximately \$1.6 million of commitments primarily for the purchase of machinery and equipment, and building expansions. Management believes that internally generated funds and existing credit arrangements provide sufficient liquidity to meet these current commitments and existing debt, and finance business growth.

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#### **OVERVIEW**

Sales and earnings from continuing operations for 2006 were up from 2005. The increase in sales was primarily related to sales from acquisitions. Sales growth benefited from selling price realization gains and organic growth in Water Systems motor and pump unit shipments as well as organic growth in Fueling Systems product shipments, primarily flexible pipe. Earnings improved in 2006 primarily due to the increased sales as well as reduced manufacturing costs from the Company's growing production base in Mexico, The Czech Republic, and China. These improvements were partially offset by higher commodity costs and increased fixed costs incurred in connection with selling, general and administrative spending resulting from the Company's strategy of selling to a more diversified customer base by marketing its Water Systems products directly to distributors. Included in the results for 2006 are stock-based compensation expenses recorded under the new accounting guidelines of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123(R). The accounting pronouncement was adopted as of January 1, 2006.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the Company divested its Engineered Motor Products Division (EMPD). For financial statement purposes, EMPD was classified as a discontinued operation for all periods presented. As a discontinued operation, EMPD's sales and operational impact were excluded from the Company's continuing operations results and reported in the income statement section as "discontinued operations". EMPD's sales for 2006 through the date of divestiture and for full years 2005 and 2004 represented less than 10 percent of the Company's total sales. EMPD's net earnings for 2006 through the date of divestiture and for full year 2005 were about \$0.01 per share in both years. EMPD had a net loss for full year 2004 of about \$0.02 per share. Unless otherwise indicated, the following discussion relates to continuing operations only.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Net Sales

						2006 v	
(In millions)		2006		2005		2005	
	Net sales to externa						
Water Systems	\$	465.6	\$	340.2	\$	125.4	
Fueling Systems	\$	92.3	\$	63.2	\$	29.1	
Other							
Consolidated	\$	557.9	\$	403.4	\$	154.5	

Net sales for fiscal year 2006 were a record \$557.9 million, an increase of \$154.5 million or 38 percent compared to 2005 sales of \$403.4 million. Incremental sales related to acquisitions for fiscal year 2006 were about \$86 million or 21 percent of prior year sales. The majority of the sales growth from acquisitions resulted from the Little Giant Pump Company. Sales growth benefited from price realization gains and organic growth in Water Systems motor and pumps. Sales increased by gains in price realization of approximately \$20.6 million or 5 percent in 2006 resulting from increases in product selling prices, changes in customer sales discount programs and greater direct sales to distribution customers.

#### Net Sales-Water Systems

Water Systems product sales worldwide were \$465.6 million, up about 37 percent for fiscal year 2006 compared to 2005. Sales revenue increased in all of Water Systems major product categories during the year (including submersible motors, pumps, and drives and controls).

#### **Net Sales-Fueling Systems**

Fueling Systems worldwide sales were \$92.3 million an increase of approximately 46 percent in 2006 from fiscal year 2005.

#### Cost of Sales

Cost of sales as a percent of net sales for 2006 and 2005 was 65.7 percent and 64.6 percent, respectively. Cost of sales as a percent of net sales increased in 2006 from 2005 primarily as a result of product mix changes as Fueling Systems products and complete Water Systems pumps (including Little Giant product lines) represented a higher percentage of overall sales and these product lines carry a higher cost of sales than submersible motor products.

#### Selling, General and Administrative ("SG&A")

SG&A expense as a percent of net sales for 2006 and 2005 was 18.4 percent and 17.6 percent, respectively. Incremental increases in SG&A expense were about \$31.7 million in 2006 over 2005 primarily due to acquisitions

\$15.5 million, stock-based compensation expense \$2.7 million, and increased fixed costs incurred in connection with selling, general and administrative spending resulting from the Company's strategy of selling to a more diversified customer base by marketing its Water Systems products directly to distributors.

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#### Operating Income

					2006 v	
(In millions)		2006	2	2005	2005	
	Operating income (loss)					
Water systems	\$	104.4	\$	87.0 \$	17.4	
Fueling systems	\$	15.0	\$	7.3 \$	7.7	
Other	\$	(30.3)	\$	(24.2) \$	(6.1)	
Consolidated	\$	89.1	\$	70.1 \$	19.0	

Operating income for 2006 was \$89.1 million, an increase of about 27 percent from 2005. Operating income improved primarily due to sales volume increases. These improvements were partially offset by higher commodity costs and increased fixed costs incurred in connection with selling, general and administrative spending resulting from the Company's strategy of selling to a more diversified customer base by marketing its Water Systems products directly to distributors. Included in the results for 2006 are stock-based compensation expenses recorded under the new accounting guidelines of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123(R). The accounting pronouncement was adopted as of January 1, 2006.

#### **Operating Income-Water Systems**

Water Systems operating income improved primarily as a result of sales volume increases.

#### Operating Income-Fueling Systems

Fueling Systems operating income improved primarily as a result of sales volume increases.

#### Operating Income-Other

Other operating income is composed primarily of unallocated general and administrative expenses. General and administrative expense increases were primarily due to stock-based compensation expense \$2.7 million as well as increased expenses associated with acquisitions and support for a more diversified customer base.

#### Interest expense

Interest expense for 2006 and 2005 was \$3.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. Interest expense increased in 2006 due to the debt incurred for the acquisitions of the Little Giant Pump Company and Healy Systems.

#### Other income or expense

Included in other income for 2006 and 2005 was interest income of \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, primarily derived from the investment of cash balances in short-term U.S. treasury and agency securities. Also, included in other income for 2006 and 2005 was income from equity investments of \$0.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

#### Foreign exchange

Foreign currency-based transactions produced a loss for 2006 of about \$0.1 million primarily due to euro rate changes relative to other currencies in Europe and the U.S. dollar. Foreign currency-based transactions produced a gain for 2005 of \$0.2 million primarily due to fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the Chinese Yuan and Mexican Peso.

#### Income taxes

The provision for income taxes from continuing operations in 2006 and 2005 was \$30.7 million and \$25.0 million, respectively. The effective tax rates were 35.1 and 35.3 percent for 2006 and 2005, respectively. The effective tax rate differs from the United States statutory rate of 35 percent, generally due to foreign income exclusion and R&D credits and due to the effects of state and foreign income taxes, net of federal tax benefits.

Income from continuing operations

Income from continuing operations for 2006 was \$56.8 million, or \$2.43 per diluted share, compared to 2005 income from continuing operations of \$45.8 million or \$1.97 per diluted share.

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#### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Cash flows from operations provide the principal source of current liquidity. Net cash flows provided by operating activities were \$55.4 million and \$74.2 million in 2006 and 2005, respectively. The primary source of cash from operations was earnings. Significant uses of operating cash flow in 2006 and 2005 were increases in inventory, \$11.0 million and \$10.6 million, respectively. Inventories increased significantly in 2006 and 2005 as the Company increased finished goods availability for pump products and distribution customers as a part of its new distribution channel strategy. Accounts receivable and accounts payable and other accrued expenses were significant sources of operating cash flow in 2005. Accounts receivable increases were primarily attributable to the timing of payments received from customers and increased sales during 2005. Accounts payable increases were primarily attributable to the timing of payments made to vendors and increased inventories during 2005.

Net cash flows used in investing activities were \$131.6 million and \$63.5 million in 2006 and 2005, respectively. In 2006, the Company paid an aggregate of \$159.2 million for acquisitions in 2006, net of cash acquired. The acquisitions consisted of Little Giant Pump Company for \$123.9 million and Healy Systems for \$35.3 million. In 2005, the Company paid \$36.0 million for short-term investment securities, net of short-term investment securities sold. The Company paid an aggregate of \$8.5 million for acquisitions in 2005, net of cash acquired. The acquisitions consisted of \$5.6 million for Phil-Tite and \$2.9 million for an equity investment in Pioneer.

Cash flows from financing activities in 2006 were \$54.8 million primarily from long-term debt. Net cash flows used in financing activities were \$9.0 million in 2005. The Company paid \$9.8 million and \$8.5 million in dividends on the Company's common stock in 2006 and 2005, respectively. In 2005, another principal use of cash was purchases of Company common stock under the Company's repurchase program. During 2005, the Company repurchased 366,308 shares of its common stock for \$13.8 million.

Cash at the end of 2006 was \$34.0 million compared to \$52.1 million in cash and equivalents at the end of 2005. Working capital decreased \$15.2 million in 2006 and the current ratio of the Company was 2.3 for 2006 compared to a current ratio of 3.2 at the end of 2005. The Company's working capital and current ratio decreased in 2006 as the Company invested its excess cash in acquisitions during the year.

Principal payments of \$1.0 million per year on the Company's \$20.0 million of unsecured long-term debt began in 1998 and will continue until 2008 when a balloon payment of \$10.0 million will fully retire the debt. In September 2004, the Company entered into an unsecured, 60-month \$80.0 million, amended and restated to \$120.0 million during December 2006, revolving credit agreement (the "Agreement"). The Agreement includes a facility fee of one-tenth of one percent on the committed amount. The Company had outstanding borrowings under the Agreement of \$50 million at December 30, 2006. The Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Agreement at December 31, 2005. The Company is subject to certain financial covenants with respect to borrowings, interest coverage, working capital, loans or advances, and investments. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants at all times in 2006 and 2005.

At December 30, 2006, the Company had \$5.9 million of commitments primarily for the purchase of machinery and equipment, and building expansions. Management believes that internally generated funds and existing credit arrangements provide sufficient liquidity to meet these current commitments and existing debt, and finance business growth.

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AGGREGATE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Most of the Company's contractual obligations to third parties are debt obligations. In addition, the Company has certain contractual obligations for future lease payments, contingency payments, as well as, purchase obligations. The payment schedule for these contractual obligations is as follows:

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(In millions)		Ι	Less than					M	Iore than
	Total		1 Year	1	-3 Years	3-	5 Years		5 Years
Debt	\$ 160.8	\$	10.0	\$	0.0	\$	0.0	\$	150.8
Debt interest	101.9		9.8		17.4		17.4		57.3
Capital leases	0.9		0.4		0.5		0.0		0.0
Operating leases	22.9		7.2		7.1		2.4		6.2
Contingency from Healy acquisition	1.9		1.9		-		-		-
Purchase obligations	1.6		1.6		-		-		-
	\$ 290.0	\$	30.9	\$	25.0	\$	19.8	\$	214.3

Debt interest includes interest on the balance outstanding under the Company's fixed-to-variable interest rate swap. Per the swap contract, the Company receives interest at a fixed rate of 6.3 percent and pays interest at a variable rate based on the three month London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR) rate plus a spread. The average variable rate paid in 2007 was 7.9 percent. Debt interest also includes interest under the Company's current credit agreement. The average interest rate for 2007 was 5.6 percent based on the LIBOR plus an interest spread. The remaining interest calculated was based on the fixed rate of 6.31 percent for the Company's short-term insurance company debt and 5.79 for the Company's long-term insurance company debt.

The Healy Systems stock purchase agreement provided for additional contingent payments of 5 percent of certain Healy Systems product sales over the next five years from the year of acquisition.

The Company has pension and other post-retirement benefit obligations not included in the table above which will result in future payments. The Company also has unrecognized tax benefits related to FASB Interpretation 48 obligations, none of which are included in the table above. The unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$2.0 million have been recorded as liabilities in accordance with FASB Interpretation 48, and we are uncertain as to if or when such amounts may be settled. Related to the unrecognized tax benefits, the Company has also recorded a liability for potential penalties and interest of \$0.2 million.

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#### ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 clarifies the definition of exchange price as the price between market participants in an orderly transaction to sell an asset or transfer a liability in the market in which the reporting entity would transact for the asset or liability, that is, the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The changes to current practice resulting from the application of this statement relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years for financial assets and liabilities such as derivatives measured at fair value under SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an irrevocable election to measure hybrid financial instruments at fair value under SFAS No. 155 Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments, servicing assets and liabilities measured at fair value under SFAS No. 156, Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets, etc. SFAS No. 157 has been deferred until fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008 for nonfinancial assets and liabilities such as asset retirement obligations measured at fair value at initial recognition under SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, long-lived asset groups measured at fair value under SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, liabilities for exit or disposal activities measured at fair value under SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated With Exit or Disposal Activities, etc. The Company is in the process of determining the impact of adopting this new accounting principle on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities." SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, with early adoption permitted provided the entity also elects to apply the provisions of SFAS No. 157. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 159 on its financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations—a replacement of FASB No. 141. SFAS No. 141(R) requires (a) a company to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non-controlling interest in the acquiree at fair value as of the acquisition date; and (b) an acquirer in pre-acquisition periods to expense all acquisition-related costs. SFAS No. 141(R) also requires that any adjustments to an acquired entity's deferred tax asset, valuation allowance, cash contingency, or deferred tax liability balance that occur after the measurement period be recorded as a component of income tax expense. This accounting treatment is required for business combinations consummated before the effective date of SFAS No. 141(R) (non-prospective), otherwise SFAS No. 141(R) must be applied prospectively. The presentation and disclosure requirements must be applied retrospectively to provide comparability in the financial statements. Early adoption is prohibited. SFAS No. 141(R) is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company is in the process of determining the impact of adopting this new accounting principle on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, Non-controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements—an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin ("ARB") No. 51. SFAS No. 160 (a) amends ARB 51 to establish accounting and reporting standards for the non-controlling interest in a subsidiary and the deconsolidation of a subsidiary; (b) changes the way the consolidated income statement is presented; (c) establishes a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation; (d) requires that a parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated; and (e) requires

expanded disclosures in the consolidated financial statements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent's owners and the interests of the non-controlling owners of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 must be applied prospectively to the presentation and disclosure requirements must be applied retrospectively to provide comparability in the financial statements. Early adoption is prohibited. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. The Company is in the process of determining the impact of adopting this new accounting principle on its consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

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#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Management's discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, management evaluates its estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, allowance for doubtful accounts, accounts receivable, inventories, recoverability of long-lived assets, business combinations, intangible assets, income taxes, warranty obligations, stock-based compensation, pension and other employee benefit plan obligations, and contingencies. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

The Company's critical accounting policies are identified below:

#### Revenue Recognition:

Products are shipped utilizing common carriers direct to customers or, for consignment products, to customer-specified warehouse locations. Sales are recognized when the Company's products are shipped direct or, in the case of consignment products, transferred from the customer-specified warehouse location to the customer, at which time transfer of ownership and risk of loss pass to the customer. The Company records net sales revenues after discounts at the time of sale based on specific discount programs in effect, historical data, and experience.

#### Warranty Obligations:

Warranty terms are generally two years from date of manufacture or one year from date of installation. The Company also offers an extended warranty program to certain Water Systems customers, which provides warranty coverage for up to five years from the date of manufacture. Warranty liability is recorded when revenue is recognized and is based on actual historical return rates from the most recent warranty periods. Warranty expense has historically approximated 1.3 percent of net sales. While the Company's warranty costs have historically been within its calculated estimates, it is possible that future warranty costs could exceed those estimates.

#### Stock-Based Compensation:

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), using the modified prospective transition method. Under that transition method, compensation expense recognized includes: (a) compensation expense for all stock-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123; and (b) compensation expense for all stock-based payments granted on or after January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R).

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with a single approach and amortized using a straight-line attribution method over the option's vesting period. Options granted to retirement eligible employees are immediately expensed. The Company uses historical data to estimate the expected volatility of its stock; the weighted average expected life, the period of time options granted are expected to be outstanding; and its dividend yield. The risk-free rates for periods within the contractual life of the option are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant.

The assumptions used for the Black-Scholes model to determine the fair value of options granted during 2007 is as follows:

Risk-free interest rate	4.74 - 4.78%
Dividend yield	.6567%
Weighted-average dividend yield	.653%
Volatility factor	.35293701
Weighted-average volatility	.3554
Expected term	5.3-6.2 years
Forfeiture rate	4.18%

#### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

Accounts receivable is comprised of balances due from customers net of estimated allowances for uncollectible accounts. In determining allowances, historical trends are evaluated and economic conditions and specific customer issues are reviewed to arrive at appropriate allowances. Allowance levels change as customer-specific circumstances and the other analysis areas noted above change. Differences may result in the amount for allowances if actual experience differs significantly from management estimates; such differences have not historically been material.

## **Inventory Valuation:**

The Company uses certain estimates and judgments to value inventory. Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost or market. The Company reviews its inventories for excess or obsolete products or components. Based on an analysis of historical usage and management's evaluation of estimated future demand, market conditions and alternative uses for possible excess or obsolete parts, carrying values are adjusted. For all inventory, our carrying value is reduced regularly to reflect the age and current anticipated demand for our products. If actual demand differs from our estimates, additional reductions to our inventory carrying value would be necessary in the period such determination is made. The Company's reserve for excess or obsolete products or components as of year end 2007 was \$11.4 million. Excess and obsolete inventory is periodically disposed through sale to third parties, scrapping or other means, and the reserves are appropriately reduced. Differences may result in the amount for carrying value and reserves if actual experience differs significantly from management estimates; such differences have not historically been material.

#### Long-lived Assets:

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Determining whether an impairment has occurred typically requires various estimates and assumptions, including determining which cash flows are directly related to the potentially impaired asset, the useful life over which cash flows will occur, their amount and the asset's residual value, if any. In turn, measurement of an impairment loss requires a determination of fair value, which is based on the best information available given the Company's historical experience and internal business plans.

#### **Business Combinations:**

The Company follows the guidance under SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations." The acquisition purchase price is allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their respective fair values and subject to change during the twelve month period subsequent to the acquisition date. The Company utilizes management estimates and independent third-party valuation firms to assist in determining the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Such estimates and valuations require the Company to make significant assumptions, including projections of future events and operating performance.

#### Goodwill:

The Company follows the guidance under SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, to record goodwill. Goodwill is not amortized; however it is tested for impairment annually or more frequently whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired. In assessing the recoverability of goodwill (i.e., impairment testing), the Company must make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of the respective assets. Such cash flows consider factors such as expected future operating income and historical trends, as well as the effects of demand and competition. If the Company's assumptions and estimates change whereby fair value of the reporting units is below their associated carrying values,

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the Company may be required to record an impairment. To the extent impairment has occurred, the loss is measured as the excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit including goodwill over the fair value. Goodwill included on the balance sheet as of year end 2007 was \$140.0 million. During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company completed its annual impairment test of goodwill and determined there was no impairment. A 10 percent decrease in the fair value estimates used in the fourth quarter 2007 impairment test would not have changed this determination. Such estimates require the use of judgment and numerous subjective assumptions, which, if actual experience varies, could result in material differences in the requirements for impairment charges.

#### **Income Taxes:**

Under the requirements of SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", the Company records deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company operates in multiple tax jurisdictions with different tax rates, and determines the allocation of income to each of these jurisdictions based upon various estimates and assumptions. In the normal course of business the Company will undergo tax audits by various tax jurisdictions. Such audits often require an extended period of time to complete and may result in income tax adjustments if changes to the allocation are required between jurisdictions with different tax rates. Although the Company has recorded all probable income tax contingencies in accordance with SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies" and SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," these accruals represent estimates that are subject to the inherent uncertainties associated with the tax audit process, and therefore include contingencies. Management judgment is required in determining the Company's provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities, which, if actual experience varies, could result in material adjustments to deferred tax assets and liabilities. The Company's operations involves dealing with uncertainties and judgments in the application of complex tax regulations in multiple jurisdictions. The final taxes paid are dependent upon many factors, including negotiations with taxing authorities in various jurisdictions and resolution of disputes arising from federal, state, and international tax audits.

#### **Uncertainty in Income Taxes:**

The Company recognizes potential liabilities and records tax liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues in the U.S. and other tax jurisdictions based on its estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due. As of January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," ("FIN 48"), an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," guidance to record tax liabilities. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting and reporting for uncertainties in the application of the income tax laws to the Company's operations. The interpretation prescribes a comprehensive model for the financial statement recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in income tax returns.

## Pension and Employee Benefit Obligations:

With the assistance of the Company's actuaries, the discount rate used to determine pension and post-retirement plan liabilities is selected using a yield-curve approach. The yield-curve approach discounts each expected cash flow of the liability stream at an interest rate based on high quality corporate bonds. The present value of the discounted cash flows is summed and an equivalent weighted-average discount rate is calculated. A change in the discount rate selected by the Company of 25 basis points would result in a change of about \$0.1 million of employee benefit expense. The Company consults with actuaries, asset allocation consultants and investment advisors to determine the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets based on historical and projected rates of return on the types of assets in which the plans have invested. A change in the long-term rate of return selected by the Company of 25 basis points would result in a change of about \$0.3 million of employee benefit expense.

## Contingencies:

The Company is subject to the possibility of various loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business resulting from litigation, claims and other commitments, and from a variety of environmental and pollution control laws and regulations. The Company considers the likelihood of loss or the incurrence of a liability, as well as the ability to reasonably estimate the amount of loss, in determining loss contingencies. The Company accrues an estimated loss contingency when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. The amount of the reserves is determined, if any, with the assistance of outside legal counsel

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or other governmental regulatory agencies. The Company regularly evaluates current information available to determine whether the accruals should be adjusted.

## FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

Any forward-looking statements contained herein involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, general economic and currency conditions, various conditions specific to the Company's business and industry, new housing starts, weather conditions, market demand, competitive factors, changes in distribution channels, supply constraints, technology factors, litigation, government and regulatory actions, the Company's accounting policies, future trends, and other risks, all as described in Item 1A and Exhibit 99.1 of this Form 10-K. These risks and uncertainties may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statements included in this Form 10-K are based upon information presently available. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking information.

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

The Company is subject to market risk associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. Foreign currency exchange rate risk is mitigated through several means: maintenance of local production facilities in the markets served, invoicing of customers in the same currency as the source of the products, prompt settlement of inter-company balances utilizing a global netting system and limited use of foreign currency denominated debt.

The results of operations are exposed to changes in interest rates primarily with respect to borrowings under the Company's revolving credit agreement (credit facility), where interest rates are tied to the prime rate or LIBOR. The average interest rate associated with borrowings against the credit facility paid by the Company in 2007 and 2006 was 5.6 percent and 5.5 percent, respectively. As of December 29, 2007, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Agreement and \$50.0 million outstanding under the credit facility at December 30, 2006. The Company does not, as a matter of policy, enter into derivative contracts for speculative purposes. The interest rate swap agreement entered into by the Company on September 24, 2003, had a notional amount of \$10.0 million under which the Company receives a fixed rate of interest of 6.3 percent and pays interest at a variable rate based on a three month LIBOR rate plus a spread. The average rate associated with the swap agreement paid by the Company in 2007 was 7.9 percent. The fixed-to-variable interest rate swap is accounted for as a fair value hedge, per SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", with effectiveness assessed based on changes in the fair value of the underlying debt using incremental borrowing rates currently available on loans with similar terms and maturities. The effective gain or loss on the interest rate swap and that of the underlying debt are equal and offsetting resulting in no net effect to earnings. Based on the Company's variable rate debt at December 29, 2007, a hypothetical 1.0 percent increase in interest rates would result in an annual increase in interest expense of approximately \$0.1 million.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)		2007		2006		2005
Net sales	\$	602,025	\$	557,948	\$	403,413
Cost of sales		429,205		366,391		260,592
Gross profit		172,820		191,557		142,821
Selling, general and administrative expenses		119,748		102,478		70,799
Restructuring expenses		3,898		-		1,920
Operating income		49,174		89,079		70,102
Interest expense		(8,147)		(3,373)		(766)
Other income		3,010		1,791		1,200
Foreign exchange income (loss)		80		(64)		213
Income before income taxes		44,117		87,433		70,749
Income taxes		15,434		30,671		24,953
Income from continuing operations		28,683		56,762		45,796
Discontinued operations		-		381		344
Income taxes		-		145		131
Income from discontinued operations		-		236		213
Net income	\$	28,683	\$	56,998	\$	46,009
Income per share:						
Basic continuing operations	\$	1.24	\$	2.49	\$	2.06
Basic discontinued operations	Ψ	1,27	Ψ	0.01	Ψ	0.01
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Diluted continuing operations	\$	1.22	\$	2.43	<b>Þ</b>	1.97
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	\$	1.22	\$	2.44	\$	1.98
Dividends per common share	\$	.47	\$	.43	\$	.38

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

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ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 65,252	\$ 33,956
Receivables, less allowances of		
\$2,594 and \$2,786, respectively	64,972	52,679
Inventories:		
Raw material	57,958	39,195
Work-in-process	17,128	14,414
Finished goods	99,974	76,661
LIFO reserve	(18,914)	(18,707)
	156,146	111,563
Deferred income taxes	17,127	14,914
Other current assets	5,982	4,678
Total current assets	309,479	217,790
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Property, plant and equipment, at cost	64.250	56 252
Land and buildings	64,350	56,352
Machinery and equipment Furniture & Fixtures	161,280	141,110
	12,595	13,275
Other	16,909	14,734
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Less allowance for depreciation	(120,203)	(109,495)
	134,931	115,976
Intangible assets	66,925	45,257
Goodwill	140,034	133,527
Other assets (including		
deferred income taxes of \$0		
and \$1,269, respectively)	10,868	14,375
Total assets	\$ 662,237	\$ 526,925

LIABILITIES AND SHAREOWNERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 27,986	\$ 30,832
Accrued expenses	46,085	40,166
Income taxes	6,180	11,649
Current maturities of long-term		
debt and short-term borrowings	10,398	11,310
Total current liabilities	90,649	93,957
Long-term debt	151,287	51,043
Deferred income taxes	11,686	4,597
Employee benefit plan obligations	24,713	25,969
Other long-term liabilities	5,358	5,528
Shareowners' equity:		
Common stock (65,000 shares authorized, \$.10 par value)		
outstanding (23,091 and 23,009, respectively)	2,309	2,301
Additional capital	105,428	94,356
Retained earnings	246,324	236,780
Loan to ESOP Trust	_	(200)
Accumulated other comprehensive gain	24,483	12,594
Total shareowners' equity	378,544	345,831
Total liabilities and shareowners' equity	\$ 662,237	\$ 526,925
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See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FRANKLIN ELECTRIC CO., INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

(In thousands)

2007 2006 2005

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net income \$ 28,683 \$ 56,998