## 3,100,000 SHARES

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AUDIOVOX(TM)

CLASS A COMMON STOCK

This is a public offering of shares of Class A common stock of Audiovox Corporation. We are offering 2,000,000 shares and our selling stockholders are offering $1,100,000$ shares. We will not receive any of the proceeds of shares sold by the selling stockholders

Our Class A common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "VOXX." Until January 13, 2000, our Class A common stock was traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "VOX." On February 3, 2000, the last reported sale price of our Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market was $\$ 45.5625$ per share.

OUR BUSINESS INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT RISKS. THESE RISKS ARE DESCRIBED UNDER THE CAPTION "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 5.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES
COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED
IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

|  | PER SHARE | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Public offering price. | \$45.00 | \$90, 000, 000 |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions | \$ 2.36 | \$ 4,720,000 |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to Audiovox. | \$42.64 | \$85, 280, 000 |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling stockholders. | \$42.64 | \$46,904,000 |

The underwriters may also purchase from us and the selling stockholders up to an additional 465,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions, to cover over-allotments. The underwriters can exercise this right at any time within thirty days after the offering

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares in New York, New York on February 9, 2000.

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This page depicts the Audiovox Communications Corp. logo and 5 photos with captions.

Photo 1 is a $3 / 4$ view photo of the new wireless headquarters building. Below the photo is the caption "ACC Headquarters Building" and the following sentences: In late 1998, ACC moved into a state-of-the-art 70,000 square foot building in Hauppauge, NY. This location is the headquarters for our wireless business and the east coast shipping point for our wireless products. All sales and engineering functions as well as customer service, repair and fulfillment are housed here.

Photo 2 is a simple product shot of the CDM $4000 \times$. Below the photo is the caption "CDM 4000XL-Dual Mode" and the following sentences: The CDM 4000XL is the second generation CDMA phone from ACC. It is a dual mode, CDMA/AMPS and features a lithium ion battery, the latest MSM3000 chipset, enhanced phone book with 99 Alpha and 198 Numeric Memory, Caller ID with name, and text and voice mail notification.

Photo 3 is a simple product shot of the CDM 4500. Below the photo is the caption "CDM 4500-Dual Mode" and the following sentences: The CDM 4500 is a dual mode phone, CDMA/AMPS and features voice recognition, vibrating alert option, data capabilities and our first web browser.

Photo 4 is a $3 / 4$ product shot of the CDM 3300 "clamshell" in the open position. Below the photo is the caption "CDM 3300-Clamshell Platform" and the following sentences: The CDM-3300 is part of our "wearable" line of products, which includes the PCX-3500 and PCX-3500XL. Weighing only 4.4 ounces and fitting comfortably in the palm of your hand, $C D M-3300$ has a large, 4-line display, full size keypad, vibrating alert option and long-lasting lithium ion battery.

Photo 5 is a product shot of the CDM 9000 Tri-Mode. Below the photo is the caption "CDM 9000-Tri-Mode" and the following sentences: The CDM 9000 is a tri-mode handset operating on 800 AMPS/800 CDMA/1900CDMA to allow for seamless nationwide coverage. The handset features voice recognition, vibrating alert option, data capabilities, $a$ web browser and the state-of-the-art MSM3100 chipset.
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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy shares of Class A common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Information on our web site or in our promotional literature is not incorporated into this document.

## TECHNICAL TERMS

The following is a summary description of some of the technologies in the wireless industry that we refer to in this prospectus:
o AMPS--Advanced Mobile Phone Service. The analog wireless standard
o CDMA--Code Division Multiple Access. A spread spectrum digital technology that allows a large number of users to share a radio frequency by identifying each transmission with a unique code.
o GSM--Global System for Mobile Communications. A digital wireless or personal communications services (PCS) network standard used around the world.
o N-AMPS--Narrow band Advanced Mobile Phone Service. N-Amps combines wireless voice processing with digital signaling, increasing the capacity of AMPS systems and improving the ability to include additional functions such as voice mail and caller ID.
o PCS--Personal Communications Services. A two-way, 1900 MHz digital voice, messaging and data service designed as the second generation of wireless.
o TDMA--Time Division Multiple Access. A digital technology that allows a large number of users to share a radio frequency by allocating unique time slots.
o Tri-mode--Combines analog and digital technologies at different frequencies.

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section $21 E$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Words such as "may," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "plan," "intend," "project," "anticipate," "continues," "could," "potential," "predict" and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events, activities or developments. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in or implied by these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements relating to, among other things:
o growth trends in the wireless, automotive and consumer electronics businesses
o technological and market developments in the wireless, automotive and consumer electronics businesses
o our liquidity
o availability of key employees
o expansion into international markets
o the availability of new wireless and consumer electronic products
These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks,
uncertainties and assumptions about our company, including the risks described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 6 and including, among other things:
o our ability to keep pace with technological advances
o significant competition in the wireless, automotive and consumer electronics businesses
o quality and consumer acceptance of newly introduced products
o our relationships with key suppliers
o our relationships with key customers
o possible increases in warranty expense
o the loss of key employees
o foreign currency risks
o political instability
o changes in U.S. federal, state and local and foreign laws
o changes in regulations and tariffs
o seasonality and cyclicality
o inventory obsolescence and availability

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our common stock. We urge you to read this entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section and our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements. References to "Audiovox," "we" and "our" refer to Audiovox Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. Reference to fiscal years in this prospectus refer to the twelve months ended November 30 of that year. For example, "fiscal 1999" refers to the twelve months ended November 30, 1999. Unless otherwise stated, all information contained in this prospectus assumes no exercise of the over-allotment option granted to the underwriters.

## AUDIOVOX CORPORATION

We design and market a diverse line of products and provide related services throughout the world. These products and services include:
o handsets and accessories for wireless communications
o fulfillment services for wireless carriers
o automotive entertainment and security products
o automotive electronic accessories
o consumer electronics
We generally market our products under the well-recognized Audiovox brand name, which we have used for over 35 years. We were a pioneer in the wireless industry, selling our first vehicle-installed wireless telephone in 1984 as a natural expansion of our automotive aftermarket products business. Our extensive distribution network and our long-standing industry relationships have allowed us to benefit from growing market opportunities in the wireless industry and to exploit emerging niches in the consumer electronics business. During the third quarter of 1999, we became the third largest seller of wireless products and the second largest seller of CDMA handsets in the United States. CDMA is currently the fastest growing technology in the wireless industry.

We operate in two primary markets:
o Wireless communications. Our Wireless Group, which accounts for approximately $80 \%$ of our revenue, sells wireless handsets and accessories through Bell Operating Companies, domestic and international wireless carriers and their agents, independent distributors and retailers.
o Mobile and consumer electronics. Our Electronics Group, which accounts for approximately $20 \%$ of our revenue, sells autosound, mobile video, mobile electronics and consumer electronics primarily to mass merchants, power retailers, specialty retailers, new car dealers, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), independent installers of automotive accessories and the U.S. military.

Our business grew significantly in fiscal 1999, primarily because of increased sales of our digital handsets. Our net sales have increased as follows:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,
PERCENT CHANGE (\$ IN MILLIONS)

| Wireless | \$442 | \$ 930 | 110\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Electronics. | 175 | 230 | 32 |
| Total | \$617 | \$1,160 | 88\% |
|  | ----- | -------- | ---. |

To remain flexible and limit our research and fixed costs, we do not manufacture our products ourselves. Instead, we have relationships with a broad group of suppliers who manufacture our products. We work directly with our suppliers in the design, development and testing of all of our products and perform some assembly functions for our electronics products. Our product development efforts focus on meeting changing
consumer demand for technologically-advanced, high-quality products, and we consult with our customers throughout the design and development proces. In our wireless business, we were among the first to introduce wireless handsets and mobile phones with one-touch dialing, analog caller ID and voice-activated dialing as standard features. In our electronics business, we were among the first to introduce mobile video entertainment products and MP-3 Internet music player/recorders. We stand behind all of our products by providing warranties and customer and end user service support.

## STRATEGY

Our objective is to leverage the well-recognized Audiovox brand name and our extensive distribution network to capitalize on the growing worldwide demand for wireless products and continue to provide innovative automotive and consumer electronics products in response to consumer demand. The key elements of our strategy are:
o Enhance and capitalize on the Audiovox brand name. We believe that the "Audiovox" brand name is one of our greatest strengths. During the past 35 years, we have invested heavily to establish the Audiovox name as a well-known consumer brand for communications and electronics products. Our wireless handsets generally bear the Audiovox brand name or are co-branded with a wireless carrier. To further benefit from the Audiovox name, we continue to introduce new products using our brand name and recently began licensing our name for selected consumer products.
o Expand wireless technology offerings to increase market opportunities. We intend to continue to offer an array of technologically-advanced wireless products using all digital standards. Our wide selection of wireless products will allow us to satisfy different carrier demands, both domestic and international.
o Capitalize on niche market opportunities in the consumer electronics industry. We intend to continue to use our extensive distribution and supply networks to capitalize on niche market opportunities in the consumer electronics industry. We believe that focusing on high-demand, high-growth niche products results in better profit margins and growth potential for our electronics business.
o Expand our international presence. During fiscal 2000, we intend to expand our international wireless business as we continue to introduce products compatible with international wireless technologies, such as GSM, TDMA and CDMA.
o Continue to outsource manufacturing to increase operating leverage. One of the key components of our business strategy is outsourcing the manufacturing of our products. This allows us to deliver the latest technological advances without the fixed costs associated with manufacturing.
o Continue to provide added value to customers and suppliers. We believe that we provide key services, such as product design, development and testing, sales support, product repair and warranty, and carrier fulfillment services more efficiently and cost-effectively than our customers and suppliers could provide for themselves. We intend to continue to develop our value-added services as the market evolves and customer needs change.

Audiovox was incorporated in Delaware on April 10, 1987, as successor to a business founded in 1960 by John J. Shalam, our President, Chief Executive Officer and controlling stockholder. Our principal executive offices are located at 150 Marcus Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788, and our telephone number is 631-231-7750.

| Common stock offered by Audiovox... | 2,000,000 shares |
| :---: | :---: |
| Common stock offered by the selling stockholders.............................. 1,100,000 shares |  |
| Total shares offered | 3,100,000 shares |
| Common stock to be outstanding after this offering............................. 21, 499,743 shares |  |
| Voting rights. | Each share of our Class $A$ common stock has one vote and each share of our Class B common stock has ten votes. See "Description of Capital Stock." |
| Use of proceeds.......................... | We will receive approximately $\$ 84.6$ million in net proceeds from this offering at an offering price of $\$ 45.00$ per share. We intend to use these net proceeds: |
|  | o to repay a portion of amounts outstanding under our revolving \$250 million credit facility, under which $\$ 119.4$ million was outstanding on January 31, 2000, any part of which we may reborrow; and |
|  | o for general corporate purposes. |
| Risk factors. | See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 and the other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock. |
| Nasdaq Stock Market symbol. | VOXX |
| American Stock Exchange symbol .......... (pre-January 13, 2000 trading) | VOX |

On January 31,2000 , we had $17,238,789$ shares of Class $A$ common stock and $2,260,954$ shares of Class $B$ common stock outstanding. The number of shares of common stock that will be outstanding after this offering is based on these numbers and assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their over-allotment option. The number of shares that will be outstanding after this offering:
o excludes $3,085,630$ shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under our stock option plans, of which options to purchase $2,857,900$ shares were outstanding as of January 31, 2000 at a weighted average exercise price of \$11.41 per share. See Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this prospectus.
o excludes 344,800 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under warrants with an exercise price of $\$ 7.125$ per share
o excludes 127,345 shares reserved for issuance upon conversion of our 6 1/4\% convertible debentures due 2001
o includes 344,800 shares of common stock underlying our option to purchase common stock from John J. Shalam, which option is exercisable upon exercise of the warrants described above. See "Description of Capital Stock."

## SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table summarizes our consolidated financial data. Interim period information is derived from our unaudited financial statements which include, in management's view, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation. For a more detailed explanation of our financial condition and operating results, you should read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and notes to those statements included in this prospectus. The consolidated statement of operations data includes:
for 1997:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 12.7$ million related to the exchange of $\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated convertible debentures into $2,860,925$ shares of common stock and a related tax expense of $\$ 158,000$; and
o a pre-tax gain of $\$ 37.5$ million on the sale of shares of CellStar Corporation held by us and a related tax expense of $\$ 14.2$ million.

## for 1998:

o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 6.6$ million for inventory write-downs.
for 1999:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 2.0$ million due to the other-than-temporary decline in the market value of its Shintom common stock;
o a pre-tax gain of $\$ 3.8$ million on the issuance of subsidiary shares to Toshiba Corporation; and
o a $\$ 9.9$ million increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on marketable securities, which is not reflected in net income, compared to what stockholders' equity would have been without the unrealized gain.

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,

| 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (\$ IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT |  |  |
| HARE AND PER SHARE DATA) |  |  |



| NOVEMBER 30, 1999 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ACTUAL |  | AS ADJUSTED |  |
|  | (\$ IN |  | AUDITED) |
| \$ | 5,527 | \$ | 5,527 |
|  | 404, 295 |  | 404, 295 |
|  | 475, 083 |  | 475, 083 |
|  | 132, 214 |  | 132, 214 |
|  | 255, 012 |  | 170,432(1) |
|  | 216,744 |  | 301, 324 |

[^0]Investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. We have identified certain risk factors that apply to either Audiovox as a whole or one of our specific business units. You should carefully consider each of the following risk factors and all of the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock. If any of these risks, or other risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe not to be significant, develop into actual events, then our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected. If that happens, the market price of our common stock would likely decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

## WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY IN THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE WIRELESS INDUSTRY.

The market for wireless handsets and accessories is highly competitive and is characterized by:
o intense price competition
o significant price erosion over the life of a product
o the demand by wireless carriers for value-added services provided by their suppliers
o rapid technological development
o industry consolidation
Our primary competitors for wireless handsets currently are Nokia, Motorola, Ericsson and Qualcomm. Qualcomm has announced plans to sell its wireless handset business to Kyocera Corporation. Once this sale is completed, Kyocera will be our direct competitor. In addition, we compete with numerous other established and new manufacturers and distributors, some of whom sell the same or similar products directly to our customers. Historically, our competitors have also included some of our own suppliers and customers. Many of our competitors offer more extensive advertising and promotional programs than we do.

During the last decade, there have been several periods of extreme price competition, particularly when one or more or our competitors has sought to sell off excess inventory by lowering its prices significantly. In particular, in 1995 several of our larger competitors lowered their prices significantly to reduce their inventories, which required us to similarly reduce our prices. These price reductions had a material adverse effect on our profitability. There can be no assurance that our competitors will not do this again, because, among other reasons, many of them have significantly greater financial resources than we do and can withstand substantial price competition. Since we sell products that tend to have low gross profit-margins, price competition has had, and may in the future have, a material adverse effect on our financial performance.

THE ELECTRONICS BUSINESS IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE; OUR ELECTRONICS BUSINESS ALSO FACES SIGNIFICANT COMPETITION FROM ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEMS).

The market for consumer electronics is highly competitive across all four of our product lines. We compete against many established companies who have substantially greater resources than us. In addition, we compete directly with OEMs, including divisions of well-known automobile manufacturers, in the autosound, auto security, mobile video and accessories industry. Most of these companies have substantially greater financial and other resources than we do. We believe that OEMs have increased sales pressure on new car dealers with whom they have close business relationships to purchase OEM-supplied equipment and accessories. OEMs have also diversified and improved their product lines and accessories in an effort to increase sales of their products. To the extent that OEMs succeed in their efforts, this success would have a material adverse effect on our sales of automotive entertainment and security products to new car dealers. See "Business--Electronics Group-EElectronics products" and "Electronics Group--Electronics competition."

WIRELESS CARRIERS AND SUPPLIERS MAY NOT CONTINUE TO OUTSOURCE VALUE-ADDED SERVICES; WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE VALUE-ADDED SERVICES.

Wireless carriers purchase from us, rather than directly from our suppliers, because, among other reasons, we provide added services valued by our customers. In order to maintain our sales levels, we must continue to provide these value-added services at reasonable costs to our carrier-customers and suppliers, including:
o product sourcing
o product distribution
o marketing
o custom packaging
o warranty support
o programming wireless handsets
Our success depends on the wireless equipment manufacturers, wireless carriers, network operators and resellers continuing to outsource these functions rather than performing them in-house. To encourage the use of our services, we must keep our prices reasonable. If our internal costs of supplying these services increase, we may not be able to raise our prices to pass these costs along to our customers and suppliers. As a result of the recent wave of consolidations in the telecommunications industry, wireless carriers, which are the largest customers of our wireless business, may attempt to perform these services themselves. Alternatively, our customers and suppliers may transact business directly with each other rather than through us. If our customers or suppliers begin to perform these services internally or do business directly with each other, it could have a material adverse effect on our sales and our profits.

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON OUR ABILITY TO KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY.

Rapid technological change and frequent new product introductions characterize the wireless product market. Our success depends upon our ability to:
o identify the new products necessary to meet the demands of the wireless marketplace, and
o locate suppliers who are able to manufacture those products on a timely and cost-effective basis.

Since we do not make any of our own products and do not conduct our own research, we cannot assure you that we will be able to source the products that advances in technology require to remain competitive. Furthermore, the introduction or expected introduction of new products or technologies may depress sales of existing products and technologies. This may result in declining prices and inventory obsolescence. Since we maintain a substantial investment in product inventory, declining prices and inventory obsolescence could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

WE DEPEND ON A SMALL NUMBER OF KEY CUSTOMERS FOR A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR SALES.

The wireless industry is characterized by a small number of key customers. In fiscal 1998, $59.6 \%$ of our wireless sales were to five customers, and for fiscal 1999, $65.9 \%$ of our wireless sales were to five customers. Our ten largest customers accounted for $70.6 \%$ and $76.1 \%$ of our wireless sales in fiscal 1998 and fiscal 1999, respectively. For fiscal 1999, our largest customers were:
o Bell Atlantic, which accounted for $24.4 \%$ of our wireless sales
o AirTouch Communications, which merged with Vodafone, accounted for $18.6 \%$ of our wireless sales
o PrimeCo, which accounted for $15.8 \%$ of our wireless sales

WE DO NOT HAVE LONG-TERM SALES CONTRACTS WITH ANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS.
Sales of our wireless products are made by oral or written purchase orders and are terminable at will by either party. The unexpected loss of all or a significant portion of sales to any one of our large customers could have a material adverse effect on our performance.

In fiscal 1998, $26.9 \%$ of our electronics sales were to ten customers, and in fiscal 1999, $33.9 \%$ of our electronics sales were to ten customers. Nissan accounted for $11.9 \%$ of our electronics sales in fiscal 1999. We do not have long-term sales contracts with any of these customers. Sales of our electronics products are made by purchase order and are terminated at will at the option of either party. The unexpected loss of all or a significant portion of sales to any one of these customers could result in a material adverse effect on our performance.

WE COULD LOSE CUSTOMERS OR ORDERS AS A RESULT OF CONSOLIDATION IN THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER INDUSTRY.

As a result of global competitive pressures, there has been significant recent consolidation among our carrier-customers. For example:
o Bell Atlantic and GTE expect to finalize their merger during 2000, and then fold the new wireless business into a joint venture with Vodafone
o Vodafone and AirTouch Communications merged in 1999
o SBC Communications acquired Ameritech in 1999
o MCI Worldcom and Sprint recently announced plans to merge
Any of these consolidations, as well as any future consolidations, could cause us to lose business if any of the new consolidated entities do not perform as they expect to because of integration or other problems. In addition, these consolidations will result in a smaller number of wireless carriers, leading to greater competition in the wireless handset market, and may favor one or more of our competitors over us. This could also lead to fluctuations in our quarterly results. If any of these new entities orders less product from us or elects not to do business with us, it would have a material adverse effect on our business. For fiscal 1999, Bell Atlantic, AirTouch Communications and PrimeCo were our three largest customers.

SALES IN OUR ELECTRONICS BUSINESS ARE DEPENDENT ON NEW PRODUCTS AND CONSUMER ACCEPTANCE.

Our electronics business depends, to a large extent, on the introduction and availability of innovative products and technologies. Significant sales of new products in niche markets, such as Family Radio Service two-way radios, known as FRS radios, and mobile video systems have fueled the recent growth of our electronics business. If we are not able to continually introduce new products that achieve consumer acceptance, our sales and profit margins will decline.

SINCE WE DO NOT MANUFACTURE OUR PRODUCTS, WE DEPEND ON OUR SUPPLIERS TO PROVIDE US WITH ADEQUATE QUANTITIES OF HIGH QUALITY COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

We do not manufacture our products. We do not have long-term contracts with any of the suppliers who produce our final products and most of our products are imported from suppliers under short-term, non-exclusive purchase orders. In addition, we have had a relationship with several of our wireless suppliers for only a short period of time.

Accordingly, we can give no assurance that:
o our supplier relationships will continue as presently in effect
o our suppliers will be able to obtain the components necessary to produce high-quality, technologically advanced products for us
o we will be able to obtain adequate alternatives to our supply sources should they be interrupted
o if obtained, alternatively sourced products of satisfactory quality would be delivered on a timely basis, competitively priced, comparably featured or acceptable to our customers

Because of the recent increased demand for wireless and consumer electronics products, there have been industry-wide shortages of components. As a result, our suppliers have not been able to produce the quantities of these products that we desire. For example, LCD screens for mobile video products and saw filters and audio processors for wireless products are currently in short supply. Our inability to supply sufficient quantities of products that are in demand could reduce our profitability and have a material adverse effect on our relationships with our customers. If any of our supplier relationships were terminated or interrupted, we could experience an immediate or long-term supply shortage, which could have a material adverse effect on us. It is likely that our supply of wireless products would be interrupted before we could obtain alternative products. See "Business--Wireless suppliers."

BECAUSE WE PURCHASE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OUR PRODUCTS FROM SUPPLIERS IN PACIFIC RIM COUNTRIES, WE ARE SUBJECT TO THE ECONOMIC RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL, REGULATORY AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS INHERENT IN THESE COUNTRIES.

We import most of our products from suppliers in the Pacific Rim. As a percentage of our total purchases, purchases from foreign suppliers and suppliers in the Pacific Rim represented:


We expect that these percentages will continue to remain high in the future.
Countries in the Pacific Rim have recently experienced significant social, political and economic upheaval. Because of the large concentrations of our purchases in Pacific Rim countries, particularly Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia, any adverse changes in the social, political, regulatory and economic conditions in these countries may materially increase the cost of the products that we buy from our foreign suppliers or delay shipments of products, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, our dependence on foreign suppliers forces us to order products further in advance than we would if our products were manufactured domestically. This increases the risk that our products will become obsolete before we can sell our inventory

WE PLAN TO EXPAND THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION OF OUR PRODUCTS, WHICH WILL SUBJECT US TO ADDITIONAL BUSINESS RISKS.

As part of our business strategy, we intend to increase our international sales, although we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so. Conducting business outside of the United States subjects us to significant additional risks, including:
o export and import restrictions, tax consequences and other trade barriers
o currency fluctuations
o greater difficulty in accounts receivable collections
o economic and political instability
o foreign exchange controls that prohibit payment in U.S. dollars
o increased complexity and costs of managing and staffing international operations

For instance, our international sales declined by $50 \%$ from 1997 to 1998, in significant part due to financial crises in the Asian markets, particularly Malaysia. Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We cannot predict the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on our future operating results. Also, due to the short-term nature of our supply arrangements, the relationship of the U.S. dollar to foreign currencies will impact price quotes when negotiating new supply arrangements denominated in U.S. dollars. As a result, we could experience declining selling prices in our market without the benefit of cost decreases on purchases from suppliers or we could experience increasing costs without an ability to pass the costs to the customers. We cannot assure you that we will be able to effectively limit our exposure to foreign currencies. Foreign currency fluctuations could cause our operating results to decline and have a material adverse effect on our ability to compete. Many of our competitors manufacture products in the United States or outside the Pacific Rim, which could place us at a competitive disadvantage if the value of the Pacific Rim currencies increased relative to the currency in the countries where our competitors obtain their products. We engage in hedging transactions in connection with our business. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations--Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure About Market Risk."

TRADE SANCTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN COUNTRIES OR FOREIGN COMPANIES COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR BUSINESS.

As a result of trade disputes, the United States and foreign countries have occasionally imposed tariffs, regulatory procedures and importation bans on certain products, including wireless handsets that have been produced in foreign countries. Trade sanctions or regulatory procedures involving a country in which we conduct a substantial amount of business could have a material adverse effect on our operations. Some of the countries we purchase products from are: China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia. China and Japan have been affected by such sanctions in the past. In addition, the United States has imposed, and may in the future impose, sanctions on foreign companies for anti-dumping and other violations of U.S. law. If sanctions were imposed on any of our suppliers or customers, it could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN OUR RECENT GROWTH RATES OR MAINTAIN PROFIT MARGINS.

Sales of our wireless products, a large portion of our business that operates on a high-volume, low-margin basis, have increased significantly in the past year, from approximately $\$ 442$ million in fiscal 1998 to approximately $\$ 930$ million for fiscal 1999. Sales of our electronics products also increased significantly from approximately $\$ 175$ million for fiscal 1998 to approximately $\$ 230$ million for fiscal 1999. We may not be able to continue to achieve these increasing revenue growth rates or maintain profit margins because, among other reasons, of increased competition and technological changes. In addition, we expect that our operating expenses will continue to increase as we seek to expand our business, which could also result in a reduction in profit margins if we do not concurrently increase our sales proportionately.

IF OUR SALES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FALL BELOW OUR EXPECTATIONS, OUR ANNUAL RESULTS COULD ALSO FALL BELOW EXPECTATIONS.

Seasonal consumer shopping patterns significantly affect our business. We generally make a substantial amount of our sales and net income during September, October and November, our fourth fiscal quarter. We expect this trend to continue. December is also a key month for us, due largely to the increase in promotional activities by our customers during the holiday season. If the economy faltered in these periods, if our customers altered the timing or frequency of their promotional activities or if the effectiveness of these promotional activities declined, particularly around the holiday season, it could have a material adverse effect on our annual financial results.

A DECLINE IN GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS COULD LEAD TO REDUCED CONSUMER DEMAND FOR THE DISCRETIONARY PRODUCTS WE SELL.

Consumer spending patterns, especially discretionary spending for products such as consumer electronics and wireless handsets, are affected by, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, wage rates, inflation, consumer confidence and consumer perception of economic conditions. A general slowdown in the
U.S. economy or an uncertain economic outlook could have a material adverse effect on our sales. In addition, our mobile electronics business is dependent on the level of car sales in our markets.

WE DEPEND HEAVILY ON EXISTING MANAGEMENT AND KEY PERSONNEL AND OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

Our success depends on the continued efforts of John Shalam, Philip Christopher, C. Michael Stoehr and Patrick Lavelle, each of whom has worked with Audiovox for over two decades, as well as our other executive officers and key employees. We do not have employment contracts with any of our executive officers or key employees, nor do we maintain key person life insurance for any of our officers or employees. The loss or interruption of the continued full-time service of certain of our executive officers and key employees could have a material adverse effect on our business.

In addition, to support our continued growth, we must effectively recruit, develop and retain additional qualified personnel both domestically and internationally. Our inability to attract and retain necessary qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business.

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCT WARRANTIES AND DEFECTS.

Even though we outsource manufacturing, we provide warranties for all of our products. Therefore, we are highly dependent on the quality of our suppliers. The warranties for our electronics products range from 90 days to the lifetime of a vehicle for the original owner. The warranties for our wireless products generally range from 90 days to three years. In addition, if we are required to repair a significant amount of product, the value of the product could decline while we are repairing the product. In particular, in 1998, a software problem caused us to recall a specific line of analog handsets. After a $\$ 1$ million reimbursement from the manufacturer for warranty costs, this recall resulted in a net pre-tax charge of $\$ 6.6$ million to cover the decline in the selling price of the product during the period we were repairing the handsets. We cannot assure you that we will not have a similar problem in the future or that our suppliers will reimburse us for any warranty problems.

OUR CAPITAL RESOURCES MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET OUR FUTURE CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS.

We believe that we currently have sufficient resources to fund our existing operations for the foreseeable future through our cash flows, the proceeds of this offering and borrowings under our credit facility. However, we may need additional capital to operate our business if:
o market conditions change
o our business plans or assumptions change
o we make significant acquisitions
o we need to make significant increases in capital expenditures or working capital

We cannot assure you that we would be able to raise additional capital on favorable terms, if at all. If we could not obtain sufficient funds to meet our capital requirements, we would have to curtail our business plans. We may also raise funds to meet our capital requirements by issuing additional equity, which could be dilutive to our stockholders.

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN OUR CREDIT FACILITY MAY RESTRICT OUR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT OUR GROWTH STRATEGY, RESPOND TO CHANGES IN INDUSTRY CONDITIONS, SECURE ADDITIONAL FINANCING AND MAKE ACQUISITIONS.

Our credit facility contains restrictive covenants that
o require us to attain specified pre-tax income
o limit our ability to incur additional debt
o require us to achieve specific financial ratios
o restrict our ability to make capital expenditures or acquisitions

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation--Liquidity and Capital Resources." If our business needs require us to take on additional debt, secure financing or make significant capital expenditures or acquisitions, and we are unable to comply with these restrictions, we would be forced to negotiate with our lenders to waive these covenants or amend the terms of our credit facility. We cannot assure you that any such negotiations would be successful.

## THERE ARE CLAIMS OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISKS FROM WIRELESS HANDSETS.

Claims have been made alleging a link between the non-thermal electromagnetic field emitted by wireless handsets and the development of cancer, including brain cancer. Recently, the television show 20/20 on ABC reported that several of the handsets available on the market, when used in certain positions, emit radiation to the user's brain in amounts higher than permitted by the Food and Drug Administration. The scientific community is divided on whether there is any risk associated with the use of wireless handsets and, if so, the magnitude of the risk. Unfavorable publicity, whether or not warranted, medical studies or findings or litigation could have a material adverse effect on our growth and financial results.

In the past, several plaintiffs' groups have brought class actions against wireless handset manufacturers and distributors, including us, alleging that wireless handsets have caused cancer.

To date, none of these actions has been successful. However, actions based on these or other claims may succeed in the future and have a material adverse effect on us.

SEVERAL DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSIDERING, OR HAVE RECENTLY ADOPTED, LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS THE USE OF WIRELESS HANDSETS WHILE DRIVING.

Several foreign governments have adopted, and a number of U.S. state and local governments are considering or have recently enacted, legislation that would restrict or prohibit the use of a wireless handset while driving a vehicle or, alternatively, require the use of a hands-free telephone. For example, Brooklyn, Ohio has adopted a statute that restricts the use of wireless handsets while driving. Widespread legislation that restricts or prohibits the use of wireless handsets while operating a vehicle could have a material adverse effect on our future growth.

OUR STOCK PRICE COULD FLUCTUATE SIGNIFICANTLY, AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RESELL YOUR SHARES AT OR ABOVE THE PRICE THAT YOU WILL PAY FOR THEM IN THIS OFFERING.

The market price of our common stock could fluctuate significantly in response to various factors and events, including:
o operating results being below market expectations
o announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or our competitors
o loss of a major customer or supplier
o changes in, or our failure to meet, financial estimates by securities analysts
o industry developments
o economic and other external factors
o period-to-period fluctuations in our financial results
o financial crises in Asia
In addition, the securities markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations over the past several years that have often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These market fluctuations may also have a material adverse effect on the market price of our common stock. The trading prices of many companies' stocks, including ours, are at or near historical highs. Our earnings per share may decline as a result of the increased number of shares issued in this offering, which could have a negative effect on our stock price.

JOHN J. SHALAM, OUR PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OWNS A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OUR COMMON STOCK AND CAN EXERCISE CONTROL OVER OUR AFFAIRS

Upon completion of this offering, Mr. Shalam will beneficially own approximately $59 \%$ of the combined voting power of both classes of common stock, assuming no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. This will allow him to elect our Board of Directors and, in general, to determine the outcome of any other matter submitted to the stockholders for approval. Mr. Shalam's voting power may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of Audiovox. See "Principal and Selling Stockholders" and "Description of Capital Stock."

We have two classes of common stock: Class A common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol VOXX, and Class B common stock, which is not publicly traded and substantially all of which is beneficially owned by Mr. Shalam. Each share of Class A common stock is entitled to one vote per share and each share of Class B common stock is entitled to ten votes per share. Both classes vote together as a single class, except in certain circumstances, for the election and removal of directors and as otherwise may be required by Delaware law. Since our charter permits shareholder action by written consent, Mr. Shalam may be able to take significant corporate actions without prior notice and a shareholder meeting. See "Description of Capital Stock--Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock."

FUTURE SALES OF SHARES COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR STOCK PRICE.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of common stock after this offering, or the perception that these sales could occur, could have a material adverse effect on the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. As of January 31, 2000, there were:
o $13,806,061$ shares of common stock outstanding that are freely tradeable, and
o 5,693,682 shares of common stock, including shares of Class B common stock convertible into Class A common stock, that are not currently publicly tradeable but are eligible for public sale under Rule 144 under the Securities Act which contains volume limitations.

In addition, as of January 31, 2000, there were 3,320,045 shares of common stock underlying stock options, convertible debentures and warrants. The common stock to be issued upon the exercise or conversion of these stock options, warrants and debentures, will be freely tradable, unless it is held by our affiliates.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

At the offering price of $\$ 45.00$ per share, we will receive approximately $\$ 84.6$ million from our sale of $2,000,000$ shares of Class A common stock, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses that we will pay. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full, we will receive approximately an additional $\$ 12.8$ million in net proceeds. We will not receive any of the proceeds received by the selling stockholders from the sale of their 1,100,000 shares of common stock in this offering or their sale of a portion of the shares allocated to the underwriters' over-allotment option.

We expect to use the net proceeds:
o to repay all or a portion of our existing indebtedness under our revolving credit facility, $\$ 119.4$ million of which was outstanding on January 31, 2000, all of which will be available to be reborrowed
o for general corporate purposes if any amounts remain after payment of our indebtedness

To finance our growth, we intend to reborrow the amounts under our credit facility that we are paying with the net proceeds of this offering, as well as additional amounts available under our credit facility. Indebtedness under our revolving credit facility accrues interest at a floating rate, which was $7.09 \%$ as of January 31, 2000. Our revolving credit facility matures on July 28, 2004. We borrow under the revolving credit facility to fund our general liquidity needs. We may borrow up to $\$ 250$ million under our credit facility.

In addition, we may pursue acquisitions of businesses that are complementary to ours, some of which may be material. Although we are not currently negotiating any acquisitions, if in the future we identify an acquisition that we decide to pursue, we could reborrow funds under our credit facility for that acquisition.

Pending our use of these net proceeds, we may invest them in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities.

Our Class A common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "VOXX". Before January 13, 2000, our Class A common stock was traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "VOX." The following table shows for the fiscal periods indicated the high and low sales prices of our Class A common stock as reported by the American Stock Exchange through January 12, 2000 and by the Nasdaq Stock Market from January 13, 2000 through February 3, 2000.


On February 3, 2000, the closing sale price of our Class A common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market was $\$ 45.5625$ per share.

As of February 3, 2000, there were approximately 345 holders of record of our Class A common stock and four holders of our Class B common stock. Our Class B common stock is not publicly traded.

## DIVIDEND POLICY

Since our initial public offering in 1987, we have not declared or paid any cash or stock dividends on our common stock. We do not expect to pay any dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. We intend to retain earnings to support operations, reduce indebtedness and to finance expansion. The payment of dividends in the future will depend upon our earnings, operations, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors deemed relevant by the board of directors. The payment of any dividends is restricted by our current bank credit facility. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Operation--Liquidity and Capital Resources."

The following table sets forth our capitalization plus cash and cash equivalents as of November 30, 1999:
o on an actual basis, and
o as adjusted to reflect the application of the estimated net proceeds from the sale of $2,000,000$ shares of our Class $A$ common stock offered at a price of $\$ 45.00$ per share.

You should read the following table together with "Use of Proceeds,' "Selected Consolidated Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes.

(1) As of January 31, 2000, our bank obligations increased to $\$ 119.4$ million from $\$ 102.0$ million on November 30, 1999 due to seasonal inventory requirements.

## SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table contains our selected consolidated financial data. Interim period information is derived from our unaudited financial statements which include, in management's view, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation. For a more detailed explanation of our financial condition and operating results, you should read "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our consolidated financial statements and notes to those statements included in this prospectus. Operating results for the nine months ended August 31, 1999 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for our full fiscal year or any future period.

This selected consolidated financial data includes:
for 1995:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 2.9$ million associated with the issuance of warrants;
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 11.8$ million for inventory write-downs and the downsizing of our retail operations;
o a pre-tax gain on the sale of an equity investment of $\$ 8.4$ million; and
o a $\$ 31.7$ million increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on marketable securities, which is not reflected in net income, compared to what stockholders' equity would have been without the unrealized gain.
for 1996:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 26.3$ million related to the exchange of $\$ 41.3$ million of subordinated convertible debentures into $6,806,580$ shares of common stock and a related tax expense of $\$ 2.9$ million;
o a $\$ 10.3$ million increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on marketable securities, which is not reflected in net income, compared to what stockholders' equity would have been without the unrealized gain; and
o a $\$ 64.7$ million increase in stockholders' equity as a result of the exchange of $\$ 41.3$ million of subordinated convertible debentures which is not reflected in net income.
for 1997:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 12.7$ million related to the exchange of $\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated convertible debentures into $2,860,925$ shares of common stock and a related tax expense of $\$ 158,000$;
o a pre-tax gain of $\$ 37.5$ million on sale of shares of CellStar Corporation held by us and a related tax expense of $\$ 14.2$ million;
o a $\$ 12.2$ million increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on marketable securities, which is not reflected in net income, compared to what stockholders' equity would have been without the unrealized gain;
o a $\$ 773$, 000 increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on equity collar which is not reflected in net income; and
o a $\$ 33.6$ million increase in stockholders' equity as a result of the exchange of $\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated convertible debentures which is not reflected in net income.
for 1998:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 6.6$ million for inventory write-downs;
o a $\$ 4.2$ million increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on marketable securities, which is not reflected in net income, compared to what stockholders' equity would have been without the unrealized gain; and
o a $\$ 929,000$ increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of a gain on a hedge of available-for-sale securities.
for 1999:
o a pre-tax charge of $\$ 2.0$ million due to the other-than-temporary decline in the market value of its Shintom common stock;
o a pre-tax gain of $\$ 3.8$ million on the issuance of subsidiary shares to Toshiba Corporation; and
o a $\$ 9.9$ million increase in stockholders' equity, net of tax, as a result of an unrealized gain on marketable securities, which is not reflected in net income, compared to what stockholders' equity would have been without the unrealized gain.

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,

| 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

(\$ IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)


## OVERVIEW

We market our products under the Audiovox brand as well as private labels to a large and diverse distribution network both domestically and internationally. We operate through two marketing groups: Wireless and Electronics. The Wireless Group consists of Audiovox Communications Corp. (ACC) a $95 \%$ owned subsidiary of Audiovox, and Quintex, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of ACC. ACC markets wireless handsets and accessories primarily on a wholesale basis to wireless carriers in the United states and, to a lesser extent, carriers overseas.

Quintex is a small operation for the direct sale of handsets, accessories and wireless telephone service. For fiscal 1999, sales through Quintex were $\$ 53.2$ million or $5.7 \%$ of the Wireless Group sales. Quintex receives activation commissions and residual fees from retail sales. We also receive a monthly residual payment which is based upon a percentage of the customer's usage.

The Electronics Group consists of Audiovox Electronics (AE), a division of Audiovox, and Audiovox Communications (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., Audiovox Holdings (M) Sdn. Bhd. and Audiovox Venezuela, C.A., which are wholly-owned subsidiaries. The Electronics Group markets automotive sound and security systems, electronic car accessories, home and portable sound products, FRS radios and in-vehicle video systems. Sales are made through an extensive distribution network of mass merchandisers, power retailers and others. In addition, we sell some of our products directly to automobile manufacturers on an OEM basis.

We allocate interest and certain shared expenses to the marketing groups based upon estimated usage. General expenses and other income items that are not readily allocable are not included in the results of our two marketing groups.

From fiscal 1996 through fiscal 1999, several major events and trends have affected our results and financial condition.

Our Wireless Group increased its handset sales from 2.1 million units in fiscal 1996 to 3.3 million units in fiscal 1998 to 6.1 million units for fiscal 1999. This increase in sales was primarily due to:
o the introduction of digital technology, which has allowed carriers to significantly increase subscriber capacity
o increased number of carriers competing in each market
o reduced cost of service and expanded feature options

During this period, our unit gross profit margin declined due to continued strong competition and increased sales of digital handsets, which have a lower gross profit margin percentage than analog handsets. Despite the margin decline, our gross margin dollars increased significantly due to the large increases in net sales.

Sales by our Electronics Group were \$188.4 million in fiscal 1996 and $\$ 193.9$ million in fiscal 1997, but declined in 1998 to $\$ 175.1$ million, primarily due to a financial crisis in Asia, particularly Malaysia. Sales for fiscal 1999 have increased $31 \%$ over fiscal 1998 to $\$ 230.2$ million. During this period our sales were impacted by the following items:
o the growth of our consumer electronic products business from $\$ 2.9$ million in fiscal 1996 to $\$ 38.2$ million in fiscal 1999
o the introduction of mobile video entertainment systems and other new technologies
o the Asian financial crisis in 1998
Gross margins in our electronics business increased from 18.9\% in fiscal 1996 to 20.3\% for fiscal 1999 due, in part, to higher margins in mobile video products and other new technologies and products.

Our total operating expenses have not increased materially since fiscal 1996, despite our increase in sales. Total operating expenses were $\$ 83.3$ million in fiscal 1996 and $\$ 96.4$ million in fiscal 1999. We have invested in management systems and improved our operating facilities to increase our efficiency.

During the period from fiscal 1996 to fiscal 1999, our balance sheet was strengthened by the conversion of $\$ 64$ million of our $\$ 65$ million $61 / 4 \%$ subordinated convertible debentures due 2001 into approximately 9.7 million shares of Class $A$ common stock and the net gain of $\$ 23.2$ million from the sale of CellStar stock held by us.

All financial information, except share data, is presented in thousands.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain statements of income data for the Company expressed as a percentage of net sales:
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The net sales and percentage of net sales by product line and marketing group for the fiscal years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 are reflected in the following table. Certain reclassifications and recaptioning have been made to the data for periods prior to fiscal 1999 in order to conform to fiscal 1999 presentation.

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,


| Net sales: Wireless |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wireless products. | \$396,510 | 62.1\% | \$402,606 | 65.3\% | \$ | 886,509 | 76.5\% |
| Activation commissions | 31, 061 | 4.9 | 22,785 | 3.7 |  | 25,873 | 2.2 |
| Residual fees | 4,688 | 0.7 | 4,452 | 0.7 |  | 3,674 | 0.3 |
| Other | 12,141 | 1.9 | 11,747 | 1.9 |  | 13,247 | 1.1 |
| Total Wireless | 444,400 | 69.5 | 441,590 | 71.6 |  | 929,303 | 80.1 |
| Electronics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sound. | 91,763 | 14.4 | 78,338 | 12.7 |  | 78,713 | 6.8 |
| Mobile electronics | 97,446 | 15.2 | 84,973 | 13.8 |  | 113,371 | 9.8 |
| Consumer electronics. | 4,701 | 0.7 | 11,794 | 1.9 |  | 38,150 | 3.3 |
| Total Electronics. | 193,910 | 30.3 | 175,105 | 28.4 |  | 230,234 | 19.9 |
| Other | 772 | 0.1 | -- | -- |  | -- | - |
| Total. | \$639, 082 | 100.0\% | \$616,695 | 100.0\% |  | 159,537 | 100.0\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Net sales for fiscal 1999 were \$1,159,537, an $88 \%$ increase from net sales of $\$ 616,595$ in fiscal 1998. Wireless Group sales were $\$ 929,303$ in fiscal year 1999, a $110 \%$ increase from sales of $\$ 441,590$ in fiscal 1998. Unit sales of wireless handsets increased $83.2 \%$ to approximately $6,067,000$ units in fiscal 1999 from 3,311,000 units in fiscal 1998. The average selling price of our handsets increased to $\$ 140$ per unit in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 114$ per unit in fiscal 1998.

Electronics Group sales were \$230,234 in fiscal 1999, a 31\% increase from sales of $\$ 175,105$ in fiscal 1998. This increase was largely due to increased sales in our mobile video and consumer electronics product lines. Sales by our international subsidiaries increased $14.2 \%$ in fiscal 1999 to approximately $\$ 25,100$ as a result of improvements in both the Malaysian and Venezuelan subsidiaries.

Gross profit margin for fiscal 1999 was 11.6\%, compared to 14.4\% in fiscal 1998. This decline in profit margin resulted primarily from margin reductions in our Wireless Group attributable to increased sales of digital handsets, which have lower margins than analog handsets, and was also affected by decreases in Latin American sales and margins. Gross profit increased $52.1 \%$ to $\$ 134,628$ in fiscal 1999, versus \$88,541 in fiscal 1998.

Operating expenses were $\$ 96,391$ in fiscal 1999, compared to $\$ 83,670$ in fiscal 1998. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses decreased to 8.3\% in fiscal 1999 from 13.6\% in fiscal 1998. Operating income for fiscal 1999 was $\$ 38,237$, an increase of $\$ 33,366$ from fiscal 1998.

Net income for fiscal 1999 was $\$ 27,246$, an increase of $817 \%$ from net income of $\$ 2,972$ in fiscal 1998. Earnings per share were $\$ 1.43$, basic, and $\$ 1.39$, diluted, fiscal 1999 compared to \$0.16, basic and diluted, in fiscal 1998.

The following table sets forth for the fiscal years indicated certain statements of income (loss) data for the Wireless Group expressed as a percentage of net sales:

1998

| Net sales: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wireless products. | \$402,606 | 91.1\% | \$886,509 | 95.4\% |
| Activation commissions. | 22,785 | 5.1 | 25,873 | 2.8 |
| Residual fees. | 4,452 | 1.0 | 3,674 | 0.4 |
| Other | 11,747 | 2.7 | 13,247 | 1.4 |
| Total net sales. | 441, 590 | 100.0 | 929,303 | 100.0 |
| Gross profit | 52,270 | 11.8 | 87,807 | 9.5 |
| Total operating expenses. | 48,257 | 10.9 | 49,888 | 5.4 |
| Operating income. | 4,013 | 0.9 | 37,919 | 4.1 |
| Other expense. | $(5,799)$ | (1.3) | $(6,664)$ | (0.7) |
| Pre-tax income (loss). | \$ (1,786) | (0.4)\% | \$ 31, 255 | 3.4\% |
|  | -- | --- | - | ----- |

The Wireless Group is composed of ACC and Quintex, both subsidiaries of Audiovox Corporation. Since principally all of the net sales of Quintex are wireless in nature, all operating results of Quintex are being included in the discussion of the Wireless Group's product line.

Net sales were $\$ 929,303$ in fiscal 1999, an increase of $\$ 487,713$, or $110 \%$, from fiscal 1998. Unit sales of wireless handsets increased by 2,756,000 units in fiscal 1999, or $83.2 \%$, to approximately $6,067,000$ units from 3,311,000 units in fiscal 1998. The average selling price of our handsets increased to $\$ 140$ per unit in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 114$ per unit in fiscal 1998. The number of new wireless subscriptions processed by Quintex increased $21.7 \%$ in fiscal 1999, with a corresponding increase in activation commissions of approximately $\$ 3,088$ in fiscal 1999. The average commission received by Quintex per activation decreased by approsimately $6.7 \%$ in fiscal 1999 from fiscal 1998. Unit gross profit margins increased to $7.8 \%$ in fiscal 1999 from $7.3 \%$ in fiscal 1998, reflecting increased selling prices, which were partially offset by a corresponding increase of $22.7 \%$ in average unit cost. During fiscal 1998, we recorded a $\$ 6,600$ charge to adjust the carrying value of certain cellular inventories, partially offset by a $\$ 1,000$ credit from a supplier. This charge was the result of a software problem in certain analog cellular phones, as well as a continuing decrease in the selling prices of analog telephones due to pressure from the presence of digital handsets in the market. While the analog handset market is still quite large, the Wireless Group may experience lower gross profits in the future due to the price sensitivity of this market.

Operating expenses increased to $\$ 49,888$ in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 48,257$ in fiscal 1998. As a percentage of net sales, however, operating expenses decreased to $5.4 \%$ during fiscal 1999 compared to $10.9 \%$ in fiscal 1998. Selling expenses decreased to $\$ 22,784$ in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 24,201$ in fiscal 1998, primarily in divisional marketing and advertising, partially offset by increases in travel expenses. General and administrative expenses increased to $\$ 18,059$ in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 15,904$ in fiscal 1998, primarily due to temporary personnel, insurance expense and provisions for doubtful accounts. Warehousing, assembly and repair expenses increased to \$9,045 in fiscal 1999 from \$8,150 in fiscal 1998, primarily due to direct labor expenses. Pre-tax income for fiscal 1999 was $\$ 31,255$, an increase of $\$ 33,041$ from fiscal 1998.

Management believes that the wireless industry is extremely competitive and that this competition could affect gross margins and the carrying value of inventories in the future.

## ELECTRONICS RESULTS

The following table sets forth for the fiscal years indicated certain statements of income data for the Electronics Group expressed as a percentage of net sales:

|  | 1998 |  | 1999 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales: |  |  |  |  |
| Sound. | \$ 78,338 | 44.8\% | \$ 78,713 | 34.2\% |
| Mobile electronics | 84,973 | 48.5 | 113,371 | 49.2 |
| Consumer electronics | 11,794 | 6.7 | 38,150 | 16.6 |
| Total net sales | 175,105 | 100.0 | 230,234 | 100.0 |
| Gross profit | 36,433 | 20.8 | 46,819 | 20.3 |
| Total operating expenses | 27,126 | 15.5 | 32,977 | 14.3 |
| Operating income. | 9,307 | 5.3 | 13,842 | 6.0 |
| Other expense. | $(3,370)$ | (1.9) | $(2,546)$ | (1.1) |
| Pre-tax income. | \$ 5,937 | 3.4\% | \$ 11,296 | 4.9\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Net sales were $\$ 230,234$ in fiscal 1999, a $31.5 \%$ increase from net sales of $\$ 175,105$ in fiscal 1998. All product categories experienced an increase in sales, particularly in the mobile and consumer electronics product lines. Sales of mobile video, in the mobile electronics category, increased over $400 \%$ in fiscal 1999 to approximately \$52 million from \$10 million in fiscal 1998. Consumer electronics increased over 200\% to \$38,150 in fiscal 1999 from \$11,794 in fiscal 1998. These increases were partially offset by decreases in Prestige audio and SPS sound lines.

Operating expenses were \$32,977 in fiscal 1999, a $21.6 \%$ increase from operating expenses of $\$ 27,126$ in fiscal 1998. Selling expenses increased during fiscal 1999, primarily in salaries, commissions and divisional marketing. These increases were partially offset by decreases in advertising. General and administrative expenses increased from fiscal 1998, mostly in salaries, provision for doubtful accounts and temporary personnel. Warehousing and assembly expenses increased to $\$ 5,991$ in fiscal 1999 from $\$ 4,434$ in fiscal 1998 primarily due to tooling expenses, warehousing and direct labor. Pre-tax income for fiscal 1999 was \$11,296, an increase of \$5,359 from fiscal 1998.

We believe that the Electronics Group has an expanding market with a certain level of volatility related to both domestic and international new car sales. Also, certain of our products are subject to price fluctuations, which could affect the carrying value of inventories and gross margins in the future.

OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE
Interest expense and bank charges decreased \$57 during fiscal 1999 from fiscal 1998

Management fees and equity in income from joint venture investments increased by approximately $\$ 3,150$ for fiscal 1999 compared to fiscal 1998 as detailed in the following table:


During 1998, we purchased 400,000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 3,132$ ) of Shintom debentures. We exercised our option to convert the Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. These shares are included in our available-for-sale marketable securities at November 30, 1998. During the fourth quarter of 1999, we recorded an other-than-temporary decline in market value of our Shintom common stock in the amount of $\$ 1,953$ and a related deferred tax benefit of $\$ 761$. The write-down has been recorded as a component of other expense in the consolidated statements of income.

During 1998, we purchased an additional 1,400, 000 Japanese yen
(approximately $\$ 9,586$ ) of Shintom debentures and exercised our option to convert 737,212 Japanese yen of Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. We then sold the Shintom common stock, yielding net proceeds of $\$ 5,830$ and a gain of $\$ 787$.

During 1999, we purchased an additional 3,100,000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 27,467$ ) of Shintom debentures and exercised our option to convert $2,882,788$ Japanese yen of Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. We sold the Shintom common stock, yielding net proceeds of $\$ 27,916$ and a gain of $\$ 3,501$. As of November 30 , 1999, the remaining Shintom debentures of $1,125,024$ Japanese yen are included in our available-for-sale marketable securities.

As of December 1999, we completed the liquidation of Audiovox Pacific Pty. Ltd.

PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES
Income taxes are provided for at a blended federal and state rate of $40 \%$ for profits from normal business operations. During fiscal 1999, we implemented various tax strategies which have resulted in lowering the effective tax rate.

## CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Net sales were $\$ 616,695$ for 1998 , a decrease of $\$ 22,387$, or $3.5 \%$, over 1997. The decrease in net sales was accompanied by a corresponding decrease in gross profit margins to $14.4 \%$ from $16.7 \%$ in 1997. Operating expenses decreased to $\$ 83,670$ from $\$ 87,067$, a $3.9 \%$ decrease. Operating income for 1998 was $\$ 4,871$, a decrease of $\$ 14,824$, or $75.3 \%$, compared to 1997 . During 1997, we sold $1,835,000$ shares of our holdings of CellStar for a net gain of $\$ 23,232$. Also during 1997, we exchanged $\$ 21,479$ of our subordinated convertible debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class A common stock. Costs associated with this exchange were $\$ 12,844$, including income taxes.

WIRELESS GROUP RESULTS
Net sales in 1998 were $\$ 441,590$, a decrease of $\$ 2,810$, or $0.6 \%$, from 1997. Unit sales of wireless handsets increased 354,000 units, or $12.0 \%$, over 1997. Average unit selling prices decreased approximately 6.9\%. The number of new wireless subscriptions processed by Quintex decreased $22.8 \%$, with a corresponding decrease in activation commissions of approximately $\$ 8,276$. Part of the decrease was due to the closing of some retail locations. The average commission received by Quintex per activation also decreased by approximately 4.9\% from 1997. Unit gross profit margins decreased to $7.3 \%$ from $11.1 \%$ in 1997, primarily due to reduced selling prices, which were partially offset by a corresponding decrease of $3.0 \%$ in average unit cost. In addition, we recorded a $\$ 6.6$ million charge to adjust the carrying value of certain wireless inventories, partially offset by a $\$ 1.0$ million credit from a supplier. This charge was the result of a software problem in a line of analog handsets, as well as a continuing decrease in the selling prices of analog handsets due to pressure from the growing digital presence in the market. While the analog market is still sizable, the Wireless Group may experience lower gross profits in the future due to the price sensitivity of this marketplace. Operating expenses decreased to $\$ 48,257$ in 1998 from $\$ 49,582$ in 1997. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses decreased to $10.9 \%$ during 1998, compared to $11.2 \%$ in 1997. Selling expenses decreased $\$ 1,763$ from 1997, primarily in commissions, salesperson salaries, payroll taxes and benefits, partially offset by increases in market development funds and co-operative advertising. General and administrative expenses increased over 1997 by $\$ 632$, primarily in occupancy costs and temporary personnel. Warehousing and assembly expenses decreased over 1997 by \$194, primarily in tooling and direct labor. Pre-tax loss for 1998 was \$1,786, a decrease of \$13,368 compared to 1997.

The net sales and percentage of net sales of the Wireless Group are reflected in the following table:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,
FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,
1997
(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

| Net sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Wireless products | \$ | 396,510 | 89.2\% | \$ | 402,606 | 91.1\% |
| Activation commissions |  | 31, 061 | 7.0 |  | 22,785 | 5.1 |
| Residual fees |  | 4,688 | 1.1 |  | 4,452 | 1.0 |
| Other |  | 12,141 | 2.7 |  | 11,747 | 2.7 |
| Total net sales |  | 444,400 | 100.0 |  | 441, 590 | 100.0 |
| Gross profit |  | 66, 117 | 14.9 |  | 52,270 | 11.8 |
| Total operating expenses |  | 49,582 | 11.2 |  | 48, 257 | 10.9 |
| Operating income. |  | 16,535 | 3.7 |  | 4, 013 | 0.9 |
| Other expense. |  | $(4,953)$ | (1.1) |  | $(5,799)$ | (1.3) |
| Pre-tax income (loss). | \$ | 11,582 | 2.6\% | \$ | $(1,786)$ | (0.4)\% |
|  |  | -- | --- |  | -- | - |

## ELECTRONICS GROUP RESULTS

Net sales in 1998 were $\$ 175,105$, a decrease of approximately $\$ 18,805$ or $9.7 \%$ from 1997. This decrease was primarily from a $\$ 21.3$ million decrease in net sales in our foreign subsidiaries, primarily Malaysia, composed chiefly of security and accessory products. Domestic operation sales of autosound, mobile and consumer electronics products increased by approximately $\$ 4.7$ million, or $3.7 \%$ from 1997. The main components of this increase were our mobile video and consumer products categories. Our domestic operations sales grew by $\$ 7.3$ million, or $5.9 \%$, before the Heavy Duty Sound division was transferred to one of our equity investments during 1997.

Operating expenses decreased $3.1 \%$ from 1997 to $\$ 27,126$, primarily in our international operations. This was partially offset by an increase in domestic operating expenses. Selling expenses decreased during 1998, primarily because of decreases in commissions and salaries in our foreign companies and market development funds and co-operative advertising in our domestic operations. This was partially offset by increases in domestic commissions and trade show expenses. General and administrative expenses decreased from 1997, mostly in foreign office expenses, bad debt expense and executive salaries, both domestic and foreign. These decreases were partially offset by increases in office salaries, domestically, and professional fees, both domestic and foreign. Warehousing and assembly expenses increased from 1997, primarily in field warehousing and direct labor. Pre-tax income decreased $\$ 2,065$ from in 1997 primarily due to a decrease of $\$ 2.6$ million from foreign operations, partially offset by an increase in pre-tax income from domestic operations

The net sales and percentage of net sales of the Electronics Group are reflected in the following table:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,

| 1997 |  |  | 1998 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (\$ IN THOUSANDS) |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$ | 91,763 | 47.3\% | \$ | 78,338 | 44.8\% |
|  | 97,446 | 50.3 |  | 84,973 | 48.5 |
|  | 4,701 | 2.4 |  | 11,794 | 6.7 |
|  | 193, 910 | 100.0 |  | 175,105 | 100. 0 |
|  | 40, 326 | 20.8 |  | 36,433 | 20.8 |
|  | 27,989 | 14.4 |  | 27,126 | 15.5 |
|  | 12,337 | 6.4 |  | 9,307 | 5.3 |
|  | $(4,335)$ | (2.2) |  | $(3,370)$ | (1.9) |
| \$ | 8,002 | 4.1\% | \$ | 5,937 | 3.4\% |
|  | ----- | ----- |  | ------- |  |

## OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE

Interest expense and bank charges increased \$2,227 during 1998 from 1997 This increase was primarily due to an increase in average outstanding interest bearing debt. Another major factor was the increase in interest rates experienced by our subsidiary in Venezuela. The increase in the rates, coupled with the additional outstanding debt as a result of the growth of that operation, resulted in an increase in Venezuelan interest expense of $\$ 975$.

Management fees and equity in income from joint venture investments decreased by approximately $\$ 361$ for 1998 compared to 1997 as detailed in the following table:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,

| 1997 |  |  | 1998 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EQUITY |  |  | EQUITY |  |
| MANAGEMENT | INCOME |  | MANAGEMENT | INCOME |  |
| FEES | (LOSS) | TOTAL | FEES | (LOSS) | TOTAL |
| -- | -- | -- | -- | \$ (13) | \$ (13) |
| -- | \$1,857 | \$1,857 | -- | 1,860 | \$1,860 |
| -- | -- | -- | -- | (509) | (509) |
| \$ 12 | -- | 12 | \$ 7 | -- | 7 |
| -- | (685) | (685) | -- | (337) | (337) |
| 97 | 187 | 284 | 29 | 70 | 99 |
| \$109 | \$1, 359 | \$1,468 | \$ 36 | \$1, 071 | \$1,107 |
| - | ----- | ----- | ---- | ----- | ---- |
| ---- | ------ | ------ | ---- | ----- | ------ |

During 1997, we sold a total of $1,835,000$ shares of CellStar for net proceeds of $\$ 45,937$ and a net gain of $\$ 23,232$.

During 1998, we purchased 400, 000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 3,132$ ) of Shintom debentures. We exercised our option to convert the Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. These shares are included in our available-for-sale marketable securities at November 30, 1998. During the fourth quarter of 1999 , we recorded an other-than-temporary decline in market value of our Shintom common stock in the amount of $\$ 1,953$. The write-down has been recorded as a component of other expense in the consolidated statements of income. In connection with the write-down, we also recorded a deferred tax recovery in the amount of $\$ 761$ in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

During 1998, we purchased an additional 1,400,000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 9,586$ ) of Shintom debentures. We exercised our option to convert 737,212 Japanese yen of Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. We sold the Shintom common stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 5,830$ and a gain of \$787.

During January 1997, we completed an exchange of $\$ 21,479$ of our subordinated debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class A common stock. As a result of this exchange, we recorded a charge of $\$ 12,686$. The charge to earnings represents (1) the difference in the fair market value of the shares issued in the exchange and the fair market value of the shares that would have been issued under the terms of the original conversion feature, plus (2) a write-off of the debt issuance costs associated with the subordinated debentures, plus
(3) expenses associated with the exchange offer. The exchange resulted in taxable income due to the difference in the face value of the bonds converted and the fair market value of the shares issued and, as such, a current tax expense of $\$ 158$ was recorded. An increase in paid in capital was reflected for the face value of the bonds converted, plus the difference in the fair market value of the shares issued in the exchange and the fair market value of the shares that would have been issued under the terms of the original conversion feature for a total of $\$ 33,592$.

## PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES

Income taxes are provided for at a blended federal and state rate of $40 \%$ for profits from normal business operations. During 1998, we recorded \$350 of tax benefit as a result of certain tax examinations. In addition, we implemented various tax strategies, which have resulted in lowering the effective tax rate. During 1997, we had several non-operating events which had tax provisions calculated at specific rates, determined by the nature of the events, which resulted in an effective tax rate of $51.6 \%$ for 1997.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our cash position at November 30, 1999 was approximately $\$ 3,871$ below the November 30, 1998 level. Operating activities used approximately \$95,616, primarily from increases in accounts receivable and inventory partially offset by an increase in accounts payable. Even though accounts receivable and inventory have increased, days on hand have decreased approximately $4 \%$ for both accounts receivable and inventory. Investing activities used approximately $\$ 1,124$, primarily from the purchase of investment securities and the purchase of property, plant and equipment, partially offset by the proceeds from the sale of investment securities. Financing activities provided approximately $\$ 92,884$, primarily from net borrowings under line of credit agreements.

On July 28, 1999, we amended and restated our credit agreement with a group of lenders led by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as administrative agent. The amended and restated credit agreement increased our maximum borrowings available from $\$ 112,500$ to $\$ 200,000$. Effective December 20, 1999, we again amended the credit agreement to increase our maximum borrowings to $\$ 250,000$. The amended and restated credit agreement contains covenants requiring, among other things, minimum quarterly and annual levels of pre-tax income and net worth. Under the amended and restated credit agreement:
o we may not incur a pre-tax loss in excess of $\$ 1,000$ for any fiscal quarter and may not incur a consolidated pre-tax loss in any two consecutive fiscal quarters;
o we may not permit consolidated pre-tax income for the period of two consecutive fiscal quarters ending on May 31, 2000, May 31, 2001, May 31, 2002, May 31, 2003 or May 31, 2004 to be less than $\$ 1,500$; or ending on November 30, 1999, November 30, 2000, November 30, 2001, November 30, 2002 or November 30, 2003 to be less than $\$ 2,500$;
o we may not permit a consolidated pre-tax income for any fiscal year ending on or after November 30, 1999 to be less than $\$ 4,000$;
o we must maintain a net worth base amount of $\$ 175,000$, plus $50 \%$ of consolidated net income for each fiscal year ending on or after November 30, 1999; and
o we must, at all times, maintain a debt to net worth ratio of not more than 1.75 to 1.

The amended and restated credit agreement also contains restrictions and limitations on, among other items, our ability to pay dividends, repurchase stock and make capital expenditures or acquisitions.

Borrowings under the credit facility bear interest, payable monthly, based on the annual interest rate publicly announced by The Chase Manhattan Bank as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York plus the applicable margin which is based on the consolidated pre-tax income for four consecutive quarters. The applicable margin presently in effect is 0\%. This margin will increase to . $25 \%$ if consolidated pre-tax income for four consecutive quarters falls below $\$ 4,000$. We may also borrow on a LIBOR basis plus
the applicable margin. At present, the margin above LIBOR is 1.50\%, which will be reduced to $1.25 \%$ on February 28, 2000. This margin will increase to $1.50 \%$ if our consolidated pre-tax income for four consecutive quarters is equal to or greater than $\$ 10,000$ but less than $\$ 15,000$, and to $1.75 \%$ if our consolidated pre-tax income for four consecutive quarters is less than $\$ 10,000$. The margin will be $1.25 \%$ if consolidated pre-tax income for four consecutive quarters is equal to or greater than \$15,000.

Our ability to borrow under our credit facility is conditioned on a formula that takes into account the amount and quality of our accounts receivable and inventory. Our obligations under the credit agreement are guaranteed by our subsidiaries and are secured by our accounts receivable. The amended and restated credit agreement expires on July 28, 2004.

We believe that we have sufficient liquidity to satisfy our anticipated working capital and capital expenditure needs for the reasonable foreseeable future.

We also have revolving credit facilities in Malaysia to finance additional working capital needs. As of November 30, 1999, the available line of credit for direct borrowing, letters of credit, bankers' acceptances and other forms of credit approximated $\$ 8,158$. The Malaysian credit facilities are partially secured by us under one standby letter of credit totaling $\$ 1,300$ and two standby letters of credit totaling $\$ 5,320$ and are payable upon demand or upon expiration of the standby letters of credit. Our obligations under the Malaysian credit facilities are secured by the property and building owned in Malaysia by Audiovox Communications Sdn. Bhd.

## IMPACT OF INFLATION AND CURRENCY FLUCTUATION

Inflation has not had a significant impact on our financial position or operating results. To the extent that we expand our operations into Latin America and the Pacific Rim, the effects of inflation and currency fluctuations in those areas could have growing significance to our financial condition and results of operations. Fluctuations in the foreign exchange rates in Pacific Rim countries have not had a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

While the prices that we pay for the products purchased from our suppliers are principally denominated in United States dollars, price negotiations depend in part on the relationship between the foreign currency of the foreign manufacturers and the United States dollar. This relationship is dependent upon, among other things, market, trade and political factors.

## SEASONALITY

We typically experience some seasonality in our operations. We generally make a substantial amount of our sales during September, October and November December is also a key month for us due to increased demand for our products during the holiday season. This increase results from increased promotional and advertising activities from our customers to end-users.

## YEAR 2000

We are not aware of any year 2000 issues that have affected our business. In preparation for the year 2000, we incurred internal staff costs as well as consulting and other expenses. Year 2000 expenses totaled less than $\$ 1$ million. These expenses were not significant because, during 1996, we replaced or updated a significant portion of our computer systems, both hardware and software, with year 2000 compliant systems.

It is possible that the computerized systems could be affected in the future by the year 2000 issue. We have numerous computerized interfaces with third parties that are possibly vulnerable to failure if those third parties have not adequately addressed their year 2000 issues. System failures resulting from these issues could cause significant disruption to our operations.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement 137 "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities--Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133." Statement 137 amends Statement 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," which was issued in June 1998 and was to be effective for all fiscal quarters of fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1999. Statement 137 defers the effective date of Statement 133 to all fiscal quarters of fiscal years beginning
after June 15, 2000. Earlier application is permitted. Statement 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities. It requires that an entity recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the statement of financial position and measures those instruments at fair value. Our management has not yet determined the impact, if any, that the implementation of Statement 133 will have on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

## QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

## Market Risk Sensitive Instruments

The market risk inherent in our market risk sensitive instruments and positions is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in marketable equity security prices, foreign currency exchange rates, and interest rates.

## Marketable Securities

Marketable securities on November 30, 1999, which are recorded at fair value of $\$ 30,401$ and include net unrealized gains of $\$ 15,981$, have exposure to price risk. This risk is estimated as the potential loss in fair value resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ adverse change in prices quoted by stock exchanges and amounts to $\$ 3,040$ as of November 30, 1999. Actual results may differ.

## Interest Rate Risk

Our bank loans expose earnings to changes in short-term interest rates since interest rates on the underlying obligations are either variable or fixed for such a short period of time as to effectively become variable. The fair values of our bank loans are not significantly affected by changes in market interest rates.

The change in fair value of our long-term debt resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ decrease in interest rates as of November 30, 1999 is not material

## Foreign Exchange Risk

In order to reduce the risk of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, we hedge transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currencies applicable to each of our various entities. The instruments used for hedging are forward contracts with banks. The changes in market value of such contracts have a high correlation to price changes in the currency of the related hedged transactions. Intercompany transactions with our foreign subsidiaries and equity investors are typically not hedged. The potential loss in fair value for such net currency position resulting from a $10 \%$ adverse change in quoted foreign currency exchange rates, as of November 30, 1999, is not material.

In addition, we hold debt denominated in Japanese Yen and recognize foreign currency translation adjustments in net income to the extent the adjustment is greater than the adjustment from the translation of our investment in our TALK joint venture. The potential loss resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ adverse change in the quoted Japanese Yen rate, as of November 30, 1999, is approximately $\$ 431$. Actual results may differ.

We are subject to risk from changes in foreign exchange rates for our subsidiaries and equity investments that use a foreign currency as their functional currency and are translated into U.S. dollars. These changes result in cumulative translation adjustments which are included in other comprehensive income. On November 30, 1999, we had translation exposure to various foreign currencies with the most significant being the Malaysian ringgit, Thailand baht and Canadian dollar. We also have a Venezuelan subsidiary in which translation adjustments are included in net income. The potential loss resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ adverse change in quoted foreign currency exchange rates, as of November 30, 1999, amounts to $\$ 816$. Actual results may differ.

Certain of the Company's investments in marketable securities are subject to risk from changes in the Japanese yen rate. A portion of these investments are hedged with a yen denominated loan. As of November 30, 1999, the amount of loss in fair value resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ adverse change in the Japanese yen rate, for the investments that are not hedged, approximates \$118. Actual results may differ.

We design and market a diverse line of products and provide related services throughout the world. These products and services include:
o handsets and accessories for wireless communications
o fulfillment services for wireless carriers
o automotive entertainment and security products
o automotive electronic accessories
o consumer electronics
We generally market our products under the well-recognized Audiovox brand name, which we have used for over 35 years. We were a pioneer in the wireless industry, selling our first vehicle-installed wireless telephone in 1984 as a natural expansion of our automotive aftermarket products business. Our extensive distribution network and our long-standing industry relationships have allowed us to benefit from growing market opportunities in the wireless industry and to exploit emerging niches in the consumer electronics business. During the third quarter of 1999, we became the third largest seller of wireless products and the second largest seller of CDMA handsets in the United States. CDMA is currently the fastest growing technology in the wireless industry.

We operate in two primary markets:
o Wireless communications. Our Wireless Group, which accounts for approximately $80 \%$ of our revenues, sells wireless handsets and accessories through domestic and international wireless carriers and their agents, independent distributors and retailers.
o Mobile and consumer electronics. Our Electronics Group, which accounts for approximately $20 \%$ of our revenues, sells autosound, mobile video, mobile electronics and consumer electronics primarily to mass merchants, power retailers, specialty retailers, new car dealers, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), independent installers of automotive accessories and the U.S. military.

Our business grew significantly in fiscal 1999 primarily because of increased sales of our digital handsets. Our net sales have increased as follows:
FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30,

|  |  |  | PERCENT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1998 | 1999 |  | CHANGE |
|  |  |  |  |
| \$442 | \$ | 930 | 110\% |
| 175 |  | 230 | 32 |
| ---- | \$1,160 |  | --- |
| ---- |  | - - | -- |
| -- |  | --- | --- |

To remain flexible and limit our research and fixed costs, we do not manufacture our products ourselves. Instead, we have relationships with a broad group of suppliers who manufacture our products. We work directly with our suppliers in the design, development and testing of all of our products and perform some assembly functions for our electronics products.

Our product development efforts focus on meeting changing consumer demand for technologically-advanced, high-quality products, and we consult with our customers throughout the design and development process. In our wireless business, we were among the first to introduce wireless handsets and mobile phones with one-touch dialing, analog caller ID and voice-activated dialing as standard features. In our electronics business, we were among the first to introduce mobile video entertainment products and MP-3 Internet music player/recorders. We stand behind all of our products by providing warranties and customer and end user service support.

Our objective is to leverage the well-recognized Audiovox brand name and extensive distribution network to capitalize on the growing worldwide demand for wireless products and continue to provide innovative products in response to consumer demand in the mobile and consumer electronics industries. The key elements of our strategy are:

Enhance and capitalize on the Audiovox brand name. We believe that the Audiovox brand name is one of our greatest strengths. During the past 35 years, we have invested heavily in the Audiovox name and established it as a well-known consumer brand for autosound and communications products. Our wireless phones and accessories generally bear the Audiovox name or are co-branded with the wireless carriers. Our brand name recognition has helped us to obtain rapid market acceptance for new products such as FRS two-way radios and mobile video entertainment systems, both of which we introduced recently. To further enhance the value received from our brand name, we began licensing the Audiovox brand in 1996 for consumer electronics products sold by selected mass merchants. We intend to continue promoting our brand name through advertising, public relations, market development activities and licensing arrangements.

Expand wireless technology offerings to increase market opportunities. We intend to continue to offer a breadth of wireless products in advanced wireless technologies. We have expanded our wireless product offerings to include digital handsets to capitalize on the transition from analog to digital technology. Digital technology has reduced the per minute and service fees, expanded feature options and resulted in increased growth in the wireless industry. Unit sales of digital handsets grew from less than 1\% in 1997 to approximately $19 \%$ in 1998 and represented approximately 56\% of unit handset sales for fiscal 1999. During fiscal 2000, we plan to introduce wireless handsets using advanced technologies, including Tri-Mode CDMA, expanded CDMA product offerings, TDMA/TDMA-PCS, GSM, as well as additional analog products. We expect our wide selection of technologies to enable us to satisfy different carrier demands, both domestic and international. We also are working closely with our suppliers to develop a variety of new handset features for 2000, including Internet access and other interactive technologies. We work closely with our suppliers to design our products specifically to meet the unique requirements of each carrier customer. Our goal is to provide a distinctive and competitive product for each carrier.

Capitalize on niche market opportunities in the consumer electronics industry. We intend to continue to use our extensive distribution and supply networks to capitalize on niche market opportunities in the consumer electronics industry. We regularly review recommendations by our suppliers and customers regarding development of new products. We believe that focusing on high-demand, high-growth niche products results in better profit margins and growth potential for our electronics business. Our longstanding relationships with mass merchants have allowed us to quickly become one of the top suppliers of FRS radios in the United States. Similarly, we expect our relationships with consumer electronics retailers will provide us with a distribution channel for our new MP-3 music player/recorder, which we began to sell in November 1999. Digital technologies are driving demand in consumer electronics, and we expect to continue to work with our suppliers to develop new digital products to meet that demand.

Expand our international presence. International sales represented approximately $8.9 \%$ of our total consolidated revenue in fiscal 1999. During fiscal 2000, we intend to seek to expand our international wireless business as we begin to introduce products compatible with international wireless technologies, such as GSM, TDMA and CDMA. We also intend to capitalize on our existing relationships in our Wireless Group with international wireless carriers in Europe and North and South America. In our Electronics Group, we intend to expand our OEM business with international automobile manufacturers. We plan to devote substantial resources for international expansion, and to capitalize on our relationships with U.S. companies who are also expanding internationally to benefit from growing global markets, particularly in the wireless business. We may enter into strategic alliances or acquire other companies that round out our distribution network in a particular geographic region. Our Electronics Group currently has operating subsidiaries in Malaysia and Venezuela. In 1998, our domestic and Venezuelan electronics facilities were QS-9000/IS0-9001 registered, and in January 1999, our wireless facility was ISO-9001 registered. These quality standard registrations are key selling points for us internationally as well as domestically.

Continue to outsource manufacturing to increase operating leverage. One of the key components of our business strategy is outsourcing the manufacturing of our products. As a "manufacturer without a factory," we are poised to deliver the latest technological advances without the fixed costs associated with manufacturing. For example, if there were a rapid change in customer demand, such as the recent shift from analog to digital, we could respond quickly without investing in new factory equipment and raw materials. In addition, outsourcing manufacturing reduces our risk of obsolete manufacturing equipment and supplies. We work continually with our suppliers and customers to identify and design technologically-advanced products that respond to consumer demand and preferences. We actively seek new, high-quality manufacturers and have added five new manufacturers of wireless handsets in the last two years.

Continue to provide added value to customers and suppliers. Our customers and suppliers rely on us, rather than dealing directly with each other, because we provide value-added services to them. Because of our efficient internal systems, we believe that we can provide key services more cost-effectively than our customers and suppliers can provide themselves. We intend to continue adding value to our customers' and suppliers' businesses by providing key services, such as:
o product design and development
o engineering and testing
o proprietary handsets and software
o customized electronic products
o technical and sales support
o electronic data interchange (EDI)
o inventory warehousing and fulfillment
o management of information systems
o product repair services and warranty

Our internal systems are designed to interact efficiently with both customers and suppliers, which facilitates business to business communication. We plan to continue to invest in our infrastructure to ensure that our internal systems can provide increasingly valuable intermediary services to our customers and suppliers.

## WIRELESS GROUP

## Wireless Industry

The wireless communications industry has grown rapidly in recent years, especially in the United States. Despite high growth, at the end of 1998, the wireless penetration rate was only $23.8 \%$ of the United States population, but is expected to reach $38.9 \%$ by the year 2002 according to industry sources. In 1998, over one-quarter of the worldwide subscriber base was in the United States, second only to Europe. The growing size of the wireless subscriber base has had a direct impact on the demand and market size for wireless handsets. The chart below depicts the growth projected by an industry source as of April 1999 in the number of United States subscribers and handset shipments from 1998-2002 (in thousands):

UNITED STATES
CELLULAR, PCS \& HYBRID
-------------------------
SUBSCRIBERS SHIPMENTS

| 1998. | 64,436 | 28,650 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999E. | 76,084 | 35,495 |
| 2000E. | 87,676 | 40,925 |
| 2001E. | 97,551 | 46,769 |
| 2002E. | 108, 019 | 57,490 |
| 1998-2002E Compound annual growth rate (\%) | 13.8\% | 19.0\% |

The chart below depicts the growth projected by an industry source as of June 1998 in the number of worldwide (including United States) subscribers and handset shipments for 1998-2002 (in thousands):


The major trends that are currently driving this growth in the wireless industry include:

Shift from analog to digital transmission technologies. Analog networks are increasingly being upgraded to digital wireless systems. At year-end 1998, according to industry sources, $68 \%$ of the world's wireless subscribers used digital technologies. The conversion of subscribers from analog to digital technologies has had a positive impact on the growth of handset demand. Advances in digital technologies, which have significantly reduced service costs, continue to stimulate demand for new handsets. An outgrowth of the shift from analog to digital technologies is a new kind of wireless/PCS subscriber, who requires a handset that can roam among digital wireless, digital PCS, and analog markets.

New technologies. Many new wireless communications technologies, enhancements and applications are being introduced into the wireless communications market. These developments, which are expected to contribute to future subscriber and handset sales growth, include, wireless local loop and satellite-based communications, handset feature and network enhancements such as e-mail, internet access, fax capabilities, increased talk and standby times, smaller and lighter weight handsets and multiple-band reception. CDMA technology is projected to be the fastest growing segment for wireless products. According to industry sources, sales of total wireless handsets are forecasted to grow $12 \%$ in the U.S. over the next five years. CDMA is also forecasted to grow at a compounded annual growth rate of $32 \%$ over this time period. TDMA is forecasted to grow $17 \%$.

Increased competition. New carriers and consolidation in the wireless industry resulting from the grant of additional licenses in each market by the FCC has increased competition. This increased competition has resulted in greater selection and contributed to the affordability of wireless services for consumers. The recent wave of mergers and acquisitions among carriers is resulting in a market place dominated by fewer carriers. As a result of this consolidation, carriers will have larger subscriber bases and networks, which may lead to decreased roaming and other wireless related charges. As the costs for wireless services continue to decline and become more affordable, we believe that there will be continued growth in the wireless communications market.

## WIRELESS PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY

We sell an array of analog and digital handsets and accessories in a variety of technologies. In fiscal 1998, sales of analog handsets represented $81 \%$ of our total unit sales. In fiscal 1999, we expanded our line of digital handsets and increased our digital sales efforts and digital products represented $56 \%$ of our total unit sales. We generally market our wireless products under the Audiovox brand name or co-brand our products with our carrier customers, such as Bell Atlantic, GTE, AirTouch and PrimeCo. Our unit sales by technology for 1998 and 1999 were as follows:

| TECHNOLOGY | FISCAL 1998 | FISCAL 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Analog |  |  |
| AMPS. | 2,092,328 | 1,784,789 |
| N-AMPS . | 592,957 | 915,589 |
| Analog Total. | 2,685,285 | 2,700,378 |
| Digital |  |  |
| CDMA. | 593,104 | 2,459,609 |
| CDMA/PCS. | -- | 779,762 |
| TDMA/PCS. | -- | 67,233 |
| GSM. . | 27,933 | 37,597 |
| Cordless 900 MHz. | 4,313 | 21,945 |
| Digital Total. | 625,350 | 3,366,146 |
| Total. | 3,310,635 | 6,066,524 |
|  | - | -------- |

These technologies are described on page ii.
In addition to handsets, we sell a complete line of accessories that include batteries, hands-free kits, battery eliminators, cases and hands-free earphones. During 2000, we intend to broaden our digital product offerings and introduce handsets with new features, such as Internet access and other interactive technologies, as well as tri-mode products that combine digital and analog technologies.

## WIRELESS MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION

We sell wireless products to the wireless carriers and their respective agents, distributors and retailers. In addition, a majority of our handsets are designed to carrier specifications which reduces our inventory risks. In fiscal 1998, our five largest wireless customers, Bell Atlantic, AirTouch Communications, US Cellular, PrimeCo Personal Communications LP and Auto Club Cellular Corporation, accounted for $59.6 \%$ of our net wireless sales. Two of these customers, Bell Atlantic and AirTouch, accounted for $25.6 \%$ and $20.8 \%$, respectively, of our net wireless sales for fiscal 1998. For fiscal 1999, our five largest wireless customers were Bell Atlantic, AirTouch Communications, PrimeCo Personal Communications LP, MCI and US Cellular. Two of these customers, Bell Atlantic and AirTouch, accounted for $24.4 \%$ and $18.6 \%$, respectively, of our net wireless sales for fiscal 1999. These customers represented $65.9 \%$ of our net wireless sales during that period.

The wireless carrier industry is currently in a period of consolidation, which may impact our sales. Bell Atlantic, one of our largest customers, expects to finalize its pending merger with GTE during 2000, and then transfer the new business to a joint venture with Vodafone. During 1999, Vodafone merged with AirTouch Communications, which is also one of our largest customers, and MCI Worldcom announced its intention to acquire Sprint. See "Risk Factors--We could lose customers or orders as a result of consolidation in the wireless telecommunications carrier industry."

As part of our sales and marketing process, we provide the value-added management services described under "--Strategy--Continue to Provide Added Value to Customers and Suppliers."

In addition, we promote our products through trade and consumer advertising, participation at trade shows and direct personal contact by our sales representatives. We also assist wireless carriers with their marketing campaigns by scripting telemarketing presentations, funding co-operative advertising campaigns,
developing and printing custom sales literature, providing product fulfillment and logistic services and conducting in-house training programs for wireless carriers and their agents.

We operate approximately 20 wireless subscriber facilities under the names Quintex or American Radio. In addition, we license the trade names Audiovox(R), American Radio(R) and Quintex(R) to five retail outlets in selected markets in the United States. We also serve as an agent for the following carriers in selected areas: MCI WorldCom, Sprint, BellSouth Mobility, Inc., GTE Mobilnet of the Southeast, Inc. and United States Cellular. For fiscal 1999, our revenues from these operations were $5.7 \%$ of our total wireless revenues.

Our policy is to ship our products within 24 hours of a requested shipment date from public warehouses in Miami, Florida and Toronto, Canada and from leased facilities located in Hauppauge, New York and Los Angeles, California.

WIRELESS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE
Although we do not have our own manufacturing facilities, we work closely with both customers and suppliers in the design, development and testing of our products. In particular, we

## o determine future market feature requirements with our wireless customers

o work with our suppliers to develop products containing those features
o participate in the design of the features and cosmetics of our wireless products
o test products in our own facilities to ensure compliance with Audiovox standards
o supervise testing of the products in our carrier markets to ensure compliance with carrier specifications

Our Hauppauge facility is ISO-9001 registered, which requires us to carefully monitor quality standards in all facets of our business.

We believe customer service is an important tool for enhancing our brand name and our relationship with carriers. In order to provide full service to our customers, we warranty our wireless products to the end user for periods ranging from up to one year for portable handsets to up to three years for mobile car phones. To support our warranties, we utilize 1,178 independent warranty centers throughout the United States and Canada and have warranty repair stations in our wireless headquarters facility. We have experienced customer service representatives who interact directly with both end users and our customers. These representatives are trained to respond to questions on handset operation and warranty and repair issues.

## WIRELESS SUPPLIERS

We purchase our wireless products from several manufacturers located in Pacific Rim countries, including Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan and Malaysia. We have also purchased a small percentage of our wireless products from a supplier in Denmark. In selecting our suppliers, we consider quality, price, service, market conditions and reputation. We generally purchase our products under short-term purchase orders and do not have long-term contracts with our suppliers. We consider our relations with our suppliers to be good. We believe that alternative sources of supply are currently available, although there could be a time lag and
increased costs if we were to have an unplanned shift to a new supplier. The following chart represents purchases from each of our major suppliers as a percentage of our total wireless purchases:

|  |  |  | PERCENT OF WIRELESS PURCHASES |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | FISCAL YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, |  |  |  |
|  | YEAR FIRST PURCHASED | TECHNOLOGY | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| SUPPLIER |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Toshiba Corporation. | 1984 | AMPS/CDMA | 42\% | 47\% | 57\% | 48\% |
| Talk Corporation/Shintom. | 1988 | AMPS/N-AMPS/GSM | 19 | 40 | 29 | 13 |
| Hyundai. . | 1998 | CDMA/PCS | -- | -- | 6 | 21 |
| Bosch. | 1998 | GSM | -- | -- | 2 | 0.2 |
| LGIC. | 1999 | CDMA | -- | -- | -- | 12 |
| Mitsubishi. | 1999 | TDMA/PCS | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Sanyo.. | 1999 | CDMA | -- | -- | -- | 1 |

## WIRELESS COMPETITION

The market for wireless handsets and accessories is highly competitive and is characterized by intense price competition, significant price erosion over the life of a product, demand for value-added services, rapid technological development and industry consolidation. Currently, our primary competitors for wireless handsets include Ericsson, Motorola, Nokia and Qualcomm. Qualcomm has announced plans to sell its wireless handset business to Kyocera Corporation. When the sale is completed, Kyocera will become our direct competitor.

We also compete with numerous established and new manufacturers and distributors, some of whom sell the same or similar products directly to our customers. Historically, our competitors have also included some of our own suppliers and customers. Many of our competitors undertake more extensive advertising and promotional programs than we do.

We compete for sales to carriers, agents and distributors on the basis of our products and services and price. As our customers are requiring greater value added logistic services, we believe that we and our competitors will be required to support an infrastructure capable of providing many of these services. Our ability to continue to compete successfully will largely depend on our ability to perform these value-added services at a reasonable cost.

Our wireless products compete primarily on the basis of value in terms of price, features and reliability. There have been several periods of extreme price competition in the wireless industry, particularly when one or more or our competitors has sought to sell off excess inventory by lowering its prices significantly.

As a result of global competitive pressures, there has been significant consolidation among our customers, including:
o Vodafone and AirTouch Communications, which merged in 1999
o Bell Atlantic and GTE, which expect to finalize their merger during 2000, and then fold the new wireless business into a joint venture with Vodafone
o SBC Communications, which acquired Ameritech in 1999
o MCI Worldcom and Sprint, which recently announced plans to merge
These consolidations may result in greater competition for a smaller number of large customers, and may favor one or more of our competitors over us. See "Risk Factors--We could lose customers or orders as a result of consolidation in the wireless telecommunications carrier industry."

## ELECTRONICS GROUP

## ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

The electronics industry is large and diverse and encompasses a broad range of products. There are many large manufacturers in the industry, such as Sony, RCA, Panasonic and JVC, as well as large companies that specialize in niche products. We participate in selected niche markets such as autosound, mobile video, vehicle security and selected consumer electronics.

The introduction of new products and technological advancements drives growth in the electronics industry. For example, the transition from analog to digital technology is leading to the development of a new generation of consumer electronic products. Some of these products include MP-3 players for playing audio downloaded from the Internet, digital radio and DVD mobile video systems.

## ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS

Our electronics products consist of two major categories, mobile electronics and consumer electronics.

Mobile electronics products include:
o autosound products, such as radios, speakers, amplifiers and CD changers
o mobile video products, including overhead and center console mobile entertainment systems, video cassette players and game options
o automotive security and remote start systems
o automotive power accessories

Consumer electronics include:
o home and portable stereos
o FRS two-way radios
o LCD televisions
o MP-3 Internet music player/recorders
We market our electronics products under the Audiovox(R) brand name, as well as several other Audiovox-owned trade names that include Prestige(R), Pursuit(R) and Rampage(TM). Sales by both our Malaysian and Venezuelan subsidiaries fall under the Electronics Group. For fiscal 1998 and fiscal 1999, our sales by product category were as follows:

| 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: |
| (\$ IN | ONS) |


| Mobile electronics | \$ | 163.3 | \$ | 192.0 | 17.6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Consumer electronics. |  | 11.8 |  | 38.2 | 224.0 |
| Total. | \$ | 175.1 | \$ | 230.2 | 31.5\% |

In the coming years, we intend to focus our efforts on new technologies to take advantage of market opportunities created by the digital convergence of data, communications, navigation and entertainment products.

## LICENSING

In the late 1990s, we began to license our brand name for use on selected products, such as home and portable stereo systems. Actual sales of licensed products are not included in our sales figures. However, our license customers have told us that for fiscal 1999, they sold $\$ 27.7$ million in licensed goods for which we received license fees. License sales promote our Audiovox brand name without adding any significant costs.

## ELECTRONICS DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING

We sell our electronics products to:
o mass merchants
o power retailers
o chain stores
o specialty retailers
o distributors
o new car dealers
o the U.S. military
We also sell our products under OEM arrangements with domestic and/or international subsidiaries of automobile manufacturers such as Daimlerchrysler General Motors Corporation and Nissan. OEM projects are a significant portion of the Electronics Group sales. These projects require a close partnership with the customer as we develop products to their specific requirements. Three of the largest auto makers, General Motors, DaimlerChrysler and Ford require QS registration for all of their vendors. Our Hauppauge facility is QS 9000 and ISO 9001 registered.

Our five largest customers in fiscal 1998, Gulf States Toyota, Kmart, Southeast Toyota, Alkon International and Costco, accounted for 16.4\% of our net electronics sales. No single customer accounted for more than $10 \%$ of our net electronic sales in fiscal 1998. For fiscal 1999, our five largest customers were Nissan, Best Buy, Sears, Army and Air Force Exchange Services ("AAFES") and Gulf States Toyota, and they represented $23.9 \%$ of our net electronic sales. Nissan represented approximately $12 \%$ of net electronics sales for fiscal 1999.

As part of our sales process, we provide value-added management services including:
o product design and development
o engineering and testing
o technical and sales support
o electronic data interchange (EDI)
o product repair services and warranty
o nationwide installation network
We have flexible shipping policies designed to meet customer needs. In the absence of specific customer instructions, we ship our products within 24 to 48 hours from the receipt of an order. We make shipments from public warehouses in Norfolk, Virginia, Sparks, Nevada, Miami, Florida and Toronto, Canada and from leased facilities located in Hauppauge, New York.

## ELECTRONICS PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

Although we do not have our own manufacturing facilities, we work closely with our customers and suppliers in the design, development and testing of our products. For our OEM automobile customers, we perform extensive validation testing to ensure that their products meet the special environmental and electronic standards of the manufacturer. We also perform final assembly of products in our Hauppauge location. Our product development cycle includes:
o working with key customers and suppliers to identify consumer trends and potential demand
o working with the suppliers to design and develop products to meet those demands
o evaluating and testing the products in our own facilities to ensure compliance with our standards

## o performing software design and validation testing

Our Hauppauge facility is both QS 9000 and ISO 9001 registered. Both registrations underscore our commitment to provide the highest quality of products and services to our customers around the world.

We provide a warranty to the end users of our electronics products, generally ranging from 90 days up to the life of the vehicle for the original owner on some of our automobile-installed products. To support our warranties, we utilize 19 independent warranty centers throughout the United States and Canada. At our Hauppauge facility, we have a customer service group that provides product information, answers questions and serves as a technical hotline for installation help for both end users and our customers.

## ELECTRONICS SUPPLIERS

We purchase our electronics products from manufacturers located in several Pacific Rim countries, including Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia. We also use several manufacturers in the United States for cruise controls, mobile video and power amplifiers. In selecting our manufacturers, we consider quality, price, service, market conditions and reputation. We maintain buying offices or inspection offices in Taiwan, Korea, China and Hong Kong to provide local supervision of supplier performance with regard to, among other things, price negotiations, delivery and quality control. We generally purchase our product under short-term purchase orders and do not have long-term contracts with our suppliers.

For fiscal 1999, the percentage of our electronics purchases from our largest suppliers were:
o Nutek Corporation--12.7\%
o Namsung Corporation--8.8\%
o Action Electronics Co.--6.9\%
We consider relations with our suppliers to be good. In addition, we believe that alternative sources of supply are generally available within 120 days.

## ELECTRONICS COMPETITION

Our electronics business is highly competitive across all of our product lines, and we compete with a number of well-established companies that manufacture and sell products similar to ours. Our mobile electronics products compete against factory-supplied radios, security and mobile video systems from subsidiaries of automobile manufacturers, including General Motors, Ford and DaimlerChrysler. Our mobile electronics products also compete in the automotive aftermarket against major companies such as Sony, Panasonic, Kenwood and Pioneer. Our consumer electronics product lines compete against major consumer electronic companies, such as JVC, Panasonic, Motorola, RCA and AIWA. Brand name, design, features and price are the major competitive factors across all of our product lines.

## INTERNET

We currently maintain an Internet website to provide product information to consumers. During the next two years, we expect to expand our Internet capabilities to:
o include on-line customer service, frequently asked questions and owners manuals
o facilitate business to business e-commerce for our customers and suppliers
o allow customers and consumers to order parts and accessories
o manage our business more efficiently

## EQUITY INVESTMENTS

We have several investments in unconsolidated joint ventures which we formed to market our products in specific market segments or geographic areas. We seek to blend our financial and product resources with local operations to expand our distribution and marketing capabilities. We believe our joint ventures provide
a more cost-effective method of focusing on specialized markets. We do not participate in the day-to-day management of these joint ventures. Our significant joint ventures are:

| VENTURE | PERCENTAGE OWNERSHIP | FORMATION DATE | FUNCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Talk Corporation.. | 30.8\% | 1994 | Distribution rights for wireless products and autosound products from Shintom Ltd. |
| Audiovox Specialized Applications...... | 50.0\% | 1997 | Distribution of products for van, RV and other specialized vehicles |
| Bliss-Tel Company <br> Ltd. $\qquad$ | 20.0\% | 1997 | Distribution of wireless products and accessories in Thailand |

See also Note 10 to our Consolidated Financial Statements

## TRADEMARKS

We market products under several trademarks, including Audiovox(R), Prestige(R), Pursuit(R) and Rampage(TM). The trademark Audiovox is registered in approximately 63 countries. We believe that these trademarks are recognized by customers and are therefore significant in marketing our products.

## EMPLOYEES

We employ approximately 950 people, which number has been relatively stable for the past several years. We consider our relations with our employees to be good. None of our employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements.

## PROPERTIES

We lease all of our facilities. These facilities range in size from 100 to 75,000 square feet. Our largest properties are:

150 Marcus Boulevard
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Corporate headquarters: $75,000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$
Offices and Warehouse

Wireless headquarters: $70,000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$.
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Offices and Warehouse
16820 Marquardt Avenue
Cerritos, CA
Office warehouse: $28,000 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$.
Offices and Warehouse
We lease these three facilities from related parties. See "Certain
Transactions--Leases." In addition, as of November 30, 1999 we leased a total of thirty-three operating facilities located in eleven states and one Canadian province. The Wireless Group utilizes twenty-four of these facilities located in California, Georgia, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Canada. The Electronics Group utilizes nine of these facilities located in California, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Texas and Canada. These facilities serve as offices, warehouses, distribution centers or retail locations for both the Wireless Group and the Electronics Group. Additionally, the Company utilizes public warehouse facilities located in Norfolk, Virginia and Sparks, Nevada for its Electronics Group and in Miami, Florida, Toronto, Canada and Tilburg, Netherlands for its Wireless Group. The Company also owns and leases facilities in Venezuela and Malaysia for its Electronics Group. If any of these leases terminates, we believe that, if we desire to, we will be able to renew the lease or replace it with another leased space on reasonable terms.

We use public warehouses in Sparks, Nevada, Miami, Florida, Norfolk, Virginia, Toronto, Canada and Brussels, Belgium. See "Certain
Transactions--Leases."

## DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Our directors and executive officers are:

| NAME | AGE | POSITION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - ---- |  |  |
| John J. Shalam. | 66 | President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors |
| Philip Christopher. | 51 | Executive Vice President and a Director |
| Charles M. Stoehr | 53 | Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and a Director |
| Patrick M. Lavelle. | 48 | Senior Vice President, Electronics Division and a Director |
| Ann M. Boutcher | 49 | Vice President, Marketing and a Director |
| Richard Maddia. | 41 | Vice President, MIS, and a Director |
| Paul C. Kreuch, Jr. | 61 | Director |
| Dennis F. McManus*. | 49 | Director |

* Member of the Audit and Compensation Committees

John J. Shalam has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Audiovox or its predecessor since 1960. Mr. Shalam also serves as President and a Director of most of Audiovox's operating subsidiaries. Mr. Shalam is on the Board of Directors of the Electronics Industry Association and is on the Executive Committee of the Consumer Electronics Association.

Philip Christopher, our Executive Vice President, has been with Audiovox since 1970 and has held his current position since 1983. Before 1983 he served as Senior Vice President of Audiovox. Mr. Christopher is also Chief Executive Officer and President of Audiovox's wireless subsidiary, Audiovox Communications Corp. From 1973 through 1987, he was a Director of our predecessor, Audiovox Corp. Mr. Christopher serves on the Executive Committee of the Cellular Telephone Industry Association.

Charles M. Stoehr has been our Chief Financial Officer since 1979 and was elected Senior Vice President in 1990. Mr. Stoehr has been a Director of Audiovox since 1987. From 1979 through 1990 he was a Vice President of Audiovox.

Patrick M. Lavelle has been a Vice President of the Company since 1982. In 1991, Mr. Lavelle was elected Senior Vice President, with responsibility for the Company's mobile and consumer electronics division. Mr. Lavelle was elected to the Board of Directors in 1993. Mr. Lavelle also serves as a board member of the Mobile Electronics Division of the Consumer Electronics Association and is co-chair of the Mobile Information Technology Subdivision.

Ann M. Boutcher has been our Vice President of Marketing since 1984. Ms. Boutcher's responsibilities include the development and implementation of our advertising, sales promotion and public relations programs. Ms. Boutcher was elected to the Board of Directors in 1995.

Richard A. Maddia has been our Vice President of Information Systems since 1992. Prior thereto, Mr. Maddia was Assistant Vice President, MIS. Mr. Maddia's responsibilities include development and maintenance of information systems. Mr. Maddia was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996.

Paul C. Kreuch, Jr. was elected to the Board of Directors in February 1997. Mr. Kreuch has been a Principal of Secura Burnett Co., LLC since October 1998. From December 1997 through September 1998, he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Lafayette American Bank. From June 1996 through November 1997, he was a Senior Vice President at Handy HRM Corp., an executive search firm. From 1993 through 1996, Mr. Kreuch was an Executive Vice President of NatWest Bank N.A. and before that was President of National Westminster Bank USA.

Dennis F. McManus was elected to the Board of Directors in March 1998. Mr. McManus has been self-employed as a telecommunications consultant since January 1, 1998. Before that, he was employed by NYNEX Corp. for over 27 years, most recently as a Senior Vice President and Managing Director. Mr. McManus held this position from 1991 through December 31, 1997.

All of our executive officers hold office at the discretion of the board of directors.

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock and stock options exercisable within 60 days of January 31, 2000 held by (1) each person or group of persons known by us to own beneficially five percent (5\%) or more of the outstanding shares of common stock, (2) each director and nominee for director, (3) our chief executive officer and each of the next four most highly compensated executive officers, and (4) all executive officers and directors as a group. All information is taken from or based upon ownership filings made by such persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission or upon information provided by such persons to us. Unless otherwise indicated, the stockholders listed below have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares reported as owned.


NAME AND ADDRESS OF OTHER 5\% HOLDERS OF COMMON STOCK

Kennedy Capital
Management, Inc.(4)
10829 Olive Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141........................................... 1, 1, 715,250 9.9\%
Franklin Resources, Inc.(5)
777 Mariners Island Blvd.
San Mateo, CA 94404.......................................... 1, 198,369 6.9\%
Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc.(6)
1299 Ocean Avenue
11th Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90401....................................... 1,076,900 6.2\%

* Represents less than $1 \%$.
(1) The address of each person, unless otherwise noted, is c/o Audiovox Corporation, 150 Marcus Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788. The percentage of shares owned before the offering is based on 17,238,789 shares of Class A common stock outstanding as of January 31, 2000 and 19,238,789 outstanding after the offering. In presenting shares beneficially owned and in calculating each holder's percentage ownership, only options exercisable by that person within 60 days of January 31, 2000 and no options exercisable by any other person are deemed to be outstanding.
(2) The Class A shares owned include stock options exercisable within 60 days as follows: Mr. Shalam--525,000, Mr. Christopher--431,000, Mr. Lavelle--80,700, Mr. Stoehr--112,500, Mr. Kreuch--5,000 and Mr. McManus--5,000.
(Footnotes continued on next page)
(3) Includes $2,144,152$ shares of Class B common stock held by Mr. Shalam that he may convert into Class A common stock at any time. Excludes 116, 802 shares of Class B common stock and 2,202 shares of Class A common stock that are held in irrevocable trusts for the benefit of Mr. Shalam's three sons.
(4) Information reported is derived from a Schedule $13 G$ dated February 5, 1999, of Kennedy Capital Management, Inc. and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
(5) Information reported is derived from a Schedule 13G dated January 13, 2000, of Franklin Resources, Inc. and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
(6) Information reported is derived from a Schedule 13G dated February 12, 1999, of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

## LEASES

We lease some of our equipment, office, warehouse and distribution facilities from entities in which our executive officers own controlling interests. The following table identifies leases that result in payments in excess of $\$ 60,000$ to any of the related entities.

|  |  | RENT PAID DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NOVEMBER |  |  |
| 30, |  |  |

(1) Property owned by 150 Marcus Blvd. Realty, LLC, a New York limited liability company, of which John J. Shalam owns 99\% and Mr. Shalam's three sons own the remaining $1 \%$.
(2) Property owned by Marquardt Associates, a California partnership consisting of four individuals, of which John J. Shalam owns 60\%, Philip Christopher owns $10 \%$. John J. Shalam's brother-in-law owns $25 \%$. An unaffiliated party owns the remaining 5\%.
(3) Property owned or leased by Wireless Blvd. Realty, LLC, a New York limited liability company, owned $98 \%$ by the Shalam Long Term Trust, $1 \%$ by John J. Shalam and 1\% by Mr. Shalam's three sons. The Shalam Long Term Trust is a grantor trust of which Mr. Shalam is the grantor and his three sons are the beneficiaries

For additional description of our related party transactions, see Note 18 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. We believe that the terms of each of these leases are no less favorable to us than those that could have been obtained from unaffiliated third parties. To the extent that conflicts of interest arise between us and such persons in the future, these conflicts will be resolved on behalf of us by a committee of disinterested directors.

## WARRANTS

On May 9, 1995, we issued warrants to purchase $1,668,875$ shares of Class A common stock at $\$ 7.125$ per share. The warrants were issued to the beneficial holders of approximately $\$ 57,600,000$ of our debentures. The warrants expire on March 15, 2001, unless sooner terminated under certain circumstances. In connection
with the issuance of the warrants, John J. Shalam, our Chief Executive Officer, granted us an option to purchase $1,668,875$ shares of Class A common stock from his personal holdings. The option from Mr. Shalam is only exercisable to the extent a warrant holder exercises its warrants described above. The exercise price of this option is $\$ 7.125$, plus an amount intended to reimburse Mr. Shalam for the tax impact, if any, should the exercise of this option be treated as dividend income rather than capital gains to Mr. Shalam. During 1998, we purchased approximately $1,324,075$ of these warrants at a price of $\$ 1.30$ per warrant. In connection with this purchase, we cancelled our option to purchase $1,324,075$ of Mr. Shalam's shares. As of November 30, 1999, 344, 800 warrants remain outstanding and we have a corresponding option to purchase 344,800 of Mr. Shalam's shares.

OPTIONS
On September 9, 1999, we granted options to purchase an aggregate of $1,490,000$ shares of Class $A$ common stock to our directors and executive officers at an exercise price of $\$ 15.00$ per share, the fair market value of the Class $A$ common stock on the date of grant, as follows:

| o | Philip Christopher | 580,000 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| o | Patrick M. Lavelle | 200,000 |
| o | Charles M. Stoehr | 100,000 |
| o | Paul C. Kreuch | 10,000 |
| o | Dennis F. McManus, Jr. | 10,000 |
| o | Ann M. Boutcher | 10,000 |
| o | Richard A. Maddia | 20,000 |

The options vest over a period of three years: $25 \%$ on September 9, 2000, $35 \%$ on September 9, 2001 and the remaining 40\% on September 9, 2002

For the fiscal years ended November 30, 1996, 1997 and 1998, we granted to the following officers and directors an aggregate of 1,070,000 options as follows:

| NAME | NUMBER OF OPTIONS | AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE PER SHARE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John J. Shalam. | 350,000 | \$ 7.6875 |
| Philip Christopher. | 500, 000 | \$ 6.93 |
| Charles M. Stoehr. | 100,000 | \$ 5.78 |
| Patrick M. Lavelle. | 100,000 | \$ 5.78 |
| Richard A. Maddia. | 20,000 | \$ 7.6875 |
| Paul C. Kreuch, Jr. | 5,000 | \$ 4.63 |
| Dennis F. McManus. | 5,000 | \$ 4.63 |
| Ann M. Boutcher | 5,000 | \$ 7.6875 |

## OTHER RELATIONSHIPS

Ari Shalam, the son of John Shalam, our President and Chief Executive Officer, serves as our Vice President of Strategic Planning. His current annual salary is $\$ 90,000$, plus a bonus of $0.3 \%$ of our pre-tax profits. He received total compensation of $\$ 61,465$ in 1998 and $\$ 188,130$ in 1999. During 1997 and 1999, we granted Ari Shalam options to purchase a total of 11,500 shares of Class A common stock at an average exercise price of $\$ 13.81$.

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH SUPPLIER

In 1998, Toshiba, our largest supplier, purchased a 5\% equity interest in Audiovox Communications Corp., our largest subsidiary, for $\$ 5,000,000$.

Our authorized capital stock consists of:
o Class $A$ common stock, $\$ .01$ par value--30,000,000 shares
o Class $B$ common stock, $\$ .01$ par value--10,000,000 shares
o Preferred stock, \$50 par value--50,000 shares
o Series preferred stock, \$.01 par value--1,500,000 shares

## AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

The Board of Directors has proposed an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation that would increase the number of our authorized shares of capital stock from $41,550,000$ to $71,550,000$. The additional $30,000,000$ shares would be Class A common stock. The Board intends to submit the proposed amendment for approval at the 2000 annual meeting of stockholders. If the stockholders approve the amendment, we will file an amended and restated certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as soon as practicable after our annual meeting. Because Mr. Shalam controls more than a majority of our common stock, we expect that the proposed amendment will be approved.

The shares being offered in this offering are shares of Class A common stock. As of January 31, 2000, there were outstanding $17,238,789$ shares of Class A common stock, 2, 260, 954 shares of Class B common stock, 50,000 shares of preferred stock, $\$ 50$ par value and no shares of series preferred stock, \$.01 par value.

The following summary description relating to the Class A common stock, the Class B common stock and the preferred stock, is not complete. The terms of the Class A common stock, Class B common stock and preferred stock are contained in our Certificate of Incorporation.

## CLASS A COMMON STOCK AND CLASS B COMMON STOCK

## VOTING RIGHTS

Holders of both classes of common stock vote as a single class on all matters except the election or removal without cause of Class A or Class B directors in the circumstances described below and any class votes required by Delaware law. In all cases, each share of Class A common stock is entitled to cast one vote per share and each share of Class B common stock is entitled to cast ten votes per share.

Our Certificate of Incorporation provides that the holders of Class A common stock, voting separately as a class, are entitled to elect $25 \%$ of the Board of Directors, rounded up to the nearest whole number, so long as the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock is at least $10 \%$ of the total number of outstanding shares of both classes of common stock. If the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock should become less than $10 \%$ of the total number of outstanding shares of both classes of common stock, directors would then be elected by all stockholders voting as one class, except holders of Class A common stock would have one vote per share and holders of Class B common stock would have ten votes per share.

Our Certificate of Incorporation further provides that the holders of Class B common stock, voting separately as a class, would be entitled to elect the directors not elected by holders of the Class A common stock, so long as the number of outstanding shares of Class $B$ common stock is at least $12.5 \%$ of the number of outstanding shares of both classes of common stock. However, if the number of outstanding shares of Class B common stock falls below that percentage, directors not elected by the holders of Class A common stock will be elected by the holders of both classes of common stock, with holders of class A common stock having one vote per share and holders of Class B common stock having ten votes per share.

The number of outstanding shares of Class B common stock is currently less than $12.5 \%$ of the total outstanding shares of both classes of common stock.

Directors may be removed, with or without cause, provided that any removal of directors without cause may be made only by the holders of the class or classes of common stock that elected them if a separate class vote would be required to elect them. Vacancies in a directorship may be filled by the vote of the class of shares that had previously filled that vacancy, or by the vote of the remaining directors elected by that class. If there are no such directors, the vacancy may be filled by the vote of the remaining directors.

As of January 31, 2000, the outstanding shares of Class A common stock comprised approximately $88 \%$ of the shares of both classes outstanding, and the holders of Class A common stock held approximately $43 \%$ of the combined voting power of both classes of common stock. Accordingly, the holders of the Class B common stock have the voting power to elect the directors not elected by the Class A common stock, or $75 \%$ of the board.

## DIVIDENDS

The holders of Class $A$ common stock and Class B common stock are entitled to receive dividends or distributions in equal amounts, except cash dividends. With respect to a cash dividend, the board may pay an equal or greater amount per share on the Class A common stock than on the Class B common stock or declare and pay a cash dividend on the Class A common stock without any dividend being declared and paid on the Class B common stock. Stock dividends are paid on a same class basis. Since our initial public offering in 1987, we have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock.

## CONVERSION OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK

At the option of the holder, each share of Class B common stock is convertible at any time into one share of Class A common stock

## RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF CLASS B COMMON STOCK

Without the written consent of holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of Class B common stock, shares of Class B common stock may not be transferred except to another holder of Class B common stock, family members of the holder and other permitted transferees. Upon any nonpermitted sale or transfer, shares of Class $B$ common stock will automatically convert into an equal number of shares of Class $A$ common stock.

## OTHER RIGHTS

Our stockholders do not have preemptive or other rights to subscribe for additional shares. Subject to any rights of holders of preferred stock, all holders of common stock, regardless of class, are entitled to share ratably in any assets available for distribution upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up. No shares of common stock are subject to redemption.

## PREFERRED STOCK

We are authorized to issue up to 50,000 shares of preferred stock, all of which have been issued and are outstanding. These shares are nonvoting and have preference of $\$ 50$ per share over the common stock in the event of our liquidation, winding up or dissolution.

## SERIES PREFERRED STOCK

We are authorized to issue up to $1,500,000$ shares of series preferred stock, none of which has been issued. The Board of Directors may issue by resolution shares of series preferred stock from time to time in one or more series and fix, as to each such series, the designations, preferences and rights, and limitations pertaining thereto. We may not issue shares of series preferred stock carrying in excess of one vote per share or convertible into Class B common stock without prior approval of a majority in interest of the holders of Class B common stock. Issuance of series preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisition and other corporate purposes, could make it more difficult for a third party to
acquire a majority of the outstanding voting stock. Accordingly, the issuance of series preferred stock may be used as an anti-takeover device without further action on the part of our stockholders.

## CHARTER AND BYLAW PROVISIONS

## Special meetings

Our Certificate of Incorporation provides that special meetings of stockholders for any purpose or purposes can be called only upon the request of our President, our board of directors or the holders of shares entitled to at least $25 \%$ of all of the shares entitled to vote at the meeting.

## Amendment of our bylaws

In order to adopt, repeal, alter or amend the provisions set forth therein, our bylaws require either the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the issued and outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote thereon or by our board of directors.

Advance notice provisions for stockholder nominations and proposals
Our Certificate of Incorporation establishes advance notice procedures for stockholders to make nominations of candidates for election as directors, or bring other business before an annual meeting of our stockholders.

These procedures provide that only persons who are nominated by or at the direction of our board of directors, or by a stockholder who has given timely written notice to our Secretary prior to the meeting at which directors are to be elected, will be eligible for election as one of our directors. Further, these procedures provide that at an annual meeting, only such business may be conducted as has been specified in the notice of the meeting given by, or at the direction of, our board or by a stockholder who has given timely written notice to our secretary of that stockholder's intention to bring such business before such meeting.

Under these procedures, notice of stockholder nominations to be made or business to be conducted at an annual meeting must be received by us not less than ten days before the first anniversary of the date that notice of the annual meeting was mailed out or public disclosure of that meeting was made; however, the notice need not be given more than 75 days before the annual meeting of the stockholders. Under these procedures, notice of a stockholder nomination to be made at a special meeting at which directors are to be elected must be received by us not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the day on which such notice of the date of the special meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever occurs first.

Under our Certificate of Incorporation, a stockholder's notice nominating a person for election as a director must contain certain information about the proposed nominee and the nominating stockholder. If our chairman determines that a nomination was not made in accordance with our Certificate of Incorporation, we will disregard the nomination. Similarly, a stockholder's notice proposing the conduct of business must contain certain information about the business and the proposing stockholder. If our chairman determines that business was not properly brought before the meeting in accordance with our Certificate of Incorporation, we will not conduct the proposed business at the meeting.

Although our Certificate of Incorporation does not give our board the power to approve or disapprove stockholder nominations of the election of directors or proposals for action, these notice provisions may have the effect of precluding a proxy contest for the election of directors or the consideration of stockholder proposals if the proper procedures are not followed, and of discouraging or deterring a third party from soliciting proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal, without regard to whether consideration of such nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our stockholders.

Our bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by the holders of capital stock at any meeting of our stockholders may be taken without a meeting by the holders of outstanding capital stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote on the proposed action were present and voted. See "Risk Factors--John J. Shalam our President and Chief Executive Officer owns a significant portion of our common stock and can exercise control over our affairs."

## TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Continental Stock Transfer \& Trust Company, Two Broadway, New York, New York 10004; telephone: (212) 509-4000.

MATERIAL U.S. TAX CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO NON-U.S. HOLDERS OF THE COMMON STOCK

The following discussion is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income and estate tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the common stock held by non-U.S. holders.

A "non-U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of common stock who is not a U.S. holder. A U.S. holder means a beneficial owner of common stock who, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is:
o A citizen or individual resident of the United States;
o A corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof (other than a partnership treated as foreign under U.S. Treasury regulations);
o An estate whose income is includable in gross income for United States federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or
o A trust, if, in general, a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

An individual may, among other ways, be deemed to be a resident of the United States with respect to any calendar year by virtue of being present in the United States on at least 31 days in such calendar year and for an aggregate of at least 183 days during the current calendar year and the two preceding calendar years (counting for such purposes all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year).

This summary is included for general information and is based upon the U.S. federal tax laws (including U.S. Treasury regulations and administrative and judicial interpretations) now in effect, which are subject to change, possibly retroactively, which could affect the continued validity of this summary. The tax treatment of the holders of common stock may vary depending on their particular situation and this summary does not address specific facts and circumstances that may be relevant to a particular holder's tax position. U.S. holders acquiring common stock are subject to different rules than those discussed below. In addition, certain holders (including insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, traders in securities, subsequent purchasers of our common stock, U.S. expatriates and broker-dealers) may be subject to special rules not discussed below. The discussion also does not consider the tax consequences for any person who is a shareholder, partner or beneficiary of a holder of the common stock. Moreover, the effect of any applicable state, local or foreign tax laws is not discussed. In general, this discussion assumes that a non-U.S. holder holds our common stock as a capital asset and not as part of a "hedge," "straddle," "conversion transaction," "synthetic security" or other integrated investment. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences of acquiring, holding and disposing of our common stock, as well as any tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any foreign, state, local or other taxing jurisdiction.

## DIVIDENDS

As described above, we do not expect to pay any dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. In the event we pay dividends, we will have to withhold from dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder a U.S. withholding tax at a rate of $30 \%$ (or a lower rate under a relevant income tax treaty) of the gross amount of the dividends. Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under a relevant income tax treaty.

Prior to January 1, 2001, for purposes of determining whether tax is to be withheld at the $30 \%$ rate or at a reduced treaty rate, we will ordinarily presume that dividends paid to an address in a foreign country are paid to a resident of such country, absent knowledge to the contrary. Under U.S. Treasury regulations effective for payments after December 31, 2000, non-U.S. holders will be required to satisfy applicable certification requirements in order for us to withhold tax at a reduced treaty rate. These regulations also contain special rules regarding treaty benefits available for payments made to some intermediary or disregarded entities

Except to the extent otherwise provided under an applicable income tax treaty, dividends that are effectively connected with a non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States are subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at applicable graduated individual or corporate rates, and are not generally subject to withholding, if the holder complies with applicable certification and disclosure requirements. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may also, under some circumstances, be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a $30 \%$ rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

## GAIN ON DISPOSITION OF COMMON STOCK

A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax in respect of gain recognized on a disposition of common stock unless:
o The gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the non-U.S. holder in the United States, or, alternatively, if an income tax treaty applies, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States (in which cases such gain will be subject to tax at the rates and in the manner applicable to United States persons and, if the holder is a foreign corporation, the branch profits tax described above may also apply);
o The non-U.S. holder is an individual who holds the common stock as a capital asset, is present in the United States for 183 or more days in the taxable year of the disposition and meets some other requirements; or
o We are or have been a "United States real property holding corporation" for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any time during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the disposition and the period that the common stock was held by the non-U.S. holder.

The tax with respect to stock in a United States real property holding corporation does not apply to a non-U.S. holder whose holdings, direct and indirect, at all times during the applicable period, constitute $5 \%$ or less of the common stock, provided that the common stock is regularly traded on an established securities market. In general, we will be treated as a United States real property holding corporation if the fair market value of our U.S. real property interests equals or exceeds $50 \%$ of the total fair market value of our U.S. and non-U.S. real property interests and our other assets used or held for use in a trade or business. We believe that we currently are not, and we do not anticipate becoming, a United States real property holding corporation.

## FEDERAL ESTATE TAXES

Common stock owned or treated as owned by a non-U.S. holder at the time of death, or common stock of which the non-U.S. holder made certain lifetime transfers, will be included in such holder's gross estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes, unless an applicable estate tax treaty provides otherwise.

We must report annually to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of dividends paid to such holder and the tax withheld with respect to such dividends, regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld. Copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement

United States backup withholding (which generally is a withholding tax imposed at the rate of $31 \%$ on some payments to persons that fail to furnish information under the United States information reporting requirements) and additional information reporting generally will not apply to dividends paid on common stock before January 1, 2001, that are either:
o Subject to withholding at the $30 \%$ rate (or at a reduced rate under an applicable income tax treaty); or
o Paid to an address outside the United States.
Dividends paid after December 31, 2000 generally will be subject to backup withholding at a $31 \%$ rate unless the non-U.S. holder certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder in accordance with applicable Treasury regulations or is a corporation or other exempt recipient.

Payment to or through a United States office of a broker of the proceeds of a disposition of common stock is generally subject to both backup withholding and information reporting unless either:
o The non-U.S. holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient; or
o The non-U.S. holder certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder in accordance with applicable Treasury regulations;
provided, however, the broker does not have actual knowledge that the holder is a U.S. holder or that the conditions of any other exemption are not, in fact, satisfied.

Payment of the proceeds of a disposition of common stock to or through a foreign office of a foreign broker will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting unless the foreign broker is a "U.S.-related person." After December 31, 2000, backup withholding will apply if information reporting is required. Payments of proceeds from the disposition of common stock to or through a foreign office of a broker that is a U.S. person or a "U.S.-related person" will be subject to information reporting unless the holder certifies its status as a non-U.S. holder in accordance with applicable Treasury regulations or the broker has documentary evidence in its files that the holder is an non-U.S. holder and the broker has no actual knowledge to the contrary. For this purpose, a "U.S.-related person" is:
o A controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
o A foreign person $50 \%$ or more of whose gross income from certain periods is effectively connected with a United States trade or business; or
o After December 31, 2000, a foreign partnership if, at any time during the taxable year, (A) at least $50 \%$ of the capital or profits interest of the foreign partnership is owned by U.S. persons, or (B) the foreign partnership is engaged in a U.S. trade or business.

After December 31, 2000, payments made to or through a foreign intermediary satisfying applicable requirements will not be subject to either backup withholding or information reporting.

Prospective investors should consult with their own tax advisors regarding these rules, and in particular with respect to whether the use of a particular broker would subject the investor to information reporting and backup withholding

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit a non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service

Audiovox, the selling stockholders and the underwriters named below have entered into an underwriting agreement with respect to the shares being offered. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase the number of shares indicated in the following table at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

## NAME



Morgan Keegan \& Company, Inc..... 961, 000 589, 000 155, 000

3,100, 000

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters are conditional and may be terminated at their discretion based on their assessment of the state of the financial markets. The obligations of the underwriters may also be terminated upon the occurrence of other events specified in the underwriting agreement. The underwriters are severally committed to purchase all of the common stock being offered by us if any shares are purchased, other than those covered by the over-allotment option described below.

The underwriters propose to offer the common stock directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. The underwriters may offer the common stock to securities dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of $\$ 1.40$ per share. Securities dealers may reallow a concession not in excess of $\$ 0.10$ per share to other dealers. After the shares of the common stock are released for sale to the public, the underwriters may vary the offering price and other selling terms from time to time.

Audiovox and the selling stockholders have granted to the underwriters an option to purchase up to an aggregate of 300,000 and 165,000 additional shares of common stock, respectively, at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus to cover over-allotments, if any. The option is exercisable in whole or in part and from time to time for a period of 30 days. In the event the underwriters exercise only a portion of the over-allotment option, such shares will be allocated on a pro rata basis. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option, the underwriters have severally agreed, subject to limited conditions, to purchase approximately the same percentage thereof that the number of shares of common stock to be purchased by each of them, as shown in the table above, bears to the common stock offered hereby.

We and the selling stockholders have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of such liabilities.

Audiovox, our directors and executive officers, have agreed with the underwriters that for a period of 90 days following the date of this prospectus, Audiovox and such persons will not dispose of or hedge any shares of common stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for common stock. SG Cowen Securities Corporation may, in its sole discretion, at any time without prior notice, release all or any portion of the shares from these restrictions.

The underwriters may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions, penalty bids and passive market making in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a syndicate short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the common stock originally sold by such syndicate member is purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. In passive market making, market makers in the common stock who are underwriters or prospective underwriters may, subject to certain limitations, make bids for or purchases of the
common stock until the time, if any, at which a stabilizing bid is made. These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the common stock to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of these transactions. These transactions may be effected on the Nasdaq Stock Market or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

One of the underwriters, Prudential Securities Incorporated, also markets securities online through its PrudentialSecurities.com division. Clients of Prudential Advisor(sm), a full service brokerage firm program, may view offering terms and a prospectus online and place orders through their financial advisors. Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on this website is not part of this prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and has not been approved and/or endorsed by Audiovox or any underwriter in such capacity and should not be relied on by prospective investors.

We estimate that our out-of-pocket expenses for this offering, exclusive of underwriters' discounts and commissions, will be approximately $\$ 700,000$.

## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common stock offered hereby and certain other legal matters will be passed upon for us by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver \& Jacobson (a partnership including professional corporations), New York, New York and certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriters by Brown Raysman Millstein Felder \& Steiner LLP, New York, New York.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries as of November 30, 1999, 1998 and 1997, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1999, have been included herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent certified public accountants, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the common stock offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, certain portions of which are omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Commission. For further information pertaining to us and the common stock, reference is made to the Registration Statement, including the exhibits thereto and the financial statements, notes and schedules filed as a part thereof. Statements contained in this prospectus regarding the contents of any contract or other document referred to herein or therein are not necessarily complete, and in each instance reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement or such other document, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and file reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. Such reports, proxy statements and other information, as well as the Registration Statement and its exhibits and schedules, may be inspected, without charge, or copied, at prescribed rates, at the public reference facility maintained by the Commission at Room 1024, Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the Commission maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information, regarding issuers that file electronically with the Commission. The address of the Commission's site is http:<br>www.sec.gov.

We incorporate by reference the following documents, which we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act:
o our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1999;
o our Report on Form 8-K dated as of January 13, 2000; and
o the description of our common stock on our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on May 21, 1987.

You should consider all documents we file pursuant to sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Exchange Act after the date of this document and before the termination of this offering of our common stock to be incorporated by reference in this document. In addition, all reports that we file under the Exchange Act after the date of the initial registration statement and before effectiveness of the registration statement will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should consider any statement contained in this document or in a document incorporated or considered to be incorporated by reference in this document to be modified or superseded for purposes of this document to the extent that a statement contained in this document or any other subsequently filed document that also is or is considered to be incorporated by reference in this document modifies or supersedes this statement. You should not consider any statement modified or superseded in this manner except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this document.

We will provide without charge to each person whom this document is delivered, upon written or oral request of that person, a copy of any and all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this document (excluding exhibits unless exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in the requested documents). Please direct such requests to John T. Fusto, Audiovox Corporation, 150 Marcus Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788. Our telephone number is (631) 231-7750.

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## AUDIOVOX CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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The Board of Directors and Stockholders
Audiovox Corporation:
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries as of November 30, 1998 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries as of November 30, 1998 and 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1999, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
/s/ KPMG LLP
KPMG LLP

Melville, New York
January 13, 2000

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
NOVEMBER 30, 1998 AND 1999
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)


See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## AUDIOVOX CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1997, 1998 AND 1999 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

|  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales. | \$639, 082 | \$616, 695 | \$1,159,537 |
| Cost of sales (including an inventory write-down to market in 1998 of \$6,600) | 532,320 | 528,154 | 1,024,909 |
| Gross profit. | 106,762 | 88,541 | 134,628 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |
| Selling... | 38,044 | 35,196 | 36,606 |
| General and administrative. | 37,000 | 35,890 | 44,748 |
| Warehousing, assembly and repair | 12,023 | 12,584 | 15, 037 |
| Total operating expenses. | 87,067 | 83,670 | 96,391 |
| Operating income. | 19,695 | 4,871 | 38,237 |
| Other income (expense): |  |  |  |
| Debt conversion expense. | $(12,686)$ | -- |  |
| Interest and bank charges. | $(2,542)$ | $(4,769)$ | $(4,712)$ |
| Equity in income of equity investments, management fees and related income, net. | 1,468 | 1,107 | 4,257 |
| Gain on sale of investments. | 37,471 | 787 | 3,501 |
| Gain on issuance of subsidiary shares | -- | -- | 3,800 |
| Other, net. | 36 | 1,805 | $(2,360)$ |
| Total other income (expense) | 23,747 | $(1,070)$ | 4,486 |
| Income before provision for income taxes. | 43,442 | 3,801 | 42,723 |
| Provision for income taxes. | 22,420 | 829 | 15,477 |
| Net income. | \$ 21,022 | \$ 2,972 | \$ 27,246 |
| Net income per common share (basic). | \$ 1.11 | \$ 0.16 | \$ 1.43 |
| Net income per common share (diluted) | \$ 1.09 | \$ 0.16 | \$ 1.39 |
|  | ----- | --- | ---------- |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

|  | PREFERRED STOCK | COMMON STOCK | PAID-IN CAPITAL | UNEARNED COMPENSATION | RETAINED EARNINGS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balances at November 30, 1996. | 2,500 | 163 | 107,958 | (125) | 11,902 |
| Comprehensive income: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 21,022 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$1, 174 . | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Other comprehensive income (loss).............................................. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comprehensive income............... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compensation expense. | -- | -- | 118 | 17 | -- |
| Options and non-performance restricted stock forfeitures due to employee terminations. | -- | -- | (23) | 23 | -- |
| Issuance of 352,194 shares of common stock. | -- |  | 3,489 | -- |  |
| Conversion of debentures into 2,860,925 shares. | -- | 29 | 33,592 | -- | - |
| Issuance of warrants.................................... | -- | -- | 106 | -- | -- |
| Acquisition of 290,000 common shares | -- | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Unrealized gain on equity collar, net of tax effect of \$473. | -- | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Balances at November 30, 1997 | 2,500 | 195 | 145,240 | (85) | 32,924 |
| Comprehensive income: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income........ | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2,972 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Unrealized loss on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$4, 928 . | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)................................. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Comprehensive income (loss). |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compensation expense (income). | -- | -- | (23) | 76 | -- |
| Options and non-performance restricted stock forfeitures due to employee terminations. | -- | -- | (9) | 9 | -- |
| Purchase of warrants | -- | -- | $(1,869)$ | -- | -- |
| Acquisition of 208,055 common shares | -- | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Sale of equity collar, net of tax effect of \$1,043. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Balances at November 30, 1998. | 2,500 | 195 | 143,339 | -- | 35,896 |
| Comprehensive income: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 27,246 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$3,540. Other comprehensive income. | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Comprehensive income......... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Compensation expense (income) | -- | -- | 158 | -- | -- |
| Exercise of stock options into 364,550 shares of common stock and issuance of 39,305 shares under the Restricted Stock Plan........ | -- | 4 | 2,775 | -- | -- |
| Tax benefit of stock options exercised. | -- | -- | 1,101 | -- | - |
| Conversion of debentures into 70,565 shares. | -- | 1 | 1,248 | -- | -- |
| Issuance of warrants. | -- | 1 | 662 | -- | -- |
| Purchase of warrants. | -- | -- | (5) | -- | -- |
| Acquisition of 122,982 common shares. | -- | -- | ( | -- | -- |
| Balances at November 30, 1999. | 2,500 | 201 | 149,278 | -- | 63,142 |
|  | ------- | ---- | -------- | -------- | - |


| ACCUMULATED <br> OTHER <br> COMPREHENSIV <br> INCOME <br> (LOSS) |
| :--- |
| ------101 |
| $9,-$ |
| $(2,252$ |
| 1,917 |

GAIN ON
HEDGE OF

| UNREALIZED | HEDGE OF |
| :---: | :--- |
| GAIN ON | AVAILABLE |
| EQUITY | FOR SALE |
| COLLAR | SECURITIES | $\begin{array}{cl}\text { GAIN ON } & \text { AVAILABLE } \\ \text { EQUITY } & \text { FOR SALE } \\ \text { COLLAR } & \text { SECURITIES }\end{array}$

TREASURY STOCK

Balances at November 30, 1996
9,101
Comprehensive income
Net income.
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:
Foreign currency translation adjustment
Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$1, 174

Other comprehensive income (loss)
Comprehensive income
Compensation expense
Options and non-performance restricted stock forfeitures due to employee terminations
Issuance of 352,194 shares of common stock
Conversion of debentures into $2,860,925$ shares
Issuance of warrants.
Acquisition of 290,000 common shares.
: : : : :

Net income.....................................................................
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Foreign currency translation adjustment............................................ } \\
& \text { Unrealized loss on marketable securities, net of tax effect of }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
(2,276)
$$ \$4, 928

$$
(8,040)
$$

Other comprehensive income (loss)
Comprehensive income (loss).
Compensation expense (income)......................................................................
Options and non-performance restricted stock forfeitures due to
Options and non-perform


Purchase of warrants..
Acquisition of 208,055 common shares.
Sale of equity collar, net of
Balances at November 30, 1998
Comprehensive income:
Net income
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:
 \$3,540

Other comprehensive income.
Comprehensive income
Compensation expense (income)
Exercise of stock options into 364,550 shares of common stock and
issuance of 39,305 shares under the Restricted Stock Plan.
Tax benefit of stock options exercised.
Conversion of debentures into 70,565 shares
Issuance of warrants
Purchase of warrants.
Acquisition of 122,982 common shares
Balances at November 30, 1999
5,165

TOTAL
STOCKHOLDERS'
EQUITY
131,499
Comprehensive income:
Net income
21, 022
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:
Foreign currency translation adjustment.
Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$1,174

Other comprehensive income (loss)
Comprehensive income
Compensation expense
Options and non-performance restricted stock forfeitures due to employee terminations.

Conversion of debentures into 2,860,925 shares.
Issuance of warrants
33, 621

Acquisition of 290,000 common shares.
106
Unrealized gain on equity collar, net of tax effect of $\$ 473$.
Balances at November 30, 1997
Comprehensive income:

Foreign currency translation adjustment..
Unrealized loss on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$4, 928 .
$(2,252)$
1,917
(335)

20,687
135

3,492
33, 106
$(2,421)$
773
187, 892
2,972
$(2,276)$
$(8,040)$
Other comprehensive income (loss).
$(10,316)$
Comprehensive income (loss)

Options and non-performance restricted stock forfeitures due to
employee terminations
Purchase of warrants.
Acquisition of 208,055 common shares.
Sale of equity collar, net of tax effect
$(7,344)$

Balances at November 30, 1998. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 177,720
Comprehensive income:
Net income
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:

Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax effect of \$3,540.

Other comprehensive income
Compensation expense (income)..................................................................
Exercise of stock options into 364,550 shares of common stock andissuance of 39,305 shares under the Restricted Stock Plan.................
Tax benefit of stock options exercised............................... . ... 1,101
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Tax benefit of stock options exercised............................. } & \text { 1, 101 } \\ \text { Conversion of debentures into } 70,565 \text { shares......................... } & 1,249 \\ \text { Issuance of warrants............................................ } & 1063\end{array}$
Purchase of warrants............................................................................................

Acquisition of 122,982 common shares
Acquisition of 122,982 common shares ..... (882)
Balances at November 30, 1999 ..... 216,744

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## AUDIOVOX CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

 YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 1997, 1998 AND 1999(IN THOUSANDS)

|  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flows from operating activities: |  |  |  |
| Net income. | \$ 21,022 | \$ 2,972 | \$ 27,246 |
| Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |  |  |  |
| Debt conversion expense. | 12,386 | -- | -- |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 1,903 | 2,471 | 3,288 |
| Provision for bad debt expense | 1,300 | 581 | 3,255 |
| Equity in income of equity investments | $(1,468)$ | $(1,107)$ | $(4,257)$ |
| Minority interest. | 1,623 | (320) | (220) |
| Gain on sale of investments | $(37,471)$ | (787) | $(3,501)$ |
| Gain on issuance of subsidiary shares | $(37,471)$ | (787) | $(3,800)$ |
| Other-than-temporary decline in market value of investment security | -- | -- | 1,953 |
| Deferred income tax benefit, net. | $(3,123)$ | (902) | (565) |
| Provision for unearned compensation | 135 | 53 | ) |
| Expense relating to issuance of warrants. | 106 | -- | -- |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net. | (9) | (151) | 36 |
| Changes in: |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable. | 6,853 | $(27,940)$ | $(109,889)$ |
| Receivable from vendor |  | 4,266 | $(8,371)$ |
| Inventory.. | $(36,823)$ | 31,705 | $(64,533)$ |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities | $(2,855)$ | 9,385 | 56,615 |
| Income taxes payable. | 2,181 | $(4,034)$ | 4, 022 |
| Prepaid expenses and other, net | $(2,659)$ | 1,186 | 3,105 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | $(36,899)$ | 17,378 | $(95,616)$ |
| Cash flows from investing activities: |  |  |  |
| Purchases of investment securities. | $(4,706)$ | $(12,719)$ | $(14,151)$ |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment, net | $(3,986)$ | $(4,932)$ | $(4,822)$ |
| Net proceeds from sale of investment securities | 45,937 | 5,830 | 11,201 |
| Proceeds from sale of equity collar. | -- | 1,499 |  |
| Proceeds from distribution from equity investment | 450 | 1,125 | 1,648 |
| Proceeds from issuance of subsidiary shares. | -- | -- | 5,000 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities. | 37,695 | $(9,197)$ | $(1,124)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |  |
| Net borrowings (repayments) under line of credit agreements. | $(3,765)$ | $(5,047)$ | 93,428 |
| Net borrowings (repayments) under documentary acceptances. | 413 | (3) | $(1,917)$ |
| Debt issuance costs. | (13) | ) | $(1,175)$ |
| Principal payments on capital lease obligation. |  | (26) | (19) |
| Proceeds from issuance of Class A common stock. | 2,328 | (26) | (19) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants | -- | -- | 3,449 |
| Repurchase of Class A common stock. | $(2,421)$ | $(1,168)$ | (882) |
| Purchase of warrants.. | ) | $(1,869)$ | ) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities. | $(3,458)$ | $(8,113)$ | 92,884 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash. | (243) | (115) | (15) |
| Net decrease in cash. | $(2,905)$ | (47) | $(3,871)$ |
| Cash at beginning of period. | 12,350 | 9,445 | 9,398 |
| Cash at end of period. | \$ 9,445 | \$ 9,398 | \$ 5,527 |
|  | ------- | ------- | --------- |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOVEMBER 30, 1997, 1998 AND 1999
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AND PER SHARE DATA)

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Description of Business

Audiovox Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) design and market a diverse line of products and provide related services throughout the world. These products and services include handsets and accessories for wireless communications, fulfillment services for wireless carriers, automotive entertainment and security products, automotive electronic accessories and consumer electronics.

The Company operates in two primary markets:
(1) Wireless communications. The Wireless Group markets wireless handsets and accessories through domestic and international wireless carriers and their agents, independent distributors and retailers.
(2) Mobile and consumer electronics. The Electronics Group sells autosound, mobile electronics and consumer electronics primarily to mass merchants, power retailers, specialty retailers, new car dealers, original equipment manufactures (OEMs), independent installers of automotive accessories and the U.S. military.
(b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Audiovox Corporation and its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.
(c) Cash Equivalents

Investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents at November 30, 1998 or 1999.
(d) Cash Discounts, Co-operative Advertising Allowances and Market Development Funds

The Company accrues for estimated cash discounts, trade and promotional co-operative advertising allowances and market development funds at the time of sale. These discounts and allowances are reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as a reduction of accounts receivable as they are utilized by customers to reduce their trade indebtedness to the Company.

## (e) Inventory

Inventory consists principally of finished goods and is stated at the lower of cost (primarily on a weighted moving average basis) or market. The markets in which the Company competes are characterized by declining prices, intense competition, rapid technological change and frequent new product introductions. The Company maintains a significant investment in inventory and, therefore, is subject to the risk of losses on write-downs to market and inventory obsolescence. During the second quarter of 1998, the Company recorded a charge of approximately $\$ 6,600$ to accurately reflect the company's inventory at the lower of cost or market. No estimate can be made of losses that are reasonably possible should additional write-downs to market be required in the future

## (f) Investment Securities

The Company classifies its debt and equity securities in one of three categories: trading, available-for-sale, or held-to-maturity. Trading securities are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term. Held-to-maturity securities are those securities in which the Company has the ability and intent to hold the security until maturity. All other securities not included in trading or held-to-maturity are classified as available-for-sale.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--(CONTINUED)

Trading and available-for-sale securities are recorded at fair value. Held-to-maturity securities are recorded at amortized cost, adjusted for the amortization or accretion of premiums or discounts. Unrealized holding gains and losses on trading securities are included in earnings. Unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the related tax effect, on available-for-sale securities are excluded from earnings and are reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income until realized. Realized gains and losses from the sale of available-for-sale securities are determined on a specific identification basis.

A decline in the market value of any available-for-sale or held-to-maturity security below cost that is deemed other-than-temporary results in a reduction in carrying amount to fair value. The impairment is charged to earnings and a new cost basis for the security is established. Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted over the life of the related held-to-maturity security as an adjustment to yield using the effective interest method. Dividend and interest income are recognized when earned.

## (g) Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company, as a policy, does not use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. A description of the derivative financial instruments used by the Company follows:
(1) Forward Exchange Contracts

The Company conducts business in several foreign currencies and, as a result, is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk due to the effects that exchange rate movements of these currencies have on the Company's costs. To minimize the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on costs, the Company enters into forward exchange rate contracts. The Company, as a policy, does not enter into forward exchange contracts for trading purposes. The forward exchange rate contracts are entered into as hedges of inventory purchase commitments and of trade receivables due in foreign currencies.

Gains and losses on the forward exchange contracts that qualify as hedges are reported as a component of the underlying transaction. Foreign currency transactions which have not been hedged are marked-to-market on a current basis with gains and losses recognized through income and reflected in other income (expense). In addition, any previously deferred gains and losses on hedges which are terminated prior to the transaction date are recognized in current income when the hedge is terminated (Note 19(a)(1)).
(2) Equity Collar

As of November 30, 1997, the Company had an equity collar for 100,000 of its shares in CellStar Corporation (CellStar) (Note 8). The equity collar was recorded on the balance sheet at fair value with gains and losses on the equity collar reflected as a separate component of stockholders' equity (Note 19(a)(2)). The equity collar acted as a hedging item for the CellStar shares. The investment in the CellStar shares is an available-for-sale security carried at fair market value with unrealized gains and losses recorded as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 137, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities--Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133" (Statement 137). Statement 137 amends Statement 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", which was to be effective for all fiscal quarters of fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1999. Statement 137 defers the effective date of Statement 133 to all fiscal quarters of fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. Statement 133 established accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments, embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities. Management of the Company has not yet determined the impact, if any, that the implementation of Statement 133 will have on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--(CONTINUED)
(h) Debt Issuance Costs

Costs incurred in connection with the restructuring of bank obligations (Note 11(a)) have been capitalized. During 1999, the Company capitalized \$1,220 in fees associated with the amendment to the Company's credit agreement. These charges are amortized over the lives of the respective agreements. Amortization expense of these costs amounted to $\$ 37$ and $\$ 160$ for the years ended November 30, 1997 and 1999, respectively. During 1997, the Company wrote-off $\$ 245$ of debt issuance costs (Note 12). There was no amortization of debt issuance costs for the year ended November 30, 1998.
(i) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Equipment under capital lease is stated at the present value of minimum lease payments. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings................................................................... 20-30 years
Furniture, fixtures and displays............................... 5-10 years Machinery and equipment.............................................. 5-10 years
Computer hardware and software.......................................... 5 years
Automobiles.................................................................. 3 years

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or estimated useful life of the asset. Assets acquired under capital lease are amortized over the term of the lease.
(j) Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of patents, trademarks, non-competition agreements and the excess cost over fair value of assets acquired for subsidiary companies and equity investments. Excess cost over fair value of assets acquired is being amortized, on a straight-line basis, over periods not exceeding twenty years. The costs of other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their respective lives.

Accumulated amortization approximated \$2,148 and \$2,583 at November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Amortization of the excess cost over fair value of assets acquired and other intangible assets amounted to $\$ 363$, $\$ 382$ and $\$ 429$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

On an ongoing basis, the Company reviews the valuation and amortization of its intangible assets. As a part of its ongoing review, the Company estimates the fair value of intangible assets taking into consideration any events and circumstances which may diminish fair value.

The recoverability of the excess cost over fair value of assets acquired is assessed by determining whether the amortization over its remaining life can be recovered through undiscounted future operating cash flows of the acquired operation. The amount of impairment, if any, is measured based on projected discounted future operating cash flows using a discount rate reflecting the Company's average cost of funds. The assessment of the recoverability of the excess cost over fair value of assets acquired will be impacted if estimated future operating cash flows are not achieved.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--(CONTINUED)

(k) Equity Investments

The Company has common stock investments which are accounted for by the equity method (Note 10)
(1) Cellular Telephone Commissions

Under various agency agreements, the Company receives an initial activation commission for obtaining subscribers for cellular telephone services. The agreements may contain provisions for additional commissions based upon usage and length of continued subscription. The agreements also provide for the reduction or elimination of initial activation commissions if subscribers deactivate service within stipulated periods. The Company has provided a liability for estimated cellular deactivations which is reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as a reduction of accounts receivable.

The Company recognizes sales revenue for the initial activation, length of service commissions and residual commissions based upon usage on the accrual basis. Such commissions approximated $\$ 35,749, \$ 27,237$ and $\$ 29,547$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Related commissions paid to outside selling representatives for cellular activations are included in cost of sales in the accompanying consolidated statements of income and amounted to $\$ 19,924, \$ 13,877$ and $\$ 19,884$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.
(m) Advertising

The Company expenses the costs of advertising as incurred. During the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, the Company had no direct response advertising.
(n) Warranty Expenses

Warranty expenses are accrued at the time of sale based on the Company's estimated cost to repair expected returns for products. At November 30, 1998 and 1999, the liability for future warranty expense amounted to \$1,915 and \$5,104, respectively.

## (o) Foreign Currency

With the exception of a subsidiary operation in Venezuela, which has been deemed a hyper inflationary economy, assets and liabilities of those subsidiaries and equity investments located outside the United States whose cash flows are primarily in local currencies have been translated at rates of exchange at the end of the period or historical exchange rates, as appropriate. Revenues and expenses have been translated at the weighted average rates of exchange in effect during the period. Gains and losses resulting from translation are accumulated in the cumulative foreign currency translation account in accumulated other comprehensive income. For the operation in Venezuela, financial statements are translated at either current or historical exchange rates, as appropriate. These adjustments, along with gains and losses on currency transactions, are reflected in the consolidated statements of income.

Exchange gains and losses on hedges of foreign net investments and on intercompany balances of a long-term nature are also recorded in the cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment account in accumulated other comprehensive income. Exchange gains and losses on available-for-sale investment securities and the related hedge of such investment securities is recorded in the unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities in accumulated other comprehensive income. Other foreign currency transaction gains (losses) of \$871 and $\$(1,046)$ for the years ended November 30, 1998 and 1999 , respectively, were included in other income. Other foreign currency gains and losses were not material for the year ended November 30, 1997.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--(CONTINUED)

## (p) Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. 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 effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.
(q) Net Income Per Common Share

In February 1997, the FASB issued Statement No. 128, "Earnings per Share" (Statement 128). Statement 128 replaces the calculation of primary and fully diluted earnings per share with basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share excludes any dilution. It is based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that would occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock The Company adopted Statement 128 in fiscal 1998. Earnings per share amounts for all periods presented have been restated to conform to the new presentation.

## (r) Supplementary Financial Statement Information

Advertising expenses approximated $\$ 16,981, \$ 15,789$ and $\$ 15,390$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

Interest income of approximately $\$ 1,525, \$ 896$ and $\$ 943$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively, is included in other, net, in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.
(s) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of the contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
(t) Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of

The Company accounts for its long-lived assets in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of " (Statement 121). Statement 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to the future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceed the fair value of assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell.
(u) Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

The Company applies the intrinsic value-based method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees", and related interpretations, in accounting for its stock-based compensation plans.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--(CONTINUED)
(v) Reporting Comprehensive Income

Effective December 1, 1998, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income" (Statement 130). Statement 130 requires that all items recognized under accounting standards as components of comprehensive income be reported in an annual financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as other annual financial statements. Other comprehensive income may include foreign currency translation adjustments, minimum pension liability adjustments and unrealized gains and losses on investment securities classified as available-for-sale. The Company adopted this accounting standard effective December 1, 1998, as required. Prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation required by Statement 130.
(w) Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1997 and 1998 consolidated financial statements in order to conform to the 1999 presentation.

## 2. BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

During 1997, the Company formed Audiovox Venezuela C.A. (Audiovox
Venezuela), an 80\%-owned subsidiary, for the purpose of expanding its international business. The Company made an initial investment of $\$ 478$ which was used by Audiovox Venezuela to obtain certain licenses, permits and fixed assets.

## 3. ISSUANCE OF SUBSIDIARY SHARES

On March 31, 1999, Toshiba Corporation, a major supplier, purchased 5\% of the Company's subsidiary, Audiovox Communications Corp. (ACC), a supplier of wireless products for $\$ 5,000$ in cash. The Company currently owns $95 \%$ of ACC; prior to the transaction ACC was a wholly-owned subsidiary. As a result of the
 provision for deferred taxes). The gain on the issuance of the subsidiary's shares have been recognized in the statements of income in accordance with the Company's policy on the recognition of such transactions.

## 4. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following is supplemental information relating to the consolidated statements of cash flows:

| FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30, |  |  |
| 1997 | 1998 |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| $\$ 1,560$ | $\$ 1,587$ | $\$ 2,994$ |
| $\$ 23,530$ | $\$ 4,496$ | $\$ 12,039$ |

## Non-cash Transactions

During January 1997, the Company completed an exchange of $\$ 21,479$ of its $\$ 65,00061 / 4 \%$ convertible subordinated debentures (Subordinated Debentures) into $2,860,925$ shares of Class $A$ common stock (Note 12).

During 1997, the Company issued a credit of $\$ 1,250$ on open accounts receivable and issued 250,000 shares of its Class A common stock, valued at five dollars per share, in exchange for a $20 \%$ interest in Bliss-tel Company, Limited (Bliss-tel) (Note 10).

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4. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION--(CONTINUED)

During 1997, the Company contributed $\$ 6,475$ in net assets in exchange for a 50\% ownership interest in Audiovox Specialized Applications, LLC (ASA) which resulted in $\$ 5,595$ of excess cost over fair value of net assets (Note 10).

As of November 30, 1997, the Company recorded an unrealized holding gain relating to the equity collar, net of deferred income taxes, of $\$ 773$ as a separate component of stockholders' equity (Note 19).

During 1998, a capital lease obligation of $\$ 6,340$ was incurred when the Company entered into a building lease (Note 18).

During 1998, the Company sold its equity collar for $\$ 1,499$. The transaction resulted in a net gain on hedge of available-for-sale securities of $\$ 929$ which is reflected as a separate component of stockholders' equity (Note 19).

During 1998 and 1999, the Company exercised its option to convert 1,137,212 and $2,882,788$ Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 8,176$ and $\$ 24,026$ ) of Shintom Co. Ltd. (Shintom) convertible debentures (Shintom debentures) into approximately $7,500,000$ and $48,100,000$ shares of Shintom common stock, respectively (Note 8).

During the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, the Company recorded an unrealized holding gain relating to available-for-sale marketable equity securities, net of deferred income taxes, of $\$ 1,917, \$(8,040)$ and $\$ 5,775$, respectively, as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 16).

During 1999, \$1, 249 of its $\$ 65,00061 / 4 \%$ subordinated debentures were converted into 70,565 shares of Class A common stock (Note 12).

## 5. TRANSACTIONS WITH MAJOR SUPPLIERS

The Company engages in transactions with Shintom and TALK Corporation (TALK). Shintom is a stockholder who owns all of the outstanding Preferred Stock of the Company at November 30, 1998 and 1999. The Company has a $30.8 \%$ interest in TALK (Note 10).

Transactions with Shintom and TALK include financing arrangements and inventory purchases which approximated $29 \%$, $19 \%$ and $11 \%$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively, of total inventory purchases. At November 30, 1998 and 1999, the Company had recorded $\$ 15$ and $\$ 20$, respectively, of liability due to TALK for inventory purchases included in accounts payable. The Company also has documentary acceptance obligations payable to TALK as of November 30, 1998 and 1999 (Note 11(b)). At November 30, 1998 and 1999, the Company had recorded a receivable from TALK in the amount of $\$ 734$ and $\$ 3,741$, respectively, a portion of which is payable with interest (Note 10), which is reflected as receivable from vendor on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

TALK, which holds world-wide distribution rights for product manufactured by Shintom, has given the Company exclusive distribution rights on all wireless personal communication products for all countries except Japan, China, Thailand and several mid-eastern countries.

Inventory purchases from another major supplier approximated $32 \%$, 42\% and $39 \%$ of total inventory purchases for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Although there are a limited number of manufacturers of its products, management believes that other suppliers could provide similar products on comparable terms. A change in suppliers, however, could cause a delay in product availability and a possible loss of sales, which would affect operating results adversely.

## 6. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable is comprised of the following:


## 7. RECEIVABLE FROM VENDOR

The Company recorded receivable from vendor in the amount of $\$ 956$ and $\$ 9,327$ as of November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Receivable from vendor represents prepayments on product shipments, defective product reimbursements and interest receivable at a rate of $6.5 \%$ on amounts due from TALK (Note 10).

## 8. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

As of November 30, 1999, the Company's investment securities consist primarily of 1,730,000 shares of CellStar Common Stock, 1,904,000 shares of Shintom common stock and 1,125,024 Japanese yen of Shintom debentures, which were classified as available-for-sale marketable securities. As of November 30, 1998, the Company's investment securities consist primarily of $1,730,000$ shares of CellStar Common Stock, 1,904,000 shares of Shintom common stock and 662,788 Japanese yen of Shintom debentures, which were classified as available-for-sale marketable securities. The cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and aggregate fair value of the investment securities available-for-sale as of November 30, 1999 were as follows:


The Shintom debentures mature on September 30, 2002.
A related deferred tax liability of $\$ 2,546$ and $\$ 6,053$ was recorded at November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively, as a reduction to the unrealized holding gain included in accumulated other comprehensive income.

During 1997, the Company sold $1,835,000$ shares of CellStar Common Stock yielding net proceeds of approximately $\$ 45,937$ and a gain, net of taxes, of approximately $\$ 23,232$.

During 1998, the Company purchased 400, 000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 3,132$ ) of Shintom debentures and exercised its option to convert the Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. These shares are included in the Company's available-for-sale marketable securities at November 30, 1998. During the fourth quarter of 1999, the Company recorded an other-than-temporary decline in market value of

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

## 8. INVESTMENT SECURITIES--(CONTINUED)

its Shintom common stock in the amount of $\$ 1,953$ and a related deferred tax benefit of $\$ 761$. The write-down has been recorded as a component of other expense in the consolidated statement of income.

During 1998, the Company purchased an additional 1,400,000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 9,586$ ) of Shintom debentures and exercised its option to convert 737, 212 Japanese yen of Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. The Company sold the Shintom common stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 5,830$ and a gain of $\$ 787$.

During 1999, the Company purchased an additional 3,100,000 Japanese yen (approximately $\$ 27,467$ ) of Shintom debentures and exercised its option to convert 2,882,788 Japanese yen of Shintom debentures into shares of Shintom common stock. The Company sold the Shintom common stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 27,916$ and a gain of $\$ 3,501$.
9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property, plant and equipment, net, is as follows:


The amortization of the property under capital lease is included in depreciation and amortization expense.

Computer software includes approximately $\$ 3,149$ and $\$ 2,927$ of unamortized costs as of November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively, related to the acquisition and installation of management information systems for internal use.

Depreciation and amortization of plant and equipment amounted to $\$ 1,503$, \$2,089 and \$2,875 for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Included in accumulated depreciation and amortization is amortization of computer software costs of $\$ 19, \$ 350$ and $\$ 1,051$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Included in accumulated depreciation and amortization is amortization of property under capital lease of $\$ 160$ and $\$ 240$ for the year ended November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

## 10. EQUITY INVESTMENTS

As of November 30, 1999, the Company had a $30.8 \%$ ownership interest in TALK, a major supplier of the Company. As of November 30, 1999, the Company's 72\% owned subsidiary, Audiovox Communications Sdn. Bhd., had a 29\% ownership interest in Avx Posse (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (Posse) which monitors car security commands through a satellite based system in Malaysia. As of November 30, 1999, the Company had a $20 \%$ ownership interest in Bliss-tel which distributes cellular telephones and accessories in Thailand. Additionally, the Company had 50\% non-controlling ownership interests in five other entities: Protector Corporation (Protector) which acts as a distributor of chemical protection treatments; ASA which acts as a distributor to specialized markets for RV's and van conversions, of televisions and other automotive sound,

## 10. EQUITY INVESTMENTS--(CONTINUED)

security and accessory products; Audiovox Pacific Pty., Limited (Audiovox Pacific) which was a former distributor of cellular telephones and automotive sound and security products in Australia and New Zealand; G.L.M. Wireless Communications, Inc. (G.L.M.) which is in the cellular telephone, pager and communications business in the New York metropolitan area; and Quintex West, which is in the cellular telephone and related communication products business, as well as the automotive aftermarket products business on the west coast of the United States.

During 1997, the Company purchased a $20 \%$ equity investment in Bliss-tel in exchange for 250,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock and a credit for open accounts receivable of $\$ 1,250$. The issuance of the common stock resulted in an increase to additional paid-in capital of approximately $\$ 1,248$. In connection with the purchase, excess of the fair value of net assets acquired over cost amounting to $\$ 320$ was recorded and is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 10 years.

During 1997, the Company purchased a 50\% equity investment in a newly-formed company, ASA, for approximately $\$ 11,131$. The Company contributed the net assets of its Heavy Duty Sound division, its $50 \%$ interest in Audiovox Specialty Markets Co. (ASMC) and \$4,656 in cash. In connection with this investment, excess cost over fair value of net assets acquired of $\$ 5,595$ resulted, which is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 20 years. The other investor (Investor) contributed its 50\% interest in ASMC and the net assets of ASA Electronics Corporation. In connection with this investment, the Company entered into a stock purchase agreement with the Investor in ASA. The agreement provides for the sale of 352,194 shares of Class A Common Stock at $\$ 6.61$ per share (aggregate proceeds of approximately $\$ 2,328$ ) by the Company to the Investor. The transaction resulted in a net increase to additional paid-in capital of approximately $\$ 2,242$. The selling price of the shares are subject to adjustment in the event the Investor sells shares at a loss during a 90-day period, beginning with the later of the effective date of the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to register such shares or May 13, 1998. The adjustment to the selling price will equal the loss incurred by the Investor up to a maximum of $50 \%$ of the shares. During 1998, the Investor sold its shares at a loss which resulted in the Company recording an adjustment to the selling price of $\$ 410$ as additional excess cost over fair value of assets acquired. No further adjustments to the selling price can be made.

The Company's net sales to the equity investments amounted to $\$ 6,132$, $\$ 4,528$ and $\$ 4,605$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. The Company's purchases from the equity investments amounted to $\$ 7,484, \$ 91,095$ and $\$ 146,803$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. The Company recorded $\$ 2,027, \$ 1,752$ and $\$ 1,735$ of outside representative commission expenses for activations and residuals generated by G.L.M. on the Company's behalf during fiscal year 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. During the fourth quarter of 1999 , the Company recorded $\$ 1,121$ of equity income from TALK.

Included in accounts receivable at November 30, 1998 and 1999 are trade receivables due from its equity investments aggregating \$1,035 and \$1,057, respectively. Receivable from vendor includes $\$ 833$ and $\$ 3,741$ due from TALK as of November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively, which represents prepayments on product shipments and interest. Interest is payable in monthly installments at $6.5 \%$ on amounts due from TALK. Amounts representing prepayments of $\$ 3,500$ were repaid via receipt of product shipments in December 1999. At November 30, 1998 and 1999, other long-term assets include management fee receivables of $\$ 1,271$ and $\$ 459$, respectively. At November 30, 1998 and 1999 , included in accounts payable and other accrued expenses were obligations to equity investments aggregating $\$ 1,049$ and $\$ 1,015$, respectively. Documentary acceptance obligations were outstanding from TALK at November 30, 1999 (Note 11(b)).

For the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, interest income earned on equity investment notes and other receivables approximated $\$ 653, \$ 480$ and $\$ 482$, respectively. Interest expense on documentary acceptances payable to TALK approximated \$203, \$256 and \$228 in 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

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## 11. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Bank Obligations

The Company maintains a revolving credit agreement with various financial institutions. During the year ended November 30, 1999, the credit agreement was amended and restated in its entirety, extending the expiration date to July 27, 2004. As a result, bank obligations under the credit agreement have been classified as long-term at November 30, 1999. The amended and restated credit agreement provides for $\$ 200,000$ of available credit, including $\$ 15,000$ for foreign currency borrowings. In December 1999, the credit agreement was further amended, resulting in an increase in available credit to $\$ 250,000$.

Under the credit agreement, the Company may obtain credit through direct borrowings and letters of credit. The obligations of the Company under the credit agreement are guaranteed by certain of the Company's subsidiaries and is secured by accounts receivable, inventory and the Company's shares of ACC. As of November 30, 1999, availability of credit under the credit agreement is a maximum aggregate amount of $\$ 200,000$, subject to certain conditions, based upon a formula taking into account the amount and quality of its accounts receivable and inventory. At November 30, 1999, the amount of unused available credit is $\$ 46,930$. The credit agreement also allows for commitment up to $\$ 50,000$ in forward exchange contracts (Note 19(a)(1)).

Outstanding obligations under the credit agreement at November 30, 1999 and 1998 were as follows:

|  | NOVEMBER 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1999 |
| Revolving Credit Notes. | \$ 2,500 | \$ 47, 007 |
| Eurodollar Notes. | 15,000 | 55,000 |
|  | \$17,500 | \$102, 007 |

Interest rates are as follows: revolving credit notes at . $50 \%$ above the prime rate, which was approximately $8.5 \%, 7.75 \%$ and $8.5 \%$ at November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively, and Eurodollar Notes at 1.50\% above the Libor rate which was approximately 5.97\%, 5.62\% and $6.48 \%$ at November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. The maximum commitment fee on the unused portion of the line of credit is $.50 \%$ as of November 30, 1999.

The credit agreement contains several covenants requiring, among other things, minimum levels of pre-tax income and minimum levels of net worth and working capital. Additionally, the agreement includes restrictions and limitations on payments of dividends, stock repurchases and capital expenditures. During 1998, the Company violated its covenant regarding maintenance of pre-tax income for the fiscal quarter and six months ended May 31, 1998 which was waived.

The Company also has revolving credit facilities in Malaysia (Malaysian Credit Agreement) to finance additional working capital needs. As of November 30, 1998 and 1999, the available line of credit for direct borrowing, letters of credit, bankers' acceptances and other forms of credit approximated $\$ 8,195$ and $\$ 8,158$, respectively. The credit facilities are partially secured by one standby letter of credit totaling \$1,300 and two standby letters of credit totaling \$5,320, by the Company and payable upon demand or upon expiration of the standby letters of credit on January 15, 2000 and August 31, 2000, respectively. The obligations of the Company under the Malaysian Credit Agreement are secured by the property and building owned by Audiovox Communications Sdn. Bhd. Outstanding obligations under the Malaysian Credit Agreement at November 30, 1998 and 1999 were approximately \$4,711 and \$5,843 respectively. At November 30, 1999 interest on the credit facility ranged from $7.4 \%$ to $9.6 \%$. At November 30, 1998, interest on the

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

## 11. FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

credit facility ranged from $9.5 \%$ to $12.0 \%$. At November 30, 1997, interest on the credit facility ranged from $8.25 \%$ to $11.10 \%$.

As of November 30, 1998 and 1999, Audiovox Venezuela had notes payable of $1,500,000$ and $1,275,500$ Venezuelan Bolivars (approximately $\$ 2,617$ and $\$ 2,000$ at November 30, 1998 and 1999) outstanding to a bank. Interest on the notes payable is $10.7 \%$. The notes are scheduled to be repaid within one year and, as such, are classified as short term. The notes payable are secured by a standby letter of credit in the amount of $\$ 3,000$, by the Company and is payable upon demand or upon expiration of the standby letter of credit on June 30, 2000.

The maximum month-end amounts outstanding under the credit agreement and Malaysian Credit Agreement borrowing facilities during the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were $\$ 28,420$, $\$ 42,975$ and $\$ 110,595$, respectively. Average borrowings during the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were \$18,723, \$26,333 and \$29,835, respectively, and the weighted average interest rates were $7.7 \%, 8.7 \%$ and $9.6 \%$, respectively.

During 1999, the Company entered into a wholesale financing agreement with a financial institution to finance up to $\$ 15,000$ of inventory purchases of a particular supplier. Amounts outstanding under this agreement were $\$ 8,150$ at November 30, 1999. Borrowings under the agreement are secured by the inventory purchased. Payments on the borrowings are due within 30 days. Interest is payable after stipulated due dates at a rate of prime plus $11 / 2 \%$, which was $10 \%$ at November 30, 1999. The agreement contains several covenants.
(b) Documentary Acceptances

The Company had various unsecured documentary acceptance lines of credit available with suppliers to finance inventory purchases. The Company does not have written agreements specifying the terms and amounts available under the lines of credit. At November 30, 1998 and 1999, $\$ 3,911$ and \$1,994, respectively, of documentary acceptances were outstanding of which all was due to TALK.

The maximum month-end documentary acceptances outstanding during the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were $\$ 4,162$, $\$ 4,809$ and $\$ 5,033$, respectively. Average borrowings during the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were $\$ 3,199, \$ 3,885$ and $\$ 3,755$, respectively, and the weighted average interest rates, including fees, were $6.3 \%$, $6.6 \%$ and $6.1 \%$, respectively.
12. LONG-TERM DEBT

A summary of long-term debt follows:


On March 15, 1994, the Company completed the sale of $\$ 65,000,61 / 4 \%$ subordinated debentures due 2001 and entered into an indenture agreement. The subordinated debentures are convertible into shares of the Company's Class A common stock, par value $\$ .01$ per share at an initial conversion price of $\$ 17.70$ per

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12. LONG-TERM DEBT--(CONTINUED)
share, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances. The indenture agreement contains various covenants. The bonds are subject to redemption by the Company in whole, or in part, at any time after March 15, 1997, at certain specified amounts. On May 9, 1995, the Company issued warrants to certain beneficial holders of these subordinated debentures (Note 15(d)).

On November 25, 1996, the Company completed an exchange of $\$ 41,252$ of its $\$ 65,000$ Subordinated Debentures for $6,806,580$ shares of Class A Common Stock (Exchange). As a result of the Exchange, a charge of $\$ 26,318$ was recorded. The charge to earnings represents (i) the difference in the fair market value of the shares issued in the Exchange and the fair market value of the shares that would have been issued under the terms of the original conversion feature plus (ii) a write-off of the debt issuance costs associated with the Subordinated Debentures (Note 1(h)) plus (iii) expenses associated with the Exchange offer. The Exchange resulted in taxable income due to the difference in the face value of the bonds converted and the fair market value of the shares issued and, as such, a current tax expense of $\$ 2,888$ was recorded. An increase to paid in capital was reflected for the face value of the bonds converted, plus the difference in the fair market value of the shares issued in the Exchange and the fair market value of the shares that would have been issued under the terms of the original conversion feature for a total of $\$ 63,564$.

During January 1997, the Company completed additional exchanges totaling $\$ 21,479$ of its $\$ 65,000$ subordinated debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class $A$ common stock (Additional Exchanges). As a result of the Additional Exchanges, similar to that of the Exchange described earlier, a charge of $\$ 12,686$, tax expense of $\$ 158$ and an increase to paid in capital of $\$ 33,592$, was recorded.

During fiscal 1999, holders of the Company's 65,000 subordinated debentures exercised their option to convert $\$ 1,249$ debentures for 70,565 shares of the Company's Class A common stock. As a result, the remaining subordinated debentures are $\$ 1,020$ as of November 30, 1999.

On October 20, 1994, the Company issued a note payable for 500, 000 Japanese yen (approximately \$4,062 and \$4,912 on November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively) to finance its investment in TALK (Note 10). The note is scheduled to be repaid on October 20, 2004 and bears interest at $4.1 \%$. The note can be repaid by cash payment or by giving 10,000 shares of its TALK investment to the lender. The lender has an option to acquire 2,000 shares of TALK held by the Company in exchange for releasing the Company from $20 \%$ of the face value of the note at any time after October 20, 1995. This note and the investment in TALK are both denominated in Japanese yen, and, as such, the foreign currency translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income. Any foreign currency translation adjustment resulting from the note will be recorded in other comprehensive income to the extent that the adjustment is less than or equal to the adjustment from the translation of the investment in TALK. Any portion of the adjustment from the translation of the note that exceeds the adjustment from the translation of the investment in TALK is a transaction gain or loss that will be included in earnings.

Maturities on long-term debt for the next five fiscal years are as follows:

| 2000. |  | -- |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001. | \$ | 1,020 |
| 2002. |  | -- |
| 2003. |  | -- |
| 2004. | \$ | 4,912 |

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13. INCOME TAXES

The components of income (loss) before the provision for income taxes are as follows:


| NOVEMBER 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| \$42,613 | \$ 5,380 | \$42,668 |
| 829 | $(1,579)$ | 55 |
| \$43,442 | \$ 3,801 | \$42,723 |
|  |  |  |

Total income tax expense (benefit) was allocated as follows:


The provision for (benefit of) income taxes is comprised of:


## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

13. INCOME TAXES--(CONTINUED)

A reconciliation of the provision for income taxes computed at the Federal statutory rate to the reported provision for income taxes is as follows:

|  | NOVEMBER 30, |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1997 |  | 1998 |  | 1999 |  |
| Tax provision at Federal statutory rates | \$15,205 | 35.0\% | \$1,292 | 34.0\% | \$14,953 | 35. $0 \%$ |
| Expense relating to exchange of subordinated debentures. | 4,578 | 10.5 | -- | - - | - - | - - |
| Undistributed income (losses) from equity investments. | 123 | 0.3 | 287 | 7.6 | (373) | (0.9) |
| State income taxes, net of Federal benefit. | 1,637 | 3.8 | 260 | 6.8 | 1,025 | 2.4 |
| Decrease in beginning-of-the-year balance of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets... | (180) | (0.4) | (340) | (8.9) | (989) | (2.3) |
| Foreign tax rate differential | 323 | 0.7 | (82) | (2.2) | 38 | 0.1 |
| Benefit of concluded examination | -- | -- | (350) | (9.2) | -- | -- |
| Other, net. | 734 | 1.7 | (238) | (6.3) | 823 | 1.9 |
|  | \$22,420 | 51.6\% | \$ 829 | 21.8\% | \$15,477 | 36.2\% |
|  | ----- | ----- | ------ | -- | ------- |  |

The significant components of deferred income tax recovery for the years ended November 30, 1999 and 1998 are as follows:

|  | NOVEMBER 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1999 |
| Deferred tax (recovery) expense (exclusive of the effect of other components listed below) | \$(562) | \$ 424 |
| Decrease in beginning-of-the-year balance of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets. | (340) | (989) |
|  | \$(902) | \$(565) |
|  | ---- |  |

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred liabilities are presented below:

|  | NOVEM | 30, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1999 |
| Deferred tax assets: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable, principally due to allowance for doubtful accounts and cellular deactivations. | \$1,210 | \$1,977 |
| Inventory, principally due to additional costs capitalized for tax purposes pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1986. | 325 | 617 |
| Inventory, principally due to valuation reserve. | 1,882 | 1,702 |
| Accrual for future warranty costs....... | 563 | 615 |
| Plant, equipment and certain intangibles, principally due to depreciation and amortization. | 804 | 957 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards, state and foreign | 2,338 | 1,327 |
| Equity collar.. | 570 | 570 |
| Accrued liabilities not currently deductible. | 346 | 348 |
| Other. | 405 | 121 |
| Total gross deferred tax assets | 8,443 | 8,234 |
| Less: valuation allowance. | $(2,373)$ | $(1,384)$ |
| Net deferred tax assets. | 6,070 | 6,850 |


|  | NOVEMBER 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1999 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: |  |  |
| Investment securities. | $(3,577)$ | $(6,323)$ |
| Issuance of subsidiary shares | -- | $(1,432)$ |
| Total gross deferred tax liabilities | $(3,577)$ | $(7,755)$ |
| Net deferred tax asset (liability) | \$2,493 | \$ (905) |
|  |  | ------ |

The net change in the total valuation allowance for the year ended November 30, 1999 was a decrease of $\$ 989$. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some portion, or all, of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company has established valuation allowances primarily for net operating loss carryforwards in certain states and foreign countries as well as other deferred tax assets in foreign countries. Based on the Company's ability to carry back future reversals of deferred tax assets to taxes paid in current and prior years and the Company's historical taxable income record, adjusted for unusual items, management believes it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefit of the net deferred tax assets existing at November 30, 1999. Further, management believes the existing net deductible temporary differences will reverse during periods in which the company generates net taxable income. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company will generate any earnings or any specific level of continuing earnings in the future. The amount of the deferred tax asset considered realizable, however, could be reduced in the near term if estimates of future taxable income during the carryforward period are reduced.

At November 30, 1999, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards for state and foreign income tax purposes of approximately $\$ 7,250$, which are available to offset future state and foreign taxable income, if any, which will expire through the year ended November 30, 2018.

## 14. CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Company's capital structure is as follows:

|  |  | SHARES AUTHORIZED NOVEMBER 30, |  | SHARES OUTSTANDING NOVEMBER 30, |  | VOTING RIGHTS SHARE | LIQUIDATION RIGHTS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECURITY | PAR <br> VALUE | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |  |  |
| - ------------------ | - --- | ------- - | ------ | ------- | ------- |  |  |
| Preferred Stock. | \$50.00 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | -- | \$50 per share |
| Series Preferred Stock | 0.01 | 1,500,000 | 1,500,000 | -- | -- | -- |  |
| Class A Common Stock. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ratably with |
|  | 0.01 | 30,000,000 | 30,000,000 | 16,760,518 | 17,206,909 | One | Class B |
| Class B Common Stock. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ratably with |
|  | 0.01 | 10,000,000 | 10,000,000 | 2,260,954 | 2,260,954 | Ten | Class A |

The holders of Class A and Class B common stock are entitled to receive cash or property dividends declared by the Board of Directors. The Board can declare cash dividends for Class $A$ common stock in amounts equal to or greater than the cash dividends for Class B common stock. Dividends other than cash must be declared equally for both classes. Each share of Class B common stock may, at any time, be converted into one share of Class A common stock.

The 50,000 shares of non-cumulative Preferred Stock outstanding are owned by Shintom and have preference over both classes of common stock in the event of liquidation or dissolution

The Company's Board of Directors approved the repurchase of 1,563,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock in the open market under a share repurchase program (the Program). As of November 30, 1998 and 1999, 498, 055 and 621,037 shares, respectively, were repurchased under the Program

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## 14. CAPITAL STRUCTURE--(CONTINUED)

at an average price of $\$ 7.21$ and $\$ 7.20$ per share, respectively, for an aggregate amount of $\$ 3,589$ and $\$ 4,471$, respectively.

As of November 30, 1998 and 1999, 1,963,480 and 1,598,930 shares of the Company's Class A common stock are reserved for issuance under the Company's Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plans and 4,167,117 and 3,946,522 for all convertible securities and warrants outstanding at November 30, 1998 and 1999 (Notes 12 and 15).

Undistributed earnings from equity investments included in retained earnings amounted to \$2,324 and \$4,219 at November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively.
15. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION AND STOCK WARRANTS
(a) Stock Options

The Company has stock option plans under which employees and non-employee directors may be granted incentive stock options (ISO's) and non-qualified stock options (NQSO's) to purchase shares of Class A common stock. Under the plans, the exercise price of the ISO's will not be less than the market value of the Company's Class A common stock or $110 \%$ of the market value of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant. The exercise price of the NQSO's may not be less than $50 \%$ of the market value of the Company's Class A common stock on the date of grant. The options must be exercisable no later than ten years after the date of grant. The vesting requirements are determined by the Board of Directors at the time of grant.

Compensation expense is recorded with respect to the options based upon the quoted market value of the shares and the exercise provisions at the date of grant. The Company recorded $\$ 31$ in compensation expense for the year ended November 30, 1999. No compensation expense was recorded for the years ended November 30, 1997 and 1998.

Information regarding the Company's stock options is summarized below:

|  | NUMBER OF SHARES | WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at November 30, 1996. | 548,750 | \$ 8.78 |
| Granted. | 1,260,000 | 7.09 |
| Exercised | - - | -- |
| Canceled. | $(109,000)$ | 10.95 |
| Outstanding at November 30, 1997 | 1,699,750 | 7.38 |
| Granted. | 10,000 | 4.63 |
| Exercised | -- | -- |
| Canceled | $(16,000)$ | 8.79 |
| Outstanding at November 30, 1998. | 1,693,750 | 7.33 |
| Granted. | 1,542,500 | 14.98 |
| Exercised | $(364,550)$ | 7.64 |
| Canceled. | (500) | 13.00 |
| Outstanding at November 30, 1999. | 2,871,200 | 11.41 |
| Options exercisable, November 30, 1999. | 1,181, 200 | \$ 7.51 |
|  | ------------ | --- |

15. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION AND STOCK WARRANTS--(CONTINUED)

At November 30, 1998 and 1999, 207, 302 and 184,775 shares, respectively, were available for future grants under the terms of these plans.

The per share weighted average fair value of stock options granted during 1999 was $\$ 9.83$ on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate of $5.9 \%$, expected dividend yield of $0.0 \%$, expected stock volatility of $60 \%$ and an expected option life of 10 years.

The per share weighted average fair value of stock options granted during 1998 was $\$ 3.45$ on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate of $5.7 \%$, expected dividend yield of $0.0 \%$, expected stock volatility of $60 \%$ and an expected option life of 10 years.

The per share weighted average fair value of stock options granted during 1997 was $\$ 5.73$ on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions: risk free interest rate of $6.49 \%$, expected dividend yield of $0.0 \%$, expected stock volatility of $70 \%$ and an expected option life of 10 years.

The Company applies Opinion 25 in accounting for its stock option grants and, accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized in the financial statements for its stock options which have an exercise price equal to or greater than the fair value of the stock on the date of the grant. Had the Company determined compensation cost based on the fair value at the grant date for its stock options under Statement 123, the Company's net income and net income per common share would have been reduced to the pro-forma amounts indicated below:

Net income:
As rep

Net income per common share (basic)
As reported
Pro-forma
Net income per common share (diluted):
As reported
Pro-forma

Pro-forma net income reflect only options granted after November 30, 1995. Therefore, the full impact of calculating compensation cost for stock options under Statement 123 is not reflected in the pro-forma net income amounts presented above because compensation cost is reflected over the options' vesting period and compensation cost for options granted prior to December 1, 1995 was not considered. Therefore, the pro-forma net income may not be representative of the effects on reported net income for future years.

Summarized information about stock options outstanding as of November 30, 1999 is as follows:



## (b) Restricted Stock Plan

The Company has restricted stock plans under which key employees and directors may be awarded restricted stock. Total restricted stock outstanding, granted under these plans, at November 30, 1998 and 1999

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## 15. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION AND STOCK WARRANTS--(CONTINUED)

was 77,871 and 13,750 , respectively. Awards under the restricted stock plan may be performance accelerated shares or performance-restricted shares. During fiscal 1999, 32,222 performance-accelerated shares and 12,103 performance restricted shares were granted. No performance accelerated shares or performance restricted shares were granted in 1997 or 1998. During fiscal 1999, 19, 796 performance restricted shares lapsed. No performance accelerated shares or performance restricted shares lapsed in fiscal years 1997 or 1998.

Compensation expense for the performance accelerated shares is recorded based upon the quoted market value of the shares on the date of grant. Compensation expense for the performance restricted shares is recorded based upon the quoted market value of the shares on the balance sheet date. Compensation expense (income) for these grants for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were \$135, \$(23) and \$127, respectively.

## (c) Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In May 1993, the stockholders approved the 1993 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The stock purchase plan provides eligible employees an opportunity to purchase shares of the Company's Class A common stock through payroll deductions up to 15\% of base salary compensation. Amounts withheld are used to purchase Class A common stock on the open market. The cost to the employee for the shares is equal to $85 \%$ of the fair market value of the shares on or about the last business day of each month. The Company bears the cost of the remaining $15 \%$ of the fair market value of the shares as well as any broker fees. This Plan provides for purchases of up to $1,000,000$ shares.
(d) Stock Warrants

In December 1993, the Company granted warrants to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock at a purchase price of $\$ 14.375$ per share as part of the acquisition of $H$ \& $H$ Eastern Distributors, Inc. During fiscal 1999, the warrants were surrendered for cancellation, and the holder agreed to waive registration rights in exchange for $\$ 5$.

On May 9, 1995, the Company issued $1,668,875$ warrants in a private placement, each convertible into one share of Class A common stock at $\$ 71 / 8$, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances. The warrants were issued to the beneficial holders as of June 3, 1994, of approximately $\$ 57,600$ of the Company's subordinated debentures in exchange for a release of any claims such holders may have against the Company, its agents, directors and employees in connection with their investment in the subordinated debentures. As a result, the Company incurred a warrant expense of $\$ 2,900$ and recorded a corresponding increase to paid-in capital. The warrants are not exercisable after March 15, 2001, unless sooner terminated under certain circumstances. John J. Shalam, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, has granted the Company an option to purchase $1,668,875$ shares of Class $A$ common stock from his personal holdings. The exercise price of this option is $\$ 71 / 8$, plus the tax impact, if any, should the exercise of this option be treated as dividend income rather than capital gains to Mr. Shalam. During 1998, the Company purchased approximately 1,324,075 of these warrants at a price of $\$ 1.30$ per warrant, pursuant to the terms of a self-tender offer. In connection with this purchase, the option to purchase $1,324,075$ shares from John J. Shalam's personal holdings was canceled. As of November 30, 1999, 344,800 remaining warrants are outstanding.

During fiscal 1997, the Company granted warrants to purchase 100,000 shares of Class $A$ Common Stock, which have been reserved, at $\$ 6.75$ per share. The warrants, which are exercisable in whole or in part at the discretion of the holder, expire on January 29, 2002. During the year ended November 30, 1999, all of the warrants were exercised.
(e) Profit Sharing Plans

The Company has established two non-contributory employee profit sharing plans for the benefit of its eligible employees in the United States and Canada. The plans are administered by trustees appointed by the

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

15. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION AND STOCK WARRANTS--(CONTINUED)

Company. A contribution of $\$ 500$, $\$ 150$ and $\$ 800$ was made by the Company to the United States plan in fiscal 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively. Contributions required by law to be made for eligible employees in Canada were not material.

## 16. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The change in net unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities of $\$ 1,917, \$(8,040)$ and $\$ 5,775$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 is net of tax of $\$ 1,174, \$(4,928)$ and $\$ 3,540$, respectively. Reclassification adjustments of $\$ 23,232$, $\$ 488$ and $\$ 2,171$ are included in the net unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

The currency translation adjustments are not adjusted for income taxes as they relate to indefinite investments in non-U.S. subsidiaries and equity investments
17. NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

A reconciliation between the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted earnings per common share is as follows


Employee stock options and stock warrants totaling 1,908,438 and 2,779,363 for the years ended November 30, 1997 and 1998, respectively, were not included in the net income per share calculation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive. There were no anti-dilutive stock options and stock warrants for the year ended November 30, 1999.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

## 18. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

During 1998, the Company entered into a 30 -year lease for a building with its principal stockholder and chief executive officer. A significant portion of the lease payments, as required under the lease agreement, consists of the debt service payments required to be made by the principal stockholder in connection with the financing of the construction of the building. For financial reporting purposes, the lease has been classified as a capital lease, and, accordingly, a building and the related obligation of approximately $\$ 6,340$ was recorded (Note 9). In connection with the capital lease, the company paid certain construction costs on behalf of its principal stockholder and chief executive officer in the amount of $\$ 1,301$. The amount is payable to the Company with $8 \%$ interest.

During 1998, the Company entered into a sale/lease back transaction with its principal stockholder and chief executive officer for $\$ 2,100$ of equipment. No gain or loss on the transaction was recorded as the book value of the equipment equaled the fair market value. The lease is for five years with monthly rental payments of $\$ 34$. The lease has been classified as an operating lease.

At November 30, 1999, the Company was obligated under non-cancelable capital and operating leases for equipment and warehouse facilities for minimum annual rental payments as follows:

|  | CAPITAL LEASE | OPERATING LEASES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | \$ 522 | \$ 1,955 |
| 2001. | 530 | 1,473 |
| 2002 | 553 | 1,225 |
| 2003. | 554 | 820 |
| 2004. | 553 | 81 |
| Thereafter | 13,099 | 658 |
| Total minimum lease payments. | 15,811 | \$ 6,212 |
| Less: amount representing interest. | 9,513 | ------- |
| Present value of net minimum lease payments. | 6,298 |  |
| Less: current installments........... | 19 |  |
| Long-term obligation. | \$ 6,279 |  |

Rental expense for the above-mentioned operating lease agreements and other leases on a month-to-month basis approximated $\$ 2,516, \$ 2,563$ and $\$ 2,552$ for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment from its principal stockholder and several officers. Rentals for such leases are considered by management of the Company to approximate prevailing market rates. At November 30, 1999, minimum annual rental payments on these related party leases, in addition to the capital lease payments, which are included in the above table, are as follows:

| 2000. | \$ | 960 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2001. |  | 941 |
| 2002. |  | 941 |
| 2003. |  | 667 |

## 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Derivative Financial Instruments
(1) Forward Exchange Contracts

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

## 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS--(CONTINUED)

At November 30, 1998, the Company had contracts to exchange foreign currencies in the form of forward exchange contracts in the amount of $\$ 5,352$. These contracts have varying maturities with none exceeding one year as of November 30, 1998. At November 30, 1999, the Company had no contracts to exchange foreign currencies in the form of forward exchange contracts. For the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, gains and losses on foreign currency transactions which were not hedged were not material. For the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999, there were no gains or losses as a result of terminating hedges prior to the transaction date.
(2) Equity Collar

The Company entered into an equity collar on September 26, 1997 to hedge some of the unrealized gains associated with its investment in CellStar (Note 8). The equity collar provided that on September 26, 1998, the Company can put 100,000 shares of Cellstar to the counter party to the equity collar (the bank) at $\$ 38$ per share in exchange for the bank being able to call the 100,000 shares of CellStar at $\$ 51$ per share. The Company has designated this equity collar as a hedge of 100,000 of its shares in Cellstar being that it provides the Company with protection against the market value of CellStar shares falling below \$38. Given the high correlation of the changes in the market value of the item being hedged to the item underlying the equity collar, the Company applied hedge accounting for this equity collar. The equity collar is recorded on the balance sheet at fair value with gains and losses on the equity collar reflected as a separate component of equity. During 1998, the Company sold its equity collar for $\$ 1,499$. The transaction resulted in a net gain on hedge of available-for-sale securities of $\$ 929$ which is reflected as a separate component of stockholders' equity. The net gain on the equity collar will be reflected in the consolidated statements of income upon sale of the CellStar shares.

The Company is exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counter parties to its forward exchange contracts. The Company anticipates, however, that counter parties will be able to fully satisfy their obligations under the contracts. The Company does not obtain collateral to support financial instruments, but monitors the credit standing of the counter parties.
(b) Off-Balance Sheet Risk

Commercial letters of credit are issued by the Company during the ordinary course of business through major domestic banks as requested by certain suppliers. The Company also issues standby letters of credit principally to secure certain bank obligations of Audiovox
Communications Sdn. Bhd. and Audiovox Venezuela (Note 11(a)). The Company had open commercial letters of credit of approximately $\$ 24,914$ and $\$ 41,173$, of which $\$ 20,576$ and $\$ 28,727$ were accrued for purchases incurred as of November 30, 1998 and 1999, respectively. The terms of these letters of credit are all less than one year. No material loss is anticipated due to nonperformance by the counter parties to these agreements. The fair value of these open commercial and standby letters of credit is estimated to be the same as the contract values based on the nature of the fee arrangements with the issuing banks.

The Company is a party to joint and several guarantees on behalf of G.L.M. and Quintex West which aggregate $\$ 475$. There is no market for these guarantees and they were issued without explicit cost. Therefore, it is not practicable to establish its fair value.
(c) Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk, consist principally of trade receivables. The Company's customers are located principally in the United

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

## 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS--(CONTINUED)

States and Canada and consist of, among others, cellular carriers and service providers, distributors, agents, mass merchandisers, warehouse clubs and independent retailers.

At November 30, 1998, three customers, which included two cellular carrier and service providers and a Bell Operating Company accounted for approximately $18.0 \%, 13.8 \%$ and $13.5 \%$, respectively, of accounts receivable. At November 30, 1999, three customers, which included two cellular carrier and service providers and a Bell Operating Company accounted for approximately $15.8 \%, 15.5 \%$ and $11.1 \%$, respectively, of accounts receivable.

During the year ended November 30, 1997, two customers accounted for approximately $11.3 \%$ and $9.0 \%$, respectively, of the Company's 1997 sales. During the year ended November 30, 1998, two customers accounted for approximately $18.3 \%$ and $14.9 \%$, respectively, of the Company's 1998 sales. During the year ended November 30, 1999, three customers accounted for approximately $19.6 \%, 14.9 \%$ and $12.7 \%$, respectively, of the Company's 1999 sales.

The Company generally grants credit based upon analyses of its customers' financial position and previously established buying and payment patterns. The Company establishes collateral rights in accounts receivable and inventory and obtains personal guarantees from certain customers based upon management's credit evaluation.

A portion of the Company's customer base may be susceptible to downturns in the retail economy, particularly in the consumer electronics industry. Additionally, customers specializing in certain automotive sound, security and accessory products may be impacted by fluctuations in automotive sales. A relatively small number of the Company's significant customers are deemed to be highly leveraged.
(d) Fair Value

The carrying value of all financial instruments classified as a current asset or liability is deemed to approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

|  | NOVEMBER 30, 1998 |  | NOVEMBER 30, 1999 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CARRYING AMOUNT | FAIR VALUE | CARRYING AMOUNT | FAIR VALUE |
| Investment securities. | \$ 17,089 | \$17,089 | \$ 30,401 | \$ 30,401 |
| Long-term obligations. | \$ 23, 831 | \$24,202 | \$107,939 | \$109, 261 |
| Forward exchange contract obligation (derivative) | -- | \$ 5,352 | - - |  |

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

## Investment Securities

The carrying amount represents fair value, which is based upon quoted market prices and conversion features at the reporting date (Note 8).

Long-Term Obligations
The carrying amount of bank debt under the Company's revolving credit agreement approximates fair value because the interest rate on the bank debt is reset every quarter to reflect current market rates. With respect to the subordinated debentures, fair values are based on quoted market price.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

## 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS--(CONTINUED)

Forward Exchange Contracts (Derivative)
The fair value of the forward exchange contracts are based upon exchange rates at November 30, 1999 and 1998 as the contracts are short term.

## Limitations

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgment and, therefore, cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

## 20. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has two reportable segments which are organized by products: Wireless and Electronics. The Wireless segment markets wireless handsets and accessories through domestic and international wireless carriers and their agents, independent distributors and retailers. The Electronics segment sells autosound, mobile electronics and consumer electronics, primarily to mass merchants, power retailers, specialty retailers, new car dealers, original equipment manufacturers (OEM), independent installers of automotive accessories and the U.S. military.

The Company evaluates performance of the segments based upon income before provision for income taxes. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies (Note 1). The Company allocates interest and certain shared expenses, including treasury, legal and human resources, to the segments based upon estimated usage. Intersegment sales are reflected at cost and have been eliminated in consolidation. A royalty fee on the intersegment sales, which is eliminated in consolidation, is recorded by the segments and included in other income (expense). Certain items are maintained at the Company's corporate headquarters (Corporate) and are not allocated to the segments. They primarily include costs associated with accounting and certain executive officer salaries and bonuses and certain items including investment securities, equity investments, deferred income taxes, certain portions of excess cost over fair value of assets acquired, jointly-used fixed assets and debt. The jointly-used fixed assets are the Company's management information systems, which is jointly used by the Wireless and Electronics segments and Corporate. A portion of the management information systems costs, including depreciation and amortization expense, are allocated to the segments based upon estimates made by management. Segment identifiable assets are those which are directly used in or identified to segment operations.

During the year ended November 30, 1997, one customer of the Wireless segment accounted for approximately $11.3 \%$ of the Company's 1997 sales. During the year ended November 30, 1998, two customers of the Wireless segment accounting for approximately $19.6 \%$ and $14.9 \%$ of the Company's 1998 sales. During the year ended November 30, 1999, three customers of the Wireless segment accounted for approximately $18.3 \%, 14.9 \%$ and $12.7 \%$ of the Company's 1999 sales. No customers in the Electronics segment exceeded $10 \%$ of the consolidated sales in fiscal 1997, 1998 or 1999.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(CONTINUED)

20. SEGMENT INFORMATION--(CONTINUED)

|  | WIRELESS | ELECTRONICS | CORPORATE | CONSOLIDATED TOTALS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1997 |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales | \$444, 400 | \$ 193,910 | \$ 772 | \$ 639,082 |
| Intersegment sales (purchases), net | 6 | (6) | -- | -- |
| Interest income. | 46 | 31 | 1,448 | 1,525 |
| Interest expense. | 4,551 | 3,169 | $(5,546)$ | 2,174 |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 775 | 630 | 498 | 1,903 |
| Debt conversion expense. | -- | -- | 12,686 | 12,686 |
| Income (loss) before provision for income tax | 11,582 | 8,002 | 23,858 | 43,442 |
| Total assets. | 138,136 | 86,632 | 65,059 | 289,827 |
| Non-cash items: |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for bad debt expense. | 354 | 934 | 12 | 1,300 |
| Deferred income tax benefit. | -- | -- | 3,123 | 3,123 |
| Minority interest. | -- | -- | 1,623 | 1,623 |
| Capital expenditures. | 1,340 | 744 | 1,902 | 3,986 |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales. | 441,590 | 175,105 | -- | 616,695 |
| Intersegment sales (purchases), net | $(1,125)$ | 1,125 | -- | -- |
| Interest income. | 215 | 165 | 517 | 897 |
| Interest expense. | 5,536 | 4,068 | $(5,173)$ | 4,431 |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 877 | 570 | 1,024 | 2,471 |
| Income (loss) before provision for income tax | $(1,786)$ | 5,937 | (350) | 3,801 |
| Total assets... | 138,136 | 79,597 | 61,946 | 279,679 |
| Non-cash items: |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for bad debt expense. | 316 | 533 | (268) | 581 |
| Deferred income tax benefit. | -- | -- | 902 | 902 |
| Minority interest... | -- | -- | (320) | (320) |
| Capital expenditures | 1,003 | 475 | 3,454 | 4,932 |
| 1999 |  |  |  |  |
| Net sales.. | 929,303 | 230,234 | -- | 1,159,537 |
| Intersegment sales (purchases), net. | $(1,149)$ | 1,449 | -- | -- |
| Interest income. | 65 | 80 | 793 | 938 |
| Interest expense. | 6,098 | 3,268 | $(5,307)$ | 4,059 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 987 | 748 | 1,553 | 3,288 |
| Income (loss) before provision for income tax | 31,255 | 11,296 | 172 | 42,723 |
| Total assets.. | 256,954 | 122,163 | 96,229 | 475,346 |
| Non-cash items: |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for bad debt expense. | 1,914 | 705 | 636 | 3,255 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | -- | -- | 565 | 565 |
| Minority interest. | -- | -- | (220) | (220) |
| Capital expenditures | 1,747 | 1,211 | 1,864 | 4,822 |

20. SEGMENT INFORMATION--(CONTINUED)

Net sales and long-lived assets by location for the years ended November 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999 were as follows.

|  | NET SALES |  |  | LONG-LIVED ASSETS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| United States. | \$499,417 | \$531, 307 | \$1, 059,536 | \$ 47,694 | \$ 50,469 | \$ 68,126 |
| Canada. | 18,323 | 15,789 | 23,146 |  | -- | -- |
| Argentina. | 39,832 | 27,354 | 22,831 | -- | -- | - |
| Peru. | 7,426 | 10,514 | 9,913 | -- | -- | -- |
| Portugal | 14,028 | 2,024 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Malaysia. | 31, 660 | 7,592 | 7,780 | 1,903 | 1,348 | 1,275 |
| Venezuela. | 10,867 | 14,358 | 22,853 | 696 | 1,366 | 1,387 |
| Mexico, Central America and Caribbean. | 10,493 | 7,289 | 10,568 | - - | - - | -- |
| Other foreign countries. | 7,036 | 468 | 2,910 | -- | -- |  |
| Total. | \$639, 082 | \$616,695 | \$1,159,537 | \$ 50, 293 | \$ 53,183 | \$ 70,788 |
|  | ------- | ------- |  |  | ------- | ---------- |

## (21) CONTINGENCIES

The Company is a defendant in litigation arising from the normal conduct of its affairs. The impact of the final resolution of these matters on the Company's results of operations or liquidity in a particular reporting period is not known. Management is of the opinion, however, that the litigation in which the Company is a defendant is either subject to product liability insurance coverage or, to the extent not covered by such insurance, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position.

The Company has guaranteed certain obligations of its equity investments and has established standby letters of credit to guarantee the bank obligations of Audiovox Communications Sdn. Bhd. and Audiovox Venezuela (Note 19(b)).

## (22) SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Company is anticipating selling 2,000,000 shares of its Class A Common Stock to the public during the first quarter of fiscal 2000. In connection with this offering, the Company has recorded $\$ 600$ in deferred costs which have been included in prepaid expenses and other assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet at November 30, 1999.
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The glossy cover of the prospectus pages for graphics.

This page depicts the Electronics Division logo and 5 product photos with captions.

Photo 1 is a simple head-on view product photo of the MP 1000, Internet Music Player/Recorder. Below the photo is the caption "MP Internet Music Player/Recorder" and the following sentence: The Audiovox MP 1000 is our first Internet related product. It allows consumers to download music from a variety of MP 3 format Internet sites or create custom music files in MP 3 format from their existing compact disc collection. Those files are then transferred to the palm-sized MP 1000 Portable Player/Recorder so that the consumer can play them anywhere.

Photo 2 is a simple head-on view product photo of the P-99, Prestige Car Stereo. Below the photo is the caption "The P-99" and the following sentence: The P-99 is an electronically-tuned AM/FM/MPX radio with a fold-down detachable face. It contains a CD player, CD changer controller, DSP, wireless remote and a high power $4 \times 40$ watt amplifier.

Photo 3 depicts a photo of the Lincoln Navigator overhead console installed in a Navigator. The photo is taken from the interior rear of the vehicle and shows the TV screen in the on position. Below the photo is the caption "Vehicle Specific Overhead Video Entertainment System for Lincoln Navigator" and the following sentence: Audiovox mobile video systems include a variety of vehicle specific overhead consoles designed specifically for SUV's as well as center console systems that fit most minivans. Systems typically include a TV screen for TV and Video as well as a video cassette player and video game capability. To date Audiovox has introduced 26 vehicle specific overheads and has a full line of LCD screens for custom applications.

Photo 4 depicts a photo of the under counter TV in the on position. Photo is a close up of the system mounted under a kitchen counter. Below the photo is the caption "Consumer products include home and portable stereo systems and the new under counter TV system" and the following sentences: The Audiovox under counter TV system is a LCD TV that folds flat under the counter when not in use. The system is cable ready and has an optional wireless camera that allows a consumer to monitor a baby's room or use it as a security system to monitor a doorway.

Photo 5 depicts the FR 500 head on view, simple product shot. Below the photo is the caption "FRS radios for short range two-way radio communications" and the following sentences: Audiovox FRS radios are designed to allow two-way communication for up to two miles. Great for camping trips, on the ski slopes, in the mall or an amusement park.

3,100,000 SHARES
CLASS A COMMON STOCK

## [LOGO]

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FEBRUARY 3, 2000


[^0]:    (1) As of January 31, 2000, our bank obligations increased to $\$ 119.4$ million from \$102.0 million on November 30, 1999 due to seasonal inventory requirements.

