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Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM $10-\mathrm{K}$

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended Commission file number

## November 30, 1998

 1-9532AUDIOVOX CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

## Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
150 Marcus Blvd., Hauppauge, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

13-1964841
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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(516) \quad 231-7750
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Securities registered pursuant to Section $12(\mathrm{~b})$ of the Act:
Name of Each Exchange on

> Title of each class:

Which Registered
Class A Common Stock \$.01 par value
American Stock Exchange
Securities registered pursuant to Section $12(\mathrm{~g})$ of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(d)$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirement for the past 90 days.

Yes X

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation $S-K$ (Sec 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was $\$ 88,788,210$ (based upon closing price on the American Stock Exchange, Inc. on February 25, 1999).

The number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of February 22, 1999 was:

Class
Outstanding
Class A Common Stock \$.01 par value
Class B Common Stock $\$ .01$ par value

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16,760,518 \\
2,260,954
\end{array}
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PART I
Item 1 - Business
General
Audiovox Corporation, together with its operating subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), markets and supplies, under its own name or trade names, a diverse line of aftermarket products which include wireless products, both hand held portables and vehicle installed cellular telephones and accessories, automotive sound equipment and automotive accessories, which includes vehicle security systems, cruise controls, defoggers, remote start systems, vehicle tracking systems and mobile video, all of which are designed primarily for installation in cars, trucks and vans after they have left the factory and consumer electronic products.

The Company's products are sold through a worldwide distribution network. Sales are made directly and indirectly through independent distributors to cellular telephone accounts, cellular service providers, regional Bell Operating Companies (BOCs), new car dealers, mass merchandisers, catalogue showrooms, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), military Army and Air Force Exchange Systems (AAFES), autosound specialists and retailers. The Company sells to consumers from Company-owned retail sales and service locations, which generally operate under the name "Quintex", and also receives activation commissions and residuals from certain cellular service providers.

The Company's products may be broadly grouped into three major categories: wireless, which includes cellular telephone products, activation commissions and residual fees; automotive sound equipment; and automotive
accessories. These categories represent different product lines rather than separate reporting segments. The Company's products are distributed by two separate marketing groups:
Communications and Automotive.
The Company was incorporated in Delaware on April 10, 1987, as successor to the business of Audiovox Corp., a New York corporation founded in 1960 (the predecessor company) by John J. Shalam, the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer and controlling stockholder. Unless the context otherwise requires, or as otherwise indicated, references herein to the "Company" include the Company and its wholly-owned and majority-owned operating subsidiaries.

The Company markets products under several trademarks, including Audiovox (R), Custom SPS(R), Prestige(R), Pursuit(R), Minivox(TM), Minivox Lite(R), The Protector(TM) and Rampage(TM). The Company believes that these trademarks are recognized by customers and are therefore significant in marketing its products. Trademarks are registered for a period of ten years and such registration is renewable for subsequent ten-year periods.

Distribution and Marketing
Cellular and Non-Cellular Wholesale
The Company markets products on a wholesale basis to a variety of customers through its direct sales force and independent sales representatives. During the fiscal year ended November 30,1998 , the Company sold its products to approximately 2,500 wholesale customers, including the BOCs, other cellular and wireless carriers and their respective agents, mass merchandise chain stores, specialty installers, distributors, car dealers, OEMs and AAFES.

The Company's five largest wholesale customers (excluding joint ventures), who, in the aggregate, accounted for $42.7 \%$ of the Company's net sales for the fiscal year ended November 30, 1998, are Bell Atlantic Mobile, AirTouch Cellular, US Cellular, PrimeCo Personal Communications LP and Auto Club Cellular Corporation. In addition, the Company also sells its products, cellular, wireless and automotive, to mass merchants such as Walmart Stores, Inc. and OEMs such as Chrysler of Canada, Proton Corporation Sdn. Bhd. of Malaysia, General Motors and Chrysler of Venezuela, General Motors Corporation and BMW of North America.

The Company uses several techniques to promote its products to wholesale customers, including trade and consumer advertising, attendance at trade shows and direct personal contact by Company sales representatives. In addition, the Company typically assists cellular carriers in the conduct of their marketing campaigns including the scripting of telemarketing presentations, funds co-operative advertising campaigns, develops and prints custom sales literature, provides product fulfillment and logistic services and conducts in-house training programs for wireless carriers and their agents.

The Company believes that the use of such techniques, along with the provision of warranty services and other support programs, enhances its strategy of providing value-added marketing and, thus, permits the Company to increase Audiovox(R) brand awareness among wholesale customers while, at the same time, promoting sales of the Company's products to end users.

The Company's wholesale policy is to ship its products within 24 hours of a requested shipment date from public warehouses in Norfolk, Virginia, Sparks, Nevada, Miami, Florida and Canada and from leased facilities located in Hauppauge, New York and Los Angeles, California.

Retail

As of November 30, 1998, the Company operated approximately 20 retail outlets and licensed its trade name to 6 additional retail outlets in selected markets in the United States through which it markets wireless telephones and related products to retail customers under the names Audiovox(R),

American Radio(R) and Quintex(R). In addition to Audiovox products, both wireless and automotive, these outlets sell competitive products such as Motorola, Nokia and other manufacturers.

The Company's retail outlets typically generate revenue from three sources: (i) sale of cellular telephones and related products, (ii) activation commissions paid to the Company by cellular telephone carriers when a customer initially subscribes for cellular service and (iii) monthly residual fees. The amount of the activation commissions paid by a cellular telephone carrier is based upon various service plans and promotional marketing programs offered by the particular cellular telephone carrier. The monthly residual payment is based upon a percentage of the customer's usage and is calculated based on the amount of the cellular phone billings generated by the base of the customers activated by the Company on a particular cellular carrier's system. Under the Company's six licensee relationships, the licensee receives the majority of the activation commissions, and the Company retains the majority of the residual fees. The Company's agreements with cellular carriers provide for a reduction in, or elimination of, activation commissions in certain circumstances if a cellular subscriber activated by the Company deactivates service within a specified period. The Company records an allowance to provide for the estimated liability for return of activation commissions associated with such deactivations. As a practical matter, the profitability of the Company's retail operations is dependent on the Company maintaining agency agreements with cellular carriers under which it receives activation commissions and residual fees.

The Company's relationships with the cellular carriers are governed by contracts that, in the aggregate, are material to the continued generation of revenue and profit for the Company. Pursuant to applicable contracts with cellular carriers, each of the Company's retail outlets functions as either as exclusive or non-exclusive agent engaged to solicit and sell cellular telephone service in certain geographic areas and, while such contract is in effect and for a specified period thereafter (which typically ranges from three months to one year), may not act as a representative or agent for any other carrier or reseller in those areas or solicit cellular or wireless communication network services of the kind provided by the cellular carrier in the areas where the Company acts as an agent. The Company's retail operation is free, at any time after the restricted period, to pursue an agreement with another carrier who services a particular geographic area. At present, each geographic area is serviced by several cellular carriers.

As of November 30, 1998, the Company was an agent for the following carriers in selected areas: Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems, Inc., BellSouth Mobility, Inc., GTE Mobilnet of the Southeast, Inc. and United States Cellular. Dependant upon the terms of the specific carrier contracts, which typically range in duration from one year to five years, the Company's retail operation may receive a one-time activation commission and periodic residual fees. These carrier contracts provide the carrier with the right to unilaterally restructure or revise activation commissions and residual fees payable to the Company, and certain carriers have exercised such right from time-to-time. Dependent upon the terms of the specific carrier contract, either party may terminate the agreement, with cause, upon prior notice. Typically, the Company's right to be paid residual fees ceases upon termination of an agency relationship.

Equity Investments
The Company has from time-to-time, at both the wholesale and retail levels, established joint ventures to market its products to a specific market segment or geographic area. In entering into a
joint venture, the Company seeks to join forces with an established distributor with an existing customer base and knowledge of the Company's products. The Company seeks to blend its financial and product resources with these local operations to expand their collective distribution and marketing capabilities. The Company believes that such joint ventures provide a more cost effective method of focusing on specialized markets. The Company does not participate in the day-to-day management of these joint ventures.

As of November 30, 1998, the Company had a $30.8 \%$ ownership interest in TALK Corporation (TALK) which holds world-wide distribution rights for product manufactured by Shintom Co., Ltd. (Shintom). These products include cellular telephones, video recorders and players and automotive sound products. TALK has granted Audiovox exclusive distribution rights on all wireless personal communication products for all countries except Japan, China, Thailand and several mid-eastern countries.
The Company's 72\%-owned subsidiary, Audiovox Communications (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (Audiovox Communications), 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, 1998, the Company had a 20\% ownership interest in Bliss-tel Company, Limited, which distributes cellular telephones and accessories in Thailand. Additionally, the Company had a 50\% non-controlling ownership in five other companies: Protector Corporation (Protector) which acts as a distributor of chemical protection treatments, Audiovox Specialized Applications, LLC (ASA), which acts as a distributor of televisions and other automotive sound, security and accessory products to specialized markets for recreational vehicles and van conversions, Audiovox Pacific Pty., Limited (Audiovox Pacific) which distributes 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 and Quintex Communications West, LLC, which is in the wireless telephone business.

Customers
The Company had two customers, Bell Atlantic Mobile and AirTouch Cellular, that accounted for more than $10 \%$ of the Company's net sales for fiscal 1998. Bell Atlantic Mobile and AirTouch Cellular accounted for 18.3 and $14.9 \%$, respectively, of the Company's net sales for fiscal 1998.

Suppliers
The Company purchases its cellular and non-cellular products from manufacturers located in several Pacific Rim countries, including Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan and Singapore, Europe and the United States. In selecting its vendors, the Company considers quality, price, service, market conditions and reputation. The Company maintains buying offices or inspection offices in Taiwan, Korea and China to provide local supervision of supplier performance with regard to, among other things, price negotiation, delivery and quality control. The majority of the products sourced through these foreign buying offices are sound, security and automotive accessories.

Since 1984, the principal supplier of the Company's wholesale cellular telephones has been Toshiba Corporation (Toshiba), accounting for approximately $42 \%$, $32 \%$ and $28 \%$ of the total dollar amount of all product purchases by the Company, during the fiscal years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Toshiba continues to sell products to the Company as an original equipment customer. In order to expand its supply channels and diversify its cellular product line, the Company
sources cellular equipment from other manufacturers including, but not limited to, TALK. Purchases from TALK accounted for approximately $19 \%$, $29 \%$ and $26 \%$ of total inventory purchases for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Purchases of non-cellular products are made primarily from other overseas suppliers including Hyundai Electronics Inc. (Hyundai), Namsung Corporation (Namsung) and Nutek Corporation (Nutek). Some manufacturers have agreements in effect that require them to supply product to the Company. The Company considers its relations with its suppliers to be good. In addition, the Company believes that alternative sources of supply are currently available.

Competition
The Company's wholesale business is highly competitive in all of its product lines, each competing with a number of well-established companies that manufacture and sell products similar to those of the Company. Specifically, the cellular market place is driven by current selling prices, which also affects the carrying value of inventory on hand. Additionally, the Custom SPS line competes against factory-supplied radios. Service and price are the major competitive factors in all product lines. The company believes that it is a leading supplier to the cellular market primarily as a result of the performance of its products and the service provided by its distribution network. The Company's retail business is also highly competitive on a product basis. In addition, since the Company acts as an agent for cellular service providers, these cellular service providers must also compete in their own highly competitive markets. The Company's retail performance is, therefore, also based on the cellular service providers' ability to compete.

Employees
At November 30, 1998, the Company employed approximately 900 people.

## Executive Officers of the Registrant

The executive officers of the registrant are listed below. All officers of the Company are elected by the Board of Directors to serve one-year terms. There are no family relationships among officers, or any arrangement or understanding between any officer and any other person pursuant to which the officer was selected. Unless otherwise indicated, positions listed in the table have been held for more than five years.

| Name | Age | Current Position |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| John J. Shalam | 65 | President and Chief Executive <br> Officer and Director |
| Philip Christopher | 50 | Executive Vice President and Director <br> Charles M. Stoehr |
| Patrick M. Lavelle Vice President and Chief Financial |  |  |
| Office and Director |  |  |
| Senior Vice President and Director |  |  |


| Name | Age | Current Position |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Chris L. Johnson | 47 | Vice President, Secretary |
| Ann M. Boutcher | 48 | Vice President and Director |

Ann M. Boutcher
48 Vice President and Director Vice President and Director

John J. Shalam has served as President and Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company since 1960. Mr. Shalam also serves as president and is a director of most of the Company's operating subsidiaries.

Philip Christopher, Executive Vice President of the Company, has been with the Company since 1970 and has held his current position since 1983. Prior thereto, he was Senior Vice President of the Company. Mr. Christopher also has been a director of the Company since 1973 and, in addition, serves as President of Audiovox Communications Corp. and is an officer and a director of most of the Company's operating subsidiaries.

Charles M. Stoehr has been Chief Financial Officer of the Company since 1979 and was elected Senior Vice President in 1990. Mr. Stoehr has been a director of the Company since 1987. From 1979 through 1990, Mr. Stoehr was a Vice President of the Company.

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 marketing and selling the Company's automotive accessory and automotive sound line of products. Mr. Lavelle was elected to the Board of Directors in 1993.

Chris L. Johnson has been a Vice President of the Company since 1986 and Secretary since 1980. Ms. Johnson has been employed by the Company in various positions since 1968 and was a director of the Company from 1987 to 1993.

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

Richard Maddia has been a Vice President of the Company since 1991. Mr. Maddia is responsible for the Company's Management Information Systems for both the Company's distribution network and financial reporting. Mr. Maddia was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996.

Item 2 - Properties
As of November 30, 1998, the Company leased a total of thirty-eight operating facilities located in eleven states and two Canadian provinces. These facilities serve as offices, warehouses, distribution centers or retail locations. Additionally, the Company utilizes approximately 100,000 square feet of public warehouse facilities. Management believes that it has sufficient, suitable operating facilities to meet the Company's requirements.

## Item 3 - Legal Proceedings

The Company is currently, and has in the past been, a party to routine litigation incidental to its business. The Company does not expect any pending litigation to have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position.

Item 4 - Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of fiscal 1998.

PART II
tem 5 - Market for the Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Summary of Stock Prices and Dividend Data

Class A Common Shares of Audiovox are traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol VOX. No dividends have been paid on the Company's common stock. The Company is restricted by agreements with its financial institutions from the payment of common stock dividends while certain loans are outstanding (see Liquidity and Capital Resources of Management's Discussion and Analysis). There are approximately 4,800 beneficial holders of Class A Common Stock and 4 holders of Class B Common Stock.

Class A Common Stock

| Fiscal Period | High |  |  | Low |  |  | Average <br> Daily <br> Trading <br> Volume |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter |  | 9 |  | \$ |  | 3/4 | 103,038 |
| Second Quarter |  | 7 | 7/16 |  | 4 | 3/4 | 77,516 |
| Third Quarter |  | 7 | 7/16 |  | 3 | 5/8 | 82,948 |
| Fourth Quarter |  | 6 | 3/4 |  | 3 | 11/16 | 42,024 |
| 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | \$ | 8 | 1/2 | \$ | 4 | 5/8 | 368,639 |
| Second Quarter |  | 7 | 7/8 |  | 4 | 15/16 | 171,733 |
| Third Quarter |  | 8 | 13/16 |  |  | 5/16 | 201,653 |
| Fourth Quarter |  | 10 | 3/4 |  |  | 5/16 | 131,779 |
| 1996 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| First Quarter | \$ | 6 | 3/8 | \$ |  | 3/4 | 15,924 |
| Second Quarter |  | 7 | $7 / 16$ |  | 4 | 1/16 | 52,039 |
| Third Quarter |  | 6 | 5/16 |  | 4 |  | 16,309 |
| Fourth Quarter |  | 6 | $3 / 4$ |  | 4 | $5 / 8$ | 95,817 |


| 1998 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| ---- | 1997 |
| (Dollars in thousands, except per share data |  |


| Net sales | \$616,695 |  | \$ | 639,082 |  | \$597,915 |  | \$500,740 |  | \$486,448 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income (loss) | 2,972 | (a) |  | 21,022 | (b) | $(26,469)$ | (c) | $(11,883)$ | (d) | 26,028 | (f) |
| Net income (loss) per common |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| share, basic | 0.16 | (a) |  | 1.11 | (b) | (2.82) | (c) | (1.31) | (d) | 2.88 | (f) |
| Net income (loss) per common share, diluted | 0.16 | (a) |  | 1.09 | (b) | (2.82) | (c) | (1.31) | (d) | 2.22 | (f) |
| Total assets | 279,679 |  |  | 289,827 |  | 265,545 |  | 308,428 |  | 239,098 |  |
| ```Long-term obli gations, less current in``` |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| stallments | 33,724 |  |  | 38,996 |  | 70,413 |  | 142,802 |  | 110,698 |  |
| Stockholders' equity | 177,720 | (e) |  | 187,892 | (e) | 131,499 | (e) | 114,595 | (e) | 92,034 |  |

(a) Includes a pre-tax charge of $\$ 6.6$ million for inventory write-downs.
(b) Includes a pre-tax charge of $\$ 12.7$ million for costs associated with the exchange of $\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated debentures into $2,860,925$ shares of common stock in addition to tax expense on the exchange of $\$ 158,000$. Additionally, includes a net gain of $\$ 23.2$ million on sale of CellStar shares.
(c) Includes a pre-tax charge of $\$ 26.3$ million for costs associated with the exchange of $\$ 41.3$ million of subordinated debentures into $6,806,580$ shares of common stock in addition to tax expense on the exchange of $\$ 2.9$ million.
d) Includes a pre-tax charge of $\$ 2.9$ million associated with the issuance of warrants, a pre-tax charge of $\$ 11.8$ million for inventory write-downs and the down-sizing of the retail operations and a pre-tax gain on the sale of an equity investment of $\$ 8.4$ million.
(e) Includes a $\$ 4.2$ million unrealized gain on marketable securities, net, and a $\$ 929,000$ gain on hedge of available-for-sale securities in 1998 and a $\$ 12.2$ million unrealized gain on marketable securities, net, a $\$ 773,000$ unrealized gain on equity collar, net, and a $\$ 20.8$ million increase as a result of the exchange of $\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated debentures in 1997 and a $\$ 10.3$ million unrealized gain on marketable securities, net, and a $\$ 34.4$ million increase as a result of the exchange of $\$ 41.3$ million of subordinated debentures in 1996 and a $\$ 31.7$ million unrealized gain on marketable securities, net, for 1995.
(f) Includes a cumulative effect change of (\$178,000) or (\$0.02) per share, basic, and (\$0.01) per share, diluted. Also includes a pre-tax gain on sale of an equity investment of $\$ 27.8$ million and a gain on public offering of equity investment of $\$ 10.6$ million.

1995

92,034

The Company markets its products under its own brand as well as private labels to a large and diverse distribution network both domestically and internationally. The Company's products are distributed by two separate marketing groups: Communications and Automotive. The Communications group consists of Audiovox Communications Corp. (ACC) and the Quintex retail operations (Quintex), both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. The Communications group markets cellular telephone products and receives activation commissions and residual fees from its retail sales. The price at which the Company's retail outlets sell cellular telephones is often affected by the activation commission the Company will receive in connection with such sale. The activation commission paid by a cellular telephone carrier is based upon various service plans and promotional marketing programs offered by the particular cellular telephone carrier. The monthly residual payment is based upon a percentage of the customer's usage and is calculated based on the amount of the cellular phone billings generated by the base of customers activated by the company on a particular cellular carrier's system. The Automotive group consists of Audiovox Automotive Electronics (AAE) and, through February 28, 1997, Heavy Duty Sound, which are divisions of the Company, Audiovox Communications (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., Audiovox Holdings (M) Sdn. Bhd. and Audiovox Venezuela, C.A., which are majority-owned subsidiaries. Products in the Automotive group include automotive sound and security equipment, car accessories, home and portable sound products and mobile video. The Company allocates interest and certain shared expenses to the marketing groups based upon estimated usage. General expenses and other income items which are not readily allocable are not included in the results of the various marketing groups.

This Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements relating to such matters as anticipated financial performance and business prospects. When used in this Report, the words "anticipates," "expects," "may," "intend" and similar expressions are intended to be among the statements that identify forward-looking statements. From time to time, the Company may also publish forward- looking statements. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. In order to comply with the terms of the safe harbor, the Company notes that a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, foreign currency risks, political instability, changes in foreign laws, regulations and tariffs, new technologies, competition, customer and vendor relationships, seasonality, inventory obsolescence and availability, could cause the Company's actual results and experience to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed in the Company's forward-looking statements.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain statements of income (loss) data for the Company expressed as a percentage of net sales:

|  | Percentage of Net Sales <br> Years Ended November 30, |
| :---: | :---: |
| ---------------------------------------------------------------- |  |

Net sales:
Product sales:
Cellular wholesale
Cellular retail
Sound
Security and accessories

| $64.6 \%$ |
| :---: |
| 0.7 |
| 12.7 |
| 13.8 |
| 3.8 |
| 95.6 |
| 3.7 |
| 0.7 |
| 100.0 |
| (85.6) |
| 14.4 |
| (2.0) |
| (5.7) |
| (5.9) |
| (13.6) |
| 0.8 |


| 61.1\% | 58.6\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1.0 | 1.3 |
| 14.4 | 16.4 |
| 15.2 | 14.6 |
| 2.7 | 2.8 |
| 94.4 | 93.7 |
| 4.9 | 5.5 |
| 0.7 | 0.8 |
| 100.0 | 100.0 |
| (83.3) | (83.9) |
| 16.7 | 16.1 |
| (1.9) | (1.8) |
| (6.0) | (6.7) |
| (5.8) | (5.4) |
| (13.7) | (13.9) |
| 3.0 | 2.2 |

Operating income
Interest expense
Income of equity investments
Gain on sale of equity investment
Debt conversion expense
Other income (expense)
Income tax expense
Net income
$(0.8)$
0.2
-
-
0.4
$(0.1)$
$-=-=-======$
$0.5 \%$

| $(0.4)$ | $(1.4)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.2 | 0.1 |
| 5.9 | 0.2 |
| $(2.0)$ | $(4.4)$ |
| - | $(0.1)$ |
| $(3.5)$ | $(1.0)$ |
| $-=--=-$ | $(4.4) \%$ |
| $3.3 \%$ | $=======$ |

Fiscal 1998 Compared to Fiscal 1997
Consolidated Results
Net sales were $\$ 616,695$ for 1998 , a decrease of $\$ 22,387$, or $3.5 \%$, over the same period in 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, the Company sold $1,835,000$ shares of its holdings of CellStar for a net gain of $\$ 23,232$. Also during 1997, the Company exchanged $\$ 21,479$ of its subordinated debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class A Common Stock. Costs associated with this exchange were $\$ 12,844$, including income taxes.

The net sales and percentage of net sales by product line and marketing group for the fiscal years ended November 30,1998 , 1997 and 1996 are reflected in the following table. Certain reclassifications have been made to the data for periods prior to fiscal 1997 in order to conform to fiscal 1998 presentation.

Years Ended November 30,


Net sales:
Communications
Cellular wholesale
Cellular retail
Activation commission
Residual fees

| \$398,113 | 64.6\% | \$390, 230 | 61.1 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4,493 | 0.7 | 6,280 | 1.0 |
| 22,785 | 3.7 | 31,061 | 4.9 |
| 4,452 | 0.7 | 4,688 | 0.7 |
| 11,747 | 1.9 | 12,141 | 1.9 |
| 441,590 | 71.6 | 444,400 | 69.5 |


| $\$ 350,299$ | $58.6 \%$ |
| ---: | :---: |
| 7,665 | 1.3 |
| 33,102 | 5.5 |
| 4,828 | 0.8 |
| 12,785 | 2.1 |
| -------- | ----- |
| 408,679 | ------ |
| ------- | 16.4 |
| 98,303 | 14.6 |
| 87,234 | 0.5 |
| 2,879 | ------ |
| ------- | 31.5 |
| 188,416 | 0.1 |
| 820 | ------ |
| ------- | $100.0 \%$ |
| $\$ 597,095$ | $======$ |

Communication Results

The Communications group is composed of ACC and Quintex, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Audiovox Corporation. Since principally all of the net sales of Quintex are cellular in nature, all operating results of Quintex are being included in the discussion of the Communications group's product line.

Net sales were $\$ 441,590$, a decrease of $\$ 2,810$, or $0.6 \%$ from the same period in 1997. Unit sales of cellular telephones increased 354,000 units, or $12.0 \%$, over 1997. Average unit selling prices decreased approximately $6.9 \%$. The number of new cellular 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, however, were partially offset by a corresponding decrease of $3.0 \%$ in average unit cost. In addition, the company recorded a $\$ 6.6$ million charge to adjust the carrying value of certain cellular inventories, partially offset by a $\$ 1.0$ 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 growing digital presence in the market. While the analog market is still quite large, the Communications group may experience lower gross profits in the future due to the price sensitivity of this market place. Operating expenses decreased to $\$ 48,257$ from $\$ 49,582$. 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, salesmen 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.

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

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain statements of income data for the Communications group expressed as a percentage of net sales:

Communications

1998
Net sales:
Cellular product - wholesale
Cellular product - retail
Activation commissions
Residual fees
Other
Total net sales
-------------------------

| \$398,113 | 90.1\% | \$390,230 | 87.8\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4,493 | 1.0 | 6,280 | 1.4 |
| 22,785 | 5.1 | 31,061 | 7.0 |
| 4,452 | 1.0 | 4,688 | 1.1 |
| 11,747 | 2.7 | 12,141 | 2.7 |
| 441,590 | 100.0 | 444,400 | 100.0 |
| 52,270 | 11.8 | 66,117 | 14.9 |
| 48,257 | 10.9 | 49,582 | 11.2 |
| 4,013 | 0.9 | 16,535 | 3.7 |
| $(5,799)$ | (1.3) | $(4,953)$ | (1.1) |
| \$ (1, 786) | (0.4) \% | \$ 11,582 | 2. 6\% |

Automotive Results
Net sales decreased approximately $\$ 18,805$ from 1997, a decrease of $9.7 \%$. This decrease was primarily from a $\$ 21.3$ million decrease in net sales in the Company's foreign subsidiaries, primarily Malaysia, composed chiefly of security and accessory products. Domestic operation sales of Automotive sound, security, accessories and consumer goods products increased approximately $\$ 4.7$ million, or $3.7 \%$ from 1997. The main components of this increase being the mobile video and leisure products categories. The domestic operations sales grew by $\$ 7.3$ million, or $5.9 \%$, before the Heavy Duty Sound division was transferred to one of the Company's 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 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 last year, 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 Company believes that the Automotive group has an expanding market with a certain level of volatility related to both domestic and international new car sales. Also, certain of its products are subject to price fluctuations which could affect the carrying value of inventories and gross margins in the future.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain statements of income data for the Automotive group expressed as a percentage of net sales:

Automotive

Net sales:
Sound
Security and accessories
Consumer goods

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

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 the Company's subsidiary in Venezuela. The increase in the rate, 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:

|  | 1998 |  |  |  |  |  | 1997 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ment | Equity <br> Income <br> (Loss) |  | Total |  | Man | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ment } \\ & \text { es } \end{aligned}$ | Equity <br> Income (Loss) |  | Total |  |
| Bliss-tel |  |  | \$ | (13) | \$ | (13) |  |  |  | -- |  | -- |
| ASA |  |  |  | , 860 |  | 1,860 |  |  | \$ | 1,857 | \$ | 1,857 |
| TALK |  |  |  | (509) |  | (509) |  |  |  | -- |  | -- |
| G.L.M | \$ | 7 |  | -- |  | 7 | \$ | 12 |  | -- |  | 12 |
| Pacific |  |  |  | (337) |  | (337) |  |  |  | (685) |  | (685) |
| Posse |  | 29 |  | 70 |  | 99 |  | 97 |  | 187 |  | 284 |
|  | \$ | 36 |  | , 071 |  | 1,107 | \$ | 109 |  | 1,359 |  | 1,468 |

During 1998, the Company purchased 400,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 3,132$ ) of Shintom Convertible Debentures (Shintom Debentures). The Company exercised its option to convert the Shintom Debentures into shares of Shintom Common Stock.

Also during 1998, the Company purchased an additional 400,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 2,732$ ) of Shintom Debentures. The Company exercised its option to convert the Shintom Debentures into shares of Shintom Common Stock. The Company sold the Shintom Common Stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 3,159$ and a gain of $\$ 427$.

In addition, the Company purchased 1,000,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 6,854$ ) of Shintom Debentures. The Company exercised its option to convert 337,212 Japanese Yen of Shintom Debentures into shares of Shintom Common Stock. The Company sold the Shintom Common Stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 2,671$ and a gain of $\$ 360$.

During January 1997, the Company completed an exchange of $\$ 21,479$ of its subordinated debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class $A$ Common Stock (Exchange). As a result of the Exchange, a charge of $\$ 12,686$ 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 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 $\$ 158$ 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 $\$ 33,592$.

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

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

Fiscal 1997 Compared to Fiscal 1996
Consolidated Results

Net sales were $\$ 639,082$ for 1997 , an increase of $\$ 41,167$, or $6.9 \%$ from 1996. The increase in net sales was accompanied by a corresponding increase in gross profit margins to $16.7 \%$ from $16.1 \%$ in 1996. Operating expenses increased to $\$ 87,067$ from $\$ 83,313$, a $4.5 \%$ increase. Operating income for 1997 was $\$ 19,695$, an increase of $\$ 6,620$, or $50.6 \%$, compared to 1996. During 1997, the Company sold $1,835,000$ shares of its holdings of CellStar for a net gain of $\$ 23,232$. Also during 1997, the Company exchanged $\$ 21,479$ of its subordinated debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class A Common Stock. Costs associated with this exchange were $\$ 12,844$, including income taxes.

The net sales and percentage of net sales by product line and marketing group for the fiscal years ended November 30, 1997, 1996 and 1995 are reflected in the following table. Certain reclassifications have been made to the data for periods prior to fiscal 1996 in order to conform to fiscal 1997 presentation.

Years Ended November 30,

| 1997 | 1996 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Net sales:
Communications
Cellular wholesale
Cellular retail
Activation commissions
Residual fees

Residual fees
Other
Total Communications
Automotive
Sound
Security and accessories
Other

| $\$ 390,230$ | $61.1 \%$ | $\$ 350,299$ | $58.6 \%$ | $\$ 261,997$ | $52.3 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 6,280 | 1.0 | 7,665 | 1.3 | 14,177 | 2.8 |
| 31,061 | 4.9 | 33,102 | 5.5 | 38,526 | 7.7 |
| 4,688 | 0.7 | 4,828 | 0.8 | 4,781 | 1.0 |
| 12,141 | 1.9 | 12,785 | 2.1 | 11,293 | 2.3 |
| ------- | ----- | -------- | ----- | -------- | ----- |
| 444,400 | 69.5 | 408,679 | 68.4 | 330,774 | 66.1 |
| ------ | ----- | ------- | ----- | -------- | ----- |
| 91,763 | 14.4 | 98,303 | 16.4 | 101,757 | 20.3 |
| 97,446 | 15.2 | 87,234 | 14.6 | 67,560 | 13.5 |
| 4,701 | 0.7 | 2,879 | 0.5 | 649 | 0.1 |
| ------- | ----- | -------- | ----- | -------- | ----- |
| 193,910 | 30.3 | 188,416 | 31.5 | 169,966 | 33.9 |
| 772 | 0.1 | 820 | 0.1 | -- | -- |
| ------- | ---- | ------- | ----- | -------- | ----- |
| $\$ 639,082$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 597,915$ | $100.0 \%$ | $\$ 500,740$ | $100.0 \%$ |
| $========$ | $=====$ | $============$ | $========$ | $=====$ |  |

The Communications group is composed of ACC and Quintex, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Audiovox Corporation. Since principally all of the net sales of Quintex are cellular in nature, all operating results of Quintex are being included in the discussion of the Communications group's product line.

Net sales were $\$ 444,400$, an increase of $\$ 35,721$, or $8.7 \%$, from 1996 . Unit sales of cellular telephones increased 892,000 units, or 43.2\%, over 1996. Average unit selling prices decreased approximately $21.2 \%$ but were offset by a corresponding decrease of $22.9 \%$ in average unit cost. The number of new cellular subscriptions processed by Quintex decreased 9.1\%, with a corresponding decrease in activation commissions of approximately $\$ 2,041$. The average commission received by Quintex per activation, however, increased approximately $3.2 \%$ from 1996. Unit gross profit margins increased to 11.1\% from 9.0\% in 1996, primarily due to increased unit sales and reduced unit costs. Operating expenses decreased to $\$ 49,582$ from $\$ 50,710$. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses decreased to $11.2 \%$ during 1997 compared to $12.4 \%$ in 1996. Selling expenses decreased $\$ 3,203$ from 1996, primarily in advertising and divisional marketing, partially offset by increases in commissions and salesmen salaries. General and administrative expenses increased over 1996 by $\$ 572$, primarily in office salaries and temporary personnel. Warehousing and assembly expenses increased over 1996 by $\$ 1,503$, primarily in tooling and direct labor. Pre-tax income for 1997 was $\$ 11,582$, an increase of $\$ 8,476$ compared to 1996 .

Though gross margins have improved over 1996, management believes that the cellular industry is extremely competitive and that this competition could affect gross margins and the carrying value of inventories in the future.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain statements of income data for the Communications group expressed as a percentage of net sales:

Communications


Net sales increased approximately $\$ 5,494$ compared to 1996, an increase of $2.9 \%$. Increases were experienced in security and accessories and were partially offset by a decrease in sound products. A majority of the increase was from the group's international operations, both from an increase in existing business and the formation of a new subsidiary in Venezuela. Automotive sound decreased 6.7\% compared to 1996, due to the transfer of the Heavy Duty Sound division to a new joint venture. Excluding sound sales from the Heavy Duty Sound division for fiscal 1997 and 1996, sound sales decreased $0.6 \%$. Automotive security and accessories increased $11.7 \%$ compared to 1996, primarily due to increased sales in Prestige Security, Protector Hardgoods and alarms and video, partially offset by decreases in net sales of AA security and cruise controls. Gross margins increased to $20.8 \%$ from $18.9 \%$ in 1996. This increase was experienced in the $A V$ and Private Label sound lines and cruise control, Protector Hardgoods and AA security accessory lines, partially offset by decreases in Prestige Security. Operating expenses increased to $\$ 27,989$ from $\$ 25,559$. Selling expenses increased over 1996 by $\$ 1,151$, primarily in our international operations, in commissions and advertising. General and administrative expenses increased over 1996 by $\$ 1,512$, primarily from our international operations, in occupancy, office expenses and bad debt expense. Warehousing and assembly expenses decreased from 1996 by $\$ 233$, primarily from the transfer of Heavy Duty Sound business to the new joint venture. Pre-tax income for 1997 was $\$ 8,002$, an increase of $\$ 2,303$ compared to 1996. Without the transfer of the Heavy Duty Sound business, pre-tax income increased \$2,796 compared to 1996.

The Company believes that the Automotive group has an expanding market with a certain level of volatility related to both domestic and international new car sales. Also, certain of its products are subject to price fluctuations which could affect the carrying value of inventories and gross margins in the future.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain statements of income data for the Automotive group expressed as a percentage of net sales:

Automotive

1997
1996

Net sales:
Sound

Total net sales
Gross profit
Total operating expenses

Operating income
Other expense

Pre-tax income

| \$ | 91,763 | 47.3\% | \$ | 98,303 | 52.2 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 97,446 | 50.3 |  | 87,234 | 46.3 |
|  | 4,701 | 2.4 |  | 2,879 | 1.5 |
|  | 193,910 | 100.0 |  | 188,416 | 100.0 |
|  | 40,326 | 20.8 |  | 35,622 | 18.9 |
|  | 27,989 | 14.4 |  | 25,559 | 13.6 |
|  | 12,337 | 6.4 |  | 10,063 | 5.3 |
|  | $(4,335)$ | (2.2) |  | $(4,364)$ | (2.3) |
| \$ | 8,002 | 4.1\% | \$ | 5,699 | 3.0\% |

Interest expense and bank charges decreased by $\$ 5,938$ for 1997 compared to 1996. This was due to reduced interest bearing debt and the decrease in interest bearing subordinated debentures which were exchanged for shares of common stock.

Management fees and equity in income from joint venture investments increased by approximately $\$ 651$ for 1997 compared to 1996 as detailed in the following table:


Audiovox Pacific has experienced an overall decline in gross margins, as the cellular market in Australia has experienced the same competitive factors as those in the United States.

During January 1997, the Company completed an exchange of $\$ 21,479$ of its subordinated debentures for $2,860,925$ shares of Class A Common Stock (Exchange). As a result of the Exchange, a charge of $\$ 12,686$ 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 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 $\$ 158$ 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 $\$ 33,592$.

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

Provision for Income Taxes

Income taxes are provided for at a blended federal and state rate of $41 \%$ for profits from normal business operations. During 1997, the Company had several non-operating events which had tax provisions calculated at specific rates, determined by the nature of the transaction. The tax treatment for the debt
conversion expense of $\$ 12,686$, which lowered income before provision for income taxes, did not reduce taxable income as it is a non-deductible item. Instead of recording a tax recovery of $\$ 5,201$, which would have lowered the provision for income taxes, the Company actually recorded a tax expense of $\$ 158$. This and other various tax treatments resulted in an effective tax rate of $51.6 \%$ for 1997.

Liquidity and Capital Resources
The Company's cash position at November 30, 1998 was approximately $\$ 47$ below the November 30, 1997 level. Operating activities provided approximately $\$ 17,378$, primarily from decreases in inventory and increases in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities. These events were partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable and a decrease in income taxes payable. Investing activities used approximately $\$ 9,197$, primarily from the purchases of investment securities and property, plant and equipment, partially offset by the net proceeds from the sale of investment securities. Financing activities used approximately $\$ 8,113$, primarily from net repayments under line of credit agreements and repurchase of Class A Common Stock and warrants.

On February 9, 1996, the Company's 10.8\% Series AA and 11.0\% Series BB Convertible Debentures matured. The Company paid $\$ 4,362$ to holders on that date. The remaining $\$ 1,100$ was converted into 206,046 shares of Common Stock. On November 25, 1996, the Company concluded an exchange of $\$ 41,252$ of its $61 / 4 \%$ subordinated debentures for $6,806,580$ shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock. Accounting charges to earnings for this transaction were $\$ 29,206$, including income taxes on the gain of the exchange of the bonds. As a result of the exchange, stockholders' equity was increased by $\$ 34,426$.

On October 1, 1996, business formally conducted by the Company's cellular division was continued in a newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary called Audiovox Communications Corp. Capitalization of this company was accomplished by exchanging the assets of the former division, less their respective liabilities, for all of the common stock.

On May 5, 1995, the Company entered into the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement) which superseded the prior agreement in its entirety. From its inception on May 5, 1995 through November 30, 1998, the Credit Agreement was amended a total of 13 times providing for various changes to the terms. The terms as of November 30, 1998 are summarized below.

Under the Credit Agreement, the Company may obtain credit through direct borrowings and/or letters of credit to a maximum aggregate amount of $\$ 95,000$. These borrowings are subject to certain conditions with borrowings based on a formula which takes into account the amount and quality of the Company's accounts receivable and inventory. The obligations of the Company under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by certain of the Company's subsidiaries and are secured by accounts receivable of the Company and those subsidiaries.

On December 23, 1998, the Company entered into the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Revised Credit Agreement) which superseded the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement in its entirety. The major changes in the Revised Credit Agreement included an increase in the maximum aggregate amount of borrowings to $\$ 112,500$ and allowed for a sub-limit for foreign currency borrowing of $\$ 15,000$. The Revised Credit Agreement contains covenants requiring, among other things, minimum levels of pre-tax income and minimum levels of net worth as follows:
pre-tax income of not less than $\$ 1,500$ for the two consecutive fiscal quarters ending May 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001; not less than $\$ 2,500$ for two consecutive fiscal quarters ending November 30, 1999, 2000 and 2001; and not less than $\$ 4,000$ for any fiscal year ending on or after November 30, 1999. Further, the Company may not incur a pre-tax loss in excess of $\$ 1,000$ for any fiscal quarter and may not incur a pre-tax loss for two consecutive fiscal quarters. In addition, the Company must maintain a net worth base amount of $\$ 172,500$ at any time prior to February 28, 1999; $\$ 175,000$ at any time on or after February 28, 1999 but prior to February 28, 2000; $\$ 177,500$ at any time on or after February 28, 2000, but prior to February 28, 2001; and $\$ 180,000$ at any time thereafter. Further, the Company must at all times maintain a debt to worth ratio of not more than 1.75 to 1 . The Revised Credit Agreement includes restrictions and limitations on payments of dividends, stock repurchases and capital expenditures.
The Revised Credit Agreement expires on December 31, 2001.
The Company believes that it has sufficient liquidity to satisfy its anticipated working capital and capital expenditure needs through November 30, 1999 and for the reasonable foreseeable future.

Impact of Inflation and Currency Fluctuation
Inflation has not had and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial position or operating results. However, as the Company expands its operations into Latin America and the Pacific Rim, the effects of inflation and currency fluctuations in those areas, if any, could have growing significance to the financial condition and results of the operations of the Company.

The Company has operations and conducts local business in Asia. The recent fluctuations in the foreign exchange rates have not materially impacted the consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity. Management believes that continued fluctuations will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, however the impact on the results of operations or liquidity, particularly our Malaysian subsidiaries, is unknown.

While the prices that the Company pays for the products purchased from its 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
The Company typically experiences some seasonality. The Company believes such seasonality could be attributable to increased demand for its products during the Christmas season, which commences in October, for both wholesale and retail operations.

Year 2000 Date Conversion
Many of the Company's computerized systems could be affected by the Year 2000 issue, which refers to the inability of such systems to properly process dates beyond December 31, 1999. The Company also has numerous computerized interfaces with third parties and is possibly vulnerable to failure by such third parties if they do not adequately address their Year 2000 issues. System failures resulting from these issues could cause significant disruption to the Company's operations and result in a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

Management believes that a significant portion of its "mission critical" computer systems are Year 2000 compliant and is continuing to assess the balance of its computer systems as well as equipment and other facilities systems. Management plans to complete its investigation, remediation and contingency planning activities for all critical systems by mid 1999, although there can be no assurance that it will. At this time, management believes that the Company does not have any internal critical Year 2000 issues that it cannot remedy.

Management is in the process of surveying third parties with whom it has a material relationship primarily through written correspondence. Despite its efforts to survey its customers, management is depending on the response of these third parties in its assessment of Year 2000 readiness. Management cannot be certain as to the actual Year 2000 readiness of these third parties or the impact that any non-compliance on their part may have on the company's business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

The Company expects to incur internal staff costs as well as consulting and other expenses in preparing for the Year 2000 . Because the Company has replaced or updated a significant portion of its computer systems, both hardware and software, in recent years, the cost to be incurred in addressing the Year 2000 issue are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity. This expectation assumes that our existing forecast of costs to be incurred contemplates all significant actions required and that we will not be obligated to incur significant Year 2000 related costs on behalf of our customers, suppliers and other third parties.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements
In June 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income", effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1997.
This Statement requires that all items that are required to be recognized under accounting standards as components of comprehensive income be reported in a financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as other financial statements. This Statement further requires that an entity display an amount representing total comprehensive income for the period in that financial statement. This Statement also requires that an entity classify items of other comprehensive income by their nature in a financial statement. For example, other comprehensive income may include foreign currency items and unrealized gains and losses on investments in equity securities. Reclassification of financial statements for earlier periods, provided for comparative purposes, is required. Based on current accounting standards, this Statement is not expected to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements. The Company will adopt this accounting standard effective December 1, 1999, as required.

In June 1997, the FASB issued Statement 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information", effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 1997. This Statement establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments in annual financial statements and requires selected information about operating segments in interim financial reports issued to shareholders. It also establishes standards for related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas and major customers. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. This statement requires reporting segment profit or loss, ceratin specific revenue and expense items and segment assets. It also requires reconciliations of total segment revenues, total segment profit or loss, total segment assets
and other amounts disclosed for segments to corresponding amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. Restatement of comparative information for earlier periods presented is required in the initial year of application. Interim information is not required until the second year of application, at which time comparative information is required. The Company has not determined the impact that the adoption of this new accounting standard will have on its consolidated financial statements disclosures. The Company will adopt this accounting standard effective December 1, 1999, as required.

The FASB issued Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (Statement 133). Statement 133 established accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities. Statement 133 is effective for all fiscal quarters of all fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1999. Early application of all the provisions of this Statement is encouraged but is permitted only as of the beginning of any fiscal quarter that begins after issuance of this Statement. Management of the Company has not yet determined the impact that the implementation of Statement 133 will have on its financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Item 7a - Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk
Market Risk Sensitive Instruments
The market risk inherent in the Company's 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 at November 30, 1998, which are recorded at fair value of $\$ 17,089$ and include net unrealized gains of $\$ 4,154$, 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 $\$ 1,231$. Actual results may differ.

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Interest Rate Risk
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The Company's 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 the Company's bank loans are not significantly affected by changes in market interest rates.

The change in fair value of the Company's long-term debt resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ decrease in interest rates is not material.

Foreign Exchange Risk

In order to reduce the risk of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, the Company hedges transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currencies applicable to each of its 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 between the U.S. company and its foreign subsidiaries
and equity investees 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 is approximately $\$ 265$.

In addition, the Company holds debt denominated in Japanese Yen and recognizes foreign currency translation adjustments in net income to the extent the adjustment is greater than the adjustment from the translation of the Company's investment in TALK. The potential loss resulting from a hypothetical $10 \%$ adverse change in the quoted Japanese Yen rate is approximately $\$ 141$. Actual results may differ.

The Company is subject to risk from changes in foreign exchange rates for our subsidiaries and equity investees which use a foreign currency as their functional currency and are translated into U.S. dollars. Such changes result in cumulative translation adjustments which are included in stockholders' equity. At November 30, 1998, the Company had translation exposure to various foreign currencies with the most significant being the Malaysian Ringgit, Thailand Baht, Canadian Dollar and Australian Dollar. The Company also has 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 amounts to $\$ 369$. Actual results may differ.

The consolidated financial statements of the Company as of November 30, 1998 and 1997 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1998, together with the independent auditors' report thereon of KPMG LLP, independent auditors, are filed under this Item 8.

Selected unaudited, quarterly financial data of the Registrant for the years ended November 30, 1998 and 1997 appears below:

QUARTER ENDED

| Feb. 28 | May 31 | Aug. 31 | Nov. 30 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$120,974 | 132,411 | 154,501 | 208,809 |
| 22,259 | 14,044 (a) | 24,878 | 27,360 |
| 19,724 | 22,001 | 20,950 | 20,995 |
| 2,236 | $(8,720)(a)$ | 4,201 | 6,084 |
| 597 | $(4,025)$ | 1,620 | 2,637 |
| 1,639 | $(4,695)(\mathrm{a})$ | 2,581 | 3,447 |
| 0.09 | (0.24) | 0.14 | 0.18 |
| 0.09 | (0.24) | 0.14 | 0.18 |
| \$166, 614 | 148,195 | 153,124 | 171,149 |
| 28,002 | 25,055 | 25,634 | 28,071 |
| 23,486 | 21,243 | 20,606 | 21,732 |
| 15,328 (b) | 14,032 (d) | 5,565 (f) | 8,517 (h) |
| 11,125 (c) | 5,678 (e) | 2,467 (g) | 3,150 (i) |
| 4,203 | 8,354 | 3,098 | 5,367 |
| 0.24 | 0.43 | 0.16 | 0.28 |
| 0.23 | 0.43 | 0.16 | 0.27 |

Income (loss) before provision for (recovery of) income taxes

Net income
0.09
$(4,695)(a)$
3,447
Net income (loss) per common share (basic)
0.09
$(0.24)$
0.18

Net income (loss) per share (diluted)
$\$ 166,614$
28,071
Net sales
Gross profit

Operating expenses
Income before provision for income taxes

4,203
5,367
Net income
$\begin{array}{ll}0.24 & 0.43 \\ 0.23 & 0.43\end{array}$
0.28

Net income per common share (basic)
0.16
0.27
(a) Includes a pre-tax charge of $\$ 6.6$ million for inventory write-
b) Includes a pre-tax charge of $\$ 12.7$ million for costs
associated with the exchange of
$\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated debentures into $2,860,925$ shares of Class A Common Stock and a pre-tax gain of $\$ 23.8$ million on the sale of CellStar shares.
(c) Includes $\$ 158,000$ for income taxes associated with the exchange of $\$ 21.5$ million of subordinated debentures into $2,860,925$ shares of Class A Common Stock and income taxes of $\$ 9.0$ million for the gain on sale of CellStar shares.
(d) Includes $\$ 10.2$ million of pre-tax gain on the sale of cellStar shares.
(e) Includes $\$ 3.9$ million of income taxes on the gain on sale of CellStar shares
(f) Includes $\$ 303,000$ of pre-tax gain on the sale of Cell
(g) Includes $\$ 115,000$ of income taxes on the gain on the sale of CellStar shares
(h) Includes $\$ 3.2$ million of pre-tax gain on the sale of cellStar shares
Includes $\$ 1.2$ million of income taxes on the gain on sale of CellStar shares

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 1997, and the related consolidated statements of income (loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1998. 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 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
s/KPMG LLP
KPMG LLP

Melville, New York
January 25, 1999
November 30, 1998 and 1997
(In thousands, except share data)

|  | 1998 |  | 1997 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash | \$ | 9,398 | \$ | 9,445 |
| Accounts receivable, net |  | 131,120 |  | 104,698 |
| Inventory, net |  | 72,432 |  | 105,242 |
| Receivable from vendor |  | 734 |  | 5,000 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 6,724 |  | 9,230 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 6,088 |  | 4,673 |
| Equity collar |  | -- |  | 1,246 |
| Total current assets |  | 226,496 |  | 239,534 |
| Investment securities |  | 17,089 |  | 22,382 |
| Equity investments |  | 10,387 |  | 10,693 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net |  | 17,828 |  | 8,553 |
| Excess cost over fair value of assets acquired and other intangible assets, net |  | 6,052 |  | 5,557 |
| Other assets |  | 1,827 |  | 3,108 |
|  | \$ | 279,679 | \$ | 289,827 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity Current liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 34,063 | \$ | 24,237 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities |  | 15,359 |  | 16,538 |
| Income taxes payable |  | 5,210 |  | 9,435 |
| Bank obligations |  | 7,327 |  | 6,132 |
| Documentary acceptances |  | 3,911 |  | 3,914 |
| Capital lease obligation |  | 17 |  | -- |
| Total current liabilities |  | 65,887 |  | 60,256 |
| Bank obligations |  | 17,500 |  | 24,300 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 3,595 |  | 8,505 |
| Long-term debt |  | 6,331 |  | 6,191 |
| Capital lease obligation |  | 6,298 |  | -- |
| Total liabilities |  | 99,611 |  | 99,252 |
| Minority interest |  | 2,348 |  | 2,683 |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock, liquidation preference of $\$ 2,500$ Common stock: |  | 2,500 |  | 2,500 |
| ```Class A; 30,000,000 authorized; 17,258,573 and 17,253,533 issued 1998 and 1997, respectively; 16,760,518 and 16,963,533 outstanding 1998 and 1997, respectively``` |  | 173 |  | 173 |
| Class B convertible; 10,000,000 authorized; 2,260,954 issued and outstanding |  | 22 |  | 22 |
| Paid-in capital |  | 143,339 |  | 145,155 |
| Retained earnings |  | 35,896 |  | 32,924 |
| Cumulative foreign currency translation and adjustment |  | $(5,704)$ |  | $(3,428)$ |
| Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net |  | 4,154 |  | 12,194 |
| Unrealized gain on equity collar, net |  | -- |  | 773 |
| Gain on hedge of available-for-sale securities, net |  | 929 |  | -- |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 498,055 and 290,000 Class A common stock 1998 and 1997, respectively |  | $(3,589)$ |  | $(2,421)$ |
| Total stockholders' equity |  | 177,720 |  | 187,892 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ | 279,679 | \$ | 289,827 |


|  | 1998 |  | 1997 |  | 1996 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$ | 616,695 | \$ | 639,082 | \$ | 597,915 |
| Cost of sales (including an inventory write-down to market in 1998 of $\$ 6,600$ ) |  | 528,154 |  | 532,320 |  | 501,527 |
| Gross profit |  | 88,541 |  | 106,762 |  | 96,388 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling |  | 35,196 |  | 38,044 |  | 40,033 |
| General and administrative |  | 35,890 |  | 37,000 |  | 32,452 |
| Warehousing, assembly and repair |  | 12,584 |  | 12,023 |  | 10,828 |
| Total operating expenses |  | 83,670 |  | 87,067 |  | 83,313 |
| Operating income |  | 4,871 |  | 19,695 |  | 13,075 |
| Other income (expense): |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Debt conversion expense |  | -- |  | $(12,686)$ |  | $(26,318)$ |
| Interest and bank charges |  | $(4,769)$ |  | $(2,542)$ |  | $(8,480)$ |
| Equity in income of equity investments |  | 1,071 |  | 1,359 |  | 631 |
| Management fees and related income |  | 36 |  | 109 |  | 186 |
| Gain on sale of investments |  | 787 |  | 37,471 |  | 985 |
| Other, net |  | 1,805 |  | 36 |  | (714) |
| Total other income (expense) |  | $(1,070)$ |  | 23,747 |  | $(33,710)$ |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes |  | 3,801 |  | 43,442 |  | $(20,635)$ |
| Provision for income taxes |  | 829 |  | 22,420 |  | 5,834 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 2,972 | \$ | 21,022 | \$ | $(26,469)$ |
| Net income (loss) per common share (basic) | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 1.11 | \$ | (2.82) |
| Net income (loss) per common share (diluted) | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 1.09 | \$ | (2.82) |

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Balances at
November 30,

| 1995 | 2,500 | 90 | 43,286 | (410) | 38,371 | (963) | 31,721 | - | - | -- | 114,595 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net loss | -- | -- | -- | -- | $(26,469)$ | -- | -- | - | - | -- | $(26,469)$ |
| Equity adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| from foreign currency |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| translation | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | (213) | -- | - | - | -- | (213) |
| Compensation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| expense | -- | -- | 39 | 258 | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 297 |
| Options and nonperformance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| restricted stock <br> forfeitures due to employee terminations | -- | -- | (27) | 27 | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| Issuance of 250,000 shares of common stock | -- | 3 | -- | -_ | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 3 |
| Conversion of debentures into 7,012,626 shares |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| of common stock | -- | 70 | 64,660 | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 64,730 |
| Net unrealized loss |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| on marketable <br> securities, net of tax effect of $(\$ 13,143)$ | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | $(21,444)$ | - | - | -- | $(21,444)$ |
| Balance at |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { November } 30 \text {, } \\ & 1996 \end{aligned}$ | 2,500 | 163 | 107,958 | (125) | 11,902 | $(1,176)$ | 10,277 | - | - | -- | 131,499 |
| Net income | -- | -- | -- | -- | 21,022 | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 21,022 |
| Equity adjustment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| from foreign currency |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| translation | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | $(2,252)$ | -- | - | - | -- | $(2,252)$ |
| Compensation expense | -- | -- | 118 | 17 | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 135 |
| Options and nonperformance restricted stock forfeitures due to employee terminations | -- | -- | (23) | 23 | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | -- |
| Issuance of 352,194 shares of common stock | - | 3 | 3,489 | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 3,492 |
| Conversion of debentures into |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2,860,925 shares | -- | 29 | 33,592 | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 33,621 |
| Issuance of warrants | -- | -- | 106 | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | - | -- | 106 |
| Acquisition of 290,000 common shares | - | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | - | - | $(2,421)$ | $(2,421)$ |

AUDIOVOX CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (continued)
Years Ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996
(In thousands., except share data)



[^1]Cash flows from operating activities:
Net income (loss)
Adjustment to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:
Debt conversion expense
Depreciation and amortization
Provision for bad debt expense
Equity in income of equity investments
Minority interest
Gain on sale of investments
Provision for (recovery of ) deferred income taxes, net
Provision for unearned compensation
Expense relating to issuance of warrants
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net
Changes in:
Accounts receivable
Receivable from vendor
Inventory
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities Income taxes payable
Prepaid expenses and other, net
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

Cash flows from investing activities:
Purchases of investment securities
Purchases of property, plant and equipment, net
Net proceeds from sale of investment securities
Proceeds from sale of equity collar
Proceeds from distribution from equity investment
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities

Cash flows from financing activities:
Net repayments under line of credit agreements
Net borrowings (repayments) under documentary acceptances
Principal payments on long-term debt
Debt issuance costs
Principal payments on capital lease obligation
Proceeds from issuance of Class A Common Stock
Repurchase of Class A Common Stock
Purchase of warrants
Proceeds from release of restricted cash
Net cash used in financing activities
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period
Cash at end of period

|  | 1998 |  | 1997 | 1996 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 2,972 | \$ | 21,022 | \$ 26,469$)$ |
|  | -- |  | 12,386 | 25,629 |
|  | 2,471 |  | 1,903 | 3,298 |
|  | 581 |  | 1,300 | 429 |
|  | $(1,107)$ |  | $(1,468)$ | (614) |
|  | (320) |  | 1,623 | 767 |
|  | (787) |  | $(37,471)$ | (985) |
|  | (902) |  | $(3,123)$ | 468 |
|  | 53 |  | 135 | 297 |
|  | -- |  | 106 | -- |
|  | (151) |  | (9) | (32) |
| $(27,940)$ |  |  | 6,853 | $(21,848)$ |
| 4,266 |  |  | -- | 532 |
| 31,705 |  |  | $(36,823)$ | 27,688 |
| 9,385 |  |  | $(2,855)$ | 12,445 |
| $(4,034)$ |  |  | 2,181 | 5,360 |
| 1,186 |  |  | $(2,659)$ | $(2,954)$ |
| 17,378 |  |  | $(36,899)$ | 24,011 |
| $(12,719)$ |  |  | $(4,706)$ | -- |
| $(4,932)$ |  |  | $(3,986)$ | $(2,805)$ |
| 5,830 |  |  | 45,937 | 1,000 |
| 1,499 |  |  | -- | -- |
| 1,125 |  |  | 450 | 317 |
| $(9,197)$ |  |  | 37,695 | $(1,488)$ |
| (5,047)$(3)$ |  |  | $(3,765)$ | $(14,040)$ |
|  |  |  | 413 | $(3,620)$ |
| -- |  |  | -- | $(5,029)$ |
| -- |  |  | (13) | (392) |
| (26) |  |  | -- | (158) |
| $\stackrel{--}{(1,168)}$ |  |  | 2,328 | -- |
|  |  |  | $(2,421)$ | -- |
| $(1,869)$ |  |  | -- | -- |
| -- |  |  | -- | 5,959 |
| $(8,113)$ |  |  | $(3,458)$ | $(17,280)$ |
| (115) |  |  | (243) | 31 |
| (47) |  |  | $(2,905)$ | 5,274 |
| 9,445 |  |  | 12,350 | 7,076 |
| \$ | 9,398 | \$ | 9,445 | \$ 12,350 |

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
(a) Description of Business

Audiovox Corporation and its subsidiaries (the Company) design and market cellular telephones and accessories, automotive aftermarket sound and security equipment, other automotive aftermarket accessories and certain other products, principally in the United States, Canada and overseas. In addition to generating product revenue from the sale of cellular telephone products, the Company's retail outlets, as agents for cellular carriers, are paid activation commissions and residual fees from such carriers.

The Company's automotive sound, security and accessory products include stereo cassette radios, compact disc players and changers, amplifiers, speakers and mobile LCD TV and video cassette playback units; key based remote control security systems; cruise controls and door and trunk locks. These products are marketed through mass merchandise chain stores, specialty automotive accessory installers, distributors and automobile dealers.
(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

Cash equivalents of $\$ 1,337$ at November 30,1995 consisted of short-term investments with terms of less than three months. For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
(d) Cash Discount, 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.

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.

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 17 (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 6). 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 17(a)(2)). The equity collar acts as a hedging item for the CellStar shares. Being that the item being hedged, 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 stockholders' equity, the unrealized gains and losses on the equity collar are also recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity.

During 1998, the Company sold the equity collar for $\$ 1,499$ in cash. As of November 30, 1998, the net gain on the equity collar of $\$ 929$ is recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (Statement 133). Statement 133 established accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities. Statement 133 is effective for all fiscal quarters of all fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1999. Early application of all the provisions of this Statement is encouraged but is permitted only as of the beginning of any fiscal quarter that begins after issuance of this Statement. 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.

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.

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 separate component of stockholders' equity 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.

Debt Issuance Costs
Costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the convertible subordinated debentures and restructuring of the Series A and Series B convertible subordinated notes (Note 10) and the restructuring of bank obligations (Note 9(a)) have been capitalized. These charges are amortized over the lives of the respective agreements. Amortization expense of these costs amounted to $\$ 37$ and $\$ 1,109$ for the years ended November 30, 1997 and 1996, respectively. During 1997 and 1996 , the Company wrote-off $\$ 245$ and $\$ 3,249$, respectively, of debt issuance costs (Note 10). There were no debt issuance costs recorded as of November 30, 1998.

Furniture, fixtures and displays $\quad 5-10$ years
Machinery and equipment
Computer hardware and software
Automobiles

5-10 years
5 years
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.

Intangible Assets
Intangible assets consist of patents, trademarks, non-competition agreements and the excess cost over fair value of assets acquired for certain subsidiary companies and equity investments. Excess cost over fair value of assets acquired is being amortized 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 \$1,759 at November 30, 1998 and 1997, respectively. Amortization of the excess cost over fair value of assets acquired and other intangible assets amounted to \$382, \$363 and \$145 for the years ended

November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. During 1997, the Company made investments in two companies that resulted in additional excess cost over fair value of assets acquired (Note 8).

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.

Equity Investments

The Company has common stock investments which are accounted for by the equity method (Note 8).

Cellular Telephone Commissions
Under various agency agreements, the Company receives an initial activation commission for obtaining subscribers for cellular telephone services. Additionally, the agreements may contain provisions for 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 $\$ 27,237, \$ 35,749$ and $\$ 37,930$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Related commissions paid to outside selling representatives for cellular activations are reflected as a reduction of sales in the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss) and amounted to $\$ 13,877, \$ 19,924$ and $\$ 20,443$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Advertising
The Company expenses the production costs of advertising as incurred and expenses the costs of communicating advertising when the service is received. During the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, the Company had no direct response advertising.

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 1997, the liability for future warranty expense amounted to $\$ 1,915$ and $\$ 2,257$, respectively.

Foreign Currency
With the exception of an operation in Venezuela, 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. 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 stockholders' equity. 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 (loss). Exchange gains and losses on hedges of foreign net investments and on intercompany balances of a long-term investment nature are also recorded in the cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment account. Other foreign currency transaction gains of $\$ 924$ for the year ended November 30, 1998 were included in other income. Other foreign currency gains and losses were not material for the years ended November 30, 1997 and 1996.
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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.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Continued

Net Income (Loss) 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. Earnings per share amounts for all periods presented have been restated to conform to the new presentation.

Supplementary Financial Statement Information
Advertising expenses approximated \$15,789, \$16,981 and \$21,794 for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Interest income of approximately $\$ 896, \$ 1,525$ and $\$ 1,097$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively, is included in other in the accompanying consolidated statements of income (loss).

Included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities is $\$ 3,511$ and $\$ 4,091$ of accrued wages and commissions at November 30, 1998 and 1997, respectively.

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

On December 1, 1996, the Company adopted Statement 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. Adoption of Statement 121 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation
Prior to December 1, 1996, the Company accounted for its stock option plan in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" (Opinion 25), and related interpretations. As such, compensation expense would be recorded on the date of grant only if the current market price of the underlying stock exceeded the exercise price. On December 1, 1996, the Company adopted Statement No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" (Statement 123), which permits entities to recognize, as expense over the vesting period, the fair value of all stock-based awards on the date of grant. Alternatively, Statement 123 also allows entities to continue to apply the provisions of Opinion 25 and provide pro-forma net income and pro-forma earnings per share disclosures for employee stock option grants made in fiscal 1996 and future years as if the fair-value-based method defined in Statement 123 had been applied. The Company has elected to continue to apply the provisions of Opinion 25 and provide the pro-forma disclosure provisions of Statement 123.

Reporting Comprehensive Income
In June 1997, the FASB issued Statement No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income" (Statement 130). Statement 130 requires that all items that are required to be recognized under accounting standards as components of comprehensive income be reported in a financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as other financial statements. Statement 130 further requires that an entity display an amount representing total comprehensive income for the period in that financial statement. Statement 130 also requires that an entity classify items of other comprehensive income by their nature in a financial statement. For example, other comprehensive income may include foreign currency items and unrealized gains and losses on investments in equity securities. Reclassification of financial statements for earlier periods, provided for comparative purposes, is required. Based on current accounting standards, Statement 130 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operation or liquidity. The Company will adopt this accounting standard effective December 1, 1998, as required.
(w) Disclosure About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information

In June 1997, the FASB issued Statement No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" (Statement 131). Statement 131 establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments in annual financial statements and requires selected information about operating segments in interim financial reports issued to shareholders. It also establishes standards for related disclosures about products and services, geographic areas and major customers. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Statement 131 requires reporting segment profit or loss, certain specific revenue and expense items and segment assets. It also requires reconciliations of total segment revenues, total segment profit or loss, total segment assets, and other amounts disclosed for segments to corresponding amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. Restatement of comparative information for earlier periods presented is required in the initial year of application. Interim information is not required until the second year of application, at which time comparative information is required. The Company has not determined the impact that the adoption of this new accounting standard will have on its consolidated financial statements disclosures. The Company will adopt this accounting standard in fiscal 1999, as required, however, Statement 131 will not have any impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Business Acquisitions/Dispositions
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.

In April 1996, the Company formed Audiovox Holdings (M) Sdn. Bhd. (Audiovox Holdings) and Audiovox Communications (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (Audiovox Communications), which are $80 \%$ and $72 \%$-owned subsidiaries of Audiovox Asia, Inc. (Audiovox Asia), respectively, which, in turn, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. In 1996, Audiovox Communications formed Vintage Electronics Holdings (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary. The Company formed these subsidiaries to assist in its planned expansion of its international business.

In October 1996, the Company contributed the net assets of its cellular division into a newly- formed, wholly-owned subsidiary Audiovox Communications Corp. (ACC).

The following is supplemental information relating to the consolidated statements of cash flows:
For the Years Ended November 30,
Cash paid during the years for:

Interest, net of $\$ 801$ capitalized in 1998
Income taxes

During 1998, the Company exercised its option to convert 1,137,212 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 8,176$ ) of Shintom Co. Ltd. (Shintom) Convertible Debentures (Shintom Debentures) into approximately 7,500,000 shares of Shintom Common Stock (Note 6).

During 1998, a capital lease obligation of $\$ 6,340$ was incurred when the Company entered into a building lease (Note 16).

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 17).

As of November 30, 1998 and 1997, the Company recorded an unrealized holding gain relating to available-for-sale marketable equity securities, net of deferred income taxes, of $\$ 4,154$ and $\$ 12,194$, respectively, as a separate component of stockholders' equity (Note 6).

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 10).

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 8).

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 8).

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 17).

On February 9, 1996, the Company's $10.8 \%$ Series AA and $11.0 \%$ Series BB convertible debentures matured. As of February 9, 1996, $\$ 1,100$ of the Series BB convertible debentures converted into 206,046 shares of Common Stock (Note 10).

On November 25, 1996, the Company completed an exchange of $\$ 41,252$ of its Subordinated Debentures into $6,806,580$ shares of Common Stock (Note 10).

During 1996, the Company contributed $\$ 97$ of property, plant and equipment in exchange for a $50 \%$ ownership interest in a newly-formed joint venture, Quintex Communications West, LLC (Quintex West), (Note 8).

Transactions With Major Suppliers
The Company engaged in transactions with Shintom, a stockholder who owned approximately $1.7 \%$ at November 30,1996 of the outstanding Class A Common Stock and all of the outstanding Preferred Stock of the Company at November 30, 1998 and 1997. The Company has a $30.8 \%$ interest in a Japanese company, TALK Corporation (TALK) (Note 8).

Transactions with Shintom and TALK include financing arrangements and inventory purchases which approximated $19 \%$, $29 \%$ and $26 \%$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively, of total inventory purchases. At November 30,1998 , the company had recorded $\$ 15$ 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 1997 (Note 9 (b)). At November 30,1998 and 1997 , the Company had recorded a receivable from TALK in the amount of $\$ 734$ and $\$ 5,000$, respectively, payable with interest (Note 8).

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. The Company granted Shintom a license agreement permitting the use of the Audiovox trademark to be used with TALK video cassette recorders sold in Japan from August 29, 1994 to August 28, 1997, in exchange for royalty fees. For the years ended November 30, 1997 and 1996, no such royalty fees were earned by the Company.

Inventory purchases from a major supplier approximated $42 \%, 32 \%$ and $28 \%$ of total inventory purchases for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, 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.

Accounts Receivable
Accounts receivable is comprised of the following:

|  | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { November } & 30, \\ 1998 & 1997 \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trade accounts receivable | \$142,211 | \$113,498 |
| Receivables from equity investments (Note 8) | 1,035 | 1,921 |
|  | 143,246 | 115,419 |
| Less: |  |  |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 2,944 | 3,497 |
| Allowance for cellular deactivations | 875 | 1,363 |
| Allowance for co-operative advertising, cash discounts and market development funds | 8,307 | 5,861 |
|  | \$131, 120 | \$104,698 |

See Note $17(c)$ for concentrations of credit risk.
(6) Investment 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, respectively, which were classified as available-for-sale marketable securities. As of November 30, 1997, the Company's investment securities consist primarily of $1,730,000$ shares of CellStar Common Stock (adjusted for the CellStar 2 for 1 stock split that occurred during 1998). The cost, gross unrealized gains and losses and fair value of the investment securities available-for-sale as of November 30, 1998 were as follows:

|  | Cost | Gross GrossUnrealizedUnrealized |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Holding Gain | Holding Loss | Fair <br> Value |
|  |  |  | -- |  |
| CellStar Common Stock | \$ 2,715 | \$ 8,422 | -- | \$11,137 |
| Shintom Common Stock | 3,132 | -- | \$ 1,723 | 1,409 |
| Shintom Debentures | 4,543 | -- | -- | 4,543 |
|  | \$10,390 | \$ 8,422 | \$ 1,723 | \$17,089 |

The Shintom Debentures mature on September 30, 2002.

A related deferred tax liability of $\$ 2,546$ and $\$ 7,473$ was recorded at November 30, 1998 and 1997, respectively, as a reduction to the unrealized holding gain included as a separate component of stockholders' equity.

During 1998, the Company purchased 400,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 3,132$ ) of Shintom Debentures. The Company 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 1998, the Company purchased an additional 400,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 2,732$ ) of Shintom Debentures. The Company exercised its option to convert the Shintom Debentures into shares of Shintom Common Stock. The Company sold the Shintom Common Stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 3,159$ and a gain of $\$ 427$.

During 1998, the Company purchased 1,000,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 6,854$ ) of Shintom Debentures. The Company exercised its option to convert 337,212 Japanese Yen of Shintom Debentures into shares of Shintom Common Stock. The Company sold the Shintom Common Stock yielding net proceeds of $\$ 2,671$ and a gain of $\$ 360$. The remaining debentures of 662,788 Japanese Yen are included in the Company's available-for-sale marketable securities at November 30, 1998.

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 $\$ 23,232$.
(7) Property, Plant and Equipment

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

## Land

Buildings
Property under capital lease
Furniture, fixtures and displays
Machinery and equipment
Computer hardware and software
Automobiles
Leasehold improvements

Less accumulated depreciation and amortization


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

Computer software includes approximately $\$ 3,149$ and $\$ 1,672$ of unamortized costs as of November 30,1998 and 1997, respectively, related to the acquisition and installation of management information systems for internal use.

Depreciation and amortization of plant and equipment amounted to $\$ 2,089, \$ 1,503$ and $\$ 2,044$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Included in accumulated depreciation and amortization is amortization of computer software costs of $\$ 350$, $\$ 19$ and $\$ 364$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Included in accumulated depreciation and amortization is amortization of property under capital lease of $\$ 160$ for the year ended November 30, 1998.

Equity Investments
As of November 30, 1998, the Company had a $30.8 \%$ ownership interest in TALK. As of November 30, 1998, the Company's $72 \%$ owned subsidiary, Audiovox Communications, 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, 1998, 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, security and accessory products; Audiovox Pacific Pty., Limited (Audiovox Pacific) which distributes 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 $\$ 1,248$. The Company accounts for its investment in Bliss-tel under the equity method of accounting. 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 goodwill. No further adjustments to the selling price can be made.

The Company's net sales to the equity investments amounted to $\$ 4,528$, $\$ 6,132$ and $\$ 6,483$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. The Company's purchases from the equity investments amounted to $\$ 15,383, \$ 7,484$ and $\$ 115,109$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. The Company recorded $\$ 1,752$, $\$ 2,027$ and $\$ 2,130$ of outside representative commission expenses for activations and residuals generated by G.L.M. on the Company's behalf during fiscal year 1998 , 1997 and 1996 , respectively, (Note 1 (l)).

Included in accounts receivable at November 30, 1998 and 1997 are trade receivables due from its equity investments aggregating $\$ 1,035$ and $\$ 1,921$, respectively. Receivable from vendor is interest bearing and represents claims on late deliveries, product modifications and price protection from TALK as well as prepayments on product shipments. Interest is payable in monthly installments at 6.5\%. Amounts representing prepayments of $\$ 734$ were repaid via receipt of product shipments in December 1998. At November 30, 1998 and 1997, other long-term assets include management fee receivables of $\$ 1,271$ and $\$ 1,496$, respectively. At November 30 , 1998 and 1997 , included in accounts payable and other accrued expenses were obligations to equity investments aggregating $\$ 1,049$ and $\$ 9,783$, respectively. Documentary acceptance obligations were outstanding from TALK at November 30, 1998 (Note 9(b)).

During 1997, the Company recorded interest income from TALK relating to the receivable from vendor, reimbursement of interest expense incurred under the subordinated loan to finance the TALK investment (Note 10) and other short-term loans made to TALK during 1997 at market interest rates. For the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, interest income earned on equity investment notes and other receivables approximated $\$ 480$, $\$ 653$ and $\$ 725$, respectively. Interest expense on equity investment documentary acceptances approximated
(a) Bank Obligations

The Company maintains a revolving credit agreement with various financial institutions. Subsequent to year end, the credit agreement has been amended and restated in its entirety, extending the expiration date to December 31, 2001. As a result, bank obligations under the credit agreement have been classified as long-term at November 30, 1998. The amended and restated credit agreement provides for $\$ 112,500$ of available credit.

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, 1998, availability of credit under the credit agreement is a maximum aggregate amount of $\$ 95,000$, subject to certain conditions, and is based upon a formula taking into account the amount and quality of its accounts receivable and inventory. At November 30, 1998, the amount of unused available credit is $\$ 43,085$.

Outstanding obligations under the credit agreement at November 30, 1998 and 1997 were as follows:

|  | November 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1997 |
| Revolving Credit Notes | \$ 2,500 | \$18,300 |
| Eurodollar Notes | 15,000 | 6,000 |
|  | \$17,500 | \$24,300 |

Through February 8, 1996, interest on revolving credit notes were . $25 \%$ above the prime rate, which was $8.75 \%$ at November 30, 1995. For the same period, interest on Eurodollar Notes were $2 \%$ above the Libor rate which was approximately $5.1 \%$ at November 30, 1995 and interest on bankers' acceptances were $2 \%$ above the bankers' acceptance rate which was approximately $6.25 \%$ at November 30, 1995. Pursuant to an amendment on February 9, 1996, the interest rates were increased to the following: revolving credit notes at . 50\% above the prime rate, which was approximately $7.75 \%$, $8.5 \%$ and $8.25 \%$ at November 30,1998 , 1997 and 1996, respectively, and Eurodollar Notes at $2.75 \%$ above the Libor rate which was approximately 5.62\%, 5.97\% and 5.5\% at November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Interest on bankers' acceptances remained at $2 \%$ above the bankers' acceptance rate which was approximately 5. 5\%,
5.77\% and 5.75\% at November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. The maximum commitment fee on the unused portion of the line of credit is . $25 \%$ as of November 30, 1998.

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 a revolving credit facility with a Malaysian bank (Malaysian Credit Agreement) to finance additional working capital needs. As of November 30, 1998 and 1997, the available line of credit for direct borrowing, letters of credit, bankers' acceptances and other forms of credit approximated $\$ 8,195$ and $\$ 8,017$, respectively. The credit facility is partially secured by two standby letters of credit totaling $\$ 5,320$, by the Company and is payable upon demand or upon expiration of the standby letters of credit on August 31, 1999. The obligations of the Company under the Malaysian Credit Agreement are secured by the property and building owned by Audiovox Communications. Outstanding obligations under the Malaysian Credit Agreement at November 30, 1998 and 1997 were approximately $\$ 4,711$ and $\$ 4,146$, respectively. At November 30, 1998, interest on the credit facility ranged from 9.5\% to $12.0 \%$. At November 30, 1997, interest on the credit facility ranged from 8.25\% to $11.10 \%$.

On October 28, 1997, Audiovox Venezuela issued a note payable to a Venezuelan bank in the amount of 994,000 Venezuelan Bolivars (approximately $\$ 1,986$ at November 30, 1997) to finance additional working capital needs. Interest on the note payable is $20 \%$. The note was repaid in 1998. As of November 30, 1998, Audiovox Venezuela has notes payable of $1,500,000$ Venezuelan Bolivars (approximately $\$ 2,617$ at November 30, 1998) outstanding. Interest on the notes payable is $50 \%$. 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 $\$ 4,000$, by the Company and is payable upon demand or upon expiration of the standby letter of credit on June 30, 1999.

The maximum month-end amounts outstanding under the credit agreement and Malaysian Credit Agreement borrowing facilities during the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were $\$ 42,975, \$ 28,420$ and $\$ 44,213$, respectively. Average borrowings during the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were $\$ 26,333, \$ 18,723$ and $\$ 33,662$, respectively, and the weighted average interest rates were $8.7 \%, 7.7 \%$ and $8.9 \%$, respectively.
(b) Documentary Acceptances

During 1998, 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, \$3,911 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, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were $\$ 4,809$, $\$ 4,162$ and $\$ 9,792$, respectively. Average borrowings during the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were $\$ 3,885, \$ 3,199$ and $\$ 5,845$, respectively, and the weighted average interest rates, including fees, were $6.6 \%$, $6.3 \%$ and 5.1\%, respectively.

Long-Term Debt
A summary of long-term debt follows:

November 30,

| 1998 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$ 2,269 | \$ 2,269 |
| 4,062 | 3,922 |
| 6,331 | 6,191 |
| - | - |
| \$ 6,331 | \$ 6,191 |

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 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 13(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. As a result of the Exchange and Additional Exchanges, the remaining Subordinated Debentures are $\$ 2,269$.

On March 8, 1994, the Company entered into a Debenture Exchange Agreement and exchanged certain debentures for Series AA and Series BB Convertible Debentures (Debentures). The Debentures were convertible at any time at $\$ 5.34$ per share, which is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, and were secured by a standby letter of credit. Although the Debenture Exchange Agreement provides for optional prepayments under certain circumstances, such prepayments are restricted by the credit agreement (Note 9(a)). On February 9, 1996, the holders of \$1,100 of the Series BB Convertible Debentures exercised their right to convert into 206,046 shares of Class A Common Stock. The remaining balance of the Debentures were repaid during 1996; thereby extinguishing the remaining conversion features of these Debentures.

On October 20, 1994, the Company issued a note payable for 500,000 Japanese Yen (approximately $\$ 4,062$ and $\$ 3,922$ on November 30,1998 and 1997, respectively) to finance its investment in TALK (Note 8). 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 accounted for as a hedge. Any foreign currency translation adjustment resulting from the note will be recorded in stockholders' equity 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.

During 1995, Audiovox Malaysia entered into a Secured Term Loan for 1,700 Malaysian Ringgits (approximately \$675) to acquire a building. The loan was secured by the property acquired and bore interest at $1.5 \%$ above the Malaysian base lending rate which was $9.2 \%$ on November 30 , 1996. The loan was payable in 120 monthly equal installments commencing October 1995, however, was fully repaid in November 1996.

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

| 1999 | - |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2000 | - |
| 2001 | - |
| 2002 | -269 |
| 2003 | - |
|  | $-====$ |

(11) Income Taxes

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

|  | 1998 |  | November 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 1997 | 1996 |
| Domestic Operations | \$ | 5,380 | \$ | 42,613 | \$ $(21,899)$ |
| Foreign Operations |  | $(1,579)$ |  | 829 | 1,264 |
|  | \$ | 3,801 | \$ | 43,442 | \$ $(20,635)$ |

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

Income from continuing operations
Stockholders' equity
Unrealized holding gain (loss) on investment securities recognized for financial reporting purposes
Unrealized holding gain on equity collar recognized for financial reporting purposes Total income tax expense (recovery)


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The provision for (recovery of) income taxes attributable to income from continuing operations is comprised of:
Federal Foreign State Total

1996:

| Current | \$ | 3,711 | \$ | 802 | \$ | 853 | \$ | 5,366 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deferred |  | 330 |  | -- |  | 138 |  | 468 |
|  | \$ | 4,041 | \$ | 802 | \$ | 991 | \$ | 5,834 |
| 1997: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current <br> Deferred | \$ | 23,316 | \$ | 1,159 | \$ | 1,068 | \$ | 25,543 |
|  |  | $(2,845)$ |  | -- |  | (278) |  | $(3,123)$ |
|  | \$ | 20,471 | \$ | 1,159 | \$ | 790 | \$ | 22,420 |
| 1998: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current | \$ | 1,499 | \$ | (119) | \$ | 351 | \$ | 1,731 |
| Deferred |  | (819) |  | -- |  | (83) |  | (902) |
|  | \$ | 680 | \$ | (119) | \$ | 268 | \$ | 829 |
|  |  | $=====$ |  | $=====$ |  | $=====$ |  | ===== |

A reconciliation of the provision for (recovery of) income taxes attributable to income (loss) from continuing operations computed at the Federal statutory rate to the reported provision for income taxes attributable to income (loss) from continuing operations is as follows:


Tax provision (recovery) at
Federal statutory rates
Expense relating to exchange
of subordinated debentures
Undistributed losses from
equity investments

| $\$ 1,292$ | $34.0 \%$ | $\$ 15,205$ | $35.0 \%$ | $\$(7,222)$ | $(35.0) \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| -- | -- | 4,578 | 10.5 | 11,421 | 55.3 |
| 287 | 7.6 | 123 | 0.3 | 128 | 0.6 |
| 260 | 6.8 | 1,637 | 3.8 | 275 | 1.3 |

State income taxes, net of
Federal benefit
Decrease) increase in
beginning-of-the-year
balance of the valuation
allowance for deferred tax assets

|  | $\begin{array}{r} (340) \\ (82) \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (8.9) \\ & (2.2) \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} (180) \\ 323 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (0.4) \\ 0.7 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,270 \\ 30 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.2 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (350) | (9.2) |  | -- | -- |  | -- | -- |
|  | (238) | (6.3) |  | 734 | 1.7 |  | (68) | (0.2) |
| \$ | 829 | $21.8 \%$ | \$ | 22,420 | $51.6 \%$ | \$ | 5,834 | 28.3\% |

(Continued)

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The significant components of deferred income tax recovery for the years ended November 30, 1998 and 1997 are as follows:

|  | November 30, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 |  | 1997 |
| Deferred tax recovery (exclusive of the effect |  |  |  |
| of other components listed below) | \$ | (562) | \$ $(2,943)$ |
| (Decrease) increase in beginning-of-the-year balance of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets |  | (340) | (180) |
|  | \$ | (902) | \$ $(3,123)$ |

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

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Novem } \\ & 1998 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { r 30, } \\ 1997 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deferred tax assets: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable, principally due to allowance for |  |  |
| doubtful accounts and cellular deactivations | \$ 1,210 | \$ 1,483 |
| Inventory, principally due to additional costs capitalized for tax purposes pursuant to the Tax |  |  |
| Reform Act of 1986 | 325 | 439 |
| Inventory, principally due to valuation reserve | 1,882 | 941 |
| Accrual for future warranty costs | 563 | 830 |
| Plant, equipment and certain intangibles, principally due to depreciation and amortization | 804 | 719 |
| Net operating loss carryforwards, state and foreign | 2,338 | 2,662 |
| Equity collar | 570 | -- |
| Accrued liabilities not currently deductible | 346 | 405 |
| Other | 405 | 381 |
| Total gross deferred tax assets | 8,443 | 7,860 |
| Less: valuation allowance | $(2,373)$ | $(2,713)$ |
| Net deferred tax assets | 6,070 | 5,147 |
| Deferred tax liabilities: |  |  |
| Investment securities | $(3,577)$ | $(8,506)$ |
| Equity collar | -- | (473) |
| Total gross deferred tax liabilities | $(3,577)$ | $(8,979)$ |
| Net deferred tax asset (liability) | \$ 2,493 | \$ $(3,832)$ |
|  |  | ntinued) |

The net change in the total valuation allowance for the year ended November 30,1998 was a decrease of $\$ 340$. 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 likely that the Company will realize the benefit of the net deferred tax assets existing at November 30, 1998. 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, 1998, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards for state and foreign income tax purposes of approximately $\$ 11,239$, which are available to offset future state and foreign taxable income, if any, which will expire through the year ended November 30, 2018.

Capital Structure
The Company's capital structure is as follows:


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.

On May 16, 1997, the Company's Board of Directors approved the repurchase of $1,000,000$ 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 1997, 498,055 and 290,000 shares, respectively, were repurchased under the Program at an average price of $\$ 7.21$ and $\$ 8.35$ per share, respectively, for an aggregate amount of $\$ 3,589$ and $\$ 2,421$, respectively.

As of November 30,1998 and $1997,1,963,480$ and 969,500 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 5,491,192 for all convertible securities and warrants outstanding at November 30, 1998 and 1997 (Notes 10 and 13).

Undistributed earnings from equity investments included in retained earnings amounted to $\$ 2,324$ and $\$ 1,564$ at November 30,1998 and 1997 , respectively.

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. Compensation expense for the year ended November 30, 1996 was $\$ 97$. No compensation expense was recorded for the years ended November 30, 1998 and 1997.

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

|  |  | Weighted |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Average |
|  | Number | Exercise |
|  | of Shares | Price |
| Outstanding at |  |  |
| November 30, 1995 | 558,250 | 8.80 |
| Granted | - | - |
| Exercised | - | - |
| Canceled | $(9,500)$ | 10.17 |
| 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 |
| Options exercisable, | 1,117,750 | 7.18 |

November 30, 1998

At November 30,1998 and $1997,207,302$ and 190,250 shares, respectively, were available for future grants under the terms of these plans.

The Company adopted Statement 123 in fiscal 1997. The Company has elected to disclose the pro-forma net earnings and earnings per share as if such method had been used to account for stock-based compensation costs as described in Statement 123.

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. No options were granted in 1996.

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:

1998

2,972 \$ 21,022
1,336 18,786
As reported
Pro-forma

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

| As reported | 0.16 | 1.09 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pro-forma | 0.07 | 0.97 |

Pro-forma net earnings 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 earnings 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 earnings may not be representative of the effects on reported net income for future years.

Summarized information about stock options outstanding as of November 30, 1998 is as follows:

|  |  | Outstanding |  | ercisable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weighted | Weighted |  |  |
|  |  | Average | Average |  | Weighted |
| Exercise |  | Exercise | Life |  | Average |
| Price | Number | Price | Remaining | Number | Price |
| Range | of Shares | of Shares | In Years | of Shares | of Shares |
| ---- | --- | -------- | --------- | --------- | ----- |
| \$4.63-\$8.00 | 1,531,000 | \$ 6.85 | 8.15 | 955,000 | \$ 6.30 |
| \$8.01 - \$13.00 | 162,750 | \$12.08 | 5.43 | 162,750 | \$12.08 |

(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 1997 was 72,428 and 78,500, respectively. Awards under the restricted stock plan may be performance accelerated shares or performance restricted shares No performance accelerated shares or performance restricted shares were granted in 1998, 1997 or 1996.

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, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were $\$(23), \$ 135$ and $\$ 200$, 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.

During the third quarter of fiscal 1993, pursuant to a consulting agreement effective April 1993, the Company granted warrants to purchase 100,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, which have been reserved, at $\$ 7.50$ per share. The warrants, which are exercisable in whole or in part at the discretion of the holder, expired on December 31, 1998. There were no warrants exercised as of November 30, 1998. The consulting agreement, valued at $\$ 100$, was expensed in 1994 when the services to be provided, pursuant to the consulting agreement, were completed.

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. The per share purchase price and number of shares purchasable are each subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events described in the warrant agreement. The warrants are exercisable, in whole or in part, from time-to-time, until September 22, 2003. If the warrants are exercised in whole, the holder thereof has the right to require the Company to file with the Securities Exchange Commission a registration statement relating to the sale by the holder of the Class A Common Stock purchasable pursuant to the warrant.

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 $\$ 7$ $1 / 8$, 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. As of November 30, 1998, 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. There were no warrants exercised as of November 30, 1998.

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 Company. A contribution of $\$ 150$, $\$ 500$ and $\$ 150$ was made by the Company to the United States plan in fiscal 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Contributions required by law to be made for eligible employees in Canada were not material.
(14) Net Income (Loss) 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 $2,779,363,1,908,438$ and 2,385,875 for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively, were not included in the
net earnings per share calculation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

## (15) Export Sales

Export sales of approximately $\$ 102,659$ for the year ended November 30 , 1997, exceeded $10 \%$ of sales. Export sales did not exceed $10 \%$ of sales for the years ended November 30, 1998 and 1996.
(16) 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 7). In connection with the capital lease, the Company paid certain construction costs on behalf of it principal stockholder and Chief Executive Officer in the amount of $\$ 1,210$. 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, 1998, 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 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999 | \$ | 521 | \$ | 2,115 |
| 2000 |  | 522 |  | 1,712 |
| 2001 |  | 530 |  | 1,325 |
| 2002 |  | 553 |  | 1,113 |
| 2003 |  | 554 |  | 610 |
| Thereafter |  | 13,652 |  | 724 |
| Total minimum lease payments |  | 16,332 | \$ | 7,599 |
| Less: amount representing interest |  | 10,017 |  |  |
| Present value of net minimum lease payments |  | 6,315 |  |  |
| Less: current installments |  | 17 |  |  |
| Long-term obligation |  | 6,298 |  |  |

Rental expense for the above-mentioned operating lease agreements and other leases on a month-to-month basis approximated $\$ 2,563, \$ 2,516$ and $\$ 2,292$ for the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, 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, 1998, 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:

| 1999 | $\$ 434$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2000 | 411 |
| 2001 | 411 |
| 2002 | 411 |
| 2003 | - |

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

At November 30, 1998 and 1997, the Company had contracts to exchange foreign currencies in the form of forward exchange contracts in the amount of $\$ 5,352$ and $\$ 26,502$, respectively. These contracts have varying maturities with none exceeding one year as of November 30, 1998. For the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, gains and losses on foreign currency transactions which were not hedged were not material. For the years ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996, 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 maintain some of the unrealized gains associated with its investment in Cellstar (Note 6). The equity collar provides 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 Company is exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counter parties to its forward exchange contracts and its equity collar. 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.

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 and Audiovox Venezuela (Note 9(a)). The Company had open commercial letters of credit of approximately $\$ 24,914$ and $\$ 19,078$, of which $\$ 20,576$ and $\$ 10,625$ were accrued for as of November 30, 1998 and 1997, 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 a joint and several guarantee on behalf of G.L.M. up to the amount of $\$ 200$. There is no market for this guarantee and it was issued without explicit cost. Therefore, it is not practicable to establish its fair value.

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 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, 1997, two customers, a cellular carrier and service provider and a Bell Operating Company, accounted for approximately 8.7\% and 5.3\%, respectively, of accounts receivable.

During the year ended November 30, 1998, two customers, a Bell Operating Company and a cellular carrier and service provider, accounted for approximately $18.3 \%$ and $14.9 \%$, respectively, of the Company's 1998 sales. During the year ended November 30, 1997, two customers, a cellular carrier and service provider and a Bell Operating Company, accounted for approximately $11.3 \%$ and $9.0 \%$, respectively, of the Company's 1997 sales. During the year ended November 30, 1996, two customers, a Bell Operating Company and a cellular carrier and service provider accounted for approximately $12 \%$ and $9 \%$, respectively, of the Company's 1996 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. At November 30, 1998 and 1997, 34 and 43 customers, representing approximately $74 \%$ and $69 \%$, respectively, of outstanding accounts receivable, had balances owed greater than $\$ 500$.

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.

Fair Value
The carrying value of all financial instruments classified as a current asset or liability is deemed to approximate fair value, with the exception of current installments of long-term debt, because of the short maturity of these instruments. The estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

| Investment securities | \$17,854 | \$17,854 | \$22,382 | \$22,382 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity collar (derivative) | - | - | \$ 1,246 | \$ 1,246 |
| Long-term obligations including current |  |  |  |  |
| installments | \$23,831 | \$24,202 | \$30,491 | \$30,910 |
| Forward exchange contract | - | \$ 5,352 | - | \$26,125 | obligation (derivative)

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 at the reporting date (Note 6).

## Equity Collar (Derivative)

The carrying amount represents fair value, which is based upon the Black Scholes option- pricing model.

Long-Term Debt Including Current Installments
The carrying amount of bank debt under the Company's revolving credit agreement and Malaysian Credit Agreement approximates fair value because of the short maturity of the underlying obligations. With respect to the Subordinated Debentures, fair values are based on published statistical data.

Forward Exchange Contracts (Derivative)

The fair value of the forward exchange contracts are based upon exchange rates at November 30, 1998 and 1997 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.

## (18) 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 and Audiovox Venezuela (Note $17(\mathrm{~b})$ ).

Item 9 - Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None

PART III

## Item 10 - Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

Information regarding this item is set forth under the captions "Election of Directors" of the Company's Proxy Statement to be dated March 26, 1999, which will be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Proxy Statement) and is incorporated herein by reference. Information with regard to Executive Officers is set forth in Item 1 of this Form 10-K.

Item 11 - Executive Compensation
The information regarding this item is set forth under the caption "Executive Compensation" of the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12 - Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management
The information regarding this item is set forth under the caption "Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock" of the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13 - Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Information regarding this item is set forth under the caption "Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock", "Election of Directors" and "Executive Compensation" of the Proxy Statement.

PART IV
Item 14 - Exhibits, Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K
(a) (1)

The following financial statements are included in Item 8 of this Report:
Independent Auditors' Report

Consolidated Balance Sheets of Audiovox Corporation and Subsidiaries as of November 30, 1998 and 1997.

Consolidated Statements of Income (Loss) of Audiovox Corporation and Subsidiaries for the Years Ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity of Audiovox Corporation and Subsidiaries for the Years Ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows of Audiovox Corporation and Subsidiaries for the Years Ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.
(a) (2)

Financial Statement Schedules of the Registrant for the Years Ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996.

Independent Auditors' Report on Financial Statement Schedules

| Schedule | Page |  |
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All other financial statement schedules not listed are omitted because they are either not required or the information is otherwise included.

The Board of Directors and Stockholders Audiovox Corporation:

Under the date of January 25,1999 we reported on the consolidated balance sheets of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries as of November 30, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of income (loss), stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 1998, which are included in the Company's 1998 annual report on Form 10-K. In connection with our audits of the aforementioned consolidated financial statements, we also audited the related consolidated financial statement schedules in the 1998 annual report on Form $10-K$. These consolidated financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statement schedules based on our audits.

In our opinion, such financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

See Item 14(c) for Index of Exhibits.
(b) Reports on Form 8-K

No reports were filed on Form $8-K$ during the fourth quarter of fiscal
1998
c) Exhibits

Certificate of Incorporation of the company (incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1; No. 33-107, filed May 4, 1987). Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 1993).
By-laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration
Statement on Form S-1; No. 33-10726, filed May 4, 1987). Eighth Amendment, dated as of March 7, 1997, to the Second Amended and
Restated Credit Agreement among the Registrant and the several banks and financial
institutions (incorporated by reference to the Company's
Annual Report on Form
$10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended November 30, 1997).
Ninth Amendment, dated as of August 19, 1997, to the Second Amended and
Restated Credit Agreement among the Registrant and the several banks and financial
institutions (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed via EDGAR
on September 4, 1997)
Tenth Amendment, dated as of October 24, 1997, to
the Second Amended and
Restated Credit Agreement among the Registrant and the several banks and financial
institutions (incorporated by reference to the Company's
Annual Report on Form
$10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended November 30, 1997)
Eleventh Amendment, dated as of March 20, 1998, to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among the Registrant and the several banks and financial institutions (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed via EDGAR on March 31, 1998).
Twelfth Amendment, dated as of July 8, 1998, to the Second Amended and Restated
Credit Agreement among the Registrant and the several banks and financial
institutions (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 8-K filed via EDGAR on July 21, 1998).

Thirteenth Amendment, dated as of October 8, 1998, to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among the Registrant and the several banks and financial institutions (filed herewith).
Subsidiaries of the Registrant (filed herewith).
Independent Auditors Consent (filed herewith).
Financial Data Schedule (filed herewith).
(d) All other schedules are omitted because the required information is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto or because they are not applicable.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AUDIOVOX CORPORATION

BY:s/John J. Shalam
John J. Shalam, President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.
Signature Title Date
s/John J. Shalam
John J. Shalam
s/Philip Christopher Philip Christopher
s/Charles M. Stoehr Charles M. Stoehr
s/Patrick M. Lavelle Patrick M. Lavelle
s/Ann Boutcher
Ann Boutcher
s/Richard Maddia Richard Maddia
s/Paul C. Kreuch, Jr. Paul C. Kreuch, Jr.

Title

President;
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer
March 1, 1999 and Director

Executive Vice President and Director

March 1, 1999

Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial and Accounting
Officer) and Director
Director March 1, 1999

Director
March 1, 1999

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March 1, 1999

Director
March 1, 1999

Director

AUDIOVOX CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

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Years Ended November 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996
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(In thousands)

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|  | Balance at | Charged to Charged |  | Balance |
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Cash discount allowances
Co-op advertising and volume rebate allowances
Allowance for cellular deactivations Reserve for warranties and product repair costs

## 1997

Allowance for doubtful accounts
Cash discount allowances
co-op advertising and volume rebate allowances
Allowance for cellular deactivations Reserve for warranties and product repair costs

## 1996

Allowance for doubtful accounts
Cash discount allowances
Co-op advertising and volume rebate allowances
Allowance for cellular deactivations Reserve for warranties and product repair costs

| \$ 3,497 | \$ 581 | -- | \$ 1,134 | \$ 2,944 |
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| 189 | -- | -- | 19 | 170 |
| 5,672 | 12,129 | -- | 9,664 | 8,137 |
| 1,363 | -- | -- | 488 | 875 |
| 4,068 | 2,306 | -- | 2,289 | 4,085 |
| \$14,789 | \$15,016 | -- | \$13,594 | \$16,211 |


| \$ 3,115 | \$ 1,300 | -- | 918 | \$ 3,497 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 314 | -- | -- | 125 | 189 |
| 6,977 | 12,283 | -- | 13,588 | 5,672 |
| 1,666 | -- | -- | 303 | 1,363 |
| 4,975 | 2,316 | -- | 3,223 | 4,068 |
| \$17,047 | \$15,899 | -- | \$18,157 | \$14,789 |
| \$ 2,707 | \$ 430 | -- |  | \$ 3,115 |
| 165 | 149 | -- | -- | 314 |
| 3,225 | 17,629 | -- | 13,877 | 6,977 |
| 1,725 | -- | -- | 59 | 1,666 |
| 3,948 | 3,784 | -- | 2,757 | 4,975 |
| \$11,770 | \$21,992 | -- | \$16,715 | \$17,047 |

THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT, dated as of October 8, 1998 (this "Amendment"), to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 5, 1995 (as amended pursuant to the First Amendment thereto dated as of December 22, 1995, the Second Amendment thereto dated as of February 9, 1996, the Third Amendment thereto dated as of May 13, 1996, the Fourth Amendment and Consent thereto, dated as of July 29, 1996, the Fifth Amendment thereto dated as of September 10, 1996, the Sixth Amendment thereto dated as of November 27, 1996, the Seventh Amendment and Waiver thereto dated as of February 5, 1997, the Eighth Amendment thereto dated as of March 7, 1997, the Ninth Amendment thereto dated as of August 19, 1997, the Tenth Amendment thereto dated as of October 24, 1997, the Eleventh Amendment thereto dated as of March 20, 1998, the Waiver and Twelfth Amendment thereto, dated as of July 8, 1998 and this Amendment, and as the same may be further amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time (the "Credit Agreement"), among AUDIOVOX CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), the several banks and other financial institutions from time to time parties thereto (collectively, the "Lenders"; individually, a "Lender") and THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, a New York banking corporation, as administrative and collateral agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, the "Agent").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Lenders and the Agent are parties to the Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lenders amend certain terms in the Credit Agreement in the manner provided for herein; and

WHEREAS, the Agent and the Lenders are willing to agree to therequested amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Defined Terms. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms which are defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein (and in the recitals hereto) as defined terms are so used as so defined.
2. Amendment of Subsection 9.8. Subsection 9.8 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended by amending and restating the parenthetical at the end of such subsection to read in its entirety as follows:
" (excluding obligations of the Borrower in respect of the new Wireless facility which shall not exceed, in the aggregate, $\$ 7,200,000$, it being understood that to the extent the Borrower's obligations in respect of the new Wireless facility exceed $\$ 7,200,000$, such excess amount shall be included for determining compliance with this covenant)".

Exhibit 10.6
3. Representations and Warranties. On and as of the date hereof, the Borrower hereby confirms, reaffirms and restates the representations and warranties set forth in Section 6 of the Credit Agreement mutatis mutandis, except to the extent that such representations and warranties expressly relate to a specific earlier date in which case the Borrower hereby confirms, reaffirms and restates such representations and warranties as of such earlier date.
4. Effectiveness. This Amendment shall become effective as of the date first written above upon receipt by the Agent of counterparts of this Amendment duly executed by the Borrower and the Required Lenders.
5. Continuing Effect; No Other Waivers. Except as expressly provided herein, all of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement are and shall remain in full force and effect. The amendment provided for herein is limited to the specific subsection of the Credit Agreement specified herein and shall not constitute a consent, waiver or amendment of, or an indication of the Agent's or the Lenders' willingness to consent to any action requiring consent under or to waive or amend, any other provisions of the Credit Agreement or the same subsection for any other date or time period (whether or not such other provisions or compliance with such subsections for another date or time period are affected by the circumstances addressed in this Amendment).
6. Expenses. The Borrower agrees to pay and reimburse the Agent for all its reasonable costs and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the preparation and delivery of this Amendment, including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Agent.
7. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts by the parties hereto (including by facsimile transmission), each of which counterparts when so executed shall be an original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed and delivered by their respective duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

AUDIOVOX CORPORATION

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By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
    Name: Charles M. Stoehr
    Title: Senior Vice President/
    Chief Financial Officer
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THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK,
as Agent and as a Lender
By: s/John Budzynski
Name: John Budzynski
Title: Assistant Vice President
FLEET BANK, N.A., as a Lender
By: s/Steven J. Melicharek
Name: Steven J. Melicharek
Title: Senior Vice President
BANKBOSTON, as a Lender
By: s/Neal Hesler
Name: Neal Hesler
Title: Vice President

EUROPEAN AMERICAN BANK,
as a Lender

By: s/Stuart N. Berman
Name: Stuart N. Berman
Title: Assistant Vice President

THE CIT GROUP/BUSINESS CREDIT, INC.
as a Lender

By: s/Karen Hoffman
Name: Karen Hoffman
Title: Assistant Vice President
MELLON BANK, N.A.,
as a Lender

By: s/Christine G. Dekajlo
Name: Christine G. Dekajlo
Title: First Vice President

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSENT

Each of the undersigned corporations (i) as a guarantor under that certain Amended and Restated Subsidiaries Guarantee, dated as of March 15 , 1994 (the "Guarantee"), made by each of such corporations in favor of the Collateral Agent and (ii) as a grantor under that certain Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated as of March 15, 1994 (the "Security Agreement"), made by each of such corporations in favor of the Collateral Agent, confirms and agrees that the Guarantee and the Security Agreement are, and shall continue to be, in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects and the Guarantee and the Security Agreement and all of the Subsidiaries Collateral (as defined in the Security Agreement) do, and shall continue to, secure the payment of all of the Obligations (as defined in the Guarantee) and the Secured Obligations (as defined in the Security Agreement), as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of the Guarantee or the Security Agreement, as the case may be. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement referred to in the Amendment to which this Acknowledgement and Consent is attached.

QUINTEX COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

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By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
    Name: Charles M. Stoehr
    Title: Vice President
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QUINTEX MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS CORP

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By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
    Name: Charles M. Stoehr
    Title: Vice President
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HERMES TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC.

| By: s/Charles M. Stoehr |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| Name: | Charles M. Stoehr |
| Title: | Secretary/Treasurer |

LENEX CORPORATION
By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
Name: Charles M. Stoehr
Title: Secretary/Treasurer
AMERICAN RADIO CORP.
By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
Name: Charles M. Stoehr
Title: Vice President
AUDIOVOX INTERNATIONAL CORP.

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By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
    Name: Charles M. Stoehr
    Title: Senior Vice President
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AUDIOVOX HOLDING CORP

| By: s/Chris Lazarides |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Name: | Chris Lazarides |
| Title: | President |

AUDIOVOX CANADA LIMITED

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By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
    Name: Charles M. Stoehr
    Title: Vice President
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AUDIOVOX ASIA INC.

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By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
    Name: Charles M. Stoehr
    Title: Vice President
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AUDIOVOX LATIN AMERICA LTD.

By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
Name: Charles M. Stoehr Title: Vice President

AUDIOVOX COMMUNICATIONS CORP.

By: s/Charles M. Stoehr
Name: Charles M. Stoehr
Title: Secretary

Dated as of October 8, 1998

## SUBSIDIARIES OF REGISTRANT

## Subsidiaries

Audiovox Communications Corp.
Quintex Communications Corp.
Quintex Mobile Communications Corp.
American Radio Corp.
Audiovox Holding Corp
Audiovox Canada Limited
Audiovox Communications (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd Audiovox Holdings (M) Sdn. Bhd.

Jurisdiction of
Incorporation
-----New York Delaware Georgia New York Ontario Malaysia Malaysia

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
Audiovox Corporation:

We consent to incorporation by reference in the registration statements (No. 33-18119 and 33-65580) on Form S-8 and (No. 333-00811) on Form S-3 of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries of our report dated January 25,1999 , relating to the consolidated balance sheets of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries as of November 30, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of income (loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30,1998 , and all related schedules, which report appears in the November 30,1998 annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ of Audiovox Corporation and subsidiaries.
s/KPMG LLP
KPMG LLP

Melville, New York
February 26, 1999

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