

INVITROGEN CORP  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 10-Q

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2004

OR

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

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

Commission file number: 0-25317

# INVITROGEN CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

1600 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

33-0373077  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92008  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (760) 603-7200

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No ``.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes x or No ``.

As of May 3, 2004, there were 52,302,943 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****INVITROGEN CORPORATION****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS***(Dollars in thousands, except par value data)*

	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 433,911	\$ 588,678
Short-term investments	439,504	403,427
Restricted cash and investments	17,911	6,632
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,164 and \$4,129, respectively	166,388	117,095
Inventories	115,285	126,707
Deferred income tax assets	20,277	19,310
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	28,132	25,495
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Total current assets	1,221,408	1,287,344
Long-term investments	145,183	177,070
Property and equipment, net	239,479	186,231
Goodwill	1,390,037	983,407
Intangible assets, net	482,267	464,659
Deferred income tax assets	1,284	904
Other assets	72,434	66,074
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Total assets	<u>\$ 3,552,092</u>	<u>\$ 3,165,689</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term obligations	\$ 2,551	\$ 1,784
Accounts payable	59,799	55,745
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	84,596	65,406
Income taxes	5,595	2,758
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Total current liabilities	152,541	125,693
Long-term obligations, deferred credits and reserves	52,799	32,069
Pension liabilities	17,330	17,249
Deferred income tax liabilities	175,289	161,331
1½% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024	450,000	
2% Convertible Senior Notes due 2023	350,000	350,000
2¼% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006	500,000	500,000
5½% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007		172,500
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Total liabilities	1,697,959	1,358,842

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Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock; \$0.01 par value, 6,405,884 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding		
Common stock; \$0.01 par value, 125,000,000 shares authorized; 55,276,820 and 54,595,766 shares issued, respectively	552	546
Additional paid-in-capital	1,975,698	1,942,756
Deferred compensation	(11,282)	(11,265)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	60,004	56,158
Accumulated deficit	(73,985)	(84,494)
Less cost of treasury stock; 3,201,451 shares	(96,854)	(96,854)
Total stockholders' equity	1,854,133	1,806,847
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,552,092	\$ 3,165,689

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

## INVITROGEN CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

*(Amounts in thousands, except per share data)*

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
	(Unaudited)	
Revenues	\$ 251,324	\$ 180,642
Cost of revenues	109,339	71,453
Gross margin	141,985	109,189
Operating Expenses:		
Sales and marketing	45,454	35,819
General and administrative	27,023	19,844
Research and development	15,748	10,625
Purchased intangibles amortization	28,228	16,676
Business integration costs		320
Total operating expenses	116,453	83,284
Income from operations	25,532	25,905
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	5,854	6,174
Interest expense	(9,481)	(6,489)
Loss on early retirement of debt	(6,775)	
Other income (expense), net	32	(277)
Total other income and expense, net	(10,370)	(592)
Income before provision for income taxes and minority interest	15,162	25,313
Provision for income taxes	(4,653)	(8,277)
Minority interest		(124)
Net income	\$ 10,509	\$ 16,912
Earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.34
Diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.34
Weighted average shares used in per share calculation:		
Basic	51,697	49,998
Diluted	53,858	50,243

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## INVITROGEN CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

*(Dollars in thousands)*

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
	(Unaudited)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 10,509	\$ 16,912
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities, net of effects of businesses acquired:		
Depreciation	8,866	5,950
Amortization of intangible assets	28,907	17,474
Amortization of deferred debt issue costs	922	818
Amortization of premiums on investments, net of accretion of discounts	2,269	2,644
Amortization of deferred compensation	897	
Deferred income taxes	(9,137)	(8,629)
Other non-cash adjustments	3,654	825
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivable	(24,453)	(16,792)
Inventories	14,679	(3,203)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(419)	(774)
Other assets	(670)	104
Accounts payable	(10,116)	(861)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	408	(66)
Income taxes	4,084	11,141
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>30,400</u>	<u>25,543</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Maturities of available-for-sale securities	337,399	
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(344,700)	
Maturities of held-to-maturity securities		100,953
Purchases of held-to-maturity securities		(58,700)
Cash paid for business combinations, net of cash acquired	(466,232)	(101,439)
Purchases of property and equipment	(6,608)	(5,945)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		2,694
Payments for intangible assets	(542)	(50)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(480,683)</u>	<u>(62,487)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from long-term obligations	440,650	
Principal payments on long-term obligations	(172,654)	(2,293)
Proceeds from sale of common stock	24,495	905
Purchase of treasury stock		(5,354)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>292,491</u>	<u>(6,742)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	3,025	201

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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(154,767)	(43,485)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	588,678	537,817
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 433,911	\$ 494,332
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## INVITROGEN CORPORATION

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

**1. Basis of Presentation***Financial Statement Preparation*

The consolidated financial statements are unaudited and include the accounts of Invitrogen Corporation (Invitrogen) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, collectively referred to as Invitrogen. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The interim financial statements have been prepared, without audit, according to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the SEC's rules and regulations. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary to state fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of and for the periods indicated.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2004.

*Inventories*

Inventories include material, labor and overhead costs in addition to purchase accounting adjustments to write-up acquired inventory to estimated selling prices less costs to complete, costs of disposal and a reasonable profit allowance. Inventories consist of the following:

	March 31,	December 31,
	2004	2003
	(Unaudited)	
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Raw materials and components	\$ 17,224	\$ 15,800
Work in process (materials, labor and overhead)	13,427	11,920
Adjustment to write up acquired work in process inventory to fair value	7,309	16,442
Total work in process	20,736	28,362
Finished goods (materials, labor and overhead)	77,325	81,340
Adjustment to write up acquired finished goods inventory to fair value		1,205

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Total finished goods	77,325	82,545
	\$ 115,285	\$ 126,707

*Long-Lived Assets*

Invitrogen periodically re-evaluates the original assumptions and rationale utilized in the establishment of the carrying value and estimated lives of its long-lived assets. The criteria used for these evaluations include management's estimate of the asset's continuing ability to generate income from operations and positive cash flow in future periods as well as the strategic significance of any intangible asset in Invitrogen's business objectives. If assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment recognized is the amount by which the carrying value of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets, which is determined by applicable market prices.

*Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization*

Accumulated depreciation and amortization of property and equipment was \$86.5 million and \$77.8 million at March 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, respectively. Accumulated amortization of intangible assets was \$265.0 million and \$236.1 million at March 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, respectively.

*Computation of Earnings Per Common Share*

Basic earnings per share was computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if net income were divided by the weighted average number of common shares, plus potential common shares from outstanding stock options and contingently issuable restricted stock plus the conversion of the convertible subordinated notes where the effect of those securities is dilutive. Until such time that the restricted convertibility features of the 1½% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (the 1½% Notes) and the 2% Convertible Senior Notes due 2023 (the 2% Notes) are met, the 1½ Notes and the 2% Notes are not considered in Invitrogen's diluted earnings per common share calculation. The computations for basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	Income	Shares	Earnings
	(Numerator)	(Denominator)	Per Share
<i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)(unaudited)</i>			
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2004</b>			
Basic earnings per share:			
Net income	\$ 10,509	51,697	\$ 0.20
Diluted earnings per share:			
Dilutive stock options		1,997	
Contingently issuable restricted stock		164	
Net income plus assumed conversions	\$ 10,509	53,858	\$ 0.20
Potentially dilutive securities not included above since they are antidilutive:			
Antidilutive stock options		525	
2¼% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006		5,807	
5½% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007		1,669	
		8,001	
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2003</b>			
Basic earnings per share:			
Net income	\$ 16,912	49,998	\$ 0.34
Diluted earnings per share:			
Dilutive stock options		245	
Net income plus assumed conversions	\$ 16,912	50,243	\$ 0.34
Potentially dilutive securities not included above since they are antidilutive:			
Antidilutive stock options		5,410	
2¼% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006		5,807	
5½% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007		2,025	
		13,242	

*Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*

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Invitrogen accounts for its employee stock option plans and employee stock purchase plan under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and has adopted the disclosure only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS No. 123). Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for the fixed stock option plans or stock purchase plan under the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if Invitrogen had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based employee compensation.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
<i>(in thousands, except per share amounts)(unaudited)</i>		
Net income, as reported	\$ 10,509	\$ 16,912
Add: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	622	
Deduct: total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(8,649)	(10,329)
<b>Pro forma net income</b>	<b>\$ 2,482</b>	<b>\$ 6,583</b>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic as reported	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.34
Basic pro forma	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.13
Diluted as reported	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.34
Diluted pro forma	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.13

*Comprehensive Income*

Total comprehensive income is determined as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
<i>(in thousands)(unaudited)</i>		
Net income	\$ 10,509	\$ 16,912
Unrealized loss on investments, net of deferred taxes	(381)	
Gain on cash flow hedging instruments, net of deferred taxes	2,087	
Foreign currency translation adjustments net of deferred taxes	2,141	1,377
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 14,356</b>	<b>\$ 18,289</b>

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*

In December 2003, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 106-1 (FSP 106-1), Accounting and Disclosure Requirements Related to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The guidance is effective for initial interim or annual fiscal periods ending after December 7, 2003. FSP 106-1 permits employers that sponsor postretirement benefit plans (plan sponsors) that provide prescription drug benefits to retirees to make a one-time election to defer accounting for any effects of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (the Act). Without FSP 106-1, plan sponsors would be required under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards

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(SFAS) No. 106, Employers Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions, to account for the effects of the Act in the fiscal period that includes December 8, 2003, the date the President signed the Act into law. Invitrogen has elected to defer accounting for the effects of the Act. As a result of this, measurement of the accumulated plan benefit obligation and net periodic postretirement benefit cost does not reflect the effects of the Act on Invitrogen's postretirement benefit plan. Specific authoritative guidance on the accounting for the federal subsidy is pending and that guidance, when issued, could require Invitrogen to change previously reported disclosures regarding its Dexter Postretirement Health and Benefit Program.

### *Reclassifications*

Certain reclassifications have been made to conform prior period financial information to the current presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on reported income or losses. The Consolidated Statement of Cash

Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2003, includes a reclassification of reporting of amortization of premiums on investments, net of accretion, from investing activities to operating activities, to conform with 2004 reporting. The 2004 presentation of 2003 selling, administrative and research and development costs by segment reflects reclassifications of general and administrative costs from the unallocated segment to the BioDiscovery and BioProduction segments to conform to Invitrogen's corporate expense allocation methodology applied in 2004.

## 2. Business Combination

### *BioReliance Acquisition*

On February 6, 2004, Invitrogen acquired all of the outstanding shares of common stock and stock options of BioReliance Corporation (BioReliance). Based in Maryland, BioReliance is a contract service organization, providing testing and manufacturing services for biotech and research companies that are involved in early preclinical product development through licensed production. The primary reason for the acquisition is to improve Invitrogen's drug discovery offering, by helping to create a system for drug discovery, development and production. Invitrogen has continued BioReliance's operations as part of its BioProduction business segment.

The results of operations have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The total cost of the acquisition is as follows:

*(in thousands)(unaudited)*

Cash paid for common stock	\$ 404,793
Cash paid for outstanding common stock options	28,505
Debt assumed as a result of acquisition	70,436
Direct costs	4,653
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Total purchase price	\$ 508,387
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The allocation of the above purchase price is estimated to be as follows:

*(in thousands)(unaudited)*

Fair value of net tangible assets acquired	\$ 126,255
Fair value of debt assumed	(70,436)
Fair value of identifiable intangible assets acquired	44,300
Goodwill	408,268
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	\$ 508,387
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Purchased intangibles are being amortized over a weighted average life of 4 years. An established client list, a history of operating margins and profitability, a strong scientific employee base and operations in an attractive market niche were among the factors that contributed to a purchase

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price resulting in the recognition of goodwill.

Prior to Invitrogen's acquisition of BioReliance, the board of directors of BioReliance determined to terminate 39 employees, relocate 6 employees to other sites, and close duplicate facilities in Worcester, Massachusetts. At March 31, 2004, Invitrogen had \$6.2 million remaining in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets related to this integration. Activity for accrued acquisition and business integration costs for the three months ended March 31, 2004, is as follows:

	<b>Opening Balance Sheet Accruals</b>	<b>Amounts Paid in Cash</b>	<b>Balance at March 31, 2004</b>
<i>(in thousands)(unaudited)</i>			
Severance and related employee charges	\$ 30,107	\$ (24,033)	\$ 6,074
Other costs to close facilities	149	(4)	145
Direct costs of the merger	4,653	(4,653)	
	<u>\$ 34,909</u>	<u>\$ (28,690)</u>	<u>\$ 6,219</u>

*Pro Forma Information*

The following unaudited pro forma information assumes that the February 2004 acquisition of BioReliance, the August 2003 acquisition of Molecular Probes, and the March 2003 acquisition of PanVera assets and underlying business, occurred on January 1, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The unaudited pro forma information excludes Invitrogen's other acquisitions in 2003 as the effects of those acquisitions were not material. These unaudited pro forma results have been prepared for comparative purposes only and do not purport to be indicative of the results of operations that would have actually resulted had the acquisitions been in effect as of the periods indicated above, or of future results of operations. The unaudited pro forma results for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2004	2003
<i>(in thousands, except per share data) (unaudited)</i>		
Revenues	\$ 258,766	\$ 227,059
Net income <sup>(1)</sup>	6,003	2,515
Earnings per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.05
Diluted	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.05

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes, on a pre-tax basis, nonrecurring charges of \$10.3 million and \$10.5 million of increased cost of revenues for the estimated sale of inventory written up to fair market value under purchase accounting rules for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and \$1.4 million for the write-off of purchased in-process research and development costs for the three months ended March 31, 2003.

**3. Segment Information**

Invitrogen operates in two business segments, a BioDiscovery segment and a BioProduction segment. Segment information is as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)(unaudited)</i>	<u>BioDiscovery</u>	<u>BioProduction</u>	<u>Unallocated<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2004</b>				
Revenues from external customers	\$ 152,673	\$ 98,651	\$	\$ 251,324
Gross margin	107,283	45,084	(10,382)	141,985
Gross margin as a percentage of revenues	70%	46%		56%
Selling, administrative and R&D	63,856	24,090	279	88,225
Business integration costs and merger-related amortization <sup>(2)</sup>			28,228	28,228
Income (loss) from operations	\$ 43,427	\$ 20,994	\$ (38,889)	\$ 25,532
Operating margin as a percentage of revenues	28%	21%		10%
<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2003<sup>(3)</sup></b>				
Revenues from external customers	\$ 116,371	\$ 64,271	\$	\$ 180,642
Gross margin	75,896	33,293		109,189

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Gross margin as a percentage of revenues	65%	52%	60%
Selling, administrative and R&D	49,832	16,456	66,288
Business integration costs and merger-related amortization			16,996
			16,996
Income (loss) from operations	\$ 26,064	\$ 16,837	\$ (16,996)
			\$ 25,905
Operating margin as a percentage of revenues	22%	26%	14%

- (1) Unallocated items for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, include costs for purchase accounting inventory revaluations of \$10.3 million and \$0, amortization of purchased intangibles of \$28.2 million and \$16.7 million, amortization of deferred compensation of \$0.4 million and \$0, and business integration costs of \$0 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. These items are not allocated by management for purposes of analyzing the operations since they are principally non-cash or other costs resulting primarily from business restructuring or purchase accounting that are separate from ongoing operations.
- (2) Excludes deferred compensation for the three months ended March 31, 2004 of \$0.4 million which is allocated to operating expenses.

- (3) 2004 presentation of 2003 selling, administrative and R&D costs by segment reflects reclassifications of general and administrative costs from the unallocated segment to the BioDiscovery and BioProduction segments to conform to Invitrogen's corporate expense allocation methodology applied in 2004.

Invitrogen has no intersegment revenues. Also, Invitrogen does not currently segregate assets by segment as a significant portion of Invitrogen's total assets are shared or non-segment assets which Invitrogen does not assign to its two operating segments. Invitrogen has determined that it is not useful to assign its shared assets to its BioDiscovery and BioProduction segments.

#### 4. Commitments and Contingencies

##### *Letters of Credit*

Invitrogen had outstanding letters of credit at March 31, 2004, totaling \$2.9 million to support liabilities associated with Invitrogen's self-insured worker's compensation programs, which liabilities are reflected in other current liabilities and long-term deferred credits and reserves in the Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2004.

Invitrogen also had outstanding letters of credit at March 31, 2004, totaling \$4.7 million to support its building lease requirements, including \$3.2 million assumed in conjunction with the acquisition of BioReliance.

##### *Leases*

Invitrogen assumed operating lease and capital lease obligations in conjunction with the acquisition of BioReliance. The operating leases relate to BioReliance facilities in Rockville, Maryland, Worcester, Massachusetts, Glasgow and Stirling, Scotland, and Heidelberg, Germany, and include rental commitments through 2024. Rent expense under the operating leases was \$0.7 million from the date of acquisition through March 31, 2004. Future minimum commitments on the operating leases are \$30.9 million, including \$2.7 million for the remainder of 2004, \$3.4 million for 2005, \$2.4 million for 2006 through 2008, and \$17.6 million thereafter.

The capital leases are for BioReliance's U.S. manufacturing facility in Rockville, Maryland. BioReliance has also guaranteed indebtedness related to the construction of this facility of \$3.8 million at March 31, 2004. A portion of the lease payments is equivalent to the interest and principal due on the indebtedness. As of March 31, 2004, the total capital lease liability is \$6.4 million, with \$0.4 million allocated to the current portion of long-term obligations and \$6.0 million allocated to long-term obligations, deferred credits and reserves on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2004. The leases expire from 2009 through 2034 and have future minimum commitments of \$0.4 million for 2004 through 2006, \$0.5 million for 2007 and 2008, and \$4.2 million thereafter.

Under an interest rate swap with respect to one of these capital leases, the variable interest rate portion of the indebtedness was effectively converted into debt with a fixed rate of 6.14% per annum. This swap expires in 2009. Amounts paid or received under the interest rate swap are recognized as interest income or expense in the periods in which they are accrued. As a result of a decrease in the variable interest rate, \$27,000 of additional interest expense related to this interest rate swap was recorded from the date of acquisition through March 31, 2004. A liability of \$0.6 million related to this interest rate swap was recorded in other long-term obligations, deferred credits and reserves on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at March 31, 2004.

*Contingent Acquisition Obligations*

Pursuant to the purchase agreement for one of Invitrogen's other acquisitions in 2003, Invitrogen could be required to make additional contingent cash payments based on certain operating results of the acquired company. Over the next four years, payments aggregating a maximum of \$4.0 million and certain other payments based upon percentages of future gross sales of the acquired company could be required. Invitrogen will account for any such contingent payments as an addition to the purchase price.

*Environmental Liabilities*

Invitrogen assumed certain environmental exposures as a result of its merger with Dexter Corporation in 2000. Invitrogen recorded reserves to cover estimated environmental costs. The environmental reserves, which are not discounted, were \$8.1 million at March 31, 2004, and included current reserves of \$0.8 million, which are estimated to be paid during the next year, and long-term reserves of \$7.3 million. In addition, Invitrogen has an insurance policy for these assumed environmental exposures. Based upon currently available information, Invitrogen believes that it has adequately provided for these environmental exposures and that the outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect upon the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows of Invitrogen in the future.

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*Litigation*

Invitrogen is subject to potential liabilities under government regulations and various claims and legal actions which are pending or may be asserted. These matters have arisen in the ordinary course and conduct of Invitrogen's business, as well as through acquisitions, and some are expected to be covered, at least partly, by insurance. Estimated amounts for claims that are probable and can be reasonably estimated are reflected as liabilities of Invitrogen. The ultimate resolution of these matters is subject to many uncertainties. It is reasonably possible that some of the matters which are pending or may be asserted could be decided unfavorably to Invitrogen. Although the amount of liability at March 31, 2004, with respect to these matters cannot be ascertained, Invitrogen believes that any resulting liability should not materially affect Invitrogen's consolidated financial statements.

**5. Long-Term Obligations and Convertible Debt**

*Issuance of Convertible Debt*

On February 19, 2004, Invitrogen issued \$450 million principal amount of 1½% convertible senior notes (the 1½% Notes) due 2024 to certain qualified institutional buyers. Interest on the 1½% Notes is payable semi-annually on February 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the coupon interest of 1½%, additional interest of 0.35% of the market value of the notes may be required to be paid beginning February 15, 2012, if the market value of the notes during specified testing periods is 120% or more of the principal value. The 1½% Notes were issued at 100% of principal value, and are convertible into 4.4 million shares of common stock at the option of the holder upon the occurrence of certain events at a price of \$102.03 per share. The 1½% Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at Invitrogen's option on or after February 15, 2012, at 100% of the principal amount. In addition, the holders of the 1½% Notes may require Invitrogen to repurchase all or a portion of the 1½% Notes for 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, on February 15, 2012, 2017 and 2022.

The 1½% Notes also contain a restricted convertibility feature that does not affect the conversion price of the notes, but, instead, places restrictions on a holder's ability to convert their notes into shares of Invitrogen's common stock (conversion shares). Holders may convert their Notes into shares of Invitrogen's common stock prior to stated maturity under the following circumstances:

during any fiscal quarter (beginning with the quarter ending June 30, 2004) if the sale price of Invitrogen's common stock for at least 20 consecutive trading days in the 30 consecutive trading-day period ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter exceeds 120% of the conversion price on that 30<sup>th</sup> trading day;

during any five consecutive trading day period immediately following any five consecutive trading day period (the Note Measurement Period) in which the average market price for the notes during that Note Measurement Period was less than 97% of the average conversion value for the notes during such period; provided, however, that if, at the time of conversion pursuant to this provision, the closing sale price of Invitrogen's common stock is greater than 100% of the conversion price but equal to or less than 120% of the conversion price, then the holders will receive, in lieu of common stock based on the applicable conversion rate, common stock, at Invitrogen's option, with a value equal to the principal amount of the notes on the conversion date, which is referred to as the value conversion;

upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions; or

if Invitrogen calls the notes for redemption.

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After expenses, Invitrogen received net proceeds of \$440.7 million. The costs incurred to issue the 1½% Notes, which totaled \$9.3 million, have been deferred and included in other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and are amortized over the terms of the 1½% Notes using the effective interest method. At March 31, 2004, the unamortized balance of the issuance costs was \$9.3 million.

### *Redemption of Convertible Debt*

Invitrogen used a portion of the proceeds from the issuance of the 1½% Notes in February 2004 to redeem its 5½% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007 in March 2004, at the stated premium of 102.357 plus accrued interest through the date of redemption. Invitrogen recorded a loss of \$4.1 million for the payment of the call premium and a loss of \$2.7 million for the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs during the three months ended March 31, 2004.

*Assumption of BioReliance Debt*

Long-term obligations assumed in the BioReliance acquisition consist of the following at March 31, 2004:

*(in thousands)(unaudited)*

Floating Rate Guaranteed Unsecured Loan Note to former shareholder	
(note matures 2006)	\$ 11,959
Capital leases	6,379
7.5% State of Maryland Loan (loan matures 2006)	964
Interest rate swap	595
Other	93
	<u>19,990</u>
Less current portion	(833)
	<u>\$ 19,157</u>

**6. Pension Plans and Postretirement Health and Benefit Plan**

Invitrogen has several defined benefit pension plans covering its U.S. employees and employees in certain foreign countries. Invitrogen also has a postretirement health and welfare plan which provides benefits to certain participants who were employees of Dexter Corporation prior to the sale of their businesses and prior to Invitrogen's merger with Dexter Corporation, who are not employees of Invitrogen.

The components of net periodic pension cost for Invitrogen's pension plans and postretirement health and benefit plan for the three months ended March 31, 2004, and 2003, are as follows:

*(in thousands)(unaudited)*

	<b>Domestic Plans</b>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Interest cost	\$ 811	\$ 279
Expected return on plan assets	(1,125)	(418)
Amortization of actuarial loss	486	480
	<u>\$ 172</u>	<u>\$ 341</u>

*(in thousands)(unaudited)*

	<b>Foreign Plans</b>	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Service cost	\$ 585	\$ 436
Interest cost	434	303

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Expected return on plan assets	(452)	(320)
Amortization of actuarial loss	19	2
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 586	\$ 421
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**7. Subsequent Event**

In April 2004, Invitrogen completed two separate acquisitions that were not material to the overall consolidated financial statements. The aggregate cash purchase price of these acquisitions was \$22.8 million. The results of operations will be included in Invitrogen's future financial statements from the respective dates of acquisition. Pursuant to the purchase agreement for one of these acquisitions, Invitrogen could be required to make additional contingent cash payments aggregating a maximum of \$84.5 million through 2008. Invitrogen will account for any such contingent payments as an addition to the purchase price.

**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

**CAUTIONS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*Any statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q concerning Invitrogen's business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses or other financial items, together with other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements as that term is defined under the Federal Securities Laws. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as may, will, expect, anticipate, believe, should, intend, plan, positioned, strategy, outlook, estimate, project, and continue or read statements that contain these types of words carefully. Such forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from what is expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. There may be events in the future that we are not able to predict accurately or over which we have no control. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those discussed below under Risk Factors That May Affect Future Results and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report as well as other risks and uncertainties detailed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 3, 2004. We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to such forward-looking statements to reflect events or uncertainties after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.*

**OVERVIEW**

We are a leading supplier of kits, reagents, sera and cell media, biologic services and informatics software for life sciences research, drug discovery, and the production of biopharmaceuticals with sales of \$778 million in 2003. We offer a full range of products that enable researchers to understand the molecular basis of life and potential mechanisms of disease, as well as identify attractive targets for drug development. Our products are also used to support the clinical development and commercial production of biopharmaceuticals.

We focus our business on two principal segments:

**BioDiscovery.** Our BioDiscovery product segment supplies a full range of reagents, kits and informatics to enable scientists to isolate, amplify, purify, identify, and characterize genes and their related proteins. Our kits comprise all the reagents necessary to perform a specific experiment and are optimized to simplify and improve the reliability and yield of such experiment. Scientists use our reagents and kits to elucidate the molecular basis of disease, identify disease targets for drug discovery, and understand the therapeutic mechanism of a drug.

**BioProduction.** Our BioProduction segment supplies a full range of mammalian sera, cell and tissue culture media, reagents biologics testing and specialized manufacturing. These products provide the physiological conditions and nutrients necessary for cells to grow outside their native environment.

The principal markets for our products include the life sciences research market and the biopharmaceutical production market. The life sciences research market consists of laboratories generally associated with universities, medical research centers, government institutions, and other research institutions as well as biotechnology, pharmaceutical, energy, agricultural and chemical companies. Life sciences researchers use our reagents and informatics to perform a broad range of experiments in the laboratory.

The biopharmaceutical production market consists of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies that use sera and media for the production of clinical and commercial quantities of biopharmaceuticals. Biopharmaceuticals include interferons, interleukins, t-PA and monoclonal antibodies. The selection of sera and media generally occurs early in the clinical process and continues through commercialization. Other industries

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consume sera and media for the commercial production of genetically engineered products including food processing and agricultural industries.

## Our Strategy

Our objective is to provide essential life science technologies for disease research, drug discovery and commercial bioproduction. Our strategies to achieve this objective include:

### New Product Innovation and Development.

**Developing innovative new products.** We place a great emphasis on internally developing new technologies for the life sciences research and biopharmaceutical production markets. A significant portion of our growth and current revenue base has been created by the application of technology to accelerate the drug discovery process of our customers. We expect to increase research and development spending as a percentage of sales over the next several quarters, and to focus new product development on three critical technology areas:

Protein production, purification and characterization;

Biochemical and cell-based assays; and

Labeling and detection, particularly in proteomics.

**In-licensing technologies.** We actively and selectively in-license new technologies, which we modify to create high value kits, many of which address bottlenecks in the research or drug discovery laboratories. We have a dedicated group of individuals that is focused on in-licensing technologies from academic and government institutions, as well as biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.

**Acquisitions.** We actively and selectively seek to acquire and integrate companies with complementary products and technologies, trusted brand names, strong market positions, and strong intellectual property positions. We have acquired several companies since we became a public company in 1999. Our most significant acquisitions include Life Technologies, BioReliance, Molecular Probes, PanVera, NOVEX, Research Genetics and InforMax.

Our recent significant acquisitions include:

Our February 6, 2004, acquisition of all outstanding shares of common stock of BioReliance Corporation. BioReliance is a leading contract service organization providing testing, development and manufacturing services for biologic-based drugs to biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies worldwide. The results of operations of BioReliance will be included in our consolidated financial statements in the BioProduction segment from the date of acquisition.

Our August 20, 2003, acquisition of all outstanding shares of common stock of Molecular Probes, Inc., a privately-held corporation based in Eugene, Oregon. Molecular Probes is a provider of fluorescence-based technologies for use in labeling molecules for biological research and drug discovery. The results of operations of Molecular Probes have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements in the BioDiscovery segment from the date of acquisition.

Our March 28, 2003, acquisition of products and technology rights from PanVera LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Based in Madison, Wisconsin, our PanVera business provides products and services that are designed to accelerate the discovery of new medicines by the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industries. Through this transaction, we have acquired PanVera's biochemical and cellular assay capabilities and its commercial portfolio of proprietary reagents, probes

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and proteins. As part of the transaction, we have also acquired PanVera's research, development and manufacturing facility in Madison. We plan to expand the sale of PanVera products to target a broader market, including academic and government researchers. The results of operations of PanVera have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements in the BioDiscovery segment from the date of acquisition.

### **Leverage of Existing Sales and Distribution Infrastructure**

**Multi-national sales footprint.** We have developed what we consider to be a world-class sales and distribution network with sales in approximately seventy countries throughout the world. Our sales force is highly-trained, with many of our sales-people possessing degrees in molecular biology, biochemistry or related fields. We believe our sales force has a proven track record for selling and distributing our products,

and we expect to leverage this capacity to increase sales of our existing, newly developed and acquired products.

We sell most of our products through our own sales force, and the remaining products are sold through agents or distributors. We currently market our products directly in over 24 countries throughout the world and sell through distributors or agents in approximately 45 additional countries. These independent distributors may also market research products for other companies, including some products that are competitive with our offerings.

**High customer satisfaction.** Our sales, marketing, customer service and technical support staffs work well together to provide our customers exceptional service for our products, and we have been highly rated in customer satisfaction surveys. We expect to take advantage of this strength to attract new customers and maintain existing customers.

**Rapid product delivery.** We have the ability to ship typical orders on a same-day or next-day basis. We intend to use this ability to provide convenient service to our customers to generate additional sales.

Our BioDiscovery and BioProduction products are used for research purposes, and their use by our customers generally is not regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, or by any comparable international organization, with several limited exceptions. Some of our BioProduction products and manufacturing sites, including some sites of our BioReliance subsidiary, are subject to FDA regulation and oversight and are required to comply with the Quality System Regulations, which was formerly known as current good manufacturing practice, or GMP, and is described in 21 CFR part 820. Additionally, some of these same sites and products are intended to comply with certain voluntary quality programs such as ISO 9001.

We manufacture the majority of our products in our manufacturing facilities in Carlsbad, California; Eugene, Oregon; Frederick and Rockville, Maryland; Grand Island, New York; Madison, Wisconsin; Auckland, New Zealand; Newcastle, Australia and Inchinnan, Scotland. We also have manufacturing facilities in Japan, Brazil, and Israel. In addition, we purchase products from third-party manufacturers for resale.

We conduct research activities in the United States and New Zealand and business development activities around the world. As part of these activities we actively seek to license intellectual property from academic, government, and commercial institutions.

Except for our oligonucleotide, genomics services, biologics testing, specialized manufacturing, and cell culture production businesses, which are make-to-order businesses, we principally manufacture products for inventory and ship products shortly after the receipt of orders, and anticipate that we will continue to do so in the future. We do not currently have a significant backlog and do not anticipate we will develop a material backlog in the future. In addition, we rely on third-party manufacturers to supply many of our raw materials, product components, and in some cases, entire products.

We conduct our operations through subsidiaries in Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Americas. Each subsidiary records its income and expenses using the functional currency of the country in which the subsidiary resides. To consolidate the income and expenses of all of our subsidiaries, we translate each subsidiary's results into U.S. dollars using average exchange rates during the period. Changes in currency exchange rates have affected, and will continue to affect our consolidated revenues, revenue growth rates, gross margins and net income. In addition, many of our subsidiaries conduct a portion of their business in currencies other than the subsidiary's functional currency, which can result in foreign currency transaction gains or losses. Exchange gains and losses arising from transactions denominated in these currencies are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Income using the actual exchange rate differences on the date of the transaction.

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We anticipate that our results of operations may fluctuate on a quarterly and annual basis and will be difficult to predict. The timing and degree of fluctuation will depend upon several factors, including those discussed under Risk Factors that may Affect Future Results. In addition, our results of operations could be affected by the timing of orders from distributors and the mix of sales between distributors and our direct sales force. Although we have experienced growth in recent years, we cannot assure you that we will be able to sustain revenue growth or maintain profitability on a quarterly or annual basis or that our growth will be consistent with predictions made by securities analysts.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Revenues.**

<i>(dollars in millions)</i>	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>			
	<b>March 31,</b>			
	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
BioDiscovery segment revenues	\$ 152.7	\$ 116.4	\$ 36.3	31%
BioProduction segment revenues	98.6	64.2	34.4	53%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 251.3</b>	<b>\$ 180.6</b>	<b>\$ 70.7</b>	<b>39%</b>
BioDiscovery gross margin	70%	65%		
BioProduction gross margin	46%	52%		
<b>Total gross margin</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>60%</b>		

When comparing revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2004 with the same period in 2003, changes in foreign currency exchange rates increased U.S. dollar-denominated revenues, accounting for \$13.4 million of the \$70.7 million increase. This increase from changes in foreign currency exchange rates increased our revenue growth rate by 7%. The increase in revenues also includes \$48.9 million, or 27%, from our recent acquisitions: BioReliance, which we acquired in February 2004; Molecular Probes which we acquired in August 2003; and, the PanVera business which we acquired at the end of March 2003. Higher volume accounted for an additional 4% increase, while higher prices contributed another 1%.

Changes in the value of certain currencies, including the Japanese Yen, the British Pound Sterling and the Euro, can significantly increase or decrease our reported revenue on sales made in these currencies and could result in a material positive or negative impact on our reported results. In addition to currency exchange rates, we expect that future revenues will be affected by, among other things, new product introductions, competitive conditions, customer research budgets, government research funding, the rate of expansion of our customer base, price increases, product discontinuations and acquisitions or dispositions of businesses or product lines.

**BioDiscovery Segment Revenues.** Changes in foreign currency exchange rates increased U.S. dollar-denominated BioDiscovery revenues by \$8.5 million when comparing the three months ended March 31, 2004 with the same period in 2003 and accounted for 7% of the 31% increase in revenues. The increase in revenues also includes \$28.5 million, or 24%, from our recent acquisitions.

We currently expect our BioDiscovery growth rate to range from 17% to 21% for 2004.

**BioProduction Segment Revenues.** Changes in foreign currency exchange rates increased U.S. dollar-denominated BioProduction revenues by \$4.9 million when comparing the three months ended March 31, 2004 with the same period in 2003, and accounted for 8% of the 53% increase in revenues. The increase in revenues also includes \$20.4 million, or 32%, from our recent acquisition of BioReliance. The remainder of the increase reflects volume growth of 9%, as well as price increases, particularly for sera products, which accounted for 5%.

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We currently expect our BioProduction growth rate to range from 53% to 57% for 2004, with our acquisition of BioReliance in February 2004 contributing 42% of this growth.

Sales of cell culture products for large-scale production applications can vary significantly due to customer demand. In addition, cell culture revenues include sales of sera products whose price has historically been volatile. As a result, cell culture revenue growth rates can vary significantly. We also believe that it is unlikely for price increases for sera products to continue, and, therefore, do not anticipate that price increases will contribute to our growth rates or gross margin as much as they have in the past two years.

**Gross Margin.** The decrease in gross margin as a percentage of revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2004, when compared to the same period in 2003, reflects costs of \$10.3 million, or 4% of revenues, associated with the sale during 2004 of products acquired in one of our business combinations that were previously written-up under purchase accounting rules. This decrease in gross margin also reflects unfavorable changes in product mix which accounted for a reduction in gross margins of 1%, substantially offset by favorable changes in currency rates that increased gross margins by 1%.

The increase in BioDiscovery gross margin as a percentage of revenues during the three months ended March 31, 2004, when compared to the same period in 2003, is due to the addition of higher margin products from acquired

businesses which accounted for improved margins of 3%, favorable changes in product mix which improved margins by 1%, and favorable changes in foreign currency rates which increased margins by 1%.

The decrease in BioProduction gross margin as a percentage of revenues during the first three months in 2004 when compared to the same period in 2003, reflects the lower gross margin BioReliance service business which reduced margins by 3%, unfavorable changes in mix which reduced margins by 2%, and higher cost sera purchased in the last year which reduced margins by 1%.

We believe that gross margin for future periods will be affected by, among other things, the integration of acquired businesses in addition to sales volumes, competitive conditions, royalty payments on licensed technologies, the cost of raw materials, changes in average selling prices, our ability to make productivity improvements, and foreign currency rates.

### Operating Expenses.

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,				Increase
	2004		2003		
	Operating Expense	As a Percentage of Segment Revenues	Operating Expense <sup>(1)</sup>	As a Percentage of Segment Revenues	
<i>(dollars in millions)</i>					
<b>BioDiscovery Segment:</b>					
Sales and marketing	\$ 32.5	21%	\$ 26.8	23%	\$ 5.7
General and administrative	18.0	12%	14.3	12%	3.7
Research and development	13.3	9%	8.7	8%	4.6
<b>BioProduction Segment:</b>					
Sales and marketing	\$ 12.9	13%	\$ 9.1	14%	\$ 3.8
General and administrative	9.0	9%	5.5	9%	3.5
Research and development	2.2	2%	1.9	3%	0.3
<b>Unallocated:</b>					
Sales and marketing	\$ 0.1		\$		\$ 0.1
Research and development	0.2				0.2
<b>Consolidated:</b>					
Sales and marketing	\$ 45.5	18%	\$ 35.8	20%	\$ 9.7
General and administrative	27.0	11%	19.8	11%	7.2
Research and development	15.7	6%	10.6	6%	5.1

<sup>(1)</sup> 2004 presentation of 2003 general and administrative expenses by segment reflects reclassifications of general and administrative costs from the Corporate and Unallocated segment to the BioDiscovery and BioProduction segments to conform to our corporate expense allocation methodology applied in 2004.

**Sales and Marketing.** The absolute increase in sales and marketing expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004, when compared to the same period in 2003, is due to: expenses of our acquired businesses of BioReliance, Molecular Probes and PanVera, which accounted for \$4.3 million of the increase; increased headcount, incentive compensation and selling activities which accounted for \$3.3 million of the increase and changes in foreign currency rates that increased expenses by \$2.0 million.

In the future we expect to continue to reduce our sales and marketing expenditures as a percent of revenues. In addition, we plan to use product specialists to support our existing customer account managers allowing us to maintain the effectiveness of our direct selling organization while offering an ever-increasing portfolio of products.

**General and Administrative.** The absolute increase in general and administrative expenses for 2004 is due to costs associated with the acquired businesses of BioReliance, Molecular Probes and PanVera, which accounted for \$4.6 million of the increase; costs associated with increased headcount and higher incentive compensation of \$2.3 million, and changes in foreign currency rates that increased expenses by \$0.5 million. These increases were partially offset by lower professional fees of \$0.1 million.

In the future, we plan on implementing programs and actions to improve our efficiency in the general and administrative area. These programs will focus in the areas of process improvement and automation. We expect over time that these actions will result in a decline in our general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales.

**Research and Development.** The increase in research and development expenses for 2004 reflects: research and development costs associated with the acquired businesses of BioReliance, Molecular Probes and PanVera, which in total accounted for \$4.2 million of the increase; higher incentive compensation of \$0.3 million; higher research facilities costs of \$0.2 million; and deferred compensation expense of \$0.2 million from stock options assumed in the Molecular Probes acquisition.

We expect research and development expense as a percent of revenues will continue to increase as we expand our capabilities to accelerate innovation and ramp up research and development of recently acquired businesses.

**Purchased Intangibles Amortization.** Amortization expense for purchased intangible assets acquired in our business combinations was \$28.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004, and \$16.7 million for the same period in 2003. The increase in 2004 is due primarily to the amortization of purchased intangibles acquired in the BioReliance, Molecular Probes and PanVera acquisitions.

**Business Integration Costs.** Business integration costs for 2003 were \$0.3 million and represent costs incurred for the integration of InforMax, acquired in December 2002.

**Interest Income.** Interest income decreased by \$0.3 million from \$6.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003, to \$5.9 million for the same period in 2004. The reduction in interest income is due mainly to lower interest rates.

Interest income in the future will be affected by changes in short-term interest rates and changes in cash balances which could be materially reduced by acquisitions and other financing activities.

**Interest Expense.** Interest expense increased \$3.0 million from \$6.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$9.5 million for the same period in 2004. Our issuance of \$450 million in principal amount of 1½% convertible senior notes in February 2004 and \$350 million in principal amount of 2% convertible senior notes in August 2003 accounted for \$2.7 million of the increase, offset by the redemption in March 2004 of our 5½% convertible notes, which reduced interest expense by \$0.5 million. The remainder of the increase in 2004 was due mainly to interest expense of \$1.0 million on our capital lease and debt obligations acquired in the BioReliance and Molecular Probes acquisitions.

**Loss on Early Retirement of Debt.** A loss of \$6.8 million was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2004, on the early retirement of our \$172.5 million in principal amount of 5½% convertible notes and includes \$4.1 million for the call premium and \$2.7 million for the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs.

**Provision for Income Taxes.** The provision for income taxes as a percentage of pre-tax income was 30.7% for 2004 compared with 28.6% for 2003. The increase in the effective tax rate is due primarily to an increase in the proportion of income earned in jurisdictions having higher tax rates, partially offset by additional research credits, export incentives and lower taxes on certain non-US income.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

**Operating Activities.** Operating activities provided net cash of \$30.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2004, primarily from our net income of \$10.5 million plus net noncash charges of \$36.5 million. Cash flows from operating activities include \$4.1 million in cash used to pay the call premium on our early retirement of debt in March 2004. Additionally, changes in operating assets and liabilities used a net \$16.6 million of cash during the period, driven primarily by an increase in accounts receivable of \$26.7 million. The growth in accounts receivable resulted from a higher proportion of 2004 first quarter sales recognized at the end of the quarter compared with a lower proportion of 2003 fourth quarter sales recognized at the end of the quarter, and a seasonal increase in days sales outstanding to 60 days. The decrease in inventories of \$14.7 million reflects the amortization of costs of \$10.3 million, associated with the sale during the first three months of 2004 of products acquired in our business combinations that were previously written-up under purchase accounting rules, in addition to focused efforts by management to reduce overall inventory levels.

As a result of working capital improvement programs currently being developed we expect to utilize more efficiently our working capital in the future resulting in higher inventory turnover and lower days sales outstanding. Our working capital factors, such as inventory turnover and days sales outstanding, are seasonal, and, on an interim basis during the year, may require short-term working capital needs.

**Investing Activities.** Net cash used in investing activities during the first three months of 2004 was \$480.7 million, and reflects a net \$466.2 million paid for our business acquisitions, a net \$7.3 million invested in marketable securities with maturities greater than three months and payments for capital expenditures and intangible assets (primarily intellectual properties), which totaled \$6.6 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. For 2004, we expect spending for capital equipment and information technology to approximate \$43 million.

On February 6, 2004, we acquired all of the common stock of BioReliance Corporation for a total cash purchase price of \$433.3 million, plus the assumption of outstanding debt of approximately \$70.4 million and transaction costs of \$4.7 million. The purchase price was paid from existing cash and investments. In February 2004 we paid down \$49.6 million of the acquired debt.

In April 2004, we completed two separate acquisitions that were not material to our overall consolidated financial statements. The aggregate cash purchase price of these acquisitions was \$22.8 million. The results of operations will be included in our future financial statements from the respective dates of acquisition.

Pursuant to the purchase agreements for one of our 2003 and one of our 2004 acquisitions, we could be required to make additional contingent cash payments based on certain operating results of the acquired companies. Payments aggregating a maximum of \$88.5 million and certain other payments based upon percentages of future gross sales of the acquired companies could be required through 2008. We will account for any such contingent payments as an addition to the respective purchase price.

**Financing Activities.** Net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$292.5 million during the first three months of 2004, and includes \$440.7 million in net proceeds from our issuance of convertible senior notes in February 2004 and \$24.5 million in proceeds from stock issued under employee stock plans. This net cash provision was offset by \$172.5 million used in March 2004 to retire our 5½% Convertible Subordinated Notes, or 5½% Notes, due 2007.

On February 19, 2004, we issued \$450 million principal amount of 1½% Convertible Senior Notes, or 1½% Notes, due 2024, to certain qualified institutional buyers. A portion of the proceeds from this debt was used in March 2004 to redeem our 5½% Notes, due 2007, in the aggregate principal amount of \$172.5 million at a premium of 102.357%, plus accrued interest, and the repayment of debt assumed in the BioReliance acquisition. Interest on the 1½% Notes is payable semi-annually on February 15th and August 15th. In addition to the coupon interest of 1½%, additional interest of 0.35% of the market value of the notes may be required to be paid beginning February 15, 2012, if the market value of the notes during specified testing periods is 120% or more of the principal value. The 1½% Notes were issued at 100% of principal value, and are convertible into 4.4 million shares of common stock at the option of the holder upon the occurrence of certain events at a price of \$102.03 per share. The 1½% Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option on or after February 15, 2012, at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest. In addition, the holders of the 1½% Notes may require Invitrogen to repurchase all or a portion of the 1½% Notes for 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, on February 15, 2012, 2017 and 2022.

We have \$350 million principal amount of 2% Convertible Senior Notes, or 2% Notes, due August 1, 2023. Interest on the 2% Notes is payable semi-annually on February 1st and August 1st. In addition to the coupon interest of 2%, additional interest of 0.35% of the market value of the notes may be required to be paid beginning August 1, 2010, if the market value of the notes during specified testing periods is 120% or more of the principal value. The 2% Notes were issued at 100% of principal value, and are convertible into 5.1 million shares of common stock at the option of the holder upon the occurrence of certain events at a price of \$68.24 per share. The 2% Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option on or after August 1, 2010, at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest. In addition, the holders of the 2% Notes may

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require Invitrogen to repurchase all or a portion of the 2% Notes for 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, on August 1, 2010, August 1, 2013, and August 1, 2018.

We have \$500 million principal amount of 2¼% Convertible Subordinated Notes, or 2¼% Notes, due 2006, outstanding at December 31, 2003. Interest on the 2¼% Notes is payable semi-annually on June 15th and December 15th. The 2¼% Notes were issued at 100% of principal value, and are convertible into 5.8 million shares of common

stock at the option of any holder at any time at a price of \$86.10 per share. The 2¼% Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option on or after December 20, 2005 at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest.

In the event of a change of control of Invitrogen, the holders of the 1½% Notes, the 2% Notes, and the 2¼% Notes each have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of their notes at a purchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus all accrued and unpaid interest.

Our board of directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$300 million of our common stock over a three-year period ending in 2005. We repurchased 3.3 million shares of common stock at a total cost, in cash and accruals, of \$100.0 million during 2002, which has been reported as a reduction in stockholders' equity as Treasury Stock. During 2004 no shares were repurchased. The timing and price of future repurchases will depend on market conditions and other factors. Funds for any future repurchases are expected to come primarily from cash generated from operations, or funds on hand.

We are continuing to seek additional corporate and technology acquisition opportunities that support our BioDiscovery and BioProduction platforms. While we cannot predict the timing or size of any future acquisitions, or if any will occur at all, a significant amount of our cash and/or stock may be used to acquire companies, assets or technologies. We could also choose to fund any acquisitions, at least partly, with new debt or stock.

As of March 31, 2004, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$433.9 million, short-term investments of \$439.5 million and long-term investments of \$145.2 million. Our working capital totaled \$1.1 billion as of March 31, 2004, and includes restricted cash and investments of \$17.9 million. Our funds are currently invested in overnight money market accounts, time deposits, corporate notes, municipal notes and bonds, U.S. treasury obligations and government agency notes. As of March 31, 2004, foreign subsidiaries in Australia, Brazil, Japan and New Zealand had available bank lines of credit denominated in local currency to meet short-term working capital requirements. The U.S. dollar equivalent of these facilities totaled \$6.0 million, of which none was outstanding at March 31, 2004.

We expect that our current cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments, funds from operations and interest income earned thereon will be sufficient to fund our current operations for at least 12 months. Our future capital requirements and the adequacy of our available funds will depend on many factors, including future business acquisitions, future stock or note repurchases, scientific progress in our research and development programs and the magnitude of those programs, our ability to establish collaborative and licensing arrangements, the cost involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining and enforcing patent claims and competing technological and market developments.

## **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, significant additions to our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2003, included the issuance of \$450 million in 1½% Notes due 2024, and the assumption of \$70.4 million in capital lease and debt obligations from our BioReliance acquisition. A portion of the proceeds from the 1½% Notes due 2024, was used in March 2004 to redeem our 5½% Notes, due 2007, in the aggregate principal amount of \$172.5 million. In February 2004, we paid down \$49.6 million of the acquired debt leaving \$6.4 million in capital lease obligations due through 2034 and \$13.5 million in debt obligations due through 2009 at March 31, 2004. As of March 31, 2004, we also had \$30.9 million in operating lease obligations due through 2024 that were assumed in the BioReliance acquisition.

Pursuant to the purchase agreements for one of our 2003 and one of our 2004 acquisitions, we could be required to make additional contingent cash payments based on certain operating results of the acquired companies. Payments aggregating a maximum of \$88.5 million and certain

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other payments based upon percentages of future gross sales of the acquired companies could be required through 2008. We will account for any such contingent payments as an addition to the respective purchase price.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

There were no significant changes in critical accounting policies or estimates from those at December 31, 2003, except for the addition of a new revenue recognition policy related to the BioReliance acquisition as follows:

We recognize revenue from commercial contracts, which are principally fixed-price or fixed-rate, using the proportional performance method, except for services that are generally completed within three days, which are

accounted for using the completed-contract method. Proportional performance is determined using expected output milestones. The proportional performance may be affected by future events including delays caused by laboratory interruptions, client-mandated changes and the unpredictability of biological processes. Accordingly, we undertake a review process to determine that recorded revenue represents the actual proportional performance in all material respects.

Revenue recorded under proportional performance for projects in process is not intended to, and does not necessarily, represent the amount of revenue that we could recover from the client if any project failed or was cancelled. We undertake a review of unbilled accounts receivable from customers to determine that such amounts are expected to become billable and collectible in all material respects.

We recognize revenue from government contracts, which are principally cost-plus-fixed-fee, in amounts equal to reimbursable costs plus a pro-rata portion of the earned fee. We provide for losses when they become known.

### **FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION**

We translate the financial statements of our non-U.S. operations into U.S. dollars for consolidation using end-of-period exchange rates for assets and liabilities and average exchange rates during each reporting period for results of operations. Net gains or losses resulting from the translation of foreign financial statements, the effect of exchange rate changes on intercompany receivables and payables of a long-term investment nature, and net exchange rate gains and losses on the value of financial contracts entered into that hedge the value of these long-term intercompany receivables and payables are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity. These adjustments will affect net income only upon sale or liquidation of the underlying non-U.S. investment.

Changes in foreign currency exchange rates can affect our reported results of operations, which are reported in U.S. dollars. Based on the foreign currency rate in effect at the time of the translation of our non-U.S. results of operations into U.S. dollars, reported results could be different from prior periods even if the same amount and mix of our products were sold at the same local prices during the two periods. This will affect our reported results of operations, and also makes the comparison of our business performance in two periods more difficult. For example, our revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2004, were \$251.3 million using applicable foreign currency exchange rates for that period. However, applying the foreign currency exchange rates in effect during the three months ended March 31, 2003, to our non-U.S. revenues for the same period in 2004 would result in \$13.4 million less revenue for that period. These changes in currency exchange rates have affected, and will continue to affect, our reported results, including our revenues, revenue growth rates, gross margins, income and losses as well as assets and liabilities.

### **RISK FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS**

You should carefully consider the following risks, together with other matters described in this Form 10-Q or incorporated herein by reference in evaluating our business and prospects. If any of the following risks occurs, our business, financial condition or operating results could be harmed. In such case, the trading price of our securities could decline. The risks described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. Certain statements in this Form 10-Q (including certain of the following factors) constitute forward-looking statements.

#### **Risks Related to the Growth of Our Business**

**Failure to manage growth could impair our business.**

Our business has grown rapidly. Our net revenues increased from \$55.3 million in 1997 to \$777.7 million in 2003. During that same period we significantly expanded our operations in the United States, Europe and Asia-Pacific. The number of our employees increased from 272 at December 31, 1996, to 2,995 at December 31, 2003.

It is difficult to manage this rapid growth, and our future success depends on our ability to implement:

research and product development programs;

sales and marketing programs;

manufacturing operations at an appropriate capacity;

customer support programs;

operational and financial control systems; and

recruiting and training programs.

Our ability to offer products and services successfully and to implement our business plan in a rapidly evolving market requires an effective planning, reporting and management process. We expect that we will need to continue to improve our financial and managerial controls, reporting systems and procedures, and to expand and train our workforce worldwide. We also need to continue to manufacture our products efficiently and to control or adjust the expenses related to research and development, marketing, sales and general and administrative activities in response to changes in revenues. If we are not successful in efficiently manufacturing our products or managing such expenses there could be an adverse impact on our earnings and the growth of our business.

Our acquisition strategy has required substantial investments in operations, product research and development, administration and sales and marketing. These are significant expenses. Our failure to manage successfully and coordinate the growth of the combined company could have an adverse impact on our revenues and profits. In addition, there is no guarantee that some of the businesses we have acquired will become profitable.

**Failure to integrate acquired businesses into our operations successfully could reduce our revenues and profits.**

Since the beginning of 2000, we have made several acquisitions. Our integration of the operations of BioReliance and other acquired companies and businesses will continue to require significant efforts, including the coordination of information technologies, research and development, sales and marketing, and manufacturing. We may find it difficult to integrate fully the operations of these acquired companies and businesses.

Our U.S. headquarters are located in Carlsbad, California. We also have significant operations in Frederick and Rockville, Maryland, Grand Island, New York, Madison, Wisconsin, Eugene, Oregon, Natick, Massachusetts and New Haven, Connecticut, as well as locations throughout Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Americas. Because our facilities are physically separated, it may be difficult for us to communicate effectively with, manage and integrate these employees and operations with the rest of Invitrogen. Such difficulties could seriously damage our operations and consequently our financial results.

Management may have its attention diverted while trying to continue to integrate companies and businesses that we have acquired, including BioReliance. Such diversion of management's attention or difficulties in the transition process could have a harmful effect on our revenues and profits. If we are not able to integrate the operations of all these companies and businesses successfully, we may not be able to meet our expectations of future results of operations.

Factors that will affect the success of our acquisitions include:

presence or absence of adequate internal controls and/or significant fraud in the financial systems of acquired companies;

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decrease in customer loyalty and product orders caused by dissatisfaction with the combined companies' product lines and sales and marketing practices, including price increases;

the ability to retain key employees;

competitive factors, including technological advances attained by competitors and patents granted to, or contested by competitors, which would result in increased efficiency in their ability to compete against us;

the ability of the combined company to increase sales of all such companies' products; and

the ability of the combined company to operate efficiently and achieve cost savings.

Even if we are able to integrate our acquired operations, we cannot assure you that we will achieve synergies. Our failure to achieve synergies could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the combined company.

### **Industry consolidation may lead to increased competition and may harm our operating results.**

There has been a trend toward industry consolidation in our markets for the past several quarters. We expect this trend toward industry consolidation to continue as companies attempt to strengthen or hold their market positions in an evolving industry and as companies are acquired or are unable to continue operations. We believe that industry

consolidation may result in stronger competitors that are better able to compete as sole-source vendors for customers. This could lead to more variability in operating results and could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, and financial condition. Furthermore, particularly in the drug discovery market, consolidation could lead to fewer customers, with the effect that loss of a major customer could have a material impact on results not anticipated in a customer marketplace comprised of more numerous participants.

#### **Risks Related to our Sales**

##### **Competition in the life sciences research market, and/or a reduction in demand for our products, could reduce sales.**

The markets for our products are very competitive and price sensitive. Other life science research product suppliers, as well as certain customers, such as large pharmaceutical companies, have significant financial, operational, sales and marketing resources, and experience in research and development. These and other companies may have developed or could in the future develop new technologies that compete with our products or even render our products obsolete. If a competitor develops superior technology or cost-effective alternatives to our kits and other products, our business, operating results, and financial condition could be seriously harmed. In addition, demand for our products may weaken due to reduction in research and development budgets, loss of distributors and other factors identified in this Form 10-Q, which would have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

The markets for certain of our products, such as electrophoresis products, custom primers, amplification products, and fetal bovine serum, are also subject to specific competitive risks. These markets are highly price competitive. Our competitors have competed in the past by lowering prices on certain products. Our competitors may lower prices on these or other products in the future and we may, in certain cases, respond by lowering our prices. This would reduce revenues and profits. Conversely, failure to anticipate and respond to price competition may hurt our market share. We believe that customers in our markets display a significant amount of loyalty to their initial supplier of a particular product. Therefore, it may be difficult to generate sales to potential customers who have purchased products from competitors. Additionally, instead of using kits, there are numerous scientists making materials themselves. To the extent we are unable to be the first to develop and supply new products, our competitive position will suffer.

##### **Reduction in research and development budgets and government funding may affect sales.**

Our customers include researchers at pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions, government laboratories and private foundations. Fluctuations in the research and development budgets of these researchers and their organizations could have a significant effect on the demand for our products. Research and development budgets fluctuate due to changes in available resources, mergers of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, spending priorities and institutional budgetary policies. Our business could be seriously damaged by any significant decrease in life sciences research and development expenditures by pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions, government laboratories or private foundations.

In recent years, the pharmaceutical industry has undergone substantial downsizing and consolidation. Additional mergers or corporate consolidations in the pharmaceutical industry could cause us to lose existing customers and potential future customers, which could have a harmful effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A significant portion of our sales have been to researchers at academic institutions, government laboratories and private foundations whose funding is dependent upon grants from government agencies such as the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) and similar domestic and international agencies. Although the level of research funding has increased during the past several years, we cannot assure you that this trend

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will continue. The NIH budget has increased on average in excess of 10% in each of the past five years through fiscal 2003. Increases for fiscal 2004 were significantly less than this amount, and proposed increases for fiscal 2005 are in line with the 2004 increase. Government funding of research and development is subject to the political process, which is inherently fluid and unpredictable. Additionally, as the U.S. government continues to address program funding requirements in the current period of global unrest, including homeland security, any shift away from the funding of life sciences research and development may cause our customers to delay or forego purchases of our products. Our revenues may be adversely affected if our customers delay or cancel purchases as a result of these and other uncertainties or delays surrounding the approval of government budget proposals. Also, government proposals to reduce or eliminate

budgetary deficits have sometimes included reduced allocations to the NIH and other government agencies that fund research and development activities. A reduction in government funding for the NIH or other government research agencies could seriously damage our business.

Our customers generally receive funds from approved grants at particular times of the year, for example as determined by the U.S. federal government. In the past, such grants have been frozen for extended periods or have otherwise become unavailable to various institutions without advance notice. The timing of the receipt of grant funds affects the timing of purchase decisions by our customers and, as a result, can cause fluctuations in our sales and operating results.

**Loss of customers may hurt our sales, and customers may force us to use more expensive distribution channels.**

Certain of our customers have developed purchasing initiatives to reduce the number of vendors from which they purchase in order to lower their supply costs. In some cases these accounts have established agreements with large distributors, which include discounts and the distributors direct involvement with the purchasing process. These activities may force us to supply the large distributors with our products at a discount to reach those customers. For similar reasons many larger customers, including the U.S. government, have requested and may in the future request, special pricing arrangements, including blanket purchase agreements. These agreements may limit our pricing flexibility, which could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our pricing flexibility could particularly be affected with respect to electrophoresis products, custom oligonucleotides, amplification products, and fetal bovine serum. For a limited number of customers we have made sales, at the customer's request, through third-party Internet vendors. Although Internet sales through third parties have not had a significant impact to date, it is possible that this method of distribution could have a negative impact on our gross margins, because any commission paid on Internet sales would be an additional cost not incurred through the use of non-Internet vendors.

**We have launched a biodefense initiative, which depends upon the acceptance of our products by the U.S. government and its defense contractors and could cause us to engage in activities that third parties would find objectionable.**

We have developed products for use in detecting exposure to biological pathogens, and have begun marketing those products to the U.S. government and several defense contractors. If our products do not perform well, or the U.S. government changes its priorities with respect to defense against biological and chemical weapons, our sales growth could be affected. In addition, some third parties could object to our development of biological defense products, which could have a negative impact on our company.

**Risks Related to the Development and Manufacturing of Our Products**

**Our market share depends on new product introductions and acceptance.**

Rapid technological change and frequent new product introductions are typical for the market for certain of our products and services. For example, prepackaged kits to perform research in particular cell lines and already-isolated genetic material only recently have come into widespread use among researchers. In addition, the market for the life science informatics products of our subsidiary, InforMax, is also in the midst of rapid technological change. Our future success will depend in part on continuous, timely development and introduction of new products that address evolving market requirements and are attractive to customers. We believe successful new product introductions provide a significant competitive advantage because customers make an investment of time in selecting and learning to use a new product, and are reluctant to switch thereafter. We spend significant resources on internal research and development as well as on technology developed elsewhere to support our effort to develop and introduce new products. To the extent that we fail to introduce new and innovative products, we could fail to obtain an adequate return on these investments and could lose market share to our competitors, which would be difficult or impossible to regain. An

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inability, for technological or other reasons, to develop successfully and introduce new products could reduce our growth rate or otherwise damage our business.

In the past we have experienced, and we are likely to experience in the future, delays in the development and introduction of products. We cannot assure you that we will keep pace with the rapid rate of change in life sciences research and life science informatics software development, or that our new products will adequately meet the

requirements of the marketplace or achieve market acceptance. Some of the factors affecting market acceptance of our products include:

availability, quality and price as compared to competitive products;

the functionality of new and existing products;

the timing of introduction of our products as compared to competitive products;

scientists' and customers' opinions of the products' utility and our ability to incorporate their feedback into future products;

citation of the products in published research; and

general trends in life sciences research and life science informatics software development.

The expenses or losses associated with unsuccessful product development activities or lack of market acceptance of our new products could seriously harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

**Failure to license new technologies could impair our new product development.**

Our business model of providing products to researchers working on a variety of genetic and related projects requires us to develop a wide spectrum of products. To generate broad product lines it is sometimes advantageous to license technologies from the scientific community at large rather than depending exclusively on the inventions of our own employees. As a result, we believe our ability to in-license new technologies from third parties is and will continue to be critical to our ability to offer new products. A significant portion of our current revenues are from products manufactured or sold under licenses from third parties.

From time to time we are notified or become aware of patents held by third parties which are related to technologies we are selling or may sell in the future. After a review of these patents, we may decide to obtain a license for these technologies from such third parties. We are currently in the process of negotiating several such licenses and expect that we will also negotiate these types of licenses in the future. We cannot assure you that we will be able to negotiate such licenses on favorable terms, or at all.

Our ability to gain access to technologies that we need for new products and services depends in part on our ability to convince inventors and their agents or assignees that we can successfully commercialize their inventions. We cannot assure you that we will be able to continue to identify new technologies of interest to our customers which are developed by others. Even if we are able to identify new technologies of interest, we may not be able to negotiate a license on acceptable terms, or at all.

**Loss of licenses could hurt our performance.**

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A small number of our licenses do not run for the length of the underlying patent. We may not be able to renew our existing licenses on favorable terms, or at all. If we lose the rights to a patented technology, we may need to stop selling these products and possibly other products, redesign our products or lose a competitive advantage. Potential competitors could in-license technologies that we fail to license and potentially erode our market share for these and other products.

Our licenses typically subject us to various economic and commercialization obligations. If we fail to comply with these obligations we could lose important rights under a license, such as the right to exclusivity in a certain market. In some cases, we could lose all rights under a license. In addition, certain rights granted under the license could be lost for reasons out of our control. For example, the licensor could lose patent protection for a number of reasons, including invalidity of the licensed patent, or a third party could obtain a patent that curtails our freedom to operate under one or more licenses. We do not receive indemnification from a licensor against third-party claims of intellectual property infringement.

### **Failure to obtain products and components from third-party manufacturers could affect our ability to manufacture and deliver our products.**

We rely on third-party manufacturers to supply many of our raw materials, product components, and in some cases, entire products, none of which are material to our business. In addition, we have a single source for supplies of some raw materials and components to our products. Manufacturing problems may occur with these and other outside sources. If such problems occur, we cannot assure you that we will be able to manufacture our products profitably or on time.

**Fluctuation in the price and supply of raw FBS could affect our business.**

The supply of raw fetal bovine serum (FBS) is sometimes limited because serum collection tends to be cyclical. These factors can cause the price of raw FBS to fluctuate. The profit margins we achieve on finished FBS, one of our major products, have been unstable in the past because of the fluctuations in the price of raw FBS, and any increase in the price could adversely affect those profit margins. In addition, if we are unable to obtain an adequate supply of FBS, or if we are unable to meet demand for FBS from supplies outside the U.S., we may lose market share.

**Violation of government regulations or voluntary quality programs could result in loss of sales and customers and additional expense to attain compliance.**

Certain products and test services provided by our BioProduction segment and our BioReliance subsidiary are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, or biologics. Additionally, the FDA regulates test services provided by our BioReliance subsidiary. As such, we must register with the FDA as both a medical device manufacturer and a manufacturer of drug products and comply with all required regulations. Failure to comply with these regulations can lead to sanctions by the FDA such as written observations made following inspections, warning letters, product recalls, fines, product seizures and consent decrees. Test data for use in client submissions with the FDA could be disqualified. If the FDA were to take such actions, the FDA's observations, warnings, etc. would be available to the public. Such publicity could affect our ability to sell these regulated products.

Additionally, some of our customers use our products and services in the manufacturing process for their drug and medical device products, and such end products are regulated by the FDA under GMP. Although the customer is ultimately responsible for GMP compliance for their products, it is also the customer's expectation that the materials sold to them will meet GMP requirements. We could lose sales and customers, and incur products liability claims, if these products do not meet GMP requirements. ISO is an internationally recognized voluntary quality standard that requires compliance with a variety of quality requirements somewhat similar to the GMP requirements. The operations of our BioProduction segments and Eugene, Oregon facilities are intended to comply with ISO 9001. Failure to comply with this voluntary standard can lead to observations of non-compliance or even suspension of ISO certification by the certifying unit. If we lose ISO certification, this loss could cause some customers to purchase products from other suppliers.

If we violate a government mandated or voluntary quality program, we may incur additional expense to comply with the government mandated or voluntary standards. That expense may be material, and we may not have anticipated that expense in our financial forecasts. Our financial results could suffer as a result of these increased expenses.

**Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property**

**Inability to protect our technologies could affect our ability to compete.**

Our success depends to a significant degree upon our ability to develop proprietary products and technologies. However, we cannot assure you that patents will be granted on any of our patent applications. We also cannot assure you that the scope of any of our issued patents will be sufficiently broad to offer meaningful protection. We only have patents issued in selected countries. Therefore, third parties can make, use, and sell products covered by our patents in any country in which we do not have patent protection. In addition, our issued patents or patents we license could be successfully challenged, invalidated or circumvented so that our patent rights would not create an effective competitive barrier. We provide our customers the right to use our products under label licenses that are for research purposes only. These licenses could be contested, and we cannot assure you that we would either be aware of an unauthorized use or be able to enforce the restrictions in a

cost-effective manner.

If a third party claimed an intellectual property right to technology we use, we might need to discontinue an important product or product line, alter our products and processes, defend our right to use such technology in court or pay license fees. Although we might under these circumstances attempt to obtain a license to such intellectual property, we may not be able to do so on favorable terms, or at all. Additionally, if our products are found to infringe a third party's intellectual property, we may be required to pay damages for past infringement, and lose the ability to sell certain products or receive licensing revenues.

**Disclosure of trade secrets could aid our competitors.**

We attempt to protect our trade secrets by entering into confidentiality agreements with third parties, our employees and consultants. However, these agreements can be breached and, if they are, there may not be an adequate remedy available to us. If our trade secrets become known we may lose our competitive position.

**Intellectual property litigation and other litigation could harm our business.**

Litigation regarding patents and other intellectual property rights is extensive in the biotechnology industry. We are aware that patents have been applied for and, in some cases, issued to others claiming technologies that are closely related to ours. We are currently a defendant in several court actions involving our intellectual property. As a result, and in part due to the ambiguities and evolving nature of intellectual property law, we periodically receive notices of potential infringement of patents held by others. We may not be able to resolve these types of claims successfully in the future.

We are currently enforcing our intellectual property rights through patent litigation in several court actions. We have incurred substantial costs, and are currently incurring substantial costs, in enforcing our intellectual property rights, primarily relating to H minus reverse transcriptase, which is the basis for our Superscript and related product lines, and we expect to incur such costs in the future for Superscript and other technologies. In the event of additional intellectual property disputes, we may be involved in further litigation. In addition to court actions, patent litigation could involve proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or the International Trade Commission. Intellectual property litigation can be extremely expensive, and such expense, as well as the consequences should we not prevail, could seriously harm our business. If we do not prevail in our pending patent litigation relating to H minus reverse transcriptase, we may be unable to prevent third parties from using this technology in the commercial marketplace. This could have a seriously harmful effect on our business.

**Risks Related to Our Operations**

**Litigation may harm our business or otherwise distract our management.**

Substantial, complex or extended litigation could cause us to incur large expenditures and distract our management. For example, lawsuits by employees, stockholders, collaborators, distributors, customers, or end-users of our products or services could be very costly and substantially disrupt our business. Disputes from time to time with such companies or individuals are not uncommon, and we cannot assure you that we will always be able to resolve such disputes out of court or on terms favorable to us. Unexpected results could cause our financial exposure in these matters to exceed stated reserves and insurance, requiring us to allocate additional funds and other resources to address these liabilities.

In particular, in acquiring Dexter and Life Technologies, Inc., we assumed certain of Dexter's and Life Technologies, Inc.'s liabilities, ongoing disputes and litigation. These include environmental and warranty claims, among others.

**Loss of key personnel could hurt our business.**

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Our products and services are highly technical in nature. In general, only highly qualified and trained scientists have the necessary skills to develop and market our products and provide our services. In addition, some of our manufacturing positions are highly technical as well. We face intense competition for these professionals from our competitors, customers, marketing partners and other companies throughout our industry. We do not generally enter into employment agreements requiring these employees to continue in our employment for any period of time. Any failure on our part to hire, train, and retain a sufficient number of qualified professionals would seriously damage our business. Additionally, some measures that we implement during the course of integrating acquired companies and businesses into our operations may be disruptive to some of our key personnel, including those in research and development and manufacturing, and cause them to leave us. If we were to lose a sufficient number of our key employees, including research and development scientists, and were unable to replace them or satisfy our needs for research and development through outsourcing, it could seriously damage our business.

**We have a significant amount of debt which could adversely affect our financial condition.**

We have \$500 million of subordinated convertible notes that are due in 2006, \$350 million in senior convertible notes that are due in 2023, and \$450 million of senior convertible notes due in 2024, which is in aggregate a significant amount of debt and debt service obligations. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow or otherwise obtain funds necessary to make required payments on the remaining notes, we will be in default under the terms of the loan agreements, or indentures, which could, in turn, cause defaults under our other existing and future debt obligations. These notes also could have a negative effect on our earnings per share, depending on the rate of interest we earn on cash balances and our stock price, and on our ability to make favorable acquisitions using the proceeds from the notes. Even if we are able to meet our debt service obligations, the amount of debt we have could adversely affect us in a number of ways, including by:

limiting our ability to obtain any necessary financing in the future for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements, or other purposes;

limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business;

placing us at a competitive disadvantage relative to our competitors who have lower levels of debt;

making us more vulnerable to a downturn in our business or the economy generally; and

requiring us to use a substantial portion of our cash to pay principal and interest on our debt, instead of contributing those funds to other purposes such as working capital and capital expenditures.

**We could lose the tax deduction on our convertible senior notes due 2023 and the convertible senior notes due 2024 under certain circumstances.**

We could lose some or all of the tax deduction for interest expense associated with our convertible senior notes due 2023 and the convertible senior notes due in 2024 if, under certain circumstances, the foregoing notes are not subject to the special Treasury Regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments. We also could lose the tax deduction for interest expense associated with the foregoing notes if we were to invest in non-taxable investments.

**Absence of dividends could reduce our attractiveness to investors.**

Some investors favor companies that pay dividends, particularly in market downturns. We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock, although some of the companies that we have acquired, including Life Technologies and Dexter, declared and paid dividends prior to the acquisitions. We currently intend to retain any future earnings for funding growth and, therefore, we do not currently anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock.

**Our anti-takeover defense provisions may deter potential acquirers and may depress our stock price.**

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Certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation, by-laws and Delaware law, as well as certain agreements we have with our executives, could be used by our incumbent management to make it substantially more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. These provisions include the following:

we may issue preferred stock with rights senior to those of our common stock;

we have adopted a stock purchase rights plan;

we have a classified Board of Directors;

our by-laws prohibit action by written consent by stockholders;

our Board of Directors has the exclusive right to fill vacancies and set the number of directors;

cumulative voting is not allowed;

we require advance notice for nomination of directors and for stockholder proposals; and

a number of our executives have agreements with us that entitle them to payments in certain circumstances following a change in control.

These provisions may discourage certain types of transactions involving an actual or potential change in control. These provisions may also limit our stockholders' ability to approve transactions that they may deem to be in their

best interests and discourage transactions in which our stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares over the then current market price.

### **Risks Related to Our International Operations**

#### **International unrest or foreign currency fluctuations could adversely affect our results.**

Including subsidiaries and distributors, our products are currently marketed in approximately 70 countries throughout the world. Our international revenues, which include revenues from our non-U.S. subsidiaries and export sales from the U.S., represented 48% of our product revenues in 2003, 44% of our product revenues in 2002, and 45% of our product revenues in 2001. We expect that international revenues will continue to account for a significant percentage of our revenues for the foreseeable future.

There are a number of risks arising from our international business, including:

foreign currencies we receive for sales outside the U.S. could be subject to unfavorable exchange rates with the U.S. dollar and reduce the amount of revenue that we recognize;

the possibility that unfriendly nations or groups could boycott our products;

general economic and political conditions in the markets in which we operate;

potential increased costs associated with overlapping tax structures;

potential trade restrictions and exchange controls;

more limited protection for intellectual property rights in some countries;

difficulties and costs associated with staffing and managing foreign operations;

unexpected changes in regulatory requirements;

the difficulties of compliance with a wide variety of foreign laws and regulations;

longer accounts receivable cycles in certain foreign countries; and

import and export licensing requirements.

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A significant portion of our business is conducted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, which is our reporting currency. We recognize foreign currency gains or losses arising from our operations in the period incurred. As a result, fluctuations between the currencies in which we do business have caused and will continue to cause foreign currency transaction gains and losses. We cannot predict the effects of currency exchange rate fluctuations upon our future operating results because of the number of currencies involved, the variability of currency exposures, and the potential volatility of currency exchange rates.

In January 2004 we expanded our foreign currency hedging program to hedge up to twelve months of future forecasted foreign currency cash flows. The goal of this program is to reduce the volatility of our earnings and cash flows from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, but we cannot assure you that this program will adequately protect our operating results from the full effects of exchange rate fluctuations. Failure to hedge effectively against exchange rate fluctuations may adversely affect our results of operations.

Several foreign countries in which we generate revenue have experienced somewhat unsteady economic conditions and significant devaluation in currencies. The economic situation in these regions may result in slower payments of outstanding receivable balances or even defaults. Our business could be damaged by weakness in the economies and currencies in these regions.

### **Risks Related to the Market for Our Securities**

**The market price of our stock and convertible notes could be volatile.**

The market price of our common stock and convertible notes has been subject to volatility and, in the future, the market price of our common stock and convertible notes may fluctuate substantially due to a variety of factors, including:

quarterly fluctuations in our operating income and earnings per share results;

technological innovations or new product introductions by us or our competitors;

economic conditions;

disputes concerning patents or proprietary rights;

changes in earnings estimates and market growth rate projections by market research analysts;

sales of common stock by existing holders;

loss of key personnel;

securities class actions or other litigation; and

changes to the NIH budget, and the research and development budgets of our customers.

The market price for our common stock and the convertible notes may also be affected by our ability to meet analysts' expectations. Any failure to meet such expectations, even slightly, could have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock and the convertible notes. In addition, the stock market is subject to extreme price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has had a significant effect on the market prices of securities issued by many companies for reasons unrelated to the operating performance of these companies. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against that company. If similar litigation were instituted against us, it could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources, which could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Our operating results may fluctuate in future periods.**

The results of operations for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in future periods. Our operating results have in the past been, and will continue to be, subject to quarterly fluctuations as a result of a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to:

the integration of people, operations and products from acquired businesses and technologies;

our ability to introduce new products successfully;

market acceptance of existing or new products and prices;

competitive product introductions;

currency exchange rate fluctuations;

changes in customer research budgets which are influenced by the timing of their research and commercialization efforts and their receipt of government grants;

our ability to manufacture our products efficiently;

our ability to control or adjust research and development, marketing, sales and general and administrative expenses in response to changes in revenues; and

the timing of orders from distributors and mix of sales among distributors and our direct sales force.

#### **Risks Related To Environmental Issues**

##### **Incidents related to hazardous materials could adversely affect our business.**

Portions of our operations require the controlled use of hazardous and radioactive materials. Although we are diligent in designing and implementing safety procedures to comply with the standards prescribed by federal, state, and local regulations, the risk of accidental contamination of property or injury to individuals from these materials cannot be completely eliminated. In the event of such an incident, we could be liable for any damages that result, which could adversely affect our business.

Additionally, although unlikely, a catastrophic incident could partially or completely shut down our research and manufacturing facilities and operations.

We generate waste that must be transported to approved treatment, storage and disposal facilities. The transportation and disposal of such waste are required to meet applicable state and federal statutes and regulations. The storage, treatment and disposal of such waste potentially exposes us to environmental liability if, in the future, such transportation and disposal is deemed to have violated such statutes and/or regulations or if the storage, treatment and disposal facilities are inadequate and are proved to have damaged the environment.

Furthermore, in acquiring Dexter, we assumed certain of Dexter's environmental liabilities, including clean-up of several hazardous waste sites listed on the National Priority List under federal Superfund law. Unexpected results related to the investigation and clean-up of these sites could cause our financial exposure in these matters to exceed

stated reserves and insurance, requiring us to allocate additional funds and other resources to address our environmental liabilities, which could cause a material adverse effect on our business.

**Environmental, health and safety regulation by the government could adversely affect our operations.**

Our operations are subject to complex and stringent environmental, health, safety and other governmental laws and regulations. While we believe that we have obtained the requisite approvals and permits for our existing operations, and that our business is operated in accordance with applicable laws in all material respects, we remain subject to a varied and complex body of laws and regulations that both public officials and private individuals may seek to enforce. Existing laws and regulations may be revised or reinterpreted, or new laws and regulations may become applicable to us that may have a negative effect on our business and results of operations.

**Potential product liability claims could affect our earnings and financial condition.**

We face a potential risk of liability claims based on our products or services. We carry product liability insurance coverage which is limited in scope and amount. We cannot assure you, however, that we will be able to maintain this insurance at a reasonable cost and on reasonable terms. We also cannot assure you that this insurance will be adequate to protect us against a product liability claim, should one arise.

Our BioReliance subsidiary formulates, tests and manufactures products intended for use by the public. In addition, the BioReliance's services include the manufacture of biologic products to be tested in human clinical trials. These activities could expose BioReliance to risk of liability for personal injury or death to persons using such products, although neither Invitrogen nor BioReliance commercially markets or sells the products to end users. We seek to reduce our potential liability through measures such as contractual indemnification provisions with clients (the scope of which may vary from client-to-client, and the performances of which are not secured) and insurance maintained by clients. BioReliance and Invitrogen could be materially and adversely affected if BioReliance or Invitrogen were required to pay damages or incur defense costs in connection with a claim that is outside the scope of the indemnification agreements, if the indemnity, although applicable, is not performed in accordance with its terms or if our liability exceeds the amount of applicable insurance or indemnity. In addition, BioReliance could be held liable for errors and omissions in connection with the services it performs. We currently maintain product liability and errors and omissions insurance with respect to these risks. There can be no assurance that our insurance coverage will be adequate or that insurance coverage will continue to be available on terms acceptable to us.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are exposed to market risk related to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, and interest rates, and we selectively use financial instruments to manage these risks. We do not enter into financial instruments for speculation or trading purposes. These financial exposures are monitored and managed by us as an integral part of our overall risk management program, which recognizes the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to reduce potentially adverse effects on our results.

**Foreign Currency Transactions.** We have operations in Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Americas. As a result, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows can be affected by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Many of our reporting entities conduct a portion of their business in currencies other than the entity's functional currency. These transactions give rise to receivables and payables that are denominated in currencies other than the entity's functional currency. The value of these receivables and payables is subject to changes in exchange rates because they may become worth more or less than they were worth at the time we entered into the transaction due to changes in exchange rates. Both realized and unrealized gains or losses on the value of these receivables and payables are included in the determination of net income. Realized and unrealized gains or losses on the value of financial contracts entered into to hedge the exchange rate exposure of these

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receivables and payables are also included in the determination of net income. Net currency exchange losses recognized on business transactions, net of hedging transactions, were \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, and are included in other income and expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Our currency exposures vary, but are primarily concentrated in the euro, British pound sterling and Japanese yen. Historically, we have used foreign currency forward contracts to mitigate foreign currency risk on foreign currency receivables and payables. At March 31, 2004, we had \$44.1 million in foreign currency forward contracts outstanding to hedge currency risk on specific receivables and payables. These contracts, which all settled on various dates through April 2004, effectively fix the exchange rate at which these specific receivables and payables will be

settled in, so that gains or losses on the forward contracts offset the losses or gains from changes in the value of the underlying receivables and payables.

In January 2004 we expanded our foreign currency hedging program to include hedging of forecasted foreign currency cash flows. At March 31, 2004, the gross value of our executed forward contracts to hedge forecasted foreign currency cash flows totaled \$142.5 million. The contracts mature on various dates through 2004. The contracts' increase or decrease in value prior to their maturity will be accounted for as cash flow hedges and recorded in other comprehensive income in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. To the extent any portion of the forward contracts is determined to not be an effective hedge, the increase or decrease in value prior to the maturity will be recorded in other income and expense in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Based on the cash flow hedge contracts outstanding as of March 31, 2004, a 10% decrease in the value of the dollar relative to the currencies under contract would result in an approximate \$15.2 million unrealized loss. Conversely, a 10% increase in the value of the dollar relative to the currencies under contract would result in a \$15.2 million unrealized gain. Consistent with the nature of the economic hedge provided by these foreign exchange contracts, such unrealized gains or losses would be offset by corresponding decreases or increases, respectively, in the dollar value of the future foreign currency cash flows.

**Commodity Prices.** Our exposure to commodity price changes relates to certain manufacturing operations that utilize certain commodities as raw materials. We manage our exposure to changes in those prices primarily through our procurement and sales practices.

**Interest Rates.** Our investment portfolio is maintained in accordance with our investment policy that defines allowable investments, specifies credit quality standards and limits the credit exposure of any single issuer. The fair value of our cash equivalents and marketable securities is subject to change as a result of changes in market interest rates and investment risk related to the issuers' credit worthiness. We do not utilize financial contracts to manage our exposure in our investment portfolio to changes in interest rates. At March 31, 2004, we had \$1.0 billion in cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, all of which are stated at fair value. Changes in market interest rates would not be expected to have a material impact on the fair value of \$451.8 million of our cash and cash equivalents and at March 31, 2004, as these consisted of securities with maturities of less than three months. A 100 basis point increase or decrease in interest rates would, however, decrease or increase, respectively, the remaining \$584.7 million of our investments by approximately \$3 million. While changes in interest rates may affect the fair value of our investment portfolio, any gains or losses will not be recognized in our statement of operations until the investment is sold or if the reduction in fair value was determined to be a permanent impairment.

In February 2004, we acquired BioReliance Corporation, which did utilize derivative financial instruments to reduce interest rate risk. As of March 31, 2004, there is one outstanding interest rate swap that was entered into by BioReliance. This instrument swapped floating rate LIBOR payments to fixed rate payments. The current notional amount of this swap is \$4.2 million.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are engaged in various legal actions arising in the ordinary course of our business and believe that the ultimate outcome of these actions will not have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

**Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds**

(a) None.

(b) None.

On February 19, 2004, we issued \$450.0 million principal amount of 1½% Convertible Senior Notes, or 1½% Notes, due 2024 to certain qualified institutional buyers. The 1½% Notes were sold without registration, pursuant to the exemption provided by Rule 144A promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933. The 1½% Notes were offered only to qualified institutional buyers, and in compliance with the other provisions of Rule 144A. After expenses, we received net proceeds of \$440.7 million. Interest on the 1½% Notes is payable semi-annually on February 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the coupon interest of 1½%, additional interest of 0.35% of the market value of the notes may be required to be paid beginning February 15, 2012, if the market value of the notes during specified testing periods is 120% or more of the principal value. The 1½% Notes were issued at 100% of principal value, and are convertible into 4.4 million shares of common stock at the option of the holder upon the occurrence of certain events at a price of \$102.03 per share. The 1½% Notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option on or after February 15, 2012, at 100% of the principal amount. In addition, the holders of the 1½% Notes may require us to repurchase all or a portion of the 1½% Notes for 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest, on February 15, 2012, 2017 and 2022.

(d) None.

(e) None.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

(a) None.

(b) None.

(c) None.

**Item 5. Other Information**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) Exhibits: For a list of exhibits filed with this report, refer to the Index to Exhibits beginning on page 36.

(b) The following reports on Forms 8-K were filed during the quarter ended March 31, 2004:

- 1) A Report on Form 8-K was filed on January 6, 2004, reporting under Item 9 the announcement that, on January 5, 2004, the Invitrogen and BioReliance Corporation management made a presentation to employees of BioReliance Corporation regarding Invitrogen's proposed acquisition of all of the outstanding securities of BioReliance Corporation by way of a tender offer that was expected to commence on January 8, 2004.
- 2) A Report on Form 8-K was filed on February 12, 2004, reporting under Item 9 the announcement of the Invitrogen's financial results for the year ended December 31, 2003 via a press release on February 12, 2004.

- 3) A Report on Form 8-K was filed on February 17, 2004, reporting under Item 5 that, on February 12, 2004, Invitrogen had issued two press releases regarding its offering of \$450 million aggregate principal amount of 1½% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 plus a 13 day over-allotment option to purchase up to an additional \$67.5 million of 1½% Convertible Senior Notes to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
  
- 4) A Report on Form 8-K was filed on February 20, 2004, reporting under Item 2 that, on February 6, 2004, Invitrogen announced the expiration of the cash tender offer by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Baseball Acquisition Corporation, and that the merger of Baseball Acquisition Corporation with and into BioReliance Corporation became effective on February 6, 2004.



**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

*(In our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2001, we numbered sequentially all of the material contracts that we had filed as of March 31, 2002. Since that time, we have continued to number sequentially any additional material contracts that we file for ease of reference.)*

**EXHIBIT**

**NUMBER**

**DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT**

2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and between Invitrogen and Life Technologies, Inc., dated July 7, 2000.(1)
2.2	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and between Invitrogen and Dexter Corporation, dated July 7, 2000.(1)
2.3	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and between Invitrogen, Babcock, Inc. and InforMax, Inc., dated October 15, 2002.(2)
2.4	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Invitrogen, INVO Merger Corporation, and NOVEX, dated June 14, 1999.(3)
2.5	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Invitrogen, RG Merger Corporation, and Research Genetics, Inc., dated February 1, 2000.(4)
2.6	Asset Purchase Agreement by and among Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, PanVera LLC and Invitrogen Corporation, dated February 4, 2003.(5)
2.7	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Invitrogen Corporation, Mallard Acquisition Corporation, Molecular Probes, Inc. and Richard P. Haugland, as the Shareholders Agent, dated July 2, 2003.(28)
2.8	Agreement and Plan of Merger, by and among Invitrogen, Baseball Acquisition Corporation and BioReliance Corporation dated December 24, 2003 (29)
3.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Invitrogen, as amended.(6)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Invitrogen.(7)
3.3	Certificate of Correction to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Invitrogen, dated February 21, 2001.(8)
3.4	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Terms of the Series B Preferred Stock, dated March 27, 2001.(8)
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate.(9)
4.4	2 1/4% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006, Registration Rights Agreement, by and among Invitrogen and Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation et al., as Initial Purchasers, dated December 11, 2001.(11)
4.5	Indenture, by and between Invitrogen and State Street Bank and Trust Company of California, N.A. and Table of Contents of Indenture, including Cross-Reference Table to the Trust Indenture Act of 1989, dated December 11, 2001.(11)
4.6	2% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2023, Registration Rights Agreement, by and among Invitrogen, and UBS Securities LLC and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, as Initial Purchasers, dated August 1, 2003.(29)
4.7	Indenture, by and between Invitrogen and U.S. Bank National Association, dated August 1, 2003.(29)
4.8	1 1/2% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2024, Registration Rights Agreement, by and among Invitrogen, and UBS Securities LLC and Bear Stearns & Co Inc., as Initial Purchasers, dated February 19, 2004.
4.9	Indenture, by and between Invitrogen and U.S. Bank National Association, dated February 19, 2004.
10.1	License Agreement, by and between Molecular Chimetrics Corporation and Invitrogen, dated May 10, 1990.(9)
10.2	Purchase Agreement, by and between Cayla and Invitrogen, as amended, effective as of July 1, 1994.(9)
10.3	1995 Invitrogen Stock Option Plan.(9)
10.4	1996 Novel Experimental Technology Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan.(12)

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10.5 1997 Invitrogen Stock Option Plan, as amended, and forms of Incentive Stock Option Agreement and Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement thereunder.(13)

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10.6	License Agreement, by and between Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and Invitrogen, dated January 22, 1997.(9)
10.8	Novel Experimental Technology Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust Agreement, as amended, effective as of April 1, 1997.(14)
10.10	Stock Purchase Agreement, by and among Invitrogen and MorphaGen, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, dated November 3, 1998.(9)
10.11	1998 Novel Experimental Technology Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan.(12)
10.12	1998 Invitrogen Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, and form of subscription agreement thereunder.(2)
10.13	Patent License Agreement, by and among F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., Roche Molecular Systems, Inc. and Invitrogen, effective as of July 1, 1998.(9)
10.14	Assignment of Intellectual Property Conditional On Payment, by and between Molecular Biology Resources and Invitrogen, dated May 31, 1999.(15)
10.16	Lease, by and between CalWest Industrial Properties, LLC, a California limited liability company, and Invitrogen, dated as of May 31, 2001.(11)
10.17	Lease, by and between Blackmore Signal Hill, a California Limited Partnership, and Invitrogen, dated October 7, 1999.(16)
10.18	Lease, by and between Blackmore Lot 99 Investment, a California Limited Partnership, and Invitrogen, dated December 20, 1999.(16)
10.21	5 1/2% Convertible Subordinated Note Due 2007.(16)
10.22	5 1/2% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2007, Purchase Agreement, dated February 25, 2000.(16)
10.24	Contract of Sale, by and between Invitrogen and Human Genome Sciences, Inc., dated March 7, 2001.(8)
10.26	2 1/4% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006.(11)
10.27	2 1/4% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2006, Purchase Agreement, dated December 11, 2001.(11)
10.34	Rights Agreement, by and between Invitrogen and Fleet National Bank Rights Agent, dated February 27, 2001.(18)
10.35	2000 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated on July 19, 2001.(19)
10.36	Letter to Mr. Raymond Dittamore, regarding Non-Employee Director Compensation, dated November 5, 2001.(19)
10.37	Invitrogen 401(k), as amended and restated, effective as of January 1, 2002.(11)
10.38	Settlement and Retention Agreement, by and between Invitrogen and C. Eric Winzer, dated as of May 31, 2002.(20)
10.39	Settlement and Retention Agreement, by and between Invitrogen and Daryl J. Faulkner, dated as of May 31, 2002.(20)
10.42	Promotion and Relocation Letter, by and between Invitrogen and Daryl J. Faulkner, dated May 31, 2002.(20)
10.43	Promotion and Relocation Letter, by and between Invitrogen and C. Eric Winzer, dated May 31, 2002.(20)
10.44	Settlement and Retention Agreement, by and between Invitrogen and John A. Cottingham, dated as of June 7, 2002.(20)
10.46	Form of Secured Promissory Note under Invitrogen s Employee Relocation Guidelines.(20)
10.47	Form of Deed of Trust with Assignment of Rents under Invitrogen s Employee Relocation Guidelines.(20)
10.48	Form of Addendum to Deed of Trust with Assignment of Rents under Invitrogen s Employee Relocation Guidelines.(20)
10.49	Form of Employee Relocation Guidelines under Invitrogen s Employee Relocation Guidelines.(20)
10.50	Settlement Agreement between Invitrogen and Daryl J. Faulkner dated September 9, 2002.(21)
10.51	Executive Employment and Severance Agreement, by and between Invitrogen and James R. Glynn, effective as of December 5, 2002.(22)



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10.52	Confidential Separation Agreement and General Release of All Claims, by and between Invitrogen and Lyle C. Turner, dated December 13, 2002. (22)
10.53	Independent Contractor Services Agreement, by and between Invitrogen and Lyle C. Turner dated December 13, 2002. (22)
10.54	University Research Park Ground Lease, by and between University Research Park I and PanVera Corporation, dated as of October 1, 1978. (23)
10.56	Amendment to Executive Employment and Severance Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and James R. Glynn, dated as of June 27, 2003. (24)
10.57	Employment Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Gregory T. Lucier, to be effective as of May 26, 2003. (24)
10.58	Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Gregory T. Lucier, dated as of May 26, 2003. (24)
10.59	Indemnification Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Gregory T. Lucier, dated as of May 26, 2003. (24)
10.60	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Claude D. Benchimol, dated as of September 4, 2003. (25)
10.61	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Gregory T. Lucier, dated as of May 30, 2003. (26)
10.62	NSO Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Gregory T. Lucier, dated as of May 30, 2003. (26)
10.63	Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Claude D. Benchimol, dated as of October 16, 2003. (27)
10.64	Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Benjamin E. Bulkley, dated as of October 16, 2003. (27)
10.65	Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Joseph Rodriguez, dated as of October 23, 2003. (27)
10.66	Amended and Restated Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and John A. Cottingham, dated as of October 16, 2003. (27)
10.67	Amended and Restated Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Daryl Faulkner, dated as of October 16, 2003. (27)
10.68	Amended and Restated Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and John D. Thompson, dated as of October 16, 2003. (27)
10.69	Amended and Restated Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and C. Eric Winzer, dated as of October 16, 2003. (27)
10.70	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Benjamin Bulkley, dated as of October 15, 2003. (27)
10.71	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Joseph Rodriguez, dated as of October 20, 2003. (27)
10.72	Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Karen Gibson, dated as of January 30, 2004.
10.73	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Karen Gibson, dated as of January 30, 2004.
10.74	Change-In-Control Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Nicolas Barthelemy, dated as of March 10, 2004.
10.75	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between Invitrogen Corporation and Nicolas Barthelemy, dated as of March 10, 2004.
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer

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Certification of Chief Financial Officer

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- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-43674). Original 1998 Invitrogen Employee Stock Purchase Plan ( Plan ) and form of subscription agreement thereunder are incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-68665) and amendment to Plan is incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-43674).

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- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Report on Schedule TO filed on October 25, 2002.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-82593).
- (4) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 30, 2001 (File No. 000-25317)
- (5) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 11, 2003 (File No. 000-25317)
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2000 (File No. 000-25317).
- (7) The Amended and Restated Bylaws are incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-68665). A further amendment to the Bylaws adopted by a Resolution of the Board of Directors dated July 19, 2001 is incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2001 (File No. 000-25317).
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2001 (File No. 000-25317).
- (9) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-68665).
- (10) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-37964).
- (11) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2001 (File No. 000-25317), as amended.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-87085).
- (13) The 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated, is attached to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly period ended September 30, 2002 (File No. 000-25317). The forms of Incentive Stock Option Agreement and Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement under the 1997 Stock Option Plan incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-43674).
- (14) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-87085).
- (15) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-82593).
- (16) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2000, (File No. 000-25317).
- (17) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2001 (File No. 000-25317).
- (18) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 30, 2001 (File No. 000-25317).

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(19) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2001 (File No. 000-25317).

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- (20) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2002 (File No. 000-25317).
- (21) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period ended September 30, 2002 (File No. 000-25317).
- (22) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2002 (File No. 000-25317).
- (23) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period ended March 31, 2003 (File No. 000-25317).
- (24) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period ended June 30, 2003 (File No. 000-25317).
- (25) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-108442).
- (26) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-105730).
- (27) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 (File No. 000-25317).
- (28) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on July 3, 2003 (File No. 000-25317).
- (29) Incorporated by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-110060).