SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 - For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

Commission file number 1-13905

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 57-0981653

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75240-2697

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 233-1700

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Class A common stock (\$.01 par value per share)

New York Stock Exchange

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

None.

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (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 and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

As of March 1, 2002, 5,103,280 shares of Class A common stock were outstanding. The aggregate market value of the 4.7 million shares of voting stock held by nonaffiliates of Valhi, Inc. as of such date approximated \$62.0 million.

Documents incorporated by reference

The information required by Part III is incorporated by reference from the Registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this report.

PART T

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General

CompX International Inc. (NYSE: CIX) is a leading manufacturer of ergonomic computer support systems, precision ball bearing slides and security products for use in office furniture, computer-related applications and a variety of other products. The Company's products are principally designed for use in medium to high-end applications, where product design, quality and durability

are critical to the Company's customers. The Company believes that it is among the world's largest producers of ergonomic computer support systems, precision ball bearing slides and security products consisting of cabinet locks and other locking mechanisms. In 2001, precision ball bearing slides, security products and ergonomic computer support systems accounted for approximately 44%, 35% and 17% of net sales, respectively. The remaining sales were generated from sales of other products.

Valhi, Inc. and Valhi's wholly-owned subsidiary Valcor, Inc. owned 69% of the Company's outstanding common stock at December 31, 2001. Contran Corporation holds, directly or through subsidiaries, approximately 94% of Valhi's outstanding common stock. Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons, of which Mr. Simmons is sole trustee. Mr. Simmons is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of each of Contran, Valhi and Valcor and may be deemed to control each of such companies and CompX.

The Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1993 under the name National Cabinet Lock, Inc. At that time, Valhi contributed the assets of its Cabinet Lock Division and the stock of Waterloo Furniture Components Limited. In 1996, the Company changed its name to CompX International Inc. In 1998, the Company issued approximately 6 million shares of its common stock in an initial public offering and CompX acquired two additional security products producers. In 1999, CompX acquired two more slide producers and in January 2000 acquired another security products producer. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As provided by the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company cautions that the statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K relating to matters that are not historical facts, including, but not limited to, statements found in this Item 1 - "Business," Item 3 - "Legal Proceedings," Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Item 7A - "Quantative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," are forward-looking statements that represent management's beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "should," "anticipates," "expected" or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategies or trends. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot give any assurances that these expectations will prove to be correct. Such statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results, and actual future results could differ materially from those described in such forward-looking statements. Among the factors that could cause actual future results to differ materially are the risks and uncertainties discussed in this Annual Report and those described from time to time in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. While it is not possible to identify all factors, the Company continues to face many risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, future supply and demand for the Company's products, changes in costs of raw materials and other operating costs (such as energy costs), general global economic and political conditions, demand for office furniture, service industry employment levels, the possibility of labor disruptions, competitive products and prices, substitute products, customer and competitor strategies, the introduction of trade barriers, the impact of pricing and production decisions, fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies (such as the euro, Canadian dollar and New Taiwan dollar), potential difficulties in integrating completed acquisitions, uncertainties associated with new product development, environmental matters (such as those requiring emission and discharge standards for existing and new facilities), government regulations and possible changes therein, possible future litigation and other risks and uncertainties. Should one or more of these risks materialize (or the consequences of such a development worsen), or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those forecasted or expected. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update publicly or revise such statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Industry Overview

During the mid 1990's and prior to 1998, approximately 75% of the Company's products were sold to the office furniture manufacturing industry. As a result of strategic acquisitions in the security products industry in 1998 and 2000 and in the precision ball bearing slide industry in 1999, the Company has expanded its product offering and reduced its percentage of sales to the office furniture market. Currently, approximately 59% of the Company's products are sold to the office furniture manufacturing industry while the remainder are sold for use in

other products, such as vending equipment, electromechanical enclosures, transportation, computers and related equipment, and other non-office furniture and equipment. CompX's management believes that its emphasis on new product development, sales of its ergonomic computer support systems as well as slide and security products used in computer and other non-office furniture applications result in the potential for higher rates of growth and diversification of risk than the office furniture industry as a whole.

Products

CompX manufactures and sells components in three major product lines: precision ball bearing slides, security products and ergonomic computer support systems. The Company's precision ball bearing slides and ergonomic computer support systems are sold under the Waterloo Furniture Components, Thomas Regout and Dynaslide brand names and the Company's security products are sold under the National Cabinet Lock, Fort Lock, Timberline Lock, Chicago Lock and TuBAR brand names. The Company believes that its brand names are well recognized in the industry.

Precision ball bearing slides. CompX manufactures a complete line of precision ball bearing slides for use in office furniture, computer related equipment, tool storage cabinets, imaging equipment, file cabinets, desk drawers and other applications. These products include CompX's Integrated Slide Lock in which a file cabinet manufacturer can reduce the possibility of multiple drawers being opened at the same time, and the adjustable Ball Lock which reduces the risk of heavily-filled drawers, such as auto mechanic tool boxes, from opening while in movement. Precision ball bearing slides are manufactured to stringent industry standards and are designed in conjunction with original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") to meet the needs of end users with respect to weight support capabilities, ease of movement and durability.

In addition to CompX's basic precision ball bearing slide product lines, sales based on patented innovations such as the Butterfly Take Apart System, the Integrated Slide Lock and the Ball Lock have accounted for an increasing proportion of the Company's sales. These applications have expanded the Company's product offerings within the office furniture industry as well as adding products for heavy-duty tool storage cabinets, electromechanical imaging equipment and computer server network cabinets.

Security products. The Company believes that it is a North American market leader in the manufacture and sale of cabinet locks and other locking mechanisms. CompX provides security products to various industries including institutional furniture, banking, industrial equipment and vehicles, vending and computer. CompX's security products are sold under the National Cabinet Lock, Fort Lock, Timberline Lock, Chicago Lock and TuBAR brand names. The Company's products can also be found in various applications including ignition systems, office furniture, vending and gaming machines, parking meters, electrical circuit panels, storage compartments for motorcycles, security devices for laptop and desktop computers as well as mechanical and electronic locks for the toolbox industry. Some of these products may include CompX's KeSet high security system, which has the ability to change the keying on a single lock 64 times without removing the lock from its enclosure.

The Company manufactures disc tumbler locking mechanisms at all of its security products facilities, which mechanisms provide moderate security and generally represent the lowest cost lock to produce. CompX also manufactures pin tumbler locking mechanisms, including its KeSet, ACE II and TuBAR brand locks, which mechanisms are more costly to produce and are used in applications requiring higher levels of security. A substantial portion of the Company's sales consist of products with specialized adaptations to individual manufacturers' specifications. CompX, however, also has a standardized product line suitable for many customers. This standardized product line is offered through a North American distribution and factory centers network as well as to large OEMs through the Company's STOCK LOCKS distribution program.

Ergonomic computer support systems. CompX is a leading manufacturer and innovator in ergonomic computer support systems. Unlike products targeting the residential market, which are more price sensitive with less emphasis on the overall value of products and service, the CompX line consists of more highly engineered products designed to provide ergonomic benefits for business and other sophisticated users.

Ergonomic computer support systems include adjustable computer keyboard support arms, designed to attach to desks in the workplace and home office environments to alleviate possible strains and stress and maximize usable

workspace, adjustable computer table mechanisms which provide variable workspace heights, CPU storage devices which minimize adverse effects of dust and moisture and a number of complementary accessories, including ergonomic wrist rest aids, mouse pad supports and computer monitor support arms. These products include CompX's Leverlock ergonomic keyboard arm, which is designed to make the adjustment of the keyboard arm easier for all (including physically-challenged) users. In addition, the Company offers its engineering and design capabilities for the design and manufacture of products on a proprietary basis for key customers.

Sales, Marketing and Distribution

CompX sells components to OEMs and to distributors through a dedicated sales force. The majority of the Company's sales are to OEMs, while the balance represents standardized products sold through distribution channels.

Sales to large OEM customers are made through the efforts of factory-based sales and marketing professionals and engineers working in concert with field salespeople and independent manufacturers' representatives. Manufacturers' representatives are selected based on special skills in certain markets or relationships with current or potential customers.

A significant portion of the Company's sales are made through distributors. The Company has a significant market share of cabinet lock sales to the locksmith distribution channel. CompX supports its distributor sales with a line of standardized products used by the largest segments of the marketplace. These products are packaged and merchandised for easy availability and handling by distributors and the end user. Based on the Company's successful STOCK LOCKS inventory program, similar programs have been implemented for distributor sales of ergonomic computer support systems and to some extent precision ball bearing slides. The Company also operates a small tractor/trailer fleet associated with its Canadian facilities.

The Company does not believe it is dependent upon one or a few customers, the loss of which would have a material adverse effect on its operations. In 1999, 2000 and 2001, sales to the Company's ten largest customers accounted for approximately 33%, 35% and 36% of sales, respectively. In 1999, 2000 and 2001, sales to the Company's largest customer were less than 10% of the Company's total sales. In 1999 and 2000, nine of the Company's top ten customers were located in the United States. In 2001, eight of the Company's top ten customers were located in the United States.

Manufacturing and Operations

At December 31, 2001, CompX operated six manufacturing facilities in North America (two in each of Illinois and Canada and one in each of South Carolina and Michigan), one facility in the Netherlands and two facilities in Taiwan. Precision ball bearing slides or ergonomic products are manufactured in the facilities located in Canada, the Netherlands, Michigan and Taiwan. Security products are manufactured in the facilities located in South Carolina and Illinois. The Company owns all of these facilities except for one of the Taiwan facilities and the Netherlands facility, which are leased. See also Item 2 - "Properties". CompX also leases a distribution center in California. CompX believes that all of its facilities are well maintained and satisfactory for their intended purposes.

Raw Materials

Coiled steel is the major raw material used in the manufacture of precision ball bearing slides and ergonomic computer support systems. Plastic resins for injection molded plastics are also an integral material for ergonomic computer support systems. Purchased components, including zinc castings, are the principal raw materials used in the manufacture of security products. These raw materials are purchased from several suppliers and are readily available from numerous sources.

The Company occasionally enters into raw material arrangements to mitigate the short-term impact of future increases in raw material costs. While these arrangements do not commit the Company to a minimum volume of purchases, they generally provide for stated unit prices based upon achievement of specified volume purchase levels. This allows the Company to stabilize raw material purchase prices, provided the specified minimum monthly purchase quantities are met. Materials purchased outside of these arrangements are sometimes subject to unanticipated and sudden price increases. Due to the competitive nature of the markets served by the Company's products, it is often difficult to recover such

increases in raw material costs through increased product selling prices. Consequently, overall operating margins can be affected by such raw material cost pressures.

Competition

The markets CompX participates in are highly competitive. The Company competes primarily on the basis of product design, including ergonomic and aesthetic factors, product quality and durability, price, on-time delivery, service and technical support. The Company focuses its efforts on the middle and high-end segments of the market, where product design, quality, durability and service are placed at a premium.

The Company competes in the precision ball bearing slide market with two large manufacturers and a number of smaller domestic and foreign manufacturers that compete primarily on the basis of product quality and price. The Company's security products compete with a variety of relatively small domestic and foreign competitors. The Company competes in the ergonomic computer support systems market with one major producer and a number of smaller domestic and foreign manufacturers that compete primarily on the basis of product quality, features and price. Although the Company believes that it has been able to compete successfully in its markets to date, there can be no assurance that it will be able to continue to do so in the future.

Patents and Trademarks

The Company holds a number of patents relating to its component products, certain of which are believed to be important to CompX and its continuing business activity. CompX's major trademarks and brand names, including National Cabinet Lock, KeSet, Fort Lock, Timberline Lock, Chicago Lock, ACE II, TuBAR, Thomas Regout, STOCK LOCKS, ShipFast, Waterloo Furniture Components Limited and Dynaslide, are protected by registration in the United States and elsewhere with respect to the products CompX manufactures and sells. The Company believes such trademarks are well recognized in the component products industry.

Foreign Operations

The Company has substantial operations and assets located outside the United States, principally slide and/or ergonomic product operations in Canada, the Netherlands and Taiwan. The majority of the Company's 2001 non-U.S. sales are to customers located in Canada and Europe. Foreign operations are subject to, among other things, currency exchange rate fluctuations. The Company's results of operations have in the past been both favorably and unfavorably affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Political and economic uncertainties in certain of the countries in which the Company operates may expose the Company to risk of loss. The Company does not believe that there is currently any likelihood of material loss through political or economic instability, seizure, nationalization or similar event. The Company cannot predict, however, whether events of this type in the future could have a material effect on its operations. See Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Item 7A - "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" and Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Environmental Matters

The Company's operations are subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to the use, storage, handling, generation, transportation, treatment, emission, discharge, disposal and remediation of, and exposure to, hazardous and non-hazardous substances, materials and wastes ("Environmental Laws"). The Company's operations also are subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations relating to worker health and safety. The Company believes that it is in substantial compliance with all such laws and regulations. The costs of maintaining compliance with such laws and regulations have not significantly impacted the Company to date, and the Company has no significant planned costs or expenses relating to such matters. There can be no assurance, however, that compliance with future Environmental Laws or with future laws and regulations governing worker health and safety will not require the Company to incur significant additional expenditures, or that such additional costs would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's

business, consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

Employees

As of December 31, 2001, the Company employed approximately 2,000 employees, including 790 in the United States, 710 in Canada, 340 in the Netherlands and 160 in Taiwan. Approximately 79% of the Company's employees in Canada are represented by a labor union. The Company's collective bargaining agreement with such union expires in 2003. The Company believes that its labor relations are satisfactory.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company's principal executive offices are located in approximately 1,000 square feet of leased space at 5430 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240. The following table sets forth the location, size and general product types produced for each of the Company's facilities.

Facility Name Owned Facilities:	Location	Size (square feet)	Products Produced
Manitou	Kitchener, Ontario	206,000	Slides
Trillium	Kitchener, Ontario	110,000	Ergonomic products
Byron Center	Byron Center, MI	143,000	Slides
National Cabinet Lock	Mauldin, SC	198,000	Security products
Fort Lock	River Grove, IL	100,000	Security products
Timberline	Lake Bluff, IL	16,000	Security products
Dynaslide	Taipei, Taiwan	43,000	Slides
Leased Facilities:			
Thomas Regout	Maastricht, the Netherlands	270,000	Slides
Dynaslide	Taipei, Taiwan	25,000	Slides
Distribution Center	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	12,000	Product distribution

The Manitou, Trillium, Thomas Regout, National Cabinet Lock and Fort Lock facilities are ISO-9001 registered. The Dynaslide owned facility is ISO-9002 registered. ISO-9001 registration of the Byron Center facility is anticipated in 2002. The Company believes that all its facilities are well maintained and satisfactory for their intended purposes.

A sale/leaseback transaction was executed on the Netherlands facility with the municipality of Maastricht in December 2001. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and see also Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved, from time to time, in various environmental, contractual, product liability, patent (or intellectual property) and other claims and disputes incidental to its business. Currently no material environmental or other material litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened. The Company currently believes that the disposition of all claims and disputes, individually or in the aggregate, should not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the quarter ended December 31, 2001.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The Company's Class A common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange (symbol: CIX). As of March 1, 2002, there were approximately 28 holders of record of CompX Class A common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low closing sales prices per share for CompX Class A common stock for 2000 and 2001, according to the New York Stock Exchange Composite Tape, and dividends paid per share during such periods. On March 1, 2002 the closing price per share of CompX Class A common stock according to the NYSE Composite Tape was \$13.10.

Year ended December 31, 2000	High	Low	Dividends paid
First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter Year ended December 31, 2001	\$ 19.88 23.44 23.19 20.93	\$ 17.88 17.81 19.31 8.94	\$.125 .125 .125 .125
First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter	\$ 11.65 13.00 13.40 12.97	\$ 9.18 10.77 10.45 8.95	\$.125 .125 .125 .125

The declaration and payment of future dividends and the amount thereof will be dependent upon the Company's results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements for its businesses, contractual requirements and restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by the Board of Directors.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

The Company's operations are comprised of a 52 or 53-week fiscal year. Excluding 1998, each of the years 1997 through 2001 consisted of a 52-week year. 1998 was a 53-week year.

	Years ended December 31,									
		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001
Income Statement Data			(\$ i	n milli	ons,	except	per	share d	lata)
Net sales	\$	108.7	\$	152.1	\$	225.9	\$	253.3	\$	211.4
Operating income	\$	27.5	\$	30.4	\$	40.0	\$	37.3	\$	12.5

Income before income taxes and minority interest Income taxes Minority interest in losses	\$ 27.7 11.0 	\$ 32.5 12.0 (.2)	\$ 39.2 14.1 (.1)	\$	35.5 13.4 	12.9 5.8
Net income	\$ 16.7	\$ 20.7	 25.2 =====	\$ ==	22.1	 7.1
Cash dividends (1)	\$ 6.1	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.0	\$	8.1	\$ 7.6
Net income	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.56	\$	1.37	\$.47
Cash dividends Weighted average common shares	\$.61	\$.18	\$.125	\$.50	\$.50
outstanding	10.0	15.1	16.1		16.1	15.1
Balance Sheet Data (at year end):						
Cash and other current assets	\$ 45.4	\$ 86.5	\$ 72.5	\$	83.0	\$ 94.9
Total assets	63.8	152.4	202.9		225.5	226.0
Current liabilities Long-term debt, including	64.4	20.3	26.8		28.9	24.5
current maturities	50.4	1.7	22.3		40.6	49.1
Stockholders' equity (deficit)	(1.2)	130.0	149.4		151.0	143.0

(1) In addition to the amounts shown above, in December 1997 the Company paid a \$50 million dividend to Valcor in the form of a demand note payable. The note was repaid in February 1998 using borrowings under the Company's Revolving Senior Credit Facility.

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

Overview

The Company reported net income of \$7.1 million, or \$.47 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2001, a decrease of 68% compared to net income of \$22.1 million or \$1.37 per diluted share for the year ended December 31, 2000. The Company's net income in 1999 was \$25.2 million, or \$1.56 per diluted share.

The continued weak economic conditions in the manufacturing sector in North America and Europe had a significant impact on CompX's results in 2001. In response to these conditions, CompX reduced manufacturing fixed costs and other costs starting in the first quarter of 2001 and restructured its European operations in the fourth quarter of 2001. The cost reductions and restructuring efforts are designed to minimize the adverse effects of lower sales and more favorably position CompX to meet demand when the economy recovers. In 2001, CompX also entered into a sale/leaseback transaction for its over 100 year old facility in the Netherlands which will provide the opportunity to move into more modern facilities. Looking forward, CompX has stepped up efforts to increase sales outside of the office furniture industry and to seek ways to further reduce costs, including expanding its foreign sourcing of certain component products.

Prior to the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company operated in one reportable segment - the manufacture and sale of mechanically-engineered components for office furniture and other markets. During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company implemented certain operational and other changes at all of its facilities, revising the Company's organizational structure and causing the composition of the reportable segments to change. The Company now defines its operations in terms of three operating segments - CompX Security Products, CompX Waterloo and CompX Europe. The CompX Security Products segment, with manufacturing facilities in South Carolina and Illinois, manufactures locking mechanisms and other security products for sales to the office furniture, banking, vending, computer and other industries. The CompX Waterloo segment, with facilities in Canada, Michigan and Taiwan, and the CompX Europe segment, with facilities in the Netherlands, both manufacture a complete line of precision ball bearing slides for use in office furniture, computer-related

equipment, tool storage cabinets and other applications. Both of these segments also either manufacture and/or distribute ergonomic computer support systems. Because of the similar economic characteristics between the CompX Waterloo and CompX Europe segments and due to the identical products, customer types, production processes and distribution methods shared by these two segments, they have been aggregated into a single reportable segment for segment reporting purposes. Prior period segment information has been reclassified to reflect the new operating segments.

As discussed in Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, beginning in 2002 the Company will no longer recognize periodic amortization of goodwill in its results of operations. The Company would have reported net income of approximately \$9.4 million in 2001, or about \$2.3 million higher than what was actually reported, if the goodwill amortization included in the Company's reported net income had not been recognized. Of such \$2.3 million difference, approximately \$1.4 million and \$.9 million relate to the Company's CompX Security Products and CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segments, respectively.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The accompanying "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" are based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reported period. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to bad debts, inventory reserves, the recoverability of other long-lived assets (including goodwill and other intangible assets) and the realization of deferred income tax assets. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual results may differ from previously-estimated amounts under different assumptions or conditions.

The Company believes the critical financial statement judgment risks of its business are attributable to four primary areas.

- o $\,$ Will customer accounts receivable on the books be collected at full book value?
- o Will inventory on hand be sold with a sufficient mark up to cover the cost to produce and ship the product? o Will future cash flows of the Company be sufficient to recover the net book value of long-term assets? o Will future taxable income be sufficient to utilize recorded deferred income tax assets?

The Company believes the following critical accounting policies affect its more significant judgments and estimates, as noted above, used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements:

- Allowance for uncollectable accounts receivable. The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. The Company takes into consideration the current financial condition of the customers, the age of outstanding balances and the current economic environment when assessing the adequacy of the allowances. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, increased allowances may be required.
- Inventory reserves. The Company provides reserves for estimated obsolescence or unmarketable inventory equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated net realizable value using assumptions about future demand for its products and market conditions. The Company also considers the age and the quantity of inventory on hand in estimating the reserve. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, increased inventory reserves may be required.
- o Net book value of long-term assets. The Company recognizes an impairment charge associated with its long-lived assets, including

property and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets, whenever it determines that recovery of the long-lived asset is not probable. The determination is made in accordance with applicable GAAP requirements associated with the long-lived asset, and is based upon, among other things, estimates of the amount of future net cash flows to be generated by the long-lived asset and estimates of the current fair value of the asset. Adverse changes in estimates of future net cash flows or estimates of fair value could result in an inability to recover the carrying value of the long-lived asset, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge to be recognized in the future.

Deferred income tax assets. The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce its deferred income tax assets to the amount that is believed to be realizable under the "more-likely-than-not" recognition criteria. The Company has considered future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for a valuation allowance. It is possible that in the future the Company may change its estimate of the amount of the deferred income tax assets that would "more-likely-than-not" be realized. This would result in an adjustment to the deferred income tax asset valuation allowance that would either increase or decrease, as applicable, reported net income in the period the change in estimate is made.

Results of Operations

Net sales and operating income

	Years ended December 31,			% Cha	2
		2000	2001	1999 - 2000	2000 - 2001
		(In millions			
Net sales: CompX Waterloo/CompX					
Europe segment	\$151.0	\$168.3	\$137.3	+11%	-18%
Products segment	74.9	85.0 	74.1	+13%	-13%
Total net sales	\$225.9	\$253.3 =====		+12%	-17%
Operating income: CompX Waterloo/CompX					
Europe segment	\$ 26.8	\$ 24.8	\$ 5.2	-7%	-79%
Products segment	13.2	12.5	7.3	-5%	-41%
Total operating Income		\$ 37.3 =====		-7%	-67%
Operating income margin: CompX Waterloo/CompX					
Europe segment	18%	15%	4%		
Products segment	18%	15%	10%		

Year ended December 31, 2001 compared to year ended December 31, 2000

Net sales decreased \$41.9 million, or 17%, in 2001 compared to 2000 due to decreased demand for the Company's products resulting from the continued weak economic conditions in the manufacturing sector in North America and Europe, and to a lesser extent, the negative effects of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Net sales of slide products in 2001 decreased 26% as compared to 2000, while net sales of security products and ergonomic products each decreased 13% during the same period. Net sales of the CompX Security Products segment decreased 13% and net sales of the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment decreased 18% in 2001.

Operating income for 2001 decreased \$24.8 million, or 67% compared to 2000 and operating income margins decreased to 6% in 2001 compared to 15% for 2000.

Reductions in manufacturing, fixed overhead and related overhead costs, which began in the first quarter of 2001, partially offset the effects of the decline in net sales in 2001. However, despite these cost reductions, operating margins in 2001 were adversely impacted by the decline in volume levels and the related impact on manufacturing efficiencies, the effects of unfavorable changes in the sales mix and general pricing pressures. Operating income at the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment decreased 79% in 2001 compared to 2000, while operating income at the CompX Security Products segment decreased 41% for the same period. A pre-tax \$2.7 million restructuring charge in the fourth quarter of 2001 and a proportionately larger impact of unfavorable changes in the sales mix contributed to the more substantial operating income decline at the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment as compared to the CompX Security Products segment.

The fourth quarter 2001 restructuring charge included headcount reductions of about 35 employees at CompX's Maastricht, the Netherlands facility, substantially all of which had been implemented by December 31, 2001. Of the \$2.7 million charge, approximately \$.4 million has been paid in 2001, with \$1.8 million expected to be paid in the first two quarters of 2002 and \$.5 million expected to be paid in 2003. In addition, approximately \$3.0 million in pre-tax charges were recorded in the fourth quarter of 2001. This charge is predominately comprised of \$2.6 million related to various changes in estimates with respect to reserves for obsolete and slow-moving inventory, approximately \$.1 million related to allowances for doubtful accounts, with the remainder related to other items. Of the \$3.0 million charge, approximately \$.9 million related to the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment with the remaining \$2.1 million related to the CompX Security Products segment.

Year ended December 31, 2000 compared to year ended December 31, 1999

Net sales increased \$27.4 million, or 12%, in 2000 compared to 1999 due to the effect of acquisitions. Sales of security products in 2000 increased 13% compared to 1999, and sales of slide products increased 18%. During 2000, sales of CompX's ergonomic products decreased 5% compared to 1999. Net sales of the CompX Security Products segment increased 13% while net sales of the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment increased 11% in 2000. Excluding the effect of acquisitions, net sales in 2000 were essentially flat compared to 1999, with sales of slide products up 8% and sales of ergonomic products and security products down 5% and 7%, respectively. Excluding the effects of acquisitions, net sales of the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment increased 3% and net sales at the CompX Security Product segment decreased 7% in 2000 as compared to 1999. Sales of the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment were negatively impacted in the second half of 2000 by softening demand in the office furniture industry in North America and loss of market share due to competition from imports. However, strong sales of slide products in the first part of 2000, offset the softening office furniture industry demand, resulting in the overall increase in sales of this segment. The lower CompX security products segment sales were due to weakness in the computer and related products industry and increased competition from low-cost imports.

Operating income for 2000 decreased \$2.7 million, or 7% compared to 1999. Excluding the results of acquisitions, operating income decreased 11% from the prior year. Operating income of the CompX Security Products segment decreased 5% in 2000 as compared to 1999 (decreased 4% excluding the results of acquisitions) and declined 7% at the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment (decreased 14% excluding the results of acquisitions) during the same period. Along with the softening demand from the office furniture industry, operating income was also impacted by a change in the product mix, with a lower percentage of sales being generated by certain higher-margin products in 2000 compared to 1999, as well as incremental costs incurred in moving the operations of the Chicago Lock plant to the Company's Mauldin, South Carolina plant, higher costs associated with the expansion of the Company's Byron Center, Michigan plant and higher administrative expenses.

General

The Company expanded its offerings in the precision ball bearing slide and ergonomic products markets in 1999 through its acquisitions of Thomas Regout for approximately \$53 million and Dynaslide for approximately \$12 million. In January 2000, the Company acquired substantially all of the operating assets of Chicago Lock Company for approximately \$9 million, further expanding its security products capacity. These acquisitions were financed through a combination of cash on hand and increased borrowings under the Company's Revolving Senior Credit Facility.

The Company's profitability primarily depends on its ability to utilize its production capacity effectively, which is affected by, among other things, the demand for its products, and its ability to control its manufacturing costs, primarily comprised of raw materials such as zinc, copper, coiled steel and plastic resins and of labor costs. Raw material costs represent approximately 38% of the Company's total cost of sales. In 1999 through 2001, steel prices did not change significantly compared to the respective prior years. The Company occasionally enters into raw material supply arrangements to mitigate the short-term impact of future increases in raw material costs. While these arrangements do not commit the Company to a minimum volume of purchases, they generally provide for stated unit prices based upon achievement of specified volume purchase levels. This allows the Company to stabilize raw material purchase prices provided the specified minimum monthly purchase quantities are met. The Company entered into such arrangements for zinc, coiled steel and plastic resins in 2001 and does not anticipate significant changes in the cost of these materials from their current levels. Materials purchased on the spot market are sometimes subject to unanticipated and sudden price increases. Due to the competitive nature of the markets served by the Company's products, it is often difficult to recover such increases in raw material costs through increased product selling prices and consequently overall operating margins may be affected by such raw material cost pressures.

At December 31, 2001, none of the Company's employees in the U.S., the Netherlands or Taiwan were represented by bargaining units, and wage increases for such employees historically have been in line with overall inflation indices. Approximately 79% of the Company's Canadian employees are covered by a three year collective bargaining agreement that expires in 2003 and provides for annual wage increases of approximately 3.5%. Wage increases for these Canadian employees historically have also been in line with overall inflation indices.

Selling, general and administrative costs consist primarily of salaries, commissions and advertising expenses directly related to product sales and in 1999 through 2001 have been consistent as a percentage of net sales.

CompX has substantial operations and assets located outside the United States (principally in Canada, the Netherlands and Taiwan). A portion of CompX's sales generated from its non-U.S. operations are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, principally the Canadian dollar, the Dutch guilder, the euro and the New Taiwan dollar. In addition, a portion of CompX's sales generated from its non-U.S. operations (principally in Canada) are denominated in the U.S. dollar. Most raw materials, labor and other production costs for such non-U.S. operations are denominated primarily in local currencies. Consequently, the translated U.S. dollar value of CompX's foreign sales and operating results are subject to currency exchange rate fluctuations which may favorably or unfavorably impact reported earnings and may affect comparability of period-to--period operating results. During 2001, weakness primarily in the euro and Canadian dollar negatively impacted the Company's sales comparisons with 2000 (principally with respect to slide products). Operating income comparisons for this period, however, were not materially impacted by the effects of currency. Excluding the effect of currency, the Company's sales decreased 15% in 2001 compared to 2000 and sales of the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment decreased 16% for the same period. In 2000, excluding the effects of currency and acquisitions, the Company's sales increased 2% compared to 1999, and operating income decreased 9%. Sales of the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment increased 7% and operating income decreased 12%, exclusive of the effects of currency and acquisitions. The effects of currency fluctuations do not materially affect the CompX Security Products segment.

Interest expense

Interest expense increased \$.6 million in 2001 compared to 2000 due primarily to higher average levels of outstanding indebtedness on CompX's Revolving Senior Credit Facility. Likewise, interest expense increased \$.7 million in 2000 compared to 1999 due to increased borrowings partially offset by lower rates. Assuming interest rates do not increase significantly from year-end 2001 levels, interest expense in 2002 is expected to be somewhat lower compared to 2001 due to anticipated debt reduction in 2002 using available cash on hand.

Provision for income taxes

The principal reasons for the difference between CompX's effective income tax rates and the U.S. federal statutory income tax rates are explained in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Income tax rates vary by jurisdiction (county and/or state), and relative changes in the geographic mix of CompX's pre-tax earnings can result in fluctuations in the effective income

tax rate.

As discussed in Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, effective January 1, 2002, the Company will no longer recognize periodic amortization of goodwill. Under GAAP, generally there is no income tax benefit recognized for financial reporting purposes attributable to goodwill amortization. Accordingly, ceasing to periodically amortize goodwill beginning in 2002 will result in a reduction in the Company's overall effective income tax rate in 2002 as compared to 2001

Other

As summarized in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "other general corporate income, net" primarily includes interest income and net foreign currency transaction gains and losses. Interest income increased in 2001 compared to 2000 due primarily to a higher level of funds available for investment. Conversely, 2000 interest income decreased when compared to 1999 due to lower levels of available funds for investment. In 2001, a curtailment gain of approximately \$.1 million was included in other general corporate income, net. This curtailment gain, more fully described in Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, relates to the cessation of benefits provided under CompX's defined benefit plan which covered substantially all full-time employees of Thomas Regout B.V. As of December 31, 2001, certain obligations related to the terminated plan had not yet been fully settled and are reflected in accrued pension costs. CompX expects to report a \$.6 million settlement gain in 2002. Also reflected in the 2001 results of operations is a \$2.2 million gain on the sale/leaseback of the Company's facility in the Netherlands, which is discussed more fully below and in Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Related party transactions

 ${\tt CompX}$ is a party to certain transactions with related parties. See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Outlook

The Company expects the weak economic conditions experienced in 2001 to continue to have significant impact on its results for 2002. Although some recent economic data shows positive signs, it is still too early to determine the pace and extent of a recovery that might occur in 2002. Additionally, a significant portion of CompX's revenue is derived from the office furniture industry and the office furniture industry tends to lag in its recovery behind the rest of the economy. Given the uncertainty of the economic conditions, the Company continues to balance its focus on opportunities outside of the office furniture industry as well as continuing to drive operational efficiency through cost improvement initiatives and prudent balance sheet management. These measures are designed to minimize the adverse effect of lower furniture industry sales and more favorably position the Company to meet demand when the economy recovers. Additionally, the periodic amortization of goodwill will no longer impact operating results beginning in 2002.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Consolidated cash flows

Operating activities. Trends in cash flows from operating activities, excluding changes in assets and liabilities and non-cash stock award charges, for 1999, 2000 and 2001, are generally similar to the trends in the Company's earnings. Cash provided by operating activities totaled, \$28.4 million, \$28.4 million and \$27.7 million for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively, compared to net income of \$25.2 million, \$22.1 million and \$7.1 million, respectively. Depreciation and amortization increased during each of the past three years in part due to the acquisitions discussed above and additional expenditures on facilities expansion discussed below.

Changes in assets and liabilities result primarily from the timing of production, sales and purchases. Such changes in assets and liabilities generally tend to even out over time and result in trends in cash flows from operating activities generally reflecting earnings trends.

Investing activities. Net cash used by investing activities totaled \$84.6 million, \$32.4 million and \$2.7 million for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively. Cash used by investing activities in 1999 includes \$65.0 million in cash for the Thomas Regout and Dynaslide acquisitions and approximately \$9.3 million in 2000 for the Chicago Lock acquisition. In 2001,

\$10.0 million in cash was provided from the sale/leaseback of the Company's plant facility in the Netherlands. Other cash flows from investing activities in each of the past three years related principally to capital expenditures. Capital expenditures in the past three years emphasized manufacturing equipment which utilizes new technologies and increases automation of the manufacturing process to provide for increased productivity and efficiency. Capital expenditures in 1999 relates primarily to the additions of a fourth plating line at the Company's Kitchener facility, facility expansions in Kitchener, the acquisition of an adjoining manufacturing building at Fort Lock and the addition of automation equipment at all facilities. The capital expenditures in 2000 and 2001 relate primarily to the completion of the facility expansions mentioned above and additional facility expansions at the Company's Byron Center and Mauldin facilities.

Pursuant to the sale/leaseback of the Company's plant facility in Maastricht, the Netherlands, CompX sold the manufacturing facility with a net carrying value of \$8.2 million for \$10.0 million cash consideration in December 2001, and CompX simultaneously entered into a leaseback of the facility with a nominal monthly rental for approximately 30 months. CompX has the option to extend the leaseback period for up to an additional two years with monthly rentals of \$40,000 to \$100,000. CompX may terminate the leaseback at any time without penalty. In addition to the cash received up front, CompX included an estimate of the fair market value of the monthly rental during the nominal-rental leaseback period as part of the sale proceeds. A portion of the gain from the sale of the facility after transaction costs, equal to the present value of the monthly rentals over the expected leaseback period (including the fair market value of the monthly rental during the nominal-rental leaseback period), has been deferred and will be amortized into income over the expected leaseback period. CompX will recognize rental expense over the leaseback period, including amortization of the prepaid rent consisting of the estimated fair market value of the monthly rental during the nominal-rental leaseback period. Pursuant to the agreement, CompX is also obligated to acquire approximately 10 acres from the municipality of Maastricht for approximately \$1.8\$ million within the next one to three years.

Capital expenditures for 2002 are estimated at approximately \$11 million, the majority of which relate to projects that emphasize improved production efficiency and shifting production capacity to lower cost facilities. Firm purchase commitments for capital projects in process at December 31, 2001 approximated \$2.5 million.

Financing activities. Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities totaled \$17.0 million, \$2.1 million and (\$1.8) million for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively. The Company paid its first regular quarterly dividend since the initial public offering of \$0.125 per share in December 1999. Total cash dividends paid in 1999, 2000 and 2001 were \$2.0 million, \$8.1 million and \$7.6 million, respectively.

The Company's board of directors has authorized the Company to purchase up to approximately 1.5 million shares of its common stock in open market or privately-negotiated transactions at unspecified prices and over an unspecified period of time. As of December 31, 2001, the Company had purchased approximately 1,104,000 shares for an aggregate of \$11.3 million pursuant to such authorization (\$8.7 million for 844,300 shares in 2000 and \$2.6 million for 259,600 shares in 2001).

At December 31, 2001, the Company had \$51 million of borrowing availability under its Revolving Senior Credit Facility, which expires in February 2003. Provisions contained in CompX's credit agreement could result in the acceleration of the indebtedness prior to its stated maturity for reasons other than defaults from failing to comply with typical financial covenants. For example, the Company's credit agreement allows the lender to accelerate the maturity of the indebtedness upon a change of control (as defined) of the borrower. The terms of CompX's credit agreement could result in the acceleration of all or a portion of the indebtedness following a sale of assets outside of the ordinary course of business. See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Other than certain operating leases discussed in Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, neither CompX nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates are parties to any off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

Other

Management believes that cash generated from operations and borrowing availability under the Revolving Senior Credit Facility, together with cash on hand, will be sufficient to meet the Company's liquidity needs for working

capital, capital expenditures, debt service and dividends. To the extent that actual developments differ from the Company's expectations, CompX's liquidity could be adversely affected.

The Company periodically evaluates its liquidity requirements, alternative uses of capital, capital needs and available resources in view of, among other things, its capital expenditure requirements in light of its capital resources and estimated future operating cash flows. As a result of this process, the Company has in the past and may in the future seek to raise additional capital, refinance or restructure indebtedness, issue additional securities, repurchase shares of its common stock, modify its dividend policy or take a combination of such steps to manage its liquidity and capital resources. In the normal course of business, the Company may review opportunities for acquisitions, joint ventures or other business combinations in the component products industry. In the event of any such transaction, the Company may consider using available cash, issuing additional equity securities or increasing the indebtedness of the Company or its subsidiaries.

Contractual obligations. As more fully described in the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company is obligated to make future payments under certain debt and lease agreements, and is a party to other commitments. The following table summarizes these obligations as of December 31, 2001.

		-	due by p	
	Total	Less than 1 year (In thous	1 - 3 years	4 - 5
Long-term debt	\$49,000 56 2,796 2,500	56 990	\$49,000 1,432 	\$ 374
real estate acquisition obligation	1,800		1,800	
Total contractual cash obligations	\$56,152 ======	\$3,546 =====	\$52 , 232	\$374 ====

In addition, the Company is a party to certain other agreements that contractually and unconditionally commit the Company to pay certain amounts in the future. While the Company believes it is probable that amounts will be spent in the future under such contracts, the amount and/or the timing of such future payments will vary depending on certain provisions of the applicable contract. Agreements to which the Company is a party that fall into this category, more fully described in Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, are CompX's patent license agreements under which it pays royalties based on the volume of certain products manufactured in Canada and sold in the United States.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

General. The Company is exposed to market risk from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Company periodically uses currency forward contracts to manage a portion of foreign exchange rate risk associated with receivables, or similar exchange rate risk associated with future sales, denominated in a currency other than the holder's functional currency. Otherwise, the Company does not generally enter into forward or option contracts to manage such market risks, nor does the Company enter into any such contract or other type of derivative instrument for trading or speculative purposes. Other than the contracts discussed below, the Company was not a party to any forward or derivative option contract related to foreign exchange rates or interest rates at December 31, 2000 and 2001. See Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Interest rates. The Company is exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates, primarily related to indebtedness.

At December 31, 2000 and 2001, substantially all of the Company's outstanding indebtedness were variable rate borrowings. Such borrowings at December 31, 2001 related principally to \$49 million (\$39 million at December 31, 2000) in borrowings under the Revolving Senior Credit Facility. The outstanding balances at December 31, 2000 and 2001 (which approximate fair value) had a weighted-average interest rate of 6.7% and 4.2%, respectively. Amounts outstanding under this credit facility are due in 2003. The remaining indebtedness outstanding at December 31, 2000 and 2001 is not material.

Foreign currency exchange rates. The Company is exposed to market risk arising from changes in foreign currency exchange rates as a result of manufacturing and selling its products outside the United States (principally Canada, Western Europe and Taiwan). A portion of CompX's sales generated from its non-U.S. operations are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, principally the Canadian dollar, the euro and the New Taiwan dollar. In addition, a portion of CompX's sales generated from its non-U.S. operations (principally in Canada) are denominated in the U.S. dollar. Most raw materials, labor and other production costs for such non-U.S. operations are denominated primarily in local currencies. Consequently, the translated U.S. dollar value of CompX's foreign sales and operating results are subject to currency exchange rate fluctuations which may favorably or unfavorably impact reported earnings and may affect comparability of period-to-period operating results.

Certain of CompX's sales generated by its Canadian operations are denominated in U.S. dollars. To manage a portion of the foreign exchange rate market risk associated with receivables, or similar exchange rate risk associated with future sales, at December 31, 2000 CompX had entered into a series of short-term forward exchange contracts maturing through March 2001 to exchange an aggregate of \$9.1 million for an equivalent amount of Canadian dollars at an exchange rate of Cdn \$1.48 per U.S. dollar. At each balance sheet date, outstanding currency forward contracts are marked-to-market with any resulting gain or loss recognized in income currently. The difference between the estimated fair value and the face value of all such outstanding forward contracts at December 31, 2000 is not material. No foreign exchange contracts were outstanding at December 31, 2001.

Other. Beginning January 1, 1999, eleven of the fifteen members of the European Union ("EU"), including the Netherlands, adopted a new European currency unit (the "euro") as their common legal currency. Following the introduction of the euro, the participating countries' national currencies remained legal tender as denominations of the euro from January 1, 1999 through January 1, 2002, and the exchange rates between the euro and such national currency units are fixed.

During 2001, the functional currencies of the Company's Thomas Regout operations in Maastricht, the Netherlands, completed the conversion to the euro from its national currency. The euro conversion did not materially impact the Company's operations.

The above discussion includes forward-looking statements of market risk which assume hypothetical changes in market prices. Actual future market conditions will likely differ materially from such assumptions. Accordingly, such forward-looking statements should not be considered to be projections by the Company of future events or losses. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties some of which are listed in "Business-General."

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information called for by this Item is contained in a separate section of this Annual Report. See "Index of Financial Statements and Schedules" (page F-1).

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to CompX's definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this report (the "CompX Proxy Statement").

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the CompX Proxy Statement.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the $CompX\ Proxy\ Statement.$

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the CompX Proxy Statement. See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

PART IV

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) and (d) Financial Statements and Schedules

The Registrant

The consolidated financial statements and schedules listed on the accompanying Index of Financial Statements and Schedules (see page F-1) are filed as part of this Annual Report.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

No reports on Form 8-K were filed for the quarter ended December 31, 2001.

(c) Exhibits

Included as exhibits are the items listed in the Exhibit Index. CompX will furnish a copy of any of the exhibits listed below upon payment of \$4.00 per exhibit to cover the costs to CompX of furnishing the exhibits. Instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt issues which do not exceed 10% of consolidated total assets will be furnished to the Commission upon request.

Item No. Exhibit Item

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-42643).
- 3.2 Bylaws of Registrant incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-42643).
- 10.1 Intercorporate Services Agreement between the Registrant and Contran Corporation effective as of January 1, 2001 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter

ended June 30, 2001.

- 10.2* CompX International Inc. 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-42643).
- 10.3* CompX International Inc. Variable Compensation Plan effective as of January 1, 1999 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998.
- Agreement between Haworth, Inc. and Waterloo Furniture Components, Ltd. and Waterloo Furniture Components, Inc. effective October 1, 1992 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-42643).
- 10.5 Tax Sharing Agreement among the Registrant, Valcor, Inc. and Valhi, Inc. dated as of January 2, 1998 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-42643).

Item No. Exhibit Item

- 10.6 \$100,000,000 Credit Agreement between the Registrant, Bankers Trust Company, as Agent and various lending institutions dated February 26, 1998 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-42643).
- 10.7 Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement between Registrant, Bankers Trust Company, as Agent and various lending institutions, dated December 15, 1999 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999.
- Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement between Registrant, Bankers Trust Company, as Agent and various lending institutions, dated December 2001.
- 10.9 Offer and Acquisition Agreement dated December 18, 1998 between CompX International Inc. and Thomas Regout Holding N.V. incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 29, 1999.
- 10.10* Release agreement between the Registrant and Joseph S. Compofelice, effective as of November 6, 2000.
- 10.11* Employment agreement between Registrant and Wouter J. Dammers, effective August 30, 1999 incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001.
- 10.12 Asset sale/leaseback agreement between Thomas Regout International BV and the municipality of Maastricht, the Netherlands dated December 21, 2001 (English translation from Dutch language document).
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
- 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 99.1 Annual Report of the CompX Contributory Retirement Plan (Form 11-K) to be filed under Form 10-K/A to this Annual Report on Form 10-K within 180 days after December 31, 2001.

*Management contract, compensatory plan or agreement

Signature

SIGNATURES

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

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

By: /s/ Brent A. Hagenbuch

Date

Brent A. Hagenbuch President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Title

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/s/ Glenn R. Simmons	Chairman of the Board	March 21, 2002
Glenn R. Simmons		
/s/ Brent A. Hagenbuch Brent A. Hagenbuch	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 21, 2002
/s/ David A. Bowers	Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Operating Officer	March 21, 2002
/s/ Stuart M. BittingStuart M. Bitting		March 21, 2002
/s/ Darryl R. Halbert	Vice President and Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 21, 2002
/s/ Edward J. HardinEdward J. Hardin	Director	March 21, 2002
/s/ Paul M. Bass, Jr. Paul M. Bass, Jr.	Director	March 21, 2002
/s/ Ann Manix	Director	March 21, 2002
Ann Manix		

Steven L. Watson

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March 21, 2002

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Schedules I, III and IV are omitted because they are not applicable.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of CompX International Inc.:

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows and stockholders' equity present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of CompX International Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 2001, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the

United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Dallas, Texas March 1, 2002

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

December 31, 2000 and 2001

(In thousands, except share data)

ASSETS	2000	2001
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,820	\$ 33,309
doubtful accounts of \$487 and \$841	30,833	23,422
Income taxes receivable from affiliates	305	351
Refundable income taxes	2,165	2,032
Inventories	36,246	30,902
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,408	2,902
Deferred income taxes	1,209	1,944
Total current assets	82,986 	94,862
Other assets:		
Goodwill	42,213	38,882
Other intangible assets	2,646	2,440
Deferred income taxes	1,813	3,132
Prepaid rent		1,079
Other	868	577
Total other assets	47,540 	46,110
Property and equipment:		
Land	5,709	4,368
Buildings	34,500	26,182
Equipment	78 , 357	92,683
Construction in progress	9,787	4,618
	128,353	127,851
Less accumulated depreciation	33,394	42,815
Net property and equipment	94,959	85,036

\$225,485 \$226,008

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)

December 31, 2000 and 2001

(In thousands, except share data)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	2000	2001
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,638 26,487	23 , 168 15
Income taxes Deferred income taxes	648 103	1,000 291
Total current liabilities	28,876 	24,530
Noncurrent liabilities: Long-term debt Deferred income taxes Accrued pension costs Deferred gain on sale/leaseback Other	39,000 4,852 1,168 626	49,000 7,573 660 1,221
Total noncurrent liabilities	45 , 646	58,454
Stockholders' equity: Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, none issued		
20,000,000 shares authorized; 6,204,680 and 6,207,180 shares issued	62	62
10,000,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding Additional paid-in capital	100 119,194 51,395	100 119,224 50,966
currency translation	(11,123) (8,665)	
Total stockholders' equity	150 , 963	143,024
	\$ 225,485	\$ 226,008

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME Years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 (In thousands, except per share data)

	1999	2000	2001
Net sales Cost of sales	\$ 225,888 160,628	\$ 253,294 187,299	\$ 211,422 167,884
	65,260	65,995	43,538
Selling, general and administrative expense	25,220 	28,693 	28,310 2,742
Operating income	40,040	37,302	12,486
Gain on sale of plant facility Other general corporate income, net Interest expense	 676 (1,554)	443 (2,302)	
Income before income taxes and minority interest	39,162	35,443	12,882
Provision for income taxes	14,102	13,390	5,758
Minority interest in losses	(103)	(3)	
Net income	\$ 25,163 		
Basic and diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.37 ======	
Cash dividends per share	\$.125 ======	\$.50	\$.50
Shares used in the calculation of earnings per share amounts: Basic earnings per share Dilutive impact of stock options	16,146 3	16,115 32	15,144 6
Diluted earnings per share	16,149	16,147	15,150

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001

(In thousands)

	1999 	2000	2001
Net income	\$ 25 , 163	\$ 22 , 056	\$ 7 , 124
Other comprehensive income - currency translation adjustment: Pre-tax amount	(3,875) 	(5,159) (323)	(5,097) (207)
Total other comprehensive income	(3,875) 	(4,836)	(4,890)
Comprehensive income	\$ 21,288 ======	\$ 17 , 220	\$ 2,234

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 $\,$

(In thousands)

	1999	2000	2001
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Gain on sale of plant facility Minority interest Other, net Change in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable Inventories Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Accounts with affiliates Income taxes Other, net	9,406 1,423 (103) (243) (3,186) (1,992) (2,470) 532 (1,579)	\$ 22,056 12,416 2,310 (3) (73) (826) (7,421) 2,746 (284) (1,033) (1,458)	14,769 1,355 (2,246) 465 6,112 4,075 (3,983) (38) 202
Net cash provided by operating activities	28,422	28,430	27 , 663
Cash flows from investing activities: Capital expenditures Proceeds from sale of plant facility	(19 , 703) 	(23 , 128)	(13,283) 10,000

Purchase of business units Other, net	, ,	(9,346) 111 	605
Net cash used by investing activities		(32,363)	
Cash flows from financing activities: Long-term debt: Borrowings	20 000	20,274	14,919
Principal payments	(1,009) 	(2,454) 1,027	(6,511)
Dividends paid		(8,076) (8,665) 13	
Net cash provided (used) by financing			
activities	16 , 973	2,119 	(1,795)
Net increase (decrease)	\$(39,229) ======	\$ (1,814) ======	\$ 23,190 =====

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

Years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001

(In thousands)

	1999	2000	2001
Cash and cash equivalents: Net increase (decrease) from: Operating, investing and financing			
activities	\$ (39,229) 4,785 (750) 47,363	\$ (1,814) (535) 12,169	\$23,190 299 9,820
Balance at end of year	\$ 12,169 =====	\$ 9,820 =====	\$33,309 =====
Supplemental disclosures: Cash paid for:			
Interest	\$ 1,253 13,284	\$ 2,086 12,562	\$ 3,238 4,126
Net assets consolidated - business units acquired:			
Cash and cash equivalents Goodwill Other intangible assets	\$ 4,785 22,700 	\$ 4,837 254	\$
Other non-cash assets	54,966 (17,476)	7,144 (2,889)	
Cash paid	\$ 64,975 ======	\$ 9,346	\$ ======

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001

(In thousands)

				Ac	ccumulated oth comprehensive		
	Common		*	Retained	income - currency	_	Total stockholders'
	Class A	Class	B capital	Earnings	translation	stock	equity
Balance at December 31, 1998	\$61	\$100	\$118,027	\$ 14,270	\$ (2,412)	\$	\$ 130,046
Net income				25,163			25,163
Other comprehensive income .					(3,875)		(3,875)
Cash dividends				(2,018)			(2,018)
Issuance of common stock			40				40
Balance at December 31, 1999	61	100	118,067	37,415	(6,287)		149,356
Net income				22,056			22,056
Other comprehensive income .					(4,836)		(4,836)
Cash dividends				(8,076)			(8,076)
Issuance of common stock	1		1,072				1,073
Common stock reacquired						(8,665)	(8,665)
Other			55				55
Balance at December 31, 2000	62	100	119,194	51,395	(11,123)	(8,665)	150,963
Net income				7,124			7,124
Other comprehensive income .					(4,890)		(4,890)
Cash dividends				(7,553)			(7 , 553)
Issuance of common stock			30				30
Common stock reacquired						(2,650)	(2,650)
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$62	\$100	\$119,224	\$ 50,966	\$(16,013)	\$(11,315)	\$ 143,024

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies:

Organization. CompX International Inc. (NYSE: CIX) is 69% owned by Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) and Valhi's wholly-owned subsidiary Valcor, Inc. at December 31, 2001. The Company manufactures and sells component products (precision ball bearing slides, security products and ergonomic computer support systems). Contran Corporation holds, directly or through subsidiaries, approximately 94% of Valhi's outstanding common stock. Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons, of which Mr. Simmons is sole trustee. Mr. Simmons, the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer of each of

Contran, Valhi and Valcor, $\,$ may be deemed to control each of such companies and the Company.

Management estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from previously-estimated amounts under different assumptions or conditions.

Fair value of financial instruments. The carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accounts payable approximates fair value due to their short-term nature. The carrying amount of indebtedness approximates fair value due to the stated interest rate approximating a market rate. These estimated fair value amounts have been determined using available market information or other appropriate valuation methodologies.

Principles of consolidation. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CompX International Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiaries. All material intercompany accounts and balances have been eliminated. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Fiscal year. The Company's operations are reported on a 52 or 53-week fiscal year. The years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 each consisted of 52 weeks.

Translation of foreign currencies. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries whose functional currency is other than the U.S. dollar are translated at year-end rates of exchange and revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. Resulting translation adjustments are accumulated in stockholders' equity as part of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of related deferred income taxes and minority interest. Currency transaction gains and losses are recognized in income currently.

Cash and cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist principally of bank time deposits and government and commercial notes with original maturities of three months or less.

Net sales. Sales are recorded when products are shipped and title and other risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the customer. Shipping terms are generally F.O.B. shipping point, although in some instances, shipping terms are F.O.B. destination point. Amounts charged to customers for shipping and handling are not material. The related costs incurred for shipping and handling are also not material.

Accounts receivable. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts for known and potential losses rising from sales to customers based on a periodic review of these accounts.

Inventories and cost of sales. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Inventories are based on average cost or the first-in, first-out method.

Goodwill and other intangible assets. Goodwill, representing the excess of cost over fair value of individual net assets acquired in business combinations accounted for by the purchase method, is stated net of accumulated amortization of \$5.1 million at December 31, 2000 and \$7.3 million at December 31, 2001. Through December 31, 2001, goodwill was amortized by the straight-line method over not more than 20 years. Upon adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, effective January 1, 2002, goodwill will no longer be subject to periodic amortization. See Notes 5 and 14.

Other intangible assets, consisting of the estimated fair value of certain patents acquired, have been and will continue to be upon adoption of SFAS No. 142 effective January 1, 2002, amortized by the straight-line method over the lives of such patents (approximately 11.25 years remaining at December 31, 2001), with no assumed residual value at the end of the life of the patents. Other intangible assets are stated net of accumulated amortization of \$.8 million at December 31, 2000 and \$1.0 million at December 31, 2001. Amortization expense of intangible assets was \$207,000 in 1999, \$361,000 in 2000 and \$229,000 in 2001, and is expected to be approximately \$250,000 in each of 2002 through 2006.

Through December 31, 2001, when events or changes in circumstances indicated that goodwill or other intangible assets may be impaired, an evaluation was performed to determine if an impairment existed. Such events or circumstances included, among other things, significant current and prior periods or current and projected periods with operating losses related to the applicable business unit. All relevant factors were considered in determining whether an impairment existed. If an impairment was determined to exist, goodwill and, if appropriate, the underlying long-lived assets associated with the goodwill, were written down to reflect the estimated future discounted cash flows expected to be generated by the underlying business. As of December 31, 2001, no such impairments were identified. Effective January 1, 2002, the Company will assess impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets in accordance with SFAS No. 142. See Notes 5 and 14.

Property, equipment and depreciation. Property and equipment, including purchased computer software for internal use, are stated at cost. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are expensed; expenditures for major improvements are capitalized. Depreciation for financial reporting purposes is computed principally by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 15 to 40 years for buildings and three to 10 years for equipment and software. Accelerated depreciation methods are used for income tax purposes, as permitted. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized in income currently.

When events or changes in circumstances indicate that assets may be impaired, an evaluation is performed to determine if an impairment exists. Such events or changes in circumstances include, among other things, (i) significant current and prior periods or current and projected periods with operating losses, (ii) a significant decrease in the market value of an asset or (iii) a significant change in the extent or manner in which an asset is used. All relevant factors are considered. The test for impairment is performed by comparing the estimated future undiscounted cash flows (exclusive of interest expense) associated with the asset to the asset's net carrying value to determine if a write-down to market value or discounted cash flow value is required. Through December 31, 2001, if the asset being tested for impairment was acquired in a business combination accounted for by the purchase method, any goodwill which arose out of that business combination was also considered in the impairment test if the goodwill related specifically to the acquired asset and not to other aspects of the acquired business, such as the customer base or product lines. Effective January 1, 2002, the Company will assess impairment of goodwill in accordance with SFAS No. 142, and the Company will assess impairment of other long-lived assets (such as property and equipment) in accordance with SFAS No. 144. See Notes 5 and 14.

Derivatives and hedging activities. The Company adopted SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended, effective January 1, 2001. Under SFAS No. 133, all derivatives are recognized as either assets or liabilities and measured at fair value. The accounting for changes in fair value of derivatives depends upon the intended use of the derivative, and such changes are recognized either in net income or other comprehensive income. As permitted by the transition requirements of SFAS No. 133, as amended, the Company has exempted from the scope of SFAS No. 133 all host contracts containing embedded derivatives which were issued or acquired prior to January 1, 1999. Other than certain currency forward contracts discussed below, the Company was not a party to any significant derivative or hedging instrument covered by SFAS No. 133 at January 1, 2001. The accounting for such currency forward contracts under SFAS No. 133 is not materially different from the accounting for such contracts under prior GAAP, and therefore the impact to the Company of adopting SFAS No. 133 was not material.

Certain of the Company's sales generated by its non-U.S. operations are denominated in U.S. dollars. The Company periodically uses currency forward contracts to manage a very nominal portion of foreign exchange rate risk associated with receivables denominated in a currency other than the holder's functional currency or similar exchange rate risk associated with future sales. The Company has not entered into these contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the past, nor does the Company currently anticipate entering into such contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the future. At each

balance sheet date, any such outstanding currency forward contract is marked-to-market with any resulting gain or loss recognized in income currently as part of net currency transactions. To manage such exchange rate risk, at December 31, 2000 the Company held contracts maturing through March 2001 to exchange an aggregate of U.S. \$9.1 million for an equivalent amount of Canadian dollars at an exchange rate of Cdn. \$1.48 per U.S. dollar. At December 31, 2000, the actual exchange rate was Cdn. \$1.50 per U.S. dollar. No such contracts were held at December 31, 2001.

The Company periodically uses interest rate swaps and other types of contracts to manage interest rate risk with respect to financial assets or liabilities. The Company has not entered into these contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the past, nor does the Company currently anticipate entering into such contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the future. The Company was not a party to any such contract during 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Income taxes. The Company is a separate U.S. federal income taxpayer and is not a member of Contran's consolidated United States federal income tax group. The Company is however a part of consolidated tax returns filed by Contran in certain U.S. state jurisdictions. For such consolidated state tax returns, intercompany allocations of state tax provisions are computed on a separate company basis. Payments are made to, or received from Contran in the amounts that would have been paid to or received from the respective state tax authority had CompX not been a part of the consolidated state tax return.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the income tax and financial reporting carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, including undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries which are not deemed to be permanently reinvested. The Company periodically evaluates its deferred tax assets in the various taxing jurisdictions in which it operates and adjusts any related valuation allowance based on the estimate of the amount of such deferred tax assets which the Company believes does not meet the "more-likely-than-not" recognition criteria. Earnings of foreign subsidiaries deemed to be permanently reinvested aggregated \$48 million at December 31, 2000 and \$54 million at December 31, 2001.

Earnings per share. Basic earnings per share of common stock is based upon the weighted average number of common shares actually outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per share of common stock includes the impact of outstanding dilutive stock options. The weighted average number of outstanding stock options excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because their impact would have been antidilutive aggregated approximately 473,000 in 1999, 848,000 in 2000 and 746,000 in 2001.

Stock options. The Company accounts for stock-based employee compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and its various interpretations. Under APBO No. 25, no compensation cost is generally recognized for fixed stock options in which the exercise price is greater than or equal to the market price on the grant date. Compensation cost recognized by the Company in accordance with APBO No. 25 has not been significant in any of the past three years.

Other. Advertising costs, expensed as incurred, were \$1,030,000 in 1999, \$931,000 in 2000 and \$1,026,000 in 2001. Research and development costs, expensed as incurred, were \$1,032,000 in 1999, \$1,082,000 in 2000 and \$510,000 in 2001.

Note 2 - Business units acquired:

In January 1999, the Company acquired Thomas Regout Holding N.V. ("Thomas Regout"), a precision ball bearing slide producer based in the Netherlands for a cash purchase price of NLG 98 million (\$53.2 million), using funds on hand and \$20 million of borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility. In November 1999, the Company acquired the business that produces the Dynaslide line of precision ball bearing drawer slides in two manufacturing plants in Taipei, Taiwan ("Dynaslide") for a cash purchase price of \$11.8 million using funds on hand. In January 2000, the Company acquired substantially all of the operating assets of Chicago Lock Company for a cash purchase price of \$9.4 million, using borrowings under the revolving credit facility.

The Company accounted for these acquisitions by the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, the results of operations and cash flows of the businesses acquired are included in the Company's consolidated financial statements subsequent to the respective dates of acquisition. The purchase price

for all of these acquisitions has been allocated to the individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon estimated fair values.

Note 3 - Business and geographic segments:

Prior to the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company operated in one reportable segment - the manufacture and sale of mechanically-engineered components for office furniture and other markets. During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company implemented certain operational and other changes at all of its plant facilities, revising the Company's organizational structure and causing the composition of the reportable segments to change. The Company now defines its operations in terms of three operating segments - CompX Security Products, CompX Waterloo and CompX Europe. The CompX Security Products segment, with manufacturing facilities in South Carolina and Illinois, manufactures locking mechanisms and other security products for sales to the office furniture, banking, vending, computer and other industries. The CompX Waterloo segment, with facilities in Canada, Michigan and Taiwan, and the CompX Europe segment, with facilities in the Netherlands, both manufacture a complete line of precision ball bearing slides for use in office furniture, computer-related equipment, tool storage cabinets and other applications, and ergonomic computer support systems for office furniture. Because of the similar economic characteristics between the CompX Waterloo and CompX Europe segments and due to the identical products, customer types, production processes and distribution methods shared by these two segments, they have been aggregated into a single reportable segment for segment reporting purposes. Prior period segment information has been reclassified to reflect the new operating segments.

The chief operating decision maker evaluates segment performance based on segment operating income, which is defined as income before income taxes, minority interest and interest expense, exclusive of certain general corporate income and expense items (including interest income and foreign exchange transaction gains and losses) and special items. All corporate office operating expenses are allocated to the two reportable segments based upon the segments' net sales. The accounting policies of the reportable operating segments are the same as those described in Note 1. Capital expenditures include additions to property and equipment, but exclude amounts attributable to business combinations accounted for by the purchase method. See Note 2.

Segment assets are comprised of all assets attributable to the reportable segments. Corporate assets are not attributable to the operating segments and consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. For geographic information, net sales are attributable to the place of manufacture (point of origin) and the location of the customer (point of destination); property and equipment are attributable to their physical location. At December 31, 2000 and 2001, the net assets of non-U.S. subsidiaries included in consolidated net assets approximated \$92 million and \$91 million, respectively.

	Years 1999 	ended December 2000	31, 2001
	(In thousands)	
Net sales:			
CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe CompX Security Products	\$150,947 74,941	\$168,276 85,018	\$137,351 74,071
Total net sales	\$225 , 888	\$253 , 294	\$211 , 422

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Years ended December 31, 1999 2000 2001

	1999	2000	
		(In thousands)	
Operating income:			
CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe		\$ 24,822 12,480	\$ 5,166 7,320
Total operating income	40,040		
Interest expense	(1,554) 676	443	2,246 1,009
Income before income taxes and minority interest	\$ 39,162	\$ 35,443	\$ 12,882
Depreciation and amortization: CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe CompX Security Products	3,880	\$ 7,697 4,719	5,633
	\$ 9,406	\$ 12,416 ======	\$ 14,769 ======
Capital expenditures: CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe CompX Security Products	\$ 14,179 5,524		\$ 6,831 6,452
		\$ 23,128 ======	
Net sales: Point of origin: Canada United States The Netherlands Taiwan Other		12,145	
	\$ 225,888 ======	\$ 253,294 ======	\$ 211,422
Point of destination: United States Canada Europe Other	\$ 133,700 43,556 41,498 7,134 \$ 225,888	\$ 159,658 43,903 34,858 14,875 \$ 253,294	\$ 130,534 35,475 37,097 8,316 \$ 211,422
Total assets: CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe CompX Security Products Corporate and eliminations	\$ 129,458 72,570 884	\$ 133,520 90,321 1,644	\$ 131,634 92,503 1,871

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\$ 202,912	\$ 225,485	\$ 226,008

	1999	December 31, 2000 (In thousands)	2001
Goodwill:			
CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe		\$17,055 25,158	
	\$41,697 =====	\$42,213 =====	\$38,882 =====
Net property and equipment: United States Canada The Netherlands Other Europe Taiwan	25,217	\$47,555 24,410 17,259 5,735	23,420
	\$83,245 =====	\$94 , 959	\$85,036 =====

Note 4 - Inventories:

	Decemb 2000 (In th	er 31, 2001 ousands)
Raw materials Work in process Finished products Supplies	\$11,866 11,454 12,811 115	\$ 9,677 12,619 8,494 112
	\$36,246	\$30,902

Note 5 - Goodwill:

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the past three years is presented in the table below. Goodwill was generated principally from acquisitions of certain business units during 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Balance at December 31, 1998	\$ 22.8	\$22.3 .7	
exchange rates Periodic amortization		(1.2)	(2.2) (1.9)
Balance at December 31, 1999	19.9	21.8	41.7
Goodwill acquired/adjusted during			
the year	(.6)	4.7	4.1
exchange rates	(1.2)		(1.2)
Periodic amortization	, ,	(1.4)	, ,
Balance at December 31, 2000	17.1	25.1	42.2
Changes in currency			
exchange rates	(1.0)		(1.0)
Periodic amortization	(.9)	(1.4)	(2.3)
Balance at December 31, 2001	\$15.2 =====	\$23.7	\$38.9

Upon adoption of SFAS No. 142 effective January 1, 2002 (see Note 14), the goodwill related to the CompX Security Products segment will be assigned to reporting units (as defined in SFAS No. 142) consisting of the reportable operating segments to which the goodwill relates.

Note 6 - Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	December 31,	
	2000	2001
	(In the	ousands)
Accounts payable	\$12,560	\$ 9,459
Employee benefits	7,898	6,619
Insurance	311	361
Royalties	470	223
Restructuring		2,278
Deferred gain on sale/leaseback		479
Other	5,248	3,749
	\$26,487	\$23,168

In 2001, a charge of \$2.7 million was recorded related to a consolidation and rationalization of CompX's European operations. This restructuring effort included headcount reductions of about 35 employees at the Company's Maastricht, the Netherlands facility, substantially all of which had been implemented by December 31, 2001. Through December 31, 2001, approximately \$400,000 of the total charge has been paid. Of the remainder, \$1.8 million is expected to be paid in 2002 and \$500,000 in 2003.

Note 7 - Indebtedness:

Revolving bank credit facility	\$39,000 1,638	\$49,000 56
Less current portion	40,638 1,638	49 , 056 56
	\$39,000	\$49,000

The Company has a \$100 million unsecured revolving bank credit facility which bears interest at the Eurodollar Rate plus between 17.5 and 90.0 basis points depending on certain coverage ratios (resulting in an interest rate of 4.2% at December 31, 2001) and is due no later than February 2003. Borrowings are available for the Company's general corporate purposes, including acquisitions. At December 31, 2001, \$51 million was available for borrowing under this facility. The facility contains certain covenants and restrictions customary in lending transactions of this type, which, among other things, restricts the ability of CompX and its subsidiaries to incur debt, incur liens, pay dividends and requires maintenance of specified levels of net worth (as defined). In the event of a change of control of CompX, as defined, the lenders would have the right to accelerate the maturity of the facility. CompX would also be required under certain conditions to use the net proceeds from the sale of assets outside the ordinary course of business to reduce outstanding borrowings under the facility, and such a transaction would also result in a permanent reduction of the size of the facility. In December 2001, the credit facility was amended to permit the sale/leaseback of the Company' land and facility in the Netherlands without requiring the use of the net proceeds from such transaction to reduce outstanding borrowings under the facility or to result in a permanent $\$ reduction in the size of the facility. (See Note 11). At December 31, 2001, \$13.5 million is available for dividends under the terms of the agreement.

Other indebtedness at December 31, 2000 includes approximately \$1.2 million in debt relating to a short-term bank borrowing. This borrowing, denominated in New Taiwan dollars, bore interest at an interest rate of 6.8% and was fully repaid in January 2001.

Capital lease obligations, stated net of imputed interest, are due in 2002.

Aggregate maturities of long-term debt at December 31, 2001 are shown in the table below.

Years ending December 31,	Amount (In thousands)
2002 2003	\$ 56 49,000
	\$49,056

Note 8 - Employee benefit plans:

Defined contribution plans. The Company maintains various defined contribution plans with Company contributions based on matching or other formulas. Defined contribution plan expense approximated \$1,472,000\$ in 1999, \$1,608,000\$ in 2000 and <math>\$1,720,000\$ in 2001.

Defined benefit plans. Through January 1, 2001, the Company maintained a defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all full-time employees of Thomas Regout B.V. Variances from actuarially assumed rates resulted in increases or decreases in accumulated pension obligations, pension expense and funding requirements. As of January 1, 2001, the Company ceased providing future benefits under the plan, thus reducing certain pension benefit obligations. In connection with this curtailment, the Company recognized a curtailment gain of approximately \$116,000 in 2001. See Note 11. As of December 31, 2001, certain obligations related to the terminated plan had not yet been fully settled and

are reflected in accrued pension costs.

The rates $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

	Decem 2000 	2001
Discount rate	4.0%	6.25%
Rate of increase in future		
compensation levels	3.0%	Not applicable
Long-term rate of return on assets	4.0%	4.0 %

The funded status of the Company's defined benefit pension plans, the components of net periodic defined benefit pension cost and the rates used in determining the actuarial present value of benefit obligations are presented in the tables below.

	Years ended 2000	December 31, 2001
	(In thousands)	
Change in projected benefit obligations ("PBO"):		
PBO at beginning of the year Service cost Interest cost Actuarial gains Curtailment gain Change in foreign exchange rates	\$ 2,261 131 80 (171)	\$ 2,301 (766) (116) (140)
PBO at end of the year	\$ 2,301 =====	\$ 1,279 =====
Change in fair value of plan assets: Fair value of plan assets at beginning of the year	\$ 990 35 54 51 (75)	\$ 1,055 61 (97)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 1,055 =====	\$ 1,019 =====
Funded status at year-end: Plan assets less than PBO Unrecognized gains	\$ 1,246	\$ 260 640
	\$ 1,246 ======	\$ 900 =====
Amounts recognized in the balance sheet - accrued pension costs: Current	\$ 78 1,168	\$ 240 660

	Years	ended December	31,
	1999	2000	2001
	(In thousands)		
Net periodic pension cost (benefit):			
Service cost benefits	\$ 151	\$ 131	\$
Interest cost on PBO	92	80	
Expected return on plan assets	(41)	(35)	(61)
Unrecognized gains			19
	\$ 202	\$ 176	\$ (42)
	=====	=====	====

Note 9 - Income taxes:

The components of pre-tax income and the provision for income taxes, the difference between the provision for income taxes and the amount that would be expected using the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% and the comprehensive provision for income taxes are presented below.

		ended December 2000	•
		(In thousand	
Components of pre-tax income (loss):			
United States	•	\$ 7,746 27,697	13,880
		\$ 35,443 ======	
Provision for income taxes: Currently payable (refundable): U.S. federal and state Foreign		\$ 2,385 8,695	5,247
	12,679	11,080	4,403
Deferred income taxes (benefit): U.S Foreign	38 1,385	1,034 1,276	
	1,423	2,310	•
		\$ 13,390 ======	
Expected tax expense, at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% Non-U.S. tax rates		\$ 12,405 (90)	•

foreign subsidiary No tax benefit for goodwill amortization State income taxes and other, net		198	330
	625	610	693
	(472)	267	579
	\$ 14,102	\$ 13,390	\$ 5,758
	======	======	======
Comprehensive provision for income taxes (benefit) allocable to: Pre-tax income	\$ 14,102	\$ 13,390	\$ 5,758
currency translation		(323)	(207)
	\$ 14,102	\$ 13,067	\$ 5,551
	======	======	======

The components of net deferred tax assets (liabilities) are summarized below.

	Decemb 2000	•
	(In thou	sands)
Tax effect of temporary differences related to:		
Inventories Property and equipment Accrued liabilities and other deductible differences Tax loss and credit carryforwards Other taxable differences Valuation allowance	\$ 283 (7,505) 2,674 3,890 (1,275)	(7,890) 2,987
	\$(1,933) ======	\$(2,788) ======
Net current deferred tax assets Net current deferred tax liabilities Net noncurrent deferred tax assets Net noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	1,813	(291)
	\$(1,933) =====	\$(2,788) =====

At December 31, 2000, the Company had \$.7 million of foreign tax credit carryforwards which expired unused during 2001.

At December 31, 2001, the Company has net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards, which expire in 2007 through 2018, of approximately \$8.4 million for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The NOL carryforwards arose from the acquisition of Thomas Regout's U.S. subsidiary. These losses may only be used to offset future taxable income of the acquired subsidiary and are not available to offset taxable income of other subsidiaries. Utilization of such NOL carryforwards is limited to approximately \$400,000 annually. The Company utilized NOL carryforwards of \$300,000 in 1999 and none of such NOL carryforwards in 2000 and 2001. At December 31, 2001, the Company also has the equivalent of approximately \$4.7 million of tax loss carryforwards in the Netherlands with no expiration date. The Company believes that it is more-likely-than-not that all such NOLs will be utilized to reduce future income tax liabilities. Consequently, no valuation allowance has been recorded to offset the deferred tax asset related to these NOLs.

	Shar		stock	
	Issued		Outstanding	
Balance at December 31, 1998	6,144,880		6,144,880	10,000,000
Issued	2 , 500		2,500	
Balance at December 31, 1999	6,147,380		6,147,380	10,000,000
Issued	57,300		57,300 (844,300)	
Balance at December 31, 2000	6,204,680	(844,300)	5,360,380	10,000,000
Issued Reacquired			2,500 (259,600)	
Balance at December 31, 2001	6,207,180 ======	(1,103,900)	5,103,280	10,000,000

Class A and Class B common stock. The shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock are identical in all respects, except for certain voting rights and certain conversion rights in respect of the shares of the $\operatorname{Class}\ B$ Common Stock. Holders of Class A Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share. Valcor, which holds all of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, is entitled to one vote per share in all matters except for election of directors, for which Valcor is entitled to ten votes per share. Holders of all classes of common stock entitled to vote will vote together as a single class on all matters presented to the stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law. Each share of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock have an equal and ratable right to receive dividends to be paid from the Company's assets when, and if declared by the Board of Directors. In the event of the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Company, the holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock will be entitled to share equally and ratably in the assets available for distribution after payments are made to the Company's creditors and to the holders of any preferred stock of the Company that may be outstanding at the time. Shares of the Class A Common Stock have no conversion rights. Under certain conditions, shares of Class B Common Stock will convert, on a share-for-share basis, into shares of Class A Common Stock.

Reacquired common stock. The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the Company to purchase up to approximately 1.5 million shares of its common stock in open market or privately-negotiated transactions at unspecified prices and over an unspecified period of time. As of December 31, 2001, the Company had purchased approximately 1,104,000 shares for an aggregate of \$11.3 million pursuant to such authorization.

Incentive compensation plan. The CompX International Inc. 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan provides for the award or grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance grants and other awards to employees and other individuals providing services to the Company. Up to 1.5 million shares of Class A Common Stock may be issued pursuant to the plan. Generally, employee stock options are granted at prices not less than the market price of the Company's stock on the date of grant, vest over five years and expire ten years from the date of grant.

The following table sets forth changes in outstanding options during the past three years.

	Share	Exercise price per share	Amount payable upon exercise
Outstanding at December 31, 1998	419	\$20.00	\$ 8,390
Granted Canceled		15.88 - 20.00 17.94 - 20.00	4,647 (253)
Outstanding at December 31, 1999	658	15.88 - 20.00	12,784
Granted Exercised Canceled	, ,	12.50 - 19.63 17.94 - 20.00 15.88 - 20.00	5,360 (1,073) (3,290)
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	722	12.50 - 20.00	13,781
Granted Canceled	330 (196)	10.00 - 13.00 13.00 - 20.00	4,071 (3,691)
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	856 ====	\$10.00 - 20.00 	\$14 , 161

Outstanding options at December 31, 2001 represent approximately 17% of the Company's outstanding Class A common shares at that date and expire through 2011 with a weighted-average remaining term of 8 years. At December 31, 2001, options to purchase 255,000 of the Company's shares were exercisable at prices ranging from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per share, or an aggregate amount payable upon exercise of \$4.8 million, with a weighted average exercise price of \$16.57 per share. These exercisable options are exercisable through 2011. Substantially all of such exercisable options are exercisable at prices higher than the Company's December 31, 2001 market price of \$12.97 per share. At December 31, 2001, options to purchase 161,000 shares are scheduled to become exercisable in 2002 and an aggregate of 417,000 shares were available for future grants.

Other. The following pro forma information, required by SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," is based on an estimation of the fair value of CompX options issued subsequent to January 1, 1998. The weighted average fair values of CompX options granted during 1999, 2000 and 2001 were \$11.56, \$7.86 and \$4.53 per share, respectively. The fair values of such options were calculated using the Black-Scholes stock option valuation model with the following weighted-average assumptions: stock price volatility of 37% to 45%, risk-free rates of return of 5.1% to 6.9%, dividend yields of nil to 5.0% and an expected term of 10 years. The Black-Scholes <code>model</code> was not developed for use in valuing employee stock options, but was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, it requires the use of subjective assumptions including expectations of future dividends and stock price volatility. Such assumptions are only used for making the required fair value estimate and should not be considered as indicators of future dividend policy or stock price appreciation. Because changes in the subjective assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, and because employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, the use of the Black-Scholes option-pricing model may not provide a reliable estimate of the fair value of employee stock options.

Had the Company elected to account for its stock-based employee compensation for all awards granted subsequent to January 1, 1998 in accordance with the fair value-based accounting method of SFAS No. 123, the Company's reported net income would have decreased by \$1.0 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million in 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively, or \$.06, \$.08 and \$.10 per basic share, respectively. For purposes of this pro forma disclosure, the estimated

fair value of options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. Such pro forma impact on net income and basic earnings per share is not necessarily indicative of future effects on net income or earnings per share.

Note 11 - Other general corporate income, net

	Years 1999 		ed Decei 2000	nber	31, 2001
	(In t	housand:	3)	
Net foreign currency transaction gain (loss) Interest income	\$(290) 862 104	\$	(117) 569 (9)	\$	636 574 116 (317)
	\$ 676 ====	\$	443	\$:	1,009

Other income, $% \left(1\right) =1$ net in 2001 includes a \$2.2 million $% \left(1\right) =1$ pre-tax gain related to the sale/leaseback of CompX's manufacturing facility in the Netherlands. Pursuant to the sale/leaseback, CompX sold the manufacturing facility with a net carrying value of \$8.2 million for \$10.0 million cash consideration in December 2001, and CompX simultaneously entered into a leaseback of the facility with a nominal monthly rental for approximately 30 months. CompX has the option to extend the leaseback period for up to an additional two years with monthly rentals of \$40,000 to \$100,000. CompX may terminate the leaseback at any time without penalty. In addition to the cash received up front, CompX included an estimate of the fair market value of the monthly rental during the nominal-rental leaseback period as part of the sale proceeds. A portion of the gain from the sale of the facility after transaction costs, equal to the present value of the monthly rentals over the expected leaseback period (including the fair market value of the monthly rental during the nominal-rental leaseback period), has been deferred and will be amortized into income over the expected leaseback period. CompX will recognize rental expense over the leaseback period, including amortization of the prepaid rent consisting of the estimated fair market value of the monthly rental during the nominal-rental leaseback period. Pursuant to the agreement, CompX is also obligated to acquire approximately 10 acres from the municipality of Maastricht for approximately \$1.8 million within the next 1 to 3 years. Also include in other income, net in 2001 is a \$2.7million pre-tax restructuring charge related to CompX's European operations. See Note 6.

Note 12 - Related party transactions:

The Company may be deemed to be controlled by Harold C. Simmons. See Note 1. Corporations that may be deemed to be controlled by or affiliated with Mr. Simmons sometimes engage in (a) intercorporate transactions such as guarantees, management and expense sharing arrangements, shared fee arrangements, joint ventures, partnerships, loans, options, advances of funds on open account, and sales, leases and exchanges of assets, including securities issued by both related and unrelated parties, and (b) common investment and acquisition strategies, business combinations, reorganizations, recapitalizations, securities repurchases, and purchases and sales (and other acquisitions and dispositions) of subsidiaries, divisions or other business units, which transactions have involved both related and unrelated parties and have included transactions which resulted in the acquisition by one related party of a publicly-held minority equity interest in another related party. The Company continuously considers, reviews and evaluates, and understands that Contran and related entities consider, review and evaluate, such transactions. Depending upon the business, tax and other objectives then relevant, it is possible that the Company might be a party to one or more such transactions in the future.

It is the policy of the Company to engage in transactions with related parties on terms, in the opinion of the Company, no less favorable to the Company than could be obtained from unrelated parties.

Under the terms of Intercorporate Service Agreements ("ISAs") with Contran, Valhi and NL Industries, Inc., a majority-owned subsidiary of Valhi, Contran,

Valhi and NL Industries, Inc. have performed certain management, tax planning, financial and administrative services for the Company on a fee basis over the past three years. Such fees are based upon estimates of time devoted to the affairs of the Company by individual Contran, Valhi or NL Industries, Inc. employees and the compensation of such persons. Because of the large number of companies affiliated with Contran, the Company believes it benefits from cost savings and economies of scale gained by not having certain management, financial and administrative staffs duplicated at each entity, thus allowing certain individuals to provide services to multiple companies but only be compensated by one entity. These ISAs are reviewed and approved by the applicable independent directors of the companies that are parties to the agreement. In addition, certain occupancy and related office services are provided based upon square footage occupied. Fees pursuant to these agreements aggregated \$433,000 in 1999, \$689,000 in 2000 and \$1,245,000 in 2001.

Certain of the Company's insurance coverages are arranged for and brokered by EWI Re, Inc. Parties related to Contran own all of the outstanding common stock of EWI. Through December 31, 2000, a son-in-law of Harold C. Simmons managed the operations of EWI. Subsequent to December 31, 2000, such son-in-law provides advisory services to EWI as requested by EWI. The Company generally does not compensate EWI directly for insurance, but understands that consistent with insurance industry practice, EWI receives a commission for its services from the insurance underwriters.

The Company and other entities related to Contran participate in a combined risk management program. Net charges from related parties related to this buying program, principally charges for insuring property and other risks, aggregated \$431,000 in 1999, \$563,000 in 2000 and \$422,000 in 2001. These fees and charges are principally pass-through in nature.

Note 13 - Commitments and contingencies:

Legal proceedings. The Company is involved, from time to time, in various contractual, product liability, patent (or intellectual property) and other claims and disputes incidental to its business. Currently no material environmental or other material litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened. The Company currently believes that the disposition of all claims and disputes, individually or in the aggregate, should not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

Environmental matters and litigation. The Company's operations are governed by various federal, state, local and foreign environmental laws and regulations. The Company's policy is to comply with environmental laws and regulations at all of its plants and to continually strive to improve environmental performance in association with applicable industry initiatives. The Company believes that its operations are in substantial compliance with applicable requirements of environmental laws. From time to time, the Company may be subject to environmental regulatory enforcement under various statutes, resolution of which typically involves the establishment of compliance programs.

Income taxes. The Company is undergoing examinations of certain of its income tax returns, and tax authorities have or may propose tax deficiencies. The Company believes that it has adequately provided accruals for additional income taxes and related interest expense which may ultimately result from such examinations and believes that the ultimate disposition of all such examinations should not have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Concentration of credit risk. The Company's products are sold primarily in North America and Europe to original equipment manufacturers. The ten largest customers accounted for approximately 33%, 35% and 36% of sales in 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively, with no single customer accounting for more than 10% of sales.

Other. Royalty expense was \$1,097,000 in 1999, \$1,073,000 in 2000 and \$672,000 in 2001. Royalties relate principally to certain products manufactured in Canada and sold in the United States under the terms of a third-party patent license agreement.

Rent expense, principally for equipment, was \$609,000 in 1999, \$1,072,000 in 2000 and \$1,861,000 in 2001. At December 31, 2001, future minimum rentals under noncancellable operating leases are approximately \$990,000 in 2002, \$730,000 in 2003, \$385,000 in 2004, \$317,000 in 2005, \$242,000 in 2006 and \$132,000 thereafter.

Firm purchase commitments for capital projects in process at December 31, 2001 approximated \$2.5 million.

Note 14 - Accounting principles not yet adopted:

Goodwill. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, effective January 1, 2002. Under SFAS No. 142, goodwill, will not be amortized on a periodic basis. Instead, goodwill will be subject to an impairment test to be performed at least on an annual basis, and impairment reviews may result in future periodic write-downs charged to earnings. The Company would have reported net income of approximately \$9.4 million, or \$.62 per diluted share, in 2001 if the goodwill amortization included in the Company's reported net income had not been recognized.

As discussed in Note 5, the Company has assigned its goodwill to two reporting units. Under SFAS No. 142, such goodwill will be deemed to not be impaired if the estimated fair value of the CompX Security Products and CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe reporting units exceeds the respective net carrying value of such reporting units, including the allocated goodwill. If the fair value of the reporting unit is less than carrying value, then a goodwill impairment loss would be recognized equal to the excess, if any, of the net carrying value of the reporting unit goodwill over its implied fair value (up to a maximum impairment equal to the carrying value of the goodwill). The implied fair value of reporting unit goodwill would be the amount equal to the excess of the estimated fair value of the reporting unit over the amount that would be allocated to the tangible and intangible net assets of the reporting unit (including unrecognized intangible assets) as if such reporting unit had been acquired in a purchase business combination accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 141.

In determining the estimated fair value of the reporting units, the Company will use discounted cash flows valuation techniques.

The Company has completed its initial, transitional goodwill impairment analysis under SFAS No. 142 as of January 1, 2002, and no goodwill impairments were deemed to exist. In accordance with the requirements of SFAS No. 142, the Company will review goodwill of the reporting units for impairment during the third quarter of each year starting in 2002. Goodwill will also be reviewed for impairment at other times during each year when events or changes in circumstances indicate that an impairment might be present.

Impairment of long-lived assets. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, effective January 1, 2002. SFAS No. 144 retains the fundamental provisions of existing GAAP with respect to the recognition and measurement of long-lived asset impairment contained in SFAS No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Lived-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of. However, SFAS No. 144 provides new guidance intended to address certain implementation issues associated with SFAS No. 121, including expanded guidance with respect to appropriate cash flows to be used to determine whether recognition of any long-lived asset impairment is required, and if required how to measure the amount of the impairment. SFAS No. 144 also requires that any net assets to be disposed of by sale are to be reported at the lower of carrying value or fair value less cost to sell, and expands the reporting of discontinued operations to include any component of an entity with operations and cash flows that can be clearly distinguished from the rest of the entity. Adoption of SFAS No. 144 will not have a significant effect on the Company as of January 1, 2002.

Asset retirement obligations. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, no later than January 1, 2003. Under SFAS No. 143, the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation covered under the scope of SFAS No. 143 would be recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred, with an offsetting increase in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability would be accreted to its present value, and the capitalized cost would be depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the liability, an entity would either settle the obligation for its recorded amount or incur a gain or loss upon settlement. The Company is still studying this standard to determine, among other things, whether it has any asset retirement obligations

which are covered under the scope of SFAS No. 143, and the effect, if any, to the Company of adopting SFAS No. 143 has not yet been determined.

Note 15 - Quarterly results of operations (unaudited):

	Quarter ended						
	March 31 June 30 Sept. 3			-			
				per share			
2000:							
Net sales Operating income Net income Basic and diluted earnings per share		10.7	11.5 7.1	9.1 5.5	5.9 2.9		
2001: Net sales Operating income (loss) Net income (loss)		6.8	5.3	51.5 \$ 4.1 2.1	(3.8)		
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$.24\$.18\$.14\$	(.09)		

The sum of the quarterly per share amounts may not equal the annual per share amounts due to relative changes in the weighted average number of shares used in the per share computations.

During the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company recorded the following significant adjustments:

- o A \$2.7 million pre-tax restructuring charge related to CompX's European operations. See Note 6.
- o A \$2.2 million pre-tax gain on the sale/leaseback of its manufacturing facility located in Maastricht, the Netherlands. See Note 11.
- o A \$3.0 million pre-tax charge related to changes in estimates with respect to reserves for obsolete and slow-moving inventory and other items. Approximately \$2.1 million of this charge related to the CompX Security Products segment with the remaining \$.9 million relating to the CompX Waterloo/CompX Europe segment.

The aggregate effect of these fourth quarter 2001 adjustments was a pre-tax charge of \$3.5 million (\$2.0 million, or \$.13 per diluted share, net of income taxes).

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of CompX International Inc.:

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements referred to in our report dated March 1, 2002, appearing on page F-2 of this 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K of CompX International Inc., also included an audit of the financial statement schedule listed in the index on page F-1 of this Form 10-K. In our opinion, this financial statement schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Dallas, Texas March 1, 2002

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

SCHEDULE II - VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

(In thousands)

Description	beginning of year	Additions charged to costs and expenses	Deductions	Net translation	Currency Other(a)	
Year ended December 31, 1999:						
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 310 =====		\$ (101) =====	\$ 12 =====		
Amortization of goodwill	\$ 828		\$ =====	\$ =====	\$ =====	
Amortization of other intangible asse	ts \$ 216 =====		\$ =====	,		\$ 426 =====
Year ended December 31, 2000:						
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 725 =====		\$ (79) =====	\$ (36) =====	\$ =====	
Amortization of goodwill	\$2,730 =====		\$ =====	\$ (55) =====	\$ =====	
Amortization of other intangible asse	ts \$ 426 =====		'	\$ (2) =====	\$ 	
Year ended December 31, 2001:						
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 487 =====		\$ (296) =====	\$ 14 =====	\$ =====	
Amortization of goodwill		\$ 2,304 =====		\$ (75) =====	\$ =====	
Amortization of other intangible asse	ts \$ 785 =====		\$ =====	\$ (4) =====	\$ =====	\$1,010 =====

(a) Business units acquired.

Note – certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. $\,$

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of December 20, 2001

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY,
As Agent

And

VARIOUS LENDING INSTITUTIONS

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CREDIT AGREEMENT

This Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into as of December 20, 2001, by and among COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), each of the several financial institutions signatory hereto (collectively, the "Majority Lenders") and Bankers Trust Company, a New York banking corporation, individually and as agent (the "Agent") for the benefit of the Lenders under the Credit Agreement hereinafter referred to.

RECTTALS

A. The Company, the Agent and the financial institutions from time to time party thereto are parties to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of February 26, 1998 (the "Credit Agreement"). Unless otherwise specified herein, capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings ascribed to them by the Credit Agreement, as amended hereby.

B. The Borrowers, the Agent and the Majority Lenders have agreed to amend the Credit Agreement on terms and conditions herein set forth subject to the terms and conditions hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual execution hereof and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Amendments to Credit Agreement.
- (a) Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement is amended by inserting the following new defined term in alphabetical order therein:

"Maastricht Sale and Leaseback Transaction" means the sale by Thomas Regout International B.V. ("TRI") of the operating plant and plant site in Maastricht, the Netherlands to the municipality of Maastricht for approximately NLG 25 million, the concurrent leaseback of such plant and plant site by TRI for approximately two years and the related obligation of TRI to purchase an alternative plant site from the municipality of Maastricht in 2002 or thereafter for approximately NLG 4.4 million.

(b) Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement is further amended by inserting a semicolon in place of the period at the end of the clause (x) of the definition of "Indebtedness" contained therein and inserting the following proviso at the conclusion of the definition of "Indebtedness"

provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligation of TRI to

purchase an alternate plant site as provided in the definition of Maastricht Sale and Leaseback Transaction shall not be deemed to be Indebtedness

- (c) Section 4.3 (c) of the Credit Agreement is amended by inserting the parenthetical clause "(other than the Maastricht Sale and Leaseback Transaction)" immediately following the words "Asset Disposition" in such Section.
- (d) Section 8.10 of the Credit Agreement is amended by inserting the phrase "other than pursuant to the Maastricht Sale and Leaseback Transaction" at the conclusion of such Section.
- 2. Representations and Warranties of the Borrowers. The Company represents and warrants that:
- (a) The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and that this Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar law affecting creditors' rights generally;
- (b) Each of the representations and warranties contained in the Credit Agreement is true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof as if made on the date hereof, except to the extent that any such representation or warranty relates to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date; and
- (c) After giving effect to this Agreement, no Default or Unmatured Default has occurred and is continuing.
- 3. Amendment Fee. In consideration of the execution of this Agreement by the Agent and the Lenders, the Company hereby agrees to pay to each Lender which executes this Agreement on or prior to $12:00\,$ P.M. (New York City time) on December 20, 2001 a fee (the "Amendment Fee") in an amount equal to such Lender's Revolving Commitment multiplied by 0.05%.
- 4. Conditions to Effectiveness of Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective on the date (the "Effective Date") each of the following conditions precedent is satisfied:
- (a) Execution and Delivery. The Company, the Agent and the Majority Lenders shall have executed and delivered this Agreement.
- (b) No Defaults. After giving effect to this Agreement, no Unmatured Event of Default or Event of Default under the Credit Agreement shall have occurred and be continuing.
- (c) Representations and Warranties. After giving effect to the amendments contemplated by this Agreement, the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement, the Credit Agreement and other Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all respects as of the Effective Date, with the same effect as though made on such date, except to the extent that any such representation or warranty relates to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date.
- (d) Payment of Amendment Fee. The Company shall have paid the Amendment Fee in full to the Agent for ratable distribution to the Lenders that have executed and delivered this Agreement on or prior to 12:00 P.M. (New York City time) on December 20, 2001; provided, however, that the Amendment Fee shall be payable only in the event that this Agreement has been executed by the Persons described in Section 4(a) above.
- (e) General. The Agent shall have received such other documents, Certificates and opinions, as it may reasonably require.
 - 5. Reference to and Effect Upon the Credit Agreement.
- (a) Upon the Effective Date, each reference in the Credit Agreement to "this Agreement," "hereunder," "hereof," "herein," or words of like import and each reference to the Credit Agreement in each Loan Document shall mean and be a

reference to the Credit Agreement as amended and restated hereby and the Credit Agreement is amended as set forth herein and is hereby restated in its entirety to read as set forth in the Credit Agreement with the amendments specified herein.

- (b) Except as specifically amended above, all of the terms, conditions and covenants of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall remain unaltered and in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.
- (c) The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Agreement shall not operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of the Agent or any Lender under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, nor constitute a waiver of any provision of the Credit Agreement or any Loan Document, except as specifically set forth herein.
- 6. Costs and Expenses. The Company hereby affirms its obligation under Section 11.04 of the Credit Agreement to reimburse the Agent for all reasonable costs, internal charges and out-of-pocket expenses paid or incurred by the Agent in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement, including but not limited to the attorneys' fees and time charges of attorneys for the Agent with respect thereto.
- 7. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed an original but all such counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument.

(signature pages follow)

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

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC., a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Stuart M. Bitting

Name: Stuart M. Bitting

Title: VP, CFO & Treasurer

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, individually as a Lender and as Agent

By: /s/ Robert Telesca

Name: Robert Telesca

Title: Vice President

FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK,

As a Lender

By: /s/ Thomas F. Snider

Name: Thomas F. Snider

	WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. as a Lender
By:	/s/ Lee R. Gray
Name:	Lee R. Gray
Title:	Senior Vice President

Title: Vice President

Official Translation of Principle Agreement

The private company "Thomas Regout International BV", according to its Articles of Association with its corporate seat in Maastricht, hereinafter: "Thomas Regout International", in the present matter duly represented by Mr. W.J. Dammers.

and

the public law entity, the municipality of Maastricht, with seat in Maastricht, hereinafter: "the Municipality", in the present matter duly represented by: Mr. Ph.J.I.M. Houben.

Whereas

Thomas Regout International is the legal owner of several parcels of land on the "Bosscherveld" industrial estate in Maastricht;

The Municipality requires the title to these parcels and others in order to realize the transformation process of the west bank of the Maas;

Thomas Regout International is willing to transfer the title of these parcels to the Municipality, if and to the extent that it is paid a realistic market price and is given the opportunity to relocate to an alternative industrial property, and if the relocation can be arranged in such a way as not to disrupt its production process.

Do hereby agree as follows:

- A. The sale of the parcels of land currently belonging to Thomas Regout International
- Article 1: The sale of the parcels of land currently belonging to Thomas Regout International
 - 1.1 Thomas Regout International hereby sells to the Municipality, in the same way that the Municipality hereby purchases from Thomas Regout International, the parcels of property known at the Land Registry as Municipality of Maastricht, section H, number 2597, measuring 2 hectares, 89 ares and 65 centiares, section D, number 3877, measuring 8 ares and 50 centiares, both parcels known locally as no. 40, Industrieweg, and section H, number 2555, measuring 93 ares and 9 centiares, known locally as no. 41-43, Sandersweg, hereinafter jointly: "the property".
 - 1.2 The Municipality of Maastricht intends to use the property for the transformation process of the west bank of the Maas, in connection with which the Municipality of Maastricht will enter into a joint venture with Stichting Bedrijfspensioenfonds voor de Bouwnijverheid and ING Vastgoed. Thomas Regout International does not object to this proposed use, to the extent it will not affect its business operations on its present location, or the orderly relocation of that business.

Article 2: The purchase price

- 2.1 The purchase price of the property is NLG 25,000,000 (twenty-five million Dutch guilders) (EUR 11.344.505,40). The costs of transfer, including the taxes due to the delivery and obtaining of the premises, will be paid by the Municipality. In case VAT is due above the purchase price, it is expressly agreed that the taxes due includes VAT.
- 2.2 The Municipality will pay this purchase price on the Date of Transfer.

Article 3: The deed of delivery

3.1 The property will be delivered beneficially and legally to the Municipality. Delivery expressly does not include the Sold machinery on location, company installations and inventory, among which the supplementary materials should be included as mentioned in article 3.254 Civil Code. The purchase price does not include any compensation for the Sold machinery on location, company installations and

inventory. In as far as the machinery, company installments and inventory fall under property, they will be expressly excluded from the economic transfer.

- 3.2 The deed of delivery of the property will be executed before a civil law notary to be designated by the Municipality at the latest on December 30, 2001, hereinafter: "Date of Transfer".
- Article 4: The condition of the property upon transfer of the economic ownership
 - 4.1 The property will be delivered on the Date of the Transfer, free of mortgages and attachments, but including any other real rights and qualitative obligations with which the parcels may be charged.

Article 5: Continued use by lease

- 5.1 After the Date of Transfer, Thomas Regout International will remain authorized to continue using the property by lease until December 31, 2005 or such later date as is necessary for Thomas Regout International's Alternative Parcel to be ready for occupancy, plus a reasonable period for relocating its business activities.
- 5.2 Thomas Regout has to pay for the continue use of the property after the Date of Transfer a sum of NLG 11,02 (EUR 5,00) per month, added with VAT.

Two years after the property is ready for construction work to commence and the permits and licenses for the new premises become final, especially the building and environmental permits and licenses, the rent is increased to a sum of NLG 100,000 (EUR 45.378,02) per month, added with VAT, for the continued use of the property.

Subsequently each six months the rent per month will be increased with NLG 50.000,-- (EUR 22.689,01), added with VAT, till a maximum of NLG 250.000,-- (EUR 113.445,05) rent per month.

- 5.3 As long as Thomas Regout International continues using the property, its entire maintenance will be for Thomas Regout International's account. Thomas Regout International must keep the property in a satisfactory state of maintenance until the date on which it is vacated.
- 5.4 All real charges, taxes (including the property tax payable by both the user and the owner) and insurance payable during the continued use, until the date on which the property is vacated, will be for account of Thomas Regout International.
- 5.5 As long as Thomas Regout International continues using the property, the Municipality is authorized to obtain access in consultation with Thomas Regout International, in order to conduct studies to prepare the property for the future use proposed by the Municipality, to the extent these studies do not damage the property and do not disrupt Thomas Regout International's production process.
- Article 6: After lease termination of the Property continuing use for the purpose of the production and storage of curtain rails
 - 6.1 Thomas Regout International is using part of the property measuring circa 5,500 sq.m. for the purpose of the production and storage of curtain rails. After termination of the use as described in article 5.1, Thomas Regout International will be entitled to continue to use by rent that part of the property for this purpose until further notice.
 - 6.2 Thomas Regout International has to pay for the continuing use of the property measuring 5,500~sq.m. from the date of termination of the lease with respect to the whole premises as described in article 5.1. a rent of NLG 11,02 (EUR 5,00), added with VAT.
 - 6.3 Thomas Regout International must give one month's notice of termination. The Municipality must give nine month's notice of termination. Either way notice of termination must be given in writing and can be done without reason.
 - 6.4 As long as Thomas Regout International continues using the part of the

property of 5.500 sq.m up to the actual hand-over of this part of the property, its entire maintenance will be for Thomas Regout International account. All real charges, taxes (including the property tax payable by both the user and the owner) and insurance payable during the continued use, until the date on which the property is vacated, will be for account of the Municipality.

Article 7: Actual hand-over of the property at the end of the continued use

- 7.1 Thomas Regout International will hand over the property to the Municipality empty and vacated, and free of tenancies and/or use at the end of the continued use, herein: "vacated". If Thomas Regout International opts of its right of continued use of the part of the property as described in Article 6.1. Thomas Regout International is only obliged to actual hand-over this part if the right of continued use is ended.
- 7.2 Thomas Regout International will hand over the property to the Municipality with its fixtures. Nonetheless, Thomas Regout International will be authorized to remove from the property any items which it needs for its business operations at the end of the continued use as described in Article 5.1. and/or Article 6.1., whereupon Thomas Regout International will not be required to adjust any costs or to pay the Municipality any compensation whatsoever.

Article 8: Soil contamination

- 8.1 The Municipality declares that it is aware of the use which Thomas Regout International and/or any allied companies currently makes and has made of the property in the past, and that it has taken note of the soil inspection reports, as mentioned in detail in the letter dated December 14th, 2001 and in particular the `Nader bodemonderzoek TR-1 te Maastricht' of November 20, 1998, drawn up by Tebodin B.V.
- 8.2 The Municipality hereby accepts the property together with the present soil contamination, and any soil contamination which may be caused by Thomas Regout International's and/or any allied companies normal business operations.
- 8.3 Thomas Regout International and/or any allied companies is only liable for contamination and required to compensate the resulting decontamination costs, if there is question of a serious soil contamination within the meaning of the `Wet Bodemverontreiniging' [the Dutch Soil contamination Act] which is caused after the signing date of the present agreement as a result of a deliberate act or omission by Thomas Regout International and/or of violation of the environmental permit and which is such that decontamination is urgent on the basis of the current use of the property.
- 8.4 The Municipality will indemnify Thomas Regout International and/or any allied companies against liability for existing soil contamination against thirds, the Kingdom of the Netherlands included.

B. Alternative location

Article 9: The sale

- 9.1 The Municipality will offer Thomas Regout International a parcel of land on the industrial estate on the "Eijsden-Maastricht" zoning plan with a maximum of 4 hectares, as marked as a hatched area in detail on the site plan annexed hereto as annex 1 (hereinafter: "the Alternative Parcel").
- 9.2 Upon first request of Thomas Regout the parties will fix the precise location of the Alternative Parcel by joint consent, taking account not only of the expected layout and the schedule of requirements of the new Thomas Regout International premises but also the extent in which the remaining area can be usefully parceled out. In any case, it will be an unbroken parcel that will not be separated by a road.
- 9.3 The Alternative Parcel will be delivered ready for construction work to commence and will also be environmentally suited for Thomas Regout International proposed industrial use.
- 9.4 The Alternative Parcel will be bought in the expectation that Thomas

Regout International and/or any allied companies will use the alternative parcel for production purposes. If, for any reason, Thomas Regout International wishes to dispose of the alternative parcel before construction work commences, it will be required to offer it first to the Municipality on the same financial terms specified in article 10 as those on which it acquired the Alternative Parcel from the Municipality.

9.5 The Alternative Parcel will be delivered together with the public utilities customary for this type of industrial estate.

Article 10: The Purchase price

- 10.1 The purchase price of the Alternative Parcel is NLG 110 (EUR 49,92) per m2, excluding VAT, price level as of December 31, 2002. At the time of the legal transfer of the Alternative Parcel, the purchase price will be fixed on the basis of the actual surface area being offered.
- 10.2 The purchase price of the Alternative Parcel must be paid at the date of the Deed of Transfer of the Alternative Parcel. The purchase price will be increased with interest at a rate of 7% per annum as soon as Thomas Regout International acquires irrevocable building and environmental permits and licenses, but no earlier than as of January 1, 2003.

Article 11: The transfer of the legal ownership

11.1 The deed of delivery for the transfer of the legal ownership of the Alternative Parcel will be executed before a civil-law notary designated by Thomas Regout International 6 weeks after Thomas Regout International acquires valid building and environmental permits and licenses and the parcel for the alternative location is ready for construction work to commence.

Article 12: The development of the new Thomas Regout International premises

- 12.1 Thomas Regout International will realize its new premises on the alternative parcel on the industrial estate after the notarial deed of delivery is executed for the property.
- 12.2 Thomas Regout International will form a construction team to develop the construction plan, which will include a representative from the Municipality. The construction team may not adopt resolutions on the development of the plan and the new premises, and Thomas Regout International will have sole and exclusive control at all times.

The construction team will discuss, `inter alia', which public law procedures will need to be followed for the development and realization, and for the operation and preservation of the permits and licenses necessary for Thomas Regout International's business operations. This team will also discuss which planning procedures must be followed in order to realize the new premises. The point of departure for scheduling the construction of the new premises is that these premises must have an irrevocable zoning scheme, necessary permits and licenses and production must be able to commence on or around June 30 2005.

12.3 Thomas Regout International will develop a plan for new construction, for which building and environmental permits and licenses before July 1, 2003. Thomas Regout International is obliged to render without any delay all necessary information for the permits asked for to the Municipality upon request by the responsible civil-servant.

C. Final provisions

Article 13: Further agreements

- 13.1 The Municipality and Thomas Regout International will enter into a deed of delivery for the property with due observance of the present agreement.
- 13.2 The Municipality and Thomas Regout International will enter into a deed of legal transfer for the Alternative Parcel with due observance of the present agreement.

Article 14: Reservation

- 14.1 Thomas Regout International enters into the present agreement on the condition that it obtains the approval of its shareholder and the shareholder of Thomas Regout International Holding B.V.
- 14.2 The parties are required to submit to each other the present agreement for approval as soon as possible after signing and to notify the other party of the outcome. If either party fails to obtain the necessary approval, the present agreement will become ineffective and the parties will jointly negotiate the new situation.

Thus done...

Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization	% of Voting Securities Held at December 31, 2001
Canada	100
Delaware	100
Netherlands Netherlands Michigan Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands	100 100 100 100 100 100
Malaysia Taiwan British Virgin Islands	100 100 100
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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in CompX International Inc.'s (i) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-47539) and related Prospectus pertaining to the CompX International Inc. 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan and (ii) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-56163) and related Prospectus pertaining to the CompX Contributory Retirement Plan, of our report dated March 1, 2002 on our audits of the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule of CompX International Inc. and Subsidiaries included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Dallas, Texas March 20, 2002