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**for the six months
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS US GAAP**DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND JUNE 30, 2003**

	December 31, 2002	June 30, 2003 (Unaudited)	June 30, 2003 (Unaudited)
	(Thousand of Euro)		(Thousand of US dollars)(1)
ASSETS			
<i>CURRENT ASSETS</i>			
Cash	151,418	206,477	\$ 237,490
Accounts receivable net	370,234	417,320	480,001
Sales and income taxes receivable	10,956	5,389	6,198
Inventories	406,032	386,675	444,753
Prepaid expenses and other	53,385	51,814	59,596
Net deferred tax assets current	148,088	148,278	170,550
	1,140,113	1,215,952	1,398,588
Total current assets			

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PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT net	506,545	470,993	541,736
<i>OTHER ASSETS</i>			
Intangible assets net	1,916,526	1,840,653	2,117,119
Investments	12,837	12,981	14,931
Other assets	10,311	11,142	12,816
Total other assets	1,939,674	1,864,776	2,144,865
TOTAL	3,586,332	3,551,721 \$	4,085,190
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
<i>CURRENT LIABILITIES</i>			
Bank overdrafts	371,729	463,680 \$	533,325
Current portion of long-term debt	178,335	271,492	312,270
Accounts payable	202,897	202,729	233,179
Accrued expenses and other	217,883	302,525	347,964
Accrual for customers' right of return	9,130	8,669	9,971
Income taxes payable	18,748	887	1,021
Total current liabilities	998,722	1,249,982	1,437,729
<i>LONG TERM LIABILITIES</i>			
Long term debt	855,654	672,109	773,059
Liability for termination indemnities	48,945	45,041	51,806
Net deferred tax liabilities non current	121,805	122,502	140,901
Other	133,605	134,803	155,050
Total long term liabilities	1,160,010	974,454	1,120,817
MINORITY INTERESTS IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES	9,705	10,298	11,845
<i>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</i>			
Capital stock par value Euro 0.06 454,263,600 and 454,306,200 ordinary shares authorized and issued at December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2003, respectively; 452,351,900 and 447,871,414 shares outstanding at December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2003, respectively.	27,256	27,258	31,353
Additional paid-in capital	34,799	35,044	40,308
Retained earnings	1,447,374	1,485,253	1,708,338
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(66,987)	(160,580)	(184,699)
Total	1,442,442	1,386,975	1,595,299
Less Treasury shares at cost; 1,911,700 and 6,434,786 shares at December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2003, respectively.	24,547	69,987	80,499
Shareholders' equity	1,417,895	1,316,988	1,514,800
TOTAL	3,586,332	3,551,721 \$	4,085,190

(1)

Translated at the Noon Buying Rate of Euro 1.00=US\$1.1502 on June 30, 2003 (see Note 5).

**STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME US GAAP
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2003 (UNAUDITED)**

	2002(3)	2003	2003
	(Thousand of Euro)(1)		(Thousand of US dollars)(1)(2)
NET SALES	1,759,489	1,411,502	\$ 1,623,510
COST OF SALES	509,485	433,100	498,151
GROSS PROFIT	1,250,004	978,402	1,125,358
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Selling and advertising	744,812	616,642	709,262
General and administrative	160,426	138,516	159,321
Total	905,238	755,158	868,583
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	344,766	223,244	256,776
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):			
Interest income	2,784	2,403	2,764
Interest expense	(39,872)	(22,823)	(26,251)
Other net	(844)	(7,545)	(8,678)
Other income (expense) net	(37,932)	(27,965)	(32,165)
INCOME BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	306,834	195,280	224,611
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	92,050	58,691	67,507
INCOME BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS IN INCOME OF CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES	214,784	136,589	157,104
MINORITY INTERESTS IN INCOME OF CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES	2,431	3,306	3,803
NET INCOME	212,353	133,283	\$ 153,302
EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Basic	0.47	0.30	\$ 0.34
Diluted	0.47	0.30	\$ 0.34
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING (thousands):			
Basic	452,633.2	449,398.3	
Diluted	455,497.4	450,547.5	

(1) Except for earnings per share which are stated in Euro and U.S. dollars.

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(3)

Certain amounts presented in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current presentation. Among them was a reclassification of certain revenue items of the retail segment which were recorded in the prior year as a reduction in the related costs and are now reflected as gross revenues and gross costs. The effect of this reclassification is an increase in sales for the six-month period ended June 30, 2002 of U.S. Dollars 23.0 million, and an offsetting increase in costs for the same amount.

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STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY US GAAP

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

(UNAUDITED)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Comprehensive Income (loss)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	Treasury Shares	Consolidated Shareholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount						
(Thousand of Euro)								
BALANCES, January 1, 2003	454,263,600	27,256	34,799	1,447,374		(66,987)	(24,547)	1,417,895
Exercise of stock options	42,600	3	245					248
Translation adjustment					(90,900)	(90,900)		(90,900)
Purchases of treasury shares							(45,440)	(45,440)
Other					(2,693)	(2,693)		(2,693)
Dividends declared				(95,404)				(95,404)
Net income				133,283	133,283			133,283
Comprehensive income					39,690			
BALANCES, June 30, 2003	454,306,200	27,258	35,044	1,485,253		(160,580)	(69,987)	1,316,988
Comprehensive income					\$ 45,652			
(Thousand of US dollars)(1)								
BALANCES, June 30, 2003	454,306,200	\$ 31,353	\$ 40,308	\$ 1,708,338		\$ (184,699)	\$ (80,499)	\$ 1,514,800

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STATEMENTS OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS US GAAP

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2003 (UNAUDITED)

	2002	2003	2002
	(Thousand of Euro)		(Thousand of US dollars)(1)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income before minority interests	214,784	136,589	\$ 157,104
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	77,016	64,465	74,148
Benefit for deferred income taxes	(39,407)	(3,734)	(4,295)
Losses (Gains) on disposal of fixed assets net	(1,552)	48	56
Termination indemnities matured during the period	2,653	855	983
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(96,623)	(38,224)	(43,965)
Prepaid expenses and other	7,829	9,664	11,116
Inventories	(7,428)	11,578	13,317
Accounts payable	14,090	(4,813)	(5,535)
Accrued expenses and other	(5,013)	(7,434)	(8,550)
Accrual for customers right of return	(2,192)	320	368
Income taxes payable	36,807	(18,621)	(21,418)
Total adjustments	(13,820)	14,105	16,223
Cash provided by operating activities	200,964	150,693	\$ 173,327
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Property, plant and equipment:			
Additions	(87,883)	(28,670)	\$ (32,976)
Disposals	2,648		
Acquisitions of business (net of cash acquired)	(19,649)	(23,708)	(27,269)
Increase (Decrease) in intangible assets	23,317	(27,498)	(31,629)
Cash used in investing activities	(81,567)	(79,876)	(91,873)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Long term debt:			
Proceeds	405,114	125,000	143,775
Repayments	(691,066)	(185,736)	(213,634)
(Investment in)/use of restricted cash deposit	211,622		
Sales of treasury shares and additional paid-in capital	9,514		
Purchase of treasury shares		(45,440)	(52,265)
Exercise of stock options	9,130	248	285
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(55,686)	(105,928)	(121,839)
EFFECT OF TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENTS AND OTHER	4,308		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH CASH, BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD	68,019 (211,991)	(35,110) (220,311)	(40,384) (253,401)
EFFECT OF TRANSLATION ADJUSTMENTS ON CASH	(7,790)	(1,782)	(2,050)

CASH, END OF THE PERIOD	(151,762)	(257,203)	\$	(295,835)
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

Cash paid during the period for interest	36,788	6,344	\$	7,297
Cash paid during the period for taxes	66,999	9,518	\$	10,948

(1) Translated at the Noon Buying Rate of Euro 1.00=US\$1.1502 on June 30, 2003 (see Note 5).

CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2003 and the related statements of consolidated income and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2003 and the statement of consolidated shareholders' equity for the six months ended June 30, 2003 have been prepared by Luxottica Group S.p.A. (the "Company") in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The consolidated balance sheet at June 30, 2003, the statements of consolidated income and cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2003, and the statement of consolidated shareholders' equity for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2003 are derived from unaudited financial statements. In the opinion of Management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to fairly present the financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2003 have been made.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been omitted. The consolidated financial statements as of and for the six month period ended June 30, 2003 should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002. The results of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

2. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following (Thousand of Euro):

	December 31, 2002	June 30, 2003
Raw materials	64,581	58,554
Work in process	22,624	19,813
Finished goods	318,827	308,308
Total	406,032	386,675

3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share are computed by dividing net income by the number of weighted-average shares outstanding during the period. Basic earnings per share are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share are based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock and common stock equivalents (options) outstanding during the period.

4. STOCK OPTION AND INCENTIVE PLANS

Options to purchase an aggregate of 11,373,533 Ordinary Shares of the Company were outstanding at June 30, 2003. Outstanding options granted under the Company's Stock Option Plans (10,403,533 shares) become exercisable in three equal annual installments and expire on or before January 31, 2011. During the first six months of 2003, 42,600 options were exercised. Options granted under the Company's Incentive Plans (970,000 shares) vest and become exercisable only if certain financial performance measures are met over a three year period ending December 2004. As the Company has elected to apply Accounting Principle Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees", no compensation expense was recognized for shares issued under the Stock Option Plans because each option's exercise price was equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock on each date of grant. Compensation expense will be recognized for the options issued under the

Company's Incentive Plans based on the market value of the underlying Ordinary Shares when the number of shares to be issued is known.

5. CONVERSION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INTO U.S. DOLLARS

The consolidated financial statements presented in Euro as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2003, are also translated into U.S. Dollars, solely for the convenience of the readers of these financial statements, at the noon buying rate of Euro 1.00 = U.S. Dollar 1.1502, as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the "Noon Buying Rate") at June 30, 2003. Such translations should not be construed as representations that Euro amounts could be converted into U.S. Dollars at that or any other rate.

6. INCOME TAXES

The Company's 2002 and 2003 effective tax rates are less than the statutory tax rate due to permanent differences between the Company's income for financial reporting and tax purposes which reflect the net loss carryforward caused by the prior funding of subsidiary losses through capital contributions that are deductible for income tax purposes under Italian law, and the reduction in certain investments in subsidiaries. Such subsidiary losses were primarily attributable to the amortization of certain intangible assets associated with the Company's acquisitions.

7. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2001 the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangibles Assets ("SFAS No. 142)"). The pronouncement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001 and applies to all goodwill and other intangible assets recognized in financial statements after that date. As a result of this statement, goodwill and intangibles deemed to have an indefinite life will no longer be amortized in the same manner as under the previous standards. However, they will be reviewed periodically for impairment and thus there may be more volatility in reported income.

The Company's goodwill was tested for impairment during the first half of 2002, as well as in connection with the announcement of the termination of the license agreement for the production and distribution of Giorgio Armani and Emporio Armani collections in November 2002, as required by the transitional provisions of SFAS No. 142. The result of this process was the determination that the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets included in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet did not exceed their fair market value, and as a result, the Company has not recorded an asset impairment charge under the provisions of SFAS No. 142.

The Company has determined that the useful life of its trade names ranges from 20 to 25 years and, therefore, their value is amortized on a straight-line basis over their useful life. Amortization expense relating to intangible assets for the six months ended June 30, 2003 was Euro 17.7 million, compared to Euro 18.6 million for the same period of 2002.

8. RECLASSIFICATION OF 2002 INCOME STATEMENT

Certain amounts presented in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation. The reclassifications include certain revenue items of the retail segment which were recorded in the prior years as a reduction in the related costs and are now reflected as gross revenues and gross costs. The effect of this reclassification was an increase in sales for the six-month period ended June 30, 2002 of U.S. Dollars 23.0 million, and an offsetting increase in costs for the same amount.

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The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the disclosure contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2002, which contains, among other things, a discussion of the Company's significant accounting policies and risks and uncertainties that could affect the Company's future operating results or financial condition.

OVERVIEW

The Company operates in two industry segments: manufacturing and wholesale distribution, and retail distribution. Through its manufacturing and wholesale distribution operations, the Company is engaged in the design, manufacture, wholesale distribution and marketing of house brand and designer lines of mid- to premium- priced prescription frames and sunglasses. The Company operates in the retail segment through its Retail Division, consisting of LensCrafters, Inc. and other affiliated companies ("LensCrafters") and, since April 2001, Sunglass Hut International, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Sunglass Hut"). As of June 30, 2003 LensCrafters operated 873 stores throughout the United States of America, Canada and Puerto Rico and Sunglass Hut operated 1,898 stores located in North America, Europe and Australia.

Our net sales consist of direct sales of finished products that we manufacture to opticians and other independent retailers through our wholesale distribution channel and sales directly to consumers through our Retail Division. Our average retail unit selling price is significantly higher than our average wholesale unit selling price, as our retail sales typically include lenses as well as frames.

Demand for our products, particularly our higher-end designer lines, is largely dependent on the discretionary spending power of the consumers in the markets in which we operate. We have historically experienced sales volume fluctuations by quarter due to seasonality associated with the sale of sunglasses. With the acquisition of Sunglass Hut in April 2001, we believe that this seasonality effect has increased. As a result, net sales are typically higher in the second quarter and lower in the fourth quarter.

As a result of the acquisition of LensCrafters in May 1995 and the Company's subsequent expansion of its business activities in the United States through the acquisition of the Ray-Ban sunglass business in 1999 and Sunglass Hut in 2001, the Company's results of operations, which are reported in Euro, have been rendered more susceptible to currency fluctuations between the Euro and the U.S. Dollar. The U.S. Dollar/Euro exchange rate has fluctuated from an average exchange rate in the six months ended June 30, 2002 of Euro 1.00 = U.S. Dollar 0.8980 to Euro 1.00 = U.S. Dollar 1.1049 in the six months ended June 30, 2003. Although the Company engages in certain foreign currency hedging activities to mitigate the impact of these fluctuations, they have impacted the Company's reported revenues and expenses during the periods discussed herein. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates could significantly impact the Company's reported financial results in the future.

On June 26, 1999, the Company acquired the Ray-Ban business for a purchase price of approximately U.S. \$655 million (Euro 635 million based on the exchange rate in effect at such time), subject to post-closing adjustments. The acquisition was accounted for under the purchase method. As such, the results of the Ray-Ban business have been accounted for in our consolidated results since the date of acquisition. Since the acquisition, the Company has closed Ray-Ban's frame manufacturing facilities outside Italy and integrated these operations into its own. This integration was substantially completed by the second quarter of 2000. In January 2002, the Company settled a purchase price dispute with Bausch & Lomb Incorporated, along with certain other litigation between us. The settlement resulted in a reduction in the purchase price of approximately U.S. \$42 million and, accordingly, goodwill and a liability to Bausch & Lomb previously recorded were reduced at December 31, 2001. A receivable was recorded at December 31, 2001 for the final settlement amount. The Company received a payment of U.S. \$23 million in January 2002 as the final settlement payment.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2003

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the amount and percentage of net sales represented by certain items included in the Company's statements of consolidated income.

	Six months ended June 30,			
	2002	%	2003	%
	(Thousand of Euro)		(Thousand of Euro)	
Net sales	1,759,489	100.0	1,411,502	100.0
Cost of sales	509,485	29.0	433,100	30.7
Gross profit	1,250,004	71.0	978,402	69.3

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	Six months ended June 30,			
Selling, general and administrative expense	905,238	51.4	755,158	53.5
Income from operations	344,766	19.6	223,244	15.8
Other expense (income) net	37,932	2.2	27,965	2.0
Provision for income taxes	92,050	5.2	58,691	4.2
Minority interests	2,431	0.1	3,306	0.2
Net income	212,353	12.1	133,283	9.4

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company uses certain measures of financial performance that exclude the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates in the translation of operating results into Euro. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures provide useful information to both management and investors by allowing a comparison of operating performance on a consistent basis. In addition, since the Company has historically reported such adjusted financial measures to the investment community, the Company believes that their inclusion provides consistency in its financial reporting. Further, these adjusted financial measures are one of the primary indicators management uses for planning and forecasting in future periods. Operating measures that assume constant exchange rates between the first six months of 2003 and the first six months of 2002 are calculated using for each currency the average exchange rate for the six-month period ended June 30, 2002.

Operating measures that exclude the impact of fluctuation in currency exchange rates are not measures of performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). These non-GAAP measures are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In addition, the Company's method of calculating operating performance excluding the impact of changes in exchange rates may differ from methods used by other companies. See the table below for a reconciliation of the operating measures excluding the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates to their most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures. The adjusted financial measures should be used as a supplement to U.S. GAAP results to assist the reader in better understanding the operational performance of the Company.

	1H 2002 U.S. GAAP results	1H 2003 U.S. GAAP results	Adjustment for constant exchange rates (in millions of Euro)	1H 2003 adjusted results
Consolidated net sales	1,759.5	1,411.5	244.9	1,656.4
Manufacturing/Wholesale net sales	664.7	573.0	56.6	629.6
Less: intercompany sales	-83.9	-101.6	-21.1	-122.7
Wholesale sales to third parties	580.8	471.5	35.5	506.9
Retail net sales	1,178.7	940.0	209.5	1,149.5

Net Sales Net sales decreased 19.8 percent to Euro 1,411.5 million during the first six months of 2003, as compared to Euro 1,759.5 million for the same period of 2002. This net decrease was mostly due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Euro. At constant exchange rates between the periods, net sales would have decreased by 5.9 percent during the first six months of 2003, compared to the same period of 2002, mainly due to the reduction of Armani and retail sales.

During the first six months of 2003, net sales in the retail segment accounted for approximately 66.6 percent of total net sales, as compared to approximately 67.0 percent of total net sales in the same period of 2002.

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Net sales in the retail segment, through LensCrafters and Sunglass Hut, decreased 20.2 percent to Euro 940.0 million for the first six months of 2003 from Euro 1,178.7 million for the same period of 2002. This decrease was primarily due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Euro. Using constant exchange rates between the periods, net retail sales would have decreased by 2.5 percent as compared to the same period of 2002. Comparable store sales in constant U.S. Dollars for the first six months of 2003 decreased 3.4 percent.

Net sales to third parties in the manufacturing and wholesale segment decreased 18.8 percent to Euro 471.5 million for the first six months of 2003 as compared to Euro 580.8 million in the same period of 2002. Assuming constant exchange rates, wholesale sales to third parties for the first six months of 2003 would have decreased by 12.7 percent as compared to the same period of 2002. This decline was primarily attributable to the reduction by greater than 50% of Armani sales during the period following the termination of our license agreement with Armani.

On a geographic basis, the United States and Canada operations had net sales of Euro 971.8 million in the first six months of 2003, comprising 68.9 percent of total net sales, a decrease of Euro 293.4 million from the same period of 2002. This decrease was substantially due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Euro (in U.S. dollars, the United States and Canada operations had a decrease of U.S. dollars 62.4 million as compared to the same period of 2002). Net sales for the rest of the world accounted for the remaining Euro 439.7 million of net sales during the first six months of 2003, which represented an 11.0 percent decrease as compared to the same period of 2002. This decrease was largely due to the reduction of Armani sales following the termination of our license agreement with Armani.

Cost of Sales Cost of sales decreased 15.0 percent to Euro 433.1 million in the first six months of 2003, from Euro 509.5 million in the same period of 2002, and increased as a percentage of net sales to 30.7 percent from 29.0 percent, respectively. Manufacturing labor costs decreased 9.2 percent to Euro 125.6 million in the first six months of 2003, from Euro 138.4 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, cost of labor increased to 8.9 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 7.9 percent in the same period of 2002. Increases in cost of sales, including manufacturing labor costs, as a percentage of net sales, was mainly attributable to lower net sales in the current period, resulting primarily from the weakening of the U.S. Dollar against Euro. For the first six months of 2003, the average number of frames produced daily in Luxottica's facilities (including Tristar and the newly acquired IC Optics) was approximately 133,000 versus 131,000 for the same period of 2002.

Gross Profit For the reasons outlined above, gross profit decreased 21.7 percent to Euro 978.4 million in the first six months of 2003, from Euro 1,250.0 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, gross profit decreased to 69.3 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 71.0 percent in the same period of 2002.

Operating Expenses Total operating expenses decreased 16.6 percent to Euro 755.2 million in the first six months of 2003, from Euro 905.2 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses increased to 53.5 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 51.4 percent in the same period of 2002.

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Selling, royalty and advertising expenses decreased 17.2 percent to Euro 616.6 million during the first six months of 2003, from Euro 744.8 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses increased to 43.7 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 42.3 percent in the same period of 2002. While the reduction in Euro is largely due to the weakening of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro, the increase as a percentage of net sales is mainly due to the less efficient leverage of our fixed costs in the retail segment, due to the reduction in sales.

General and administrative expenses, including intangible asset amortization, decreased 13.7 percent to Euro 138.5 million in the first six months of 2003 from Euro 160.4 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, general and administrative expenses increased to 9.8 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 9.1 percent in the same period of 2002. While the reduction in Euro is primarily due to the weakening of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro, the increase as a percentage of net sales is mainly due to the less efficient leverage of our fixed costs in the manufacturing and wholesale distribution segment, due to the reduction in sales.

Income from Operations Income from operations for the first six months of 2003 decreased 35.2 percent to Euro 223.2 million, from Euro 344.8 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, income from operations decreased to 15.8 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 19.6 percent in the same period of 2002.

Operating margin in the manufacturing and wholesale distribution segment decreased to 22.0 percent in the first six months of 2003, from 27.6 percent in the same period of 2002.

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Operating margin in the retail segment decreased to 13.0 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 15.0 percent in the same period of 2002.

Interest and Other Expenses Net interest and other expense was Euro 28.0 million in the first six months of 2003 compared to Euro 37.9 million in the same period of 2002. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower interest expense in the current period due to the reduction of debt balances and interest rates partially offset by net realized and unrealized foreign exchange transaction and remeasurement losses of Euro 7.5 million recognized in the first six months of 2003, as compared to Euro 0.8 million on similar items in the same period of 2002.

Net Income Income before taxes decreased 36.4 percent to Euro 195.3 million in the first six months of 2003, from Euro 306.8 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, income before taxes decreased to 13.8 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 17.4 percent in the same period of 2002. Minority interest of Euro (3.3) million in the first six months of 2003 increased from Euro (2.4) million in the same period of 2002. The Company's effective tax rate in the first six months of 2003 was 30.1 percent compared to 30.0 percent in the same period of 2002. Net income decreased 37.2 percent to Euro 133.3 million in the first six months of 2003 from Euro 212.4 million in the same period of 2002. Net income as a percentage of net sales decreased to 9.4 percent in the first six months of 2003 from 12.1 percent in the same period of 2002.

Basic and diluted earnings per share for the first six months of 2003 was Euro 0.30 decreasing from Euro 0.47 for the same period of 2002.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2003

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the amount and percentage of net sales represented by certain items included in the Company's statements of consolidated income.

	Three months ended June 30,			
	2002 (Thousand of Euro)	%	2003 (Thousand of Euro)	%
Net sales	879,003	100.0	706,955	100.0
Cost of sales	251,240	28.6	225,084	31.8
Gross profit	627,763	71.4	481,872	68.2
Selling, general and administrative expense	446,182	50.8	369,979	52.3
Income from operations	181,581	20.7	111,893	15.8
Other expense (income) net	21,775	2.5	12,467	1.8
Provision for income taxes	47,942	5.5	29,930	4.2
Minority interests	582	0.1	1,828	0.3
Net income	111,282	12.7	67,668	9.6

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company uses certain measures of financial performance that exclude the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates in the translation of operating results into Euro. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures provide useful information to both management and investors by allowing a comparison of operating performance on a consistent basis. In addition, since the Company has historically reported such adjusted financial measures to the investment community, the Company believes that their inclusion provides consistency in its financial reporting. Further, these adjusted financial measures are one of the primary indicators management uses for planning and forecasting in future periods. Operating measures that assume constant exchange rates between the second quarter of 2003 and the second quarter of 2002 are calculated using for each currency the average exchange rate for the three-month period ended June 30, 2002.

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Operating measures that exclude the impact of fluctuation in currency exchange rates are not measures of performance under U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP measures are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In addition, the Company's method of calculating operating performance excluding the impact of changes in exchange rates may differ from methods used by other companies. See the table below for a reconciliation of the operating measures excluding the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates to their most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures. The adjusted financial measures should be used as a supplement to U.S. GAAP results to assist the reader in better understanding the operational performance of the Company.

	2Q 2002 U.S. GAAP results	2Q 2003 U.S. GAAP results	Adjustment for constant exchange rates	2Q 2003 adjusted results
			(in millions of Euro)	
Consolidated net sales	879.0	707.0	127.0	834.0
Manufacturing/Wholesale net sales	339.9	297.4	31.4	328.8
Less: intercompany sales	-57.4	-61.3	-12.1	-73.4
Wholesale sales to third parties	282.5	236.1	19.3	255.4
Retail net sales	596.5	470.9	107.7	578.6

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Net Sales Net sales decreased 19.6 percent to Euro 707.0 million during the second quarter of 2003, as compared to Euro 879.0 million for the same period of 2002. This net decrease was primarily attributable to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Euro. At constant exchange rates between the periods, net sales would have decreased by 5.1 percent during the second quarter of 2003, compared to the same period of 2002.

During the second quarter of 2003, net sales in the retail segment accounted for approximately 66.6 percent of total net sales, as compared to approximately 67.9 percent of total net sales in the same period of 2002.

Net sales in the retail segment, through LensCrafters and Sunglass Hut, decreased 21.1 percent to Euro 470.9 million for the second quarter of 2003 from Euro 596.5 million for the same period of 2002. This decrease was primarily due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Euro. Using constant exchange rates between the periods, net retail sales would have decreased by 3.0 percent as compared to the same period of 2002. Comparable store sales in constant U.S. Dollars for the second quarter of 2003 decreased 3.7 percent.

Net sales to third parties in the manufacturing and wholesale segment decreased 16.4 percent to Euro 236.1 million for the second quarter of 2003 as compared to Euro 282.5 million in the same period of 2002. Assuming constant exchange rates, wholesale sales to third parties for the second quarter of 2003 would have decreased by 9.6 percent as compared to the same period of 2002. This decline was primarily attributable to the reduction by approximately 70% of Armani sales during the period following the termination of our license agreement with Armani.

On a geographic basis, the United States and Canada operations had net sales of Euro 485.7 million in the second quarter of 2003, comprising 68.7 percent of total net sales, a decrease of Euro 145.7 million from the same period of 2002. This decrease was substantially due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Euro (in U.S. dollars, the United States and Canada operations had a decrease of U.S. dollars 28.4 million as compared to the same period of 2002). Net sales for the rest of the world accounted for the remaining Euro 221.3 million of net sales during the second quarter of 2003, which represented a 10.6 percent decrease as compared to the same period of 2002. This decrease was largely due to the reduction in Armani sales following the termination of our license agreement with Armani.

Cost of Sales Cost of sales decreased 10.4 percent to Euro 225.1 million in the second quarter of 2003, from Euro 251.2 million in the same period of 2002, and increased as a percentage of net sales to 31.8 percent from 28.6 percent, respectively. Manufacturing labor costs decreased 12.3 percent to Euro 60.3 million in the second quarter of 2003, from Euro 68.7 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, cost of labor increased to 8.5 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 7.8 percent in the same period of 2002. Increase in cost of sales, including manufacturing labor costs, as a percentage of net sales, was mainly attributable to lower net sales in the current period, resulting primarily from the weakening of the U.S. Dollar against Euro. For the second quarter of 2003, the average number of frames produced daily in Luxottica's facilities (including Tristar and the newly acquired IC Optics) was approximately 131,000 versus 133,000 for the same period of 2002.

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Gross Profit For the reasons outlined above, gross profit decreased 23.2 percent to Euro 481.9 million in the second quarter of 2003, from Euro 627.8 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, gross profit decreased to 68.2 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 71.4 percent in the same period of 2002.

Operating Expenses Total operating expenses decreased 17.1 percent to Euro 370.0 million in the second quarter of 2003, from Euro 446.2 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, operating expenses increased to 52.3 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 50.8 percent in the same period of 2002.

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Selling, royalty and advertising expenses decreased 18.3 percent to Euro 301.5 million during the second quarter of 2003, from Euro 369.0 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses increased to 42.6 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 42.0 percent in the same period of 2002. While the reduction in Euro amount is largely due to the weakening of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro, the increase as a percentage of net sales is mainly due to the less efficient leverage of our fixed costs in the retail segment, due to the reduction in sales, partially offset by a reduction in advertising expenses.

General and administrative expenses, including intangible asset amortization, decreased 11.3 percent to Euro 68.5 million in the second quarter of 2003 from Euro 77.2 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, general and administrative expenses increased to 9.7 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 8.8 percent in the same period of 2002. While the reduction in Euro amounts is largely due to the weakening of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro, the increase as a percentage of net sales is mainly due to the less efficient leverage of our fixed costs in the manufacturing and wholesale distribution segment, due to the reduction in sales.

Income from Operations Income from operations for the second quarter of 2003 decreased 38.4 percent to Euro 111.9 million, from Euro 181.6 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, income from operations decreased to 15.8 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 20.7 percent in the same period of 2002.

Operating margin in the manufacturing and wholesale distribution segment decreased to 20.7 percent in the second quarter of 2003, from 27.9 percent in the same period of 2002.

Operating margin in the retail segment decreased to 14.3 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 16.6 percent in the same period of 2002.

Interest and Other Expenses Net interest and other expense was Euro 12.5 million in the second quarter of 2003 compared to Euro 21.8 million in the same period of 2002. This decrease was attributable primarily to lower interest expense in the current period due to the reduction of debt balances and interest rates and also by a lower realized and unrealized foreign exchange transaction and remeasurement losses, net of Euro 3.0 million recognized in the second quarter of 2003, as compared to Euro 3.8 million on similar items in the same period of 2002.

Net Income Income before taxes decreased 37.8 percent to Euro 99.4 million in the second quarter of 2003, from Euro 159.8 million in the same period of 2002. As a percentage of net sales, income before taxes decreased to 14.1 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 18.2 percent in the same period of 2002. Minority interest of Euro (1.8) million in the second quarter of 2003 increased from Euro (0.6) million in the same period of 2002. The Company's effective tax rate in the second quarter of 2003 was 30.1 percent compared to 30.0 percent in the same period of 2002. Net income decreased 39.2 percent to Euro 67.7 million in the second quarter of 2003 from Euro 111.3 million in the same period of 2002. Net income as a percentage of net sales decreased to 9.6 percent in the second quarter of 2003 from 12.7 percent in the same period of 2002.

Basic earnings per share for the second quarter of 2003 was Euro 0.15 decreasing from Euro 0.25 for the same period of 2002. Diluted earnings per share for the second quarter of 2003 was Euro 0.15 decreasing from Euro 0.24 for the same period of 2002.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of June 30, 2003, the Company's consolidated net financial position (defined as financial debt less cash balances) was Euro (1,200.8) million as compared to Euro (1,254.3) million as of December 31, 2002. This improvement is attributable to the cash generated by operating activities during the first six months of 2003 partially used to repurchase shares and in connection with the acquisition of the Versace licence.

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Set forth below is certain information regarding our net financial position as of December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2003:

	December 31, 2002	June 30, 2003
	(million of Euro)	(million of Euro)
Cash	151.5	206.5
Bank overdrafts	(371.7)	(463.7)
Current portion of long-term debt	(178.4)	(271.5)
Long-term debt	(855.7)	(672.1)
	(1,254.3)	(1,200.8)
Net Financial Position	(1,254.3)	(1,200.8)

"Net financial position" is not a financial measure in accordance with U.S. GAAP and is presented for informational purposes only. We believe that this measure is useful to investors as a measure of credit availability, leverage capacity and liquidity. The term "net financial position" is not, and should not be considered as a substitute for our total long-term debt, total liabilities or any other financial measures presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Net financial position may differ from similarly titled financial measures used by other companies.

The Company has relied primarily upon internally generated funds, trade credit and bank borrowings to finance its operations and expansion.

In June 1999, the Company received the proceeds of a Euro 350 million eurobond offering by a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, which was used to repay indebtedness under a prior credit agreement. Luxottica Group S.p.A. had guaranteed the subsidiary's obligations under the eurobonds, which were repaid in full in June 2002. To refinance the eurobonds, in June 2002, Luxottica U.S. Holdings Corp. ("U.S. Holdings"), a U.S. subsidiary, entered into a U.S. \$350 million credit facility with a group of four Italian banks led by UniCredito Italiano S.p.A. The new credit facility is guaranteed by Luxottica Group S.p.A. and matures in June 2005. The term loan portion of the credit facility provided U.S. \$200 million of borrowing and requires equal quarterly principal installments beginning in March 2003. The revolving loan portion of the credit facility allows for maximum borrowings of U.S. \$150 million; the revolving loan was fully drawn as of June 30, 2003. Interest accrues under the credit facility at LIBOR (as defined in the agreement) plus 0.5 percent (1.590 percent on June 30, 2003) and the credit facility allows U.S. Holdings to select interest periods of one, two, or three months. The credit facility contains certain financial and operating covenants. Under this credit facility, U.S.\$ 310 million was outstanding as of June 30, 2003.

In July 2002, U.S. Holdings entered into a Convertible Swap Step-Up (the "2002 Swap"), under which the beginning and maximum notional amount is U.S. \$275 million, which will decrease by U.S.\$ 20 million quarterly starting with the quarter beginning March 17, 2003. The 2002 Swap was entered into to convert the floating rate credit agreement referred to in the preceding paragraph to a mixed position rate agreement, by allowing U.S. Holdings to pay a fixed rate of interest if LIBOR remains under certain defined thresholds and to receive an interest payment of the three month LIBOR rate as defined in the agreement. These amounts are settled net every three months until the final expiration of the 2002 Swap on June 17, 2005. This derivative does not qualify for hedge accounting under Statement of Financial

Accounting Standards No. 133, and as such is marked to market with the gains or losses from the change in value reflected in current operations.

In June 1999, the Company acquired the Ray-Ban business from Bausch & Lomb Incorporated for a purchase price of U.S. \$655 million (Euro 635 million), subject to post-closing adjustments. The purchase price was paid with the proceeds of a U.S. \$650 million (Euro 630 million) credit facility with UniCredito Italiano S.p.A. The interest rate applicable to amounts provided to the Company under the credit facility was Euribor plus 0.5 percent. In June 2000, the Company refinanced this short-term credit facility with a new credit facility with several financial institutions under which the total maximum borrowings is Euro 500 million. The new credit facility was unsecured, expired in June 2003, and allowed the Company to select interest periods of one, two, three or six months. The facility included a term loan in the amount of Euro 300 million and required equal quarterly installments of principal (Euro 25 million). Interest accrued on the term loan at Euribor (as defined in the agreement) plus 0.4 percent (2.980 percent at expiration date). The revolving loan portion allowed for maximum borrowings of

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Euro 200 million; amounts borrowed under the revolving loan facility could be repaid and re-borrowed until the expiration of the agreement. The Company could select interest periods of one, two, three or six months until the agreement terminated in June 2003 and interest accrued at Euribor plus 0.375 percent (2.994 percent at expiration date). All amounts outstanding under this credit facility were repaid, and the credit facility was terminated in June 2003.

In December 2000, the Company entered into a credit facility providing for maximum borrowing of Euro 256 million from San Paolo IMI S.p.A. Bank. This credit facility matured in June 2002, and the amount outstanding at that time was repaid in full.

In March 2001, the Company entered into a credit facility with Banca Intesa S.p.A. to finance the acquisition of Sunglass Hut. The credit facility was unsecured and scheduled to expire in September 2002. In September 2002, the Company agreed with Banca Intesa S.p.A. to extend the credit facility until December 2002, on the same terms and conditions. On December 27, 2002 the amount outstanding at that time of Euro 500 million was repaid in full.

In December 2002, the Company entered into a new unsecured credit facility with Banca Intesa S.p.A. The new unsecured credit facility provides borrowing availability up to Euro 650 million. The facility includes a Euro 500 million term loan, which will require a balloon payment of Euro 200 million in June 2004 and equal quarterly installments of principal of Euro 50 million subsequent to that date. Interest accrues on the term loan at Euribor (as defined in the agreement) plus 0.45 percent (2.505 percent on June 30, 2003). The revolving loan provides borrowing availability of up to Euro 150 million; amounts borrowed under the revolver portion can be borrowed and repaid until final maturity. Interest accrues on the revolving loan at Euribor (as defined in the agreement) plus 0.45 percent (2.685 percent on June 30, 2003). The final maturity of the credit facility is December 31, 2005. The Company can select interest periods of one, two, three or six months. The credit facility contains certain financial and operating covenants. Under this credit facility, Euro 650 million was outstanding as of June 30, 2003.

In December 2002, the Company entered into two interest rate swap transactions ("Intesa Swaps") beginning with an aggregate maximum notional amount of Euro 250 million which will decrease Euro 100 million on June 27, 2004 and Euro 25 million in each subsequent 3-month period. These Intesa Swaps will expire on December 27, 2005. The Intesa Swaps were entered into as a cash flow hedge on a portion of the Banca Intesa Euro 650 million unsecured credit facility discussed above. The Intesa Swaps exchange the floating rate of Euribor to a fixed rate of 2.985 percent per annum.

Capital expenditures for the first six months of 2003 were Euro 28.7 million. It is the Company's expectation that 2003 annual capital expenditures will be less than Euro 100 million.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER EVENTS

On June 16, 2003, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Luxottica South Pacific Pty Limited commenced a cash offer to acquire all of the outstanding shares, performance rights and options of OPSM Group Ltd, the largest eyewear retailer in Australia. On September 2, 2003, the cash offer was successfully completed and closed. At the close of the offer, Luxottica South Pacific Pty Limited acquired 82.57 percent of OPSM Group's ordinary shares, and more than 90 percent of OPSM options and performance rights, which entitles the Company to require the cancellation of all the options and performance rights still outstanding.

The aggregate purchase price for the OPSM shares, performance rights and options was A\$ 446.4 million (Euro 255.8 million). The Company financed the aggregate purchase price with borrowings under a new credit facility with Banca Intesa S.p.A. of Euro 200 million, in addition to other short term lines available. The new credit facility includes a Euro 150 million term loan, which will require equal semiannual installments of principal of Euro 30 million starting September 30, 2006 until the final maturity date. Interest accrues on the term loan at Euribor (as defined in the agreement) plus 0.55 percent. The revolving loan provides borrowing availability of up to Euro 50 million; amounts borrowed under the revolver portion can be borrowed and repaid until final maturity. Interest accrues on the revolving loan at Euribor (as defined in the agreement) plus 0.55 percent. The final maturity of the credit facility is September 30, 2008. The Company can select interest periods of one, two or three months. The credit facility contains certain financial and operating covenants.

On September 3, 2003, U.S. Holdings closed a private placement of U.S. \$300 million of senior unsecured guaranteed notes (the "Notes"), issued in three series (Series A, Series B and Series C). Interest on the Series A Notes accrues at 3.94 percent per annum and interest on Series B and Series C Notes accrues at 4.45 percent per annum. The Series A and Series B Notes mature on September 3, 2008 and the Series C Notes mature on September 3, 2010. The Series A and Series C Notes require annual prepayments beginning on September 3, 2006 through the applicable Notes date of maturity. The Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by the Company and Luxottica S.r.l. The Notes can be prepaid at U.S. Holdings option under certain circumstances. The proceeds from the Notes were used for the repayment of outstanding debt and for other working capital needs.

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In connection with the issuance of the Notes, U.S. Holdings entered into three interest rate swap agreements with Deutsche Bank AG (the "DB Swap"). The three separate agreements, notional amounts, and interest payment dates coincide with the Notes. The DB Swap exchanges the fixed rate of the Notes to a floating rate of the six month LIBOR rate plus 0.6575 percent for the Series A Notes and the six month LIBOR rate plus 0.73 percent for the Series B and Series C Notes.

On July 23, 2003, the Company announced the signing of a 10-year worldwide license agreement for the production and distribution of Prada and Miu Miu sunglasses and prescription frames. The new collections will be presented and launched in September 2003. The deal was finalized through the Company's purchase of Prada fully-owned companies that produce and distribute eyewear for an amount of Euro 26.5 million.

On September 25, 2002, the Company announced that U.S. Holdings had authorized the purchase of up to 11,500,000 of the Company's ADRs (one ADR represents one Ordinary Share), representing 2.5 percent of the authorized and issued capital of the Company, over the 18 month period commencing on that date. On March 20, 2003, the Company announced that U.S. Holdings had resolved to purchase up to an additional 10,000,000 of the Company's ADRs, representing 2.2 percent of the authorized and issued share capital of the Company, over the 18 month period commencing on that date. The actual amount and timing of ADR purchases will depend on market conditions and other factors. Through June 30, 2003, U.S. Holdings had repurchased 6,434,786 ADRs at an aggregate purchase price of approximately Euro 70.0 million.

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On August 29, 2003, the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) in India upheld the decision to require a subsidiary of the Company to make a public offering to acquire up to an additional 20 percent of the outstanding shares of RayBan Sun Optics India Ltd. The Company is reviewing SAT's judgment and reserves the right to challenge it by proceeding in the appropriate forum. The expected investment of a tender offer would be approximately Euro 10 million, plus a stipulated interest increment.

The Company and its subsidiaries become involved in legal and regulatory proceedings from time to time, some of which are significant. The timing and outcome of these proceedings are inherently uncertain and the outcomes could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial position or operating results. See Item 3 "Key Items Risk Factors" in the Company's annual report on Form 20-F for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2002.

FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements in this Form 6-K may constitute forward-looking statements which are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including risks that may not be subject to the Company's control. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in exchange rates, economic and weather factors affecting consumer spending, our ability to successfully introduce new products, our ability to maintain an efficient distribution network, our ability to effectively integrate newly acquired businesses, our ability to negotiate and maintain favorable license agreements, liabilities arising from legal or regulatory proceedings to which we are or may become a party, the availability of correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses, our ability to adequately protect our intellectual property and other proprietary rights, and other risks and uncertainties referred to in the Company's annual report on Form 20-F for its fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 (included under Item 3 "Key Items Risk Factors") and its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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LUXOTTICA GROUP S.p.A.

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

LUXOTTICA GROUP S.p.A.

Date: September 30, 2003

By: /s/ ROBERTO CHEMELLO

ROBERTO CHEMELLO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Set forth below is the text of a press release issued by the Company for the six month period ended June 30, 2003. The press release speaks as of the date it was first issued, and the Company does not intend to update or revise any forward looking statements contained in the press release based on new information, future events or otherwise.

Luxottica Group Announces 2nd Quarter Results

Group highlights for the first half of 2003:

Net sales of EUR 1,411.5 (US\$1,559.6 million)

Operating income of EUR 223.2 million

Earnings per share or ADS of EUR 0.30 (US\$0.33)

Milan, Italy, July 28, 2003 Luxottica Group S.p.A. (NYSE: LUX; MTA: LUX), worldwide leader in the eyewear sector, today announced results for the three-month period and the six-month period ended June 30, 2003(1). Results for the second quarter and first half were negatively affected by the 19.1 percent and the 18.7 percent respectively year-over-year devaluation of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro.

Consolidated Results

Second quarter

Consolidated net sales for the quarter declined year-over-year by 19.6 percent to EUR 707.0 million. Assuming constant exchange rates, consolidated net sales for the quarter would have declined by 5.2 percent.

Consolidated operating income for the quarter was EUR 111.9 million. Consequently, consolidated operating margin for the quarter was 15.8 percent.

Consolidated net income for the quarter was EUR 67.7 million and consolidated net margin for the quarter was 9.6 percent.

Earnings per share or American Depositary Share (ADS) (one ADS represents one ordinary share) for the quarter were EUR 0.15. In U.S. Dollars, earnings per share or ADS for the quarter were US\$0.17.

First half

Consolidated net sales for the first half declined year-over-year by 19.8 percent to EUR 1,411.5 million. Assuming constant exchange rates, consolidated net sales for the six months would have declined by 5.9 percent.

Consolidated operating income for the six months was EUR 223.2 million and consolidated operating margin for the six-month period was 15.8 percent.

Consolidated net income for the first half was EUR 133.3 million and consolidated net margin for the period was 9.4 percent.

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Earnings per share or American Depositary Share (ADS) for the six-month period were EUR 0.30. In U.S. Dollars, earnings per share or ADS for the period were US\$0.33.

Breakdown of Manufacturing/Wholesale and Retail Results

Manufacturing/Wholesale Division

The Group's manufacturing/wholesale sales for the first half declined year-over-year by 13.8 percent to EUR 573.0 million. Assuming constant exchange rates manufacturing/wholesale sales for the six-month period would have declined by 5.3 percent.

Manufacturing/wholesale operating income for the first half was EUR 126.0 million, reflecting an operating margin of 22.0 percent.

Leonardo Del Vecchio, Chairman of Luxottica Group, commented on the results of the manufacturing/wholesale division: "In the first half of 2003, the optical sector experienced a decrease in volumes, while our wholesale division posted a better performance when compared to the industry, allowing us to gain market share.

However, since the beginning of June, we have been experiencing an increase in orders from opticians when compared to previous months, which leads us to believe that they have sold out the surplus of inventories built in 2002.

In addition, we have recently added the ten-year license agreement with Prada and Miu Miu brands to our portfolio.

As a result of this new license and the new collections launched during 2003, in 2004 our brand portfolio will be significantly stronger when compared to 2002."

Retail Division

In the first half, retail sales declined year-over-year by 20.2 percent to EUR 940.0 million. Assuming constant exchange rates, retail sales for the six months would have declined by 2.5 percent. Same store sales in U.S. Dollar for the first half declined year-over-year by 3.4 percent.

Retail operating income for the first half was EUR 121.9 million, resulting in an operating margin of 13.0 percent.

In the second quarter, retail sales declined year-over-year by 21.1 percent to EUR 470.9 million. Assuming constant exchange rates, retail sales for the quarter would have declined by 3.0 percent. Same store sales in U.S. Dollar for the quarter declined year-over-year by 3.7 percent.

Mr. Del Vecchio continued: "The results of our retail division for the second quarter were affected by the unusually bad weather in North America, which lasted until the last week of June, penalizing mainly the sun segment both at LensCrafters and Sunglass Hut International. Retail sales were also affected by the continued cautious spending patterns of consumers.

However, in contrast to the first two quarters, when sales were down compared to the same periods of 2002, in July same store sales have been increasing by 2 percent. This makes us hopeful that a pick-up in consumption will materialize during the second half of 2003; and, assuming that sales in the second half remain at current levels, 2003 retail revenues in Dollar terms should remain stable compared

with 2002. Moreover, as a result of management's constant attention on improving efficiency and on controlling cost, operating margin should be in line with 2002.

However, it is encouraging to see that even with lower sales and tough competition, Luxottica Retail continues to maintain its market share in North America, in both sun and prescription segment."

Statement from the Chairman

Mr. Del Vecchio concluded: "The results of the second quarter reflect the continued impact of the same factors we began to notice at the beginning of the year. Most importantly, the weak U.S. Dollar which devalued by 19 percent year-over-year against the Euro continued to have an important effect on our results. The expiration of the license for the Giorgio Armani and Emporio Armani eyewear at the end of May was also

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felt during the quarter. Finally, during the quarter the continued weak U.S. economy affected retail sales.

We expect that the impact of these factors will progressively lessen during the second part of the year. Specifically, sales from the new collections launched in March, Versace, Versus, Ray-Ban prescription and Ray-Ban Junior which are performing in line with our expectations and the new license agreement signed with Prada will offset the loss of sales from the Armani licenses.

Moreover, in light of the evolution of the Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate during 2002 (the average exchange rates for last year were: EUR 1.00 = US\$0,8766 for the first quarter, EUR 1.00 = US\$0,9198 for the second quarter, EUR 1.00 = US\$0,9838 for the third quarter and EUR 1.00 = US\$0,9982 for the fourth quarter) and assuming that Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate stabilizes at current levels, or EUR 1.00 = US\$1.15 for the balance of the year, the impact from the devaluation of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro should progressively decline to thirteen percent by the last quarter of 2003, down from 18.7 percent for the first six months of the year.

However, the continued weakening of the U.S Dollar and the weak signs of recovery of the U.S. economy lead me to conservatively revise our expectations for earnings per share (EPS) for fiscal year 2003. With an average exchange rate of EUR 1.00 = US\$1.15 for the second half of the year 2003, we expect an earnings per share of Euro 0.63, or EPADS of US\$0.71.

Finally, I would like to highlight once again, that 2003 is a year of transition for us. We expect to return to approximately 15 percent growth in sales and in earnings in 2004, a result of the significantly strengthened brand portfolio, both house brands and designer lines, and the OPSM acquisition."

About Luxottica Group S.p.A.

Luxottica Group is the world leader in the design, manufacturing, marketing and distribution of prescription frames and sunglasses in mid- and premium-priced categories. The Group's products, which are designed and manufactured in six facilities in Italy and one in the People's Republic of China, include over 2,450 styles in a wide array of colors and sizes and are sold through 21 wholly-owned subsidiaries in the United States, Canada, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Germany, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Switzerland, Mexico, Belgium, Argentina, South Africa, Finland, Austria, Norway, Japan, Hong Kong and Australia; two 75%-owned subsidiaries in Israel and Poland; a 70%-owned subsidiary in Greece; three 51%-owned subsidiaries in the Netherlands, Turkey and Singapore, one 49%-owned subsidiary in the Arab Emirates and one 44%-owned subsidiary in India. In March 2001, Luxottica Group acquired Sunglass Hut International, a leading sunglass retailer with approximately 1,900 stores worldwide. This followed the acquisitions of Bausch & Lomb sunglass business, which includes the prestigious Ray-Ban®, Revø®, Arnette and Killer Loop® brands, in June 1999, and LensCrafters, the largest optical retail chain in North America, in May 1995. For fiscal 2002, Group net sales improved year-over-year by 2.2 percent to EUR 3,132.2 million and net income by 17.6 percent to EUR 372.1 million. Additional information on the company is available on the web at www.luxottica.com.

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Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Luxottica Group uses certain measures of financial performance that exclude the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates in the translation of operating results into Euro. The Company believes that these adjusted financial measures provide useful information to both management and investors by allowing a comparison of operating performance on a consistent basis. In addition, since the Luxottica Group has historically reported such adjusted financial measures to the investment community, the Company believes that their inclusion provides consistency in its financial reporting. Further, these adjusted financial measures are one of the primary indicators management uses for planning and forecasting in future periods. Operating measures that assume constant exchange rates between the first half and the second quarter of 2003 and the first half and the second quarter of 2002 are calculated using for each currency the average exchange rate for the six-month period and the three-month period ended June 30, 2002. Operating measures that exclude the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates are not measures of performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). These non-GAAP measures are not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In addition, Luxottica Group's method of calculating operating performance excluding the impact of changes in exchange rates may differ from methods used by other companies. See Table below for a reconciliation of the operating measures excluding the impact of fluctuations in currency exchange rates to their most directly comparable U.S. GAAP financial measures. The adjusted financial measures should be used as a supplement to U.S. GAAP results to assist the reader in better understanding the operational performance of the Company.

2Q 2002 U.S. GAAP results	2Q 2003 U.S. GAAP results	Adjustment for constant exchange rates	2Q 2003 adjusted results
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(Euro million)

Consolidated net sales	879.0	707.0	127.0	834.0
Manufacturing/wholesale net sales	339.9	297.4	31.4	328.8
Retail net sales	596.5	470.9	107.7	578.6

	1H 2002 U.S. GAAP results	1H 2003 U.S. GAAP results	Adjustment for constant exchange rates	1H 2003 adjusted results
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(Euro million)

Consolidated net sales	1,759.5	1,411.5	244.9	1,656.4
Manufacturing/wholesale net sales	664.7	573.0	56.6	629.6
Retail net sales	1,178.7	940.0	209.5	1,149.5

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this press release may constitute forward looking statements which are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including risks that may not be subject to the Company's control. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in exchange rates, economic and weather factors affecting consumer spending, the Company's ability to successfully introduce and market new products, the Company's ability to effectively integrate recently acquired businesses, the Company's ability to successfully launch initiatives to increase sales and reduce costs, the availability of correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses, as well as other political, economic and technological factors and other

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risks referred to in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof.

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Unless otherwise noted, all comparisons made in this announcement are between the three- and six-month period ended June 30, 2003, and the equivalent three- and six-month period ended June 30, 2002. The Company's results are discussed in this announcement in accordance with U.S. GAAP and are broken out for additional perspective into consolidated, manufacturing/wholesale, including Ray-Ban and retail components, which include Sunglass Hut International and LensCrafters. As there are intercompany items, it is important to note the full reconciliation detailed in the Segmental Information Table provided with this announcement. Additionally, Luxottica Group considers the financial results denominated in Euro (EUR), the Group's reporting currency, to be a more accurate gauge of its operating performance. The results denominated in U.S. Dollars were converted at the average exchange rate for the three-month period ended June 30, 2003, of EUR 1.00 = US\$1.1372, compared with EUR 1.00 = US\$0.9198 for the second quarter of 2002. For the six-month period, the results denominated in U.S. dollars were converted at the average exchange rate of EUR 1.00 = US\$1.1049, compared with EUR 1.00 = US\$0.8980 for the equivalent six-month period of 2002.

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| 4.1 | Form of Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 3, 2003, by and between Luxottica U.S. Holdings Corp. and each of the Purchasers listed in Schedule A attached thereto |
| 4.2 | Form of Parent Guarantee, dated as of September 3, 2003, granted by Luxottica Group S.p.A. |
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