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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31, 2008

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 001-15405

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

**5301 STEVENS CREEK BLVD.,
SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA**
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

77-0518772
(IRS EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

95051
(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: **(408) 553-7777**

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CLASS
COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE

OUTSTANDING FEBRUARY 25, 2008
365,042,397 SHARES

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2008	2007
Net revenue:		
Products	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,065
Services and other	232	215
Total net revenue	1,393	1,280
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of products	501	463
Cost of services and other	136	126
Total costs	637	589
Research and development	181	168
Selling, general and administrative	441	428
Total costs and expenses	1,259	1,185
Income from operations	134	95
Interest income	39	50
Interest expense	(30)	(23)
Other income (expense), net	4	1
Income before taxes	147	123
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	27	(27)
Net income	\$ 120	\$ 150
Net income per share basic:	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.37
Net income per share diluted:	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.36
Weighted average shares used in computing net income per share:		
Basic	371	406
Diluted	382	418

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

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in millions, except par value and share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	January 31, 2008	October 31, 2007
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,385	\$ 1,826
Short-term investments	172	
Accounts receivable, net	726	735
Inventory	674	643
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,591	
Other current assets	522	467
Total current assets	5,070	3,671
Property, plant and equipment, net	801	801
Goodwill	605	558
Other intangible assets, net	236	178
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	11	1,615
Other assets	736	731
Total assets	\$ 7,459	\$ 7,554
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 303	\$ 323
Employee compensation and benefits	339	432
Deferred revenue	277	249
Income and other taxes payable	117	522
Short-term debt	1,500	
Other accrued liabilities	138	137
Total current liabilities	2,674	1,663
Long-term debt		1,500
Senior notes	626	587
Retirement and post-retirement benefits	136	141
Other long-term liabilities	850	429
Total liabilities	4,286	4,320
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock; \$0.01 par value; 125 million shares authorized; none issued and outstanding		
Common stock; \$0.01 par value; 2 billion shares authorized; 555 million shares at January 31, 2008 and 551 million shares at October 31, 2007 issued	6	6
Treasury stock at cost; 187 million shares at January 31, 2008 and 181 million shares at October 31, 2007	(6,706)	(6,469)
Additional paid-in-capital	7,216	7,117
Retained earnings	2,218	2,172
Accumulated other comprehensive income	439	408
Total stockholders' equity	3,173	3,234
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 7,459	\$ 7,554

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AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	January 31,	
	2008	2007
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 120	\$ 150
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	49	46
Share-based compensation	30	36
Deferred taxes	6	(1)
Excess and obsolete inventory-related charges	4	3
Other	3	1
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	30	26
Inventory	(31)	(20)
Accounts payable	(15)	(65)
Employee compensation and benefits	(94)	(72)
Income taxes and other taxes payable	(89)	(46)
Other current assets and liabilities	21	54
Other long-term assets and liabilities	(30)	(19)
Net cash provided by operating activities	4	93
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investments in property, plant and equipment	(34)	(37)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	14	1
Purchase of investments	(255)	
Proceeds from sale of investments	79	12
Acquisitions of businesses and intangible assets, net of cash acquired	(113)	(70)
Change in restricted cash and cash equivalents, net	14	1
Net cash used in investing activities	(295)	(93)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	69	85
Treasury stock repurchases	(237)	(254)
Net cash used in financing activities of operations	(168)	(169)
Effect of exchange rate movements	18	(3)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(441)	(172)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,826	2,262
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,385	\$ 2,090

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

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(UNAUDITED)

1. OVERVIEW

Agilent Technologies, Inc. (we , Agilent or the company), incorporated in Delaware in May 1999, is a measurement company, providing core bio-analytical and electronic measurement solutions to the communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis industries.

Our fiscal year-end is October 31, and our fiscal quarters end on January 31, April 30 and July 31. Unless otherwise stated, all dates refer to our fiscal year and fiscal quarters.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation. We have prepared the accompanying financial data for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the U.S. have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements contain all normal and recurring adjustments necessary to present fairly our condensed consolidated balance sheet as of January 31, 2008 and October 31, 2007, condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007.

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that may impact the company in the future, actual results may be different from the estimates. Our critical accounting policies are those that affect our financial statements materially and involve difficult, subjective or complex judgments by management. Those policies are revenue recognition, inventory valuation, investment impairments, share-based compensation, retirement and post-retirement plan assumptions, valuation of long-lived assets and accounting for income taxes.

3. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48). FIN 48 defines the threshold for recognizing the benefits of tax return positions in the financial statements as more-likely-than-not to be sustained by the taxing authority and provides guidance on the derecognition, measurement and classification of income tax uncertainties, along with any related interest and penalties. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006, and was effective for Agilent on November 1, 2007. See Note 5, Provision for Taxes, for additional information, including the effects of adoption on our consolidated financial statements.

4. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

We follow the accounting provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123 (R)), for share-based awards granted to employees and directors including employee stock option awards, restricted stock units, employee stock purchases made under our Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) and performance share awards under our Long-Term Performance Program (LTPP) using the estimated grant date fair value method of accounting in accordance with SFAS No. 123 (R).

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The impact on our results for share-based compensation was as follows:

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2008	2007
	(in millions, except per share data)	
Cost of products and services	\$ 7	\$ 10
Research and development	5	6
Selling, general and administrative	18	20
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 30	\$ 36
Impact on net income per share:		
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09

Share-based compensation capitalized within inventory at January 31, 2008 and 2007 was zero. The windfall tax benefit realized from exercised stock options and similar awards was immaterial for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007.

The following assumptions were used during the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 to estimate the fair value of options granted, ESPP purchases and LTPP grants:

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2008	2007
Stock Option Plans:		
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	3.2%	4.6%
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Weighted average volatility	33%	30%
Expected life	4.6 yrs	4.6 yrs
ESPP:		
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	3.8%	4.8%
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Weighted average volatility	32%	32%
Expected life	0.5-1 yr	0.5-2 yrs
LTPP:		
Volatility of Agilent shares	27%	31%
Volatility of selected peer-company shares	17-52%	16-57%
Price-wise correlation with selected peers	24%	29%

For the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, the fair value of share-based awards for employee stock option awards and employee stock purchases made under our ESPP was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007 shares granted under the LTPP were valued using a Monte Carlo simulation model. Both the Black-Scholes and Monte Carlo simulation fair value models require the use of highly subjective and complex assumptions, including the option's expected life and the price volatility of the underlying stock. The estimated fair value of restricted stock unit awards is determined based on the market price of Agilent's common stock on the date of grant.

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The expected stock price volatility assumption for employee stock option awards and our ESPP was determined using the implied volatility for our stock for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007. We estimate the stock price volatility using the implied volatility of Agilent's publicly traded, similarly priced, stock options. We have determined that implied volatility is more reflective of market conditions and a better indicator of expected volatility than using historical volatility or a combined method of determining volatility.

5. PROVISION FOR TAXES

We recorded \$27 million of income tax provision for the three months ended January 31, 2008. The tax provision for the three months ended January 31, 2008 includes \$5 million of discrete tax expense for interest and penalties. The provision for taxes was recorded for income generated in jurisdictions other than those in which we have valuation allowances. We intend to maintain partial or full valuation allowances in these jurisdictions until sufficient positive evidence exists to support the reversal of the valuation allowances.

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Effective at the beginning of the first quarter of 2008, we adopted FIN No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. FIN 48 contains a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The first step is to evaluate each uncertain tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we increased the liability for net unrecognized tax benefits by \$74 million, and accounted for the increase as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle that resulted in a decrease to retained earnings of \$74 million. The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption was \$909 million. We historically classified unrecognized tax benefits in current taxes payable, or as reductions to tax receivables or net deferred tax assets when appropriate. As a result of adopting FIN 48, approximately \$355 million of unrecognized tax benefits and related interest and penalties were reclassified to long-term income taxes payable from current taxes payable.

The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits was \$913 million as of January 31, 2008. Most of these gross unrecognized tax benefits would affect the effective tax rate, if realized.

We continue to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the provision for income taxes on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of the date of adoption of FIN 48, we had accrued \$35 million for the payment of interest and penalties relating to unrecognized tax benefits.

In the U.S. and other major jurisdictions where we conduct business, the tax years generally remain open back to the year 2000. Although the timing of the resolution of audits is highly uncertain, we do not believe that the unrecognized tax benefits would materially change in the next 12 months.

Our U.S. federal income tax returns for 2000 through 2002 have been under audit by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In August 2007, we received a Revenue Agent's Report (RAR). In the RAR, the IRS proposes to assess a net tax deficiency, after applying available net operating losses from the years under audit and undisputed tax credits, for those years of approximately \$405 million, plus penalties of approximately \$160 million and interest. If the IRS were to fully prevail, our net operating loss and tax credits generated in recent years would be utilized earlier than they otherwise would have been, and our annual effective tax rate will have increased as a result. The RAR addresses several issues. One issue, however, relating to the use of Agilent's brand name by our foreign affiliates, accounts for a majority of the claimed tax deficiency. We believe that the claimed IRS adjustment for this issue in particular is inconsistent with applicable tax laws and that we have meritorious defenses to this claim. Therefore we have not included any tax for this item in our tax provision for 2007 or for the first quarter of 2008. We have filed a formal protest and requested a conference with the Appeals Office of the IRS and have opposed this claim, and most of the other claimed adjustments proposed in the RAR, vigorously. The final resolution of the proposed adjustments is uncertain and may take several years. Based on current information, it is our opinion that the ultimate disposition of these matters is unlikely to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

We are subject to ongoing tax examinations of our tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities in various jurisdictions. We regularly assess the likelihood of adverse outcomes resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes. These assessments can require considerable judgments. If our estimate of income tax liabilities proves to be less than the ultimate assessment, a further charge to expense would be required. If events occur and the accrual of these amounts ultimately proves to be unnecessary, the reversal of the liabilities would result in tax benefits being recognized in the period when we determine the liabilities are no longer necessary.

6. NET INCOME PER SHARE

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net income per share computations for the periods presented below.

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2008	2007
(in millions)		
Numerator:		
Net income	\$ 120	\$ 150
Denominators:		
Basic weighted-average shares	371	406
Potentially dilutive common stock equivalents stock options and other employee stock plans	11	12
Diluted weighted-average shares	382	418

The dilutive effect of share-based awards is reflected in diluted net income per share by application of the treasury stock method, which includes consideration of unamortized share-based compensation expense required by SFAS No. 123 (R).

The following table presents options to purchase shares of common stock, which were not included in the computations of diluted net income per share because they were anti-dilutive.

	Three Months Ended January 31,	
	2008	2007
Options to purchase shares of common stock (in millions)	6	7
Weighted-average exercise price	\$ 46	\$ 44
Average common stock price	\$ 36	\$ 33

7. RESTRICTED CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS AND SHORT-TERM DEBT

As of January 31, 2008, \$1,591 million was reported as short-term restricted cash and cash equivalents on our consolidated balance sheet. Out of this amount, \$1,578 million was short-term restricted commercial paper maintained in connection with our obligations per the Repurchase Agreement as mentioned below.

We reclassified the \$1.5 billion long-term debt owed by Agilent Technologies World Trade, Inc., a consolidated wholly owned subsidiary of Agilent (World Trade), as short-term debt in our condensed consolidated balance sheet due to an amendment to the terms of our debt agreement detailed below. The maturity date of the obligation is January 2011. We also reclassified our related restricted cash of \$1,578 million as a current asset in our condensed consolidated balance sheet.

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In January 2006, World Trade, entered into a Master Repurchase Agreement and related Confirmation (together, the Repurchase Agreement) with a counterparty pursuant to which World Trade sold 15,000 Class A preferred shares of one of its wholly owned subsidiaries to a counterparty, having an aggregate liquidation preference of \$1.5 billion (the Purchased Securities).

On December 7, 2007, Agilent and World Trade entered into an amendment to the Repurchase Agreement among Agilent, Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation (Merrill Lynch) and World Trade (the Related Agreement). As provided in the Related Agreement, World Trade is obligated to make quarterly payments to the counterparty at a rate per annum equal to either (i) the cost of funds to the counterparty plus 20 basis points, or (ii) three-month LIBOR plus 52 basis points. Also, at any time after February 5, 2008, Merrill Lynch may require that World Trade accelerate the date of repurchase of all or any portion of the Purchased Securities to a date designated by Merrill Lynch that is no earlier than 120 days from the date that Merrill Lynch provides notice. The Related Agreement also includes an acceleration clause which allows flexibility for World Trade to repurchase the Purchased Securities, upon proper notification, when we deem it is appropriate.

8. INVENTORY

	January 31, 2008	(in millions)	October 31, 2007
Finished goods	\$	328	\$ 313
Work in progress		50	44
Raw materials		296	286
Total inventory	\$	674	\$ 643

9. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table presents goodwill balances and the movements for each of our reportable segments during the three months ended January 31, 2008:

	Electronic Measurement	Bio- analytical Measurement (in millions)	Total
Goodwill as of October 31, 2007	\$ 317	\$ 241	\$ 558
Foreign currency translation impact	16		16
Goodwill arising from acquisitions		31	31
Goodwill as of January 31, 2008	\$ 333	\$ 272	\$ 605

The components of other intangibles as of January 31, 2008 and October 31, 2007 are shown in the table below:

	Gross Carrying Amount	Purchased Other Intangible Assets Accumulated Amortization (in millions)	Net Book Value
As of October 31, 2007:			
Purchased technology	\$ 280	\$ 173	\$ 107
Trademark/tradename	31	1	30
Customer relationships	82	41	41
Total	\$ 393	\$ 215	\$ 178
As of January 31, 2008:			
Purchased technology	\$ 335	\$ 181	\$ 154
Trademark/tradename	31	1	30
Customer relationships	98	46	52
Total	\$ 464	\$ 228	\$ 236

We recorded approximately \$31 million of goodwill and \$71 million of other intangibles during the three months ended January 31, 2008, related primarily to two acquisitions that closed during the period. The larger acquisition is described below. Pro forma disclosures are not presented for these acquisitions, as they are not required.

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On December 18, 2007, we completed the acquisition of Velocity11, a designer, manufacturer, and marketer of robotic solutions. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$111 million in cash used to purchase 100 percent of Velocity11's outstanding common shares and vested common stock options that Velocity11 employees held on the close date. We may adjust the preliminary purchase price allocation after obtaining more information.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$13 million for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and \$8 million for the same period in the prior year. Future amortization expense related to existing purchased intangible assets is estimated to be \$36 million for the remainder of 2008, \$41 million for 2009, \$36 million for 2010, \$34 million for 2011, \$27 million for 2012, \$17 million for 2013 and \$45 million thereafter.

10. RETIREMENT PLANS AND POST RETIREMENT PENSION PLANS

Components of net periodic costs. For the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007, our net pension and post retirement benefit costs were comprised of the following:

	Pensions					
	U.S. Plans		Non-U.S. Plans		U.S. Post Retirement Benefit Plans	
	2008	2007	Three Months Ended January 31,		2008	2007
	(in millions)					
Service cost benefits earned during the period	\$ 9	\$ 10	\$ 9	\$ 9	\$ 1	\$ 1
Interest cost on benefit obligation	10	10	19	16	7	7
Expected return on plan assets	(14)	(14)	(27)	(23)	(8)	(7)
Amortization and deferrals:						
Actuarial (gain) loss	(3)	(1)	5	8		
Prior service cost					(3)	(2)
Net plan costs (income)	2	5	6	10	(3)	(1)
Curtailments and settlements		(1)				
Total net plan (income) costs	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 10	\$ (3)	\$ (1)

For the U.S. plans, because of lump sum payouts during the three months ended January 31, 2007, we recorded a \$1 million settlement gain in accordance with SFAS No. 88, *Employers Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits*, (SFAS No. 88).

We contributed approximately \$2 million to our U.S. defined benefit plans and \$10 million to our non-U.S. defined benefit plans during the three months ended January 31, 2008 and \$8 million and \$9 million, respectively, for the same period in 2007. We expect to contribute approximately \$30 million to our non-U.S. defined benefit plans during the remainder of fiscal 2008.

11. WARRANTIES

We accrue for warranty costs in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5, *Accounting for Contingencies* (SFAS No. 5), based on historical trends in warranty charges as a percentage of gross product shipments. The accrual is reviewed regularly and periodically adjusted to reflect changes in warranty cost estimates. Estimated warranty charges are recorded within cost of products at the time products are sold. Our warranty terms typically extend for one year from the date of delivery.

	FY 2008	FY 2007
	(in millions)	
Beginning balance as of November 1,	\$ 29	\$ 29
Accruals for warranties issued during the period	13	15

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Changes in estimates	1	(1)
Settlements made during the period	(13)	(13)
Ending balance as of January 31,	\$ 30	\$ 30

12. RESTRUCTURING

Our FY2005 Plan, announced in the fourth quarter of 2005, is largely complete. The remaining obligations under this and previous plans relate primarily to lease obligations that are expected to be satisfied over approximately the next four years. At January 31, 2008, we also had \$1 million accrued relating to amounts payable to employees impacted by this plan and we expect this amount to be paid out within the next two quarters.

A summary of restructuring activity for the three months ended January 31, 2008 is shown in the table below:

	Workforce Reduction	Consolidation of Excess Facilities (in millions)	Total
Ending balance as of October 31, 2007	\$ 1	\$ 31	\$ 32
Income statement		(4)	(4)
Cash payments		(3)	(3)
Ending balance as of January 31, 2008	\$ 1	\$ 24	\$ 25

The restructuring accrual for all plans, which totaled \$25 million as of January 31, 2008 and \$32 million as of October 31, 2007, is recorded in other accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheet and represents estimated future cash outlays.

In the first quarter of 2008 we reduced our estimated liability relating to the consolidation of excess facilities by \$4 million due to changes in the underlying property markets.

A summary of the charges in the statement of operations resulting from all restructuring plans is shown below:

	Three Months Ended	
	January 31,	
	2008	2007
	(in millions)	
Cost of products and services	\$	\$ 3
Research and development		1
Selling, general and administrative		(4) 5
Total restructuring and asset impairment charges	\$	(4) \$ 9

13. SENIOR NOTES AND CREDIT FACILITY

Senior Notes

In October 2007, the company issued an aggregate principal amount of \$600 million in senior notes. The senior notes were issued at 99.60% of their principal amount. The notes will mature on November 1, 2017, bear interest at a fixed rate of 6.50% per annum, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on May 1, 2008. The senior notes are unsecured and will rank equally in right of payment with all of Agilent's other senior unsecured indebtedness. The company incurred issuance costs of \$5 million in connection with the senior notes which have been included in Other assets in the consolidated balance sheet. These debt issuance costs are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the senior notes.

Upon the closing of the offering of the senior notes, we entered into interest rate swaps with an aggregate notional amount of \$600 million. Under the interest rate swaps, we will receive fixed-rate interest payments and will make payments based on the six month US dollar London inter-bank offered rate (LIBOR). The economic effect of these swaps will be to convert the fixed-rate interest expense on the senior notes to a variable LIBOR-based interest rate. The swaps are accounted for as a fair value hedge of the interest rate risk inherent in the senior notes and therefore the fair value of the swap will be recorded on our balance sheet at each period end until maturity in 2017. In addition, as a result of the fair value hedge, the senior notes are reflected on our balance sheet at fair value, reflecting the change in their value attributable to interest rate risk. The hedging relationship qualifies for the shortcut method of assessing hedge effectiveness, and consequently we do not expect any ineffectiveness during the life of the swap and any movement in the value of the swap would be reflected in the movement in fair value of the senior notes. At January 31, 2008, the fair value of the swap was an asset of \$28 million. As a result, the carrying value of the senior notes now reflects the principal value plus the \$28 million to reflect the increase in fair value attributable to interest rate risk.

Credit Facility

On May 11, 2007, we entered into a five-year credit agreement, which provides for a \$300 million unsecured credit facility that will expire on May 11, 2012. The company may use amounts borrowed under the facility for general corporate purposes. To date the company has not borrowed under the facility.

14. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table presents the components of comprehensive income:

	Three Months Ended	
	January 31,	
	2008	2007
	(in millions)	
Net income	\$ 120	\$ 150
Other comprehensive income:		
Change in unrealized loss on investments	(22)	
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments	(6)	8
Foreign currency translation	58	(13)
Change in deferred net pension cost	(1)	
Deferred taxes	2	(3)
Comprehensive income	\$ 151	\$ 142

15. STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

On November 15, 2007 our board of directors approved a stock-repurchase program of up to \$2 billion of Agilent's common stock over the next two years. As of January 31, 2008 we repurchased 6.6 million shares for \$237 million, based on settlement date. All such shares and related costs are held as treasury stock and accounted for using the cost method. The remaining amount authorized under the plan is approximately \$1.76 billion.

16. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We are a measurement company, providing core bio-analytical and electronic measurement solutions to the communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis industries. Agilent has two primary businesses—bio-analytical measurement and electronic measurement—each of which comprises a reportable segment. The segments were determined based primarily on how the chief operating decision maker views and evaluates our operations. Other factors, including customer base, homogeneity of products, technology and delivery channels, were also considered in determining our reportable segments.

A significant portion of the segments' expenses arise from shared services and infrastructure that we have historically provided to the segments in order to realize economies of scale and to efficiently use resources. These expenses, collectively called corporate charges, include costs of centralized research and development, legal, accounting, real estate, insurance services, information technology services, treasury and other corporate infrastructure expenses. Charges are allocated to the segments, and the allocations have been determined on a basis that we considered to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services provided to or benefits received by the segments.

The following tables reflect the results of our reportable segments under our management reporting system. These results are not necessarily in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. The performance of each segment is measured based on several metrics, including adjusted income from operations. These results are used, in part, by the chief operating decision maker in evaluating the performance

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of, and in allocating resources to, each of the segments.

The profitability of each of the segments is measured after excluding share-based compensation, restructuring and asset impairment charges, investment gains and losses, interest income, interest expense, amortization and impairment of other intangibles and other items as noted in the reconciliation below.

	Electronic Measurement	Bio-analytical Measurement (in millions)	Total
Three months ended January 31, 2008:			
Total net revenue	\$ 836	\$ 557	\$ 1,393
Segment income from operations	\$ 95	\$ 102	\$ 197
Three months ended January 31, 2007:			
Total net revenue	\$ 796	\$ 484	\$ 1,280
Segment income from operations	\$ 90	\$ 93	\$ 183

The following table reconciles reportable segment results to Agilent's total enterprise results from continuing operations before taxes:

	Three Months Ended	
	2008	2007
	January 31,	
	(in millions)	
Total reportable segments' income from operations	\$ 197	\$ 183
Restructuring and asset impairment	(12)	(9)
Interest income	39	50
Interest expense	(30)	(23)
Other income (expense), net	4	1
Share-based compensation	(30)	(36)
Donation to Agilent Foundation		(20)
Amortization of intangibles and other	(21)	(23)
Income from operations before taxes, as reported	\$ 147	\$ 123

The following table reflects segment assets under our management reporting system. Segment assets include allocations of corporate assets, including deferred tax assets, goodwill, other intangibles and other assets.

	Electronic Measurement	Bio-analytical Measurement (in millions)	Total
Assets:			
As of January 31, 2008	\$ 2,038	\$ 1,431	\$ 3,469
As of October 31, 2007	\$ 2,025	\$ 1,307	\$ 3,332

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-Q and our Annual Report on Form 10-K. This report contains forward-looking statements including, without limitation, statements regarding trends, seasonality, cyclicity and growth in the markets we sell into, our strategic direction, our future effective tax rate and tax valuation allowance, earnings from our foreign subsidiaries, remediation activities, new product and service introductions, changes to our manufacturing processes, the use of contract manufacturers, the impact of local government regulations on our ability to pay vendors or conduct operations, our liquidity position, our ability to generate cash from continuing operations, growth in our businesses, our investments, the potential impact of adopting new accounting pronouncements, our financial results, our purchase commitments, our contributions to our pension plans, the selection of discount rates and recognition of any gains or losses for our benefit plans, our cost-control activities, savings and headcount reduction recognized from our restructuring programs and the divestiture of our semiconductor products and semiconductor test businesses, our stock repurchase program, our transition to lower-cost regions, the existence or length of an economic recovery that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from the results contemplated by these forward-looking statements due to various factors, including those discussed below in *Risks, Uncertainties and Other Factors That May Affect Future Results* and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

Basis of Presentation

The financial information presented in this Form 10-Q is not audited and is not necessarily indicative of our future consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. Our fiscal year-end is October 31, and our fiscal quarters end on January 31, April 30 and July 31. Unless otherwise stated, all dates refer to our fiscal year and fiscal periods.

Executive Summary

Agilent Technologies, Inc. (we , Agilent or the company) is the world's premier measurement company, providing core bio-analytical and electronic measurement solutions to the communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis industries. Agilent has two primary businesses focused on the electronic measurement market and the bio-analytical measurement market.

For the three months ended January 31, 2008, total orders were \$1.40 billion, an increase of 12 percent in comparison to the same period last year. Bio-analytical orders showed sustained momentum and increased 20 percent in the three months ended January 31, 2008 when compared to the first quarter of 2007. Electronic measurement orders grew 8 percent when compared with the same period last year.

Net revenue of \$1.39 billion for the three months ended January 31, 2008 was up 9 percent from the same period last year. Bio-analytical revenues were up 15 percent in the three months ended January 31, 2008 with strength in both chemical analysis and life science end markets and good performance across all geographies. Electronic measurement revenues grew 5 percent in the three months ended January 31, 2008 from the previous year with balanced growth across both general purpose and communications end markets. In the communications test market revenues grew in Europe and Asia and were flat in the Americas compared to the first quarter of last year. Revenues from the wireless handset manufacturing test market, which had been depressed during 2007, showed improvement in the three months ended January 31, 2008 when compared to the same period last year.

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Net income for the three months ended January 31, 2008 was \$120 million and \$150 million for the corresponding period last year. In comparison to the same period last year, for the three months ended January 31, 2008, other income, net decreased \$15 million mainly due to a reduction in interest income. Tax expense increased \$54 million when compared to the first quarter of last year primarily due to the reversal of a tax reserve of \$50 million in the first quarter of 2007.

In the three months ended January 31, 2008, we generated \$4 million of cash from operations compared with \$93 million generated in the three months of the prior year. The decrease in year-over-year operating cash was driven by a \$20 million shift in the timing of our annual compensation cycle from the second quarter of 2007 to the first quarter of 2008, and an \$88 million increase in tax payments.

On December 18, 2007, we completed the acquisition of Velocity11, a designer, manufacturer and marketer of robotic solutions. The aggregate purchase price was approximately \$111 million in cash that was used to purchase 100 percent of Velocity11's outstanding common shares and vested common stock options. The results of operations for Velocity11 have been included in our condensed consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition.

Looking forward, our continued focus will be to grow revenue at a faster rate than the electronic measurement and bio-analytical markets, primarily through increasing market share, expanding our served market size with new products and channels and by complementary acquisitions. Our primary strategy is to pursue profitable growth by expanding our leadership in core/adjacent markets and seeking revenue growth opportunities. Despite the weakness in U.S. capital markets and the potential slowdown of the U.S. economy, we remain cautiously optimistic about our ability to continue to meet our growth objectives and leverage our operating model.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the U.S. The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP in the U.S. requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in our condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Our critical accounting policies are those that affect our financial statements materially and involve difficult, subjective or complex judgments by management. Those policies are revenue recognition, inventory valuation, investment impairments, share-based compensation, retirement and post-retirement benefit plan assumptions, valuation of long-lived assets and accounting for income taxes. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that may impact the company in the future, actual results may be different from the estimates.

An accounting policy is deemed to be critical if it requires an accounting estimate to be made based on assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain at the time the estimate is made, and if different estimates that reasonably could have been used or changes in the accounting estimate that are reasonably likely to occur could materially change the financial statements.

Share-based compensation. The expected stock price volatility assumption was determined using the implied volatility for our stock for the three months ended January 31, 2008 and 2007. We estimate the stock price volatility using the implied volatility of Agilent's publicly traded, similarly priced, stock options. We have determined that implied volatility is more reflective of market conditions and a better indicator of expected volatility than using historical volatility or a combined method of determining volatility. In reaching this conclusion, we have considered many factors including the extent to which our options are traded and our ability to find traded options with similar terms and prices to the options we are valuing. A 10 percent increase in our estimated volatility from 28 percent to 38 percent would generally increase the value of an award and the associated compensation cost by approximately 25 percent if no other factors were changed.

Goodwill and purchased intangible assets. No events occurred or circumstances changed during the three months ended January 31, 2008 that required us to test goodwill or purchased intangibles for impairment.

Accounting for income taxes. Effective at the beginning of the first quarter of 2008, we adopted FIN No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. As a result of the implementation, we recognize liabilities for uncertain tax positions based on the two-step approach prescribed in the interpretation. The first step is to evaluate each uncertain tax position

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for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step requires us to estimate and measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. It is inherently difficult and subjective to estimate such amounts, as this requires us to determine the probability of various possible outcomes. We reevaluate these uncertain tax positions on a quarterly basis. This evaluation is based on factors including, but not limited to, changes in facts or circumstances, changes in tax law, effectively settled issues under audit, and new audit activity. Such a change in recognition or measurement would result in the recognition of a tax benefit or an additional charge to the tax provision in the period. See Note 5, Provision for Income Taxes, for additional information, including the effects of adoption on our consolidated financial statements.

Other critical accounting policies were unchanged in the three months ended January 31, 2008.

Adoption of New Pronouncements

See Note 3, New Accounting Pronouncements, to the condensed consolidated financial statements for a description of new accounting pronouncements.

Restructuring and Asset Impairment

See Note 12, Restructuring, to the condensed consolidated financial statements for more details relating to the restructuring plans and asset impairment activity.

Foreign Currency

Our revenues, costs and expenses, and monetary assets and liabilities are exposed to changes in foreign currency exchange rates as a result of our global operating and financing activities. We hedge revenues, expenses and balance sheet exposures that are not denominated in the functional currencies of our subsidiaries on a short term and anticipated basis. We do experience some fluctuations within individual lines of the condensed consolidated statement of operations and balance sheet because our hedging program is not designed to offset the currency movements in each category of revenues, expenses, monetary assets and liabilities. Our hedging program is designed to hedge currency movements on a relatively short-term basis (rolling twelve month period). Therefore, we are exposed to currency fluctuations over the longer term. For example, over the last three years the U.S dollar has weakened against the Euro and the British pound and although we successfully hedged currency movements in those currencies each year, we have experienced a net increase in reported expenses in Europe as a result of currency fluctuations over this time period.

Results from Continuing Operations

In the beginning of the third quarter of 2007, we moved the nanotechnology measurement business from the electronics measurement segment to the bio-analytical measurement segment to more closely align with the new materials sciences business in that segment. All segment numbers have been restated historically.

Orders and Net Revenue

	Three Months Ended January 31,		2008 over 2007
	2008	2007	
	(in millions)		
Orders	\$ 1,401	\$ 1,250	12%
Net revenue:			
Products	1,161	1,065	9%

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Services and other		232		215	8%
Total net revenue	\$	1,393	\$	1,280	9%

Agilent orders increased 12 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007. Our bio-analytical measurement business recorded order growth of 20 percent for the three month period ended January 31, 2008 with strong performance in all of our markets and geographies. In comparison with the prior year period, electronic measurement orders increased 8 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008.

Agilent net revenue increased 9 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period last year. The bio-analytical measurement business achieved revenue growth of 15 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 with strength in both our chemical analysis and life sciences businesses. Electronic measurement business revenues increased by 5 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared with the prior year. Both general purpose test and communications test end markets increased 5 percent as aerospace/defense, wireless and broadband markets showed solid growth in comparison to the first quarter of the prior year.

Services and other revenue include revenue generated from servicing our installed base of products, warranty extensions and consulting. Services and other revenue for the three months ended January 31, 2008 increased 8 percent as compared to the same period last year. Service revenue trends tend to lag product revenue due to the deferral of service revenue, most of which is recognized over extended time periods.

Backlog

At January 31, 2008, our unfilled orders for the electronic measurement business amounted to approximately \$760 million, as compared to approximately \$740 million at January 31, 2007. At January 31, 2008, our unfilled orders for the bio-analytical measurement business were approximately \$300 million, as compared to approximately \$250 million at January 31, 2007. We expect that a large majority of the unfilled orders for both businesses will be delivered to customers within nine months. On average, our unfilled orders represent approximately two months' worth of revenues. In light of this experience, backlog on any particular date, while indicative of short-term revenue performance, is not necessarily a reliable indicator of medium or long-term revenue performance.

Operating Results

	Three Months Ended January 31,		2008 over 2007
	2008	2007	
Gross margin on products	56.8%	56.5%	
Gross margin on services and other	41.4%	41.4%	
Total gross margin	54.3%	54.0%	
Operating margin	9.6%	7.4%	2ppts
(in millions)			
Research and development	\$ 181	\$ 168	8%
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 441	\$ 428	3%

Total gross margins for the three months ended January 31, 2008 showed a slight increase compared to the same period last year. Operating margins have increased by 2 percentage points for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared with the same period last year.

Research and development expenses increased 8 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period last year. Approximately 4 percent of the increase has been created by the comparative weakness of the U.S. dollar and approximately 2 percent is attributable to Stratagene, a recent acquisition. Excluding the impact of these factors, the percentage of research and development expenditure to revenue fell slightly compared to the same period last year. We remain committed to bringing new products to the market, and have focused our development efforts on key strategic opportunities in order to align our business with available markets and position ourselves to capture market share.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by 3 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period last year. An increase in expenditures in the three months ended January 31, 2008 was due to the changed timing of our annual employee compensation awards that occurred in the first quarter of 2008, as compared to a donation of \$20 million made in the first quarter of 2007. The impact of currency and the acquisition of Stratagene increased total selling, general and administrative expenses by 4 percent and 2 percent, respectively for the three months ended January 31, 2008.

At January 31, 2008, our headcount was approximately 19,400 as compared to approximately 18,800 at January 31, 2007. The increase in workforce is largely due to acquisitions.

General Infrastructure and Shared Services

We continue to streamline infrastructure operations and improve productivity. We have reduced the number of employees in our workforce that provide support services such as finance, information technology and workplace services and moved many of our global shared services operations sites to lower cost regions.

Provision for Income Taxes

For the three months ended January 31, 2008, we recorded an income tax provision of \$27 million compared to an income tax benefit of \$27 million in the same period last year. The income tax provision for the three months ended January 31, 2008 includes \$5 million of discrete tax expense for interest and penalties. The income tax benefit for the three months ended January 31, 2007 includes a benefit of \$50 million related to the reversal of a tax reserve for potential non-U.S. exposures where the statute of limitations expired. The provisions are recorded for taxes on income generated in jurisdictions other than those in which we have full valuation allowances. We intend to maintain partial or full valuation allowances in these jurisdictions until sufficient positive evidence exists to support the reversal of the valuation allowances.

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For 2008, our current expectation of the annual effective tax rate is that it will be in the range of 18 to 20 percent on operations. The income tax rate for operations is 19 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008. As noted in the previous paragraph, the tax rate for the three months ended January 31, 2008 includes discrete tax events. Excluding the impact of quarterly discrete tax adjustments, we anticipate the full-year 2008 effective tax rate on operations to be approximately 14 percent. The overall tax rate reflects taxes in all jurisdictions except the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions in which income tax expense or benefit continues to be offset by adjustments to the valuation allowances. This tax rate may change over time as the amount or mix of income and taxes changes. Our effective tax rate is calculated using our projected annual pre-tax income or loss from continuing operations and is affected by research tax credits, the expected level of other tax benefits, the effects of business acquisitions and dispositions, the impact of changes to valuation allowances, changes in other comprehensive income, as well as changes in the mix of income and losses in the jurisdictions in which we operate that have varying statutory rates.

Effective at the beginning of the first quarter of 2008, we adopted FIN No. 48. FIN 48 contains a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions accounted for in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The first step is to evaluate each uncertain tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes, if any. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that is more than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we increased the liability for net unrecognized tax benefits by \$74 million, and accounted for the increase as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle that resulted in a decrease to retained earnings of \$74 million. The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits as of the date of adoption was \$909 million. We historically classified unrecognized tax benefits in current taxes payable, or as reductions to tax receivables or net deferred tax assets. As a result of adopting FIN 48, approximately \$355 million of unrecognized tax benefits and related interest and penalties were reclassified to long-term income taxes payable from current taxes payable.

The total amount of gross unrecognized tax benefits was \$913 million as of January 31, 2008. Most of these gross unrecognized tax benefits would affect the effective tax rate, if realized.

We continue to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the provision for income taxes on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of the date of adoption of FIN 48, we had accrued \$35 million for the payment of interest and penalties relating to unrecognized tax benefits.

In the U.S. and other major jurisdictions where we conduct business, the tax years generally remain open back to the year 2000. Although the timing of the resolution of audits is highly uncertain, we do not believe it is reasonably possible that the unrecognized tax benefits would materially change in the next 12 months.

Our U.S. federal income tax returns for 2000 through 2002 have been under audit by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In August 2007, we received a Revenue Agent's Report (RAR). In the RAR, the IRS proposes to assess a net tax deficiency, after applying available net operating losses from the years under audit and undisputed tax credits, for those years of approximately \$405 million, plus penalties of approximately \$160 million and interest. If the IRS were to fully prevail, our net operating loss and tax credits generated in recent years would be utilized earlier than they otherwise would have been, and our annual effective tax rate will have increased as a result. The RAR addresses several issues. One issue, however, relating to the use of Agilent's brand name by our foreign affiliates, accounts for a majority of the claimed tax deficiency. We believe that the claimed IRS adjustment for this issue in particular is inconsistent with applicable tax laws and that we have meritorious defenses to this claim. Therefore we have not included any tax for this item in our tax provision for 2007 or for the first quarter of 2008. We have filed a formal protest and requested a conference with the Appeals Office of the IRS and have opposed this claim, and most of the other claimed adjustments proposed in the RAR, vigorously. The final resolution of the proposed adjustments is uncertain and may take several years. Based on current information, it is our opinion that the ultimate disposition of these matters is unlikely to have a material adverse effect on our

consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

For all U.S. and other tax jurisdictions, we recognize potential liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on our estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes and interest will be due. If our estimate of income tax liabilities proves to be less than the ultimate assessment, a further charge to expense would be required. If events occur and the payment of these amounts ultimately proves to be unnecessary, the reversal of the liabilities would result in tax benefits being recognized in the period when we determine the liabilities are no longer necessary.

Segment Overview

Agilent is a measurement company providing core bio-analytical and electronic measurement solutions to the communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis industries. Agilent has two primary businesses focused on the electronic measurement market and the bio-analytical measurement market.

Electronic Measurement

Our electronic measurement business provides standard and customized solutions that are used in the design, development, manufacture, installation, deployment and operation of electronic equipment and systems and communications networks and services.

Orders and Net Revenue

	Three Months Ended January 31,		2007	2008 over 2007
	2008	(in millions)		
Orders	\$	843	\$ 784	8%
Net revenue	\$	836	\$ 796	5%

Orders for the three months ended January 31, 2008 grew 8 percent when compared with the same period last year. In our communications test business we saw continued strength in wireless R&D markets, as well as solid growth in wireless manufacturing and broadband. In our general purpose test business, sustained strength in the aerospace/defense market offset ongoing weakness in the computer and semiconductor test markets.

Revenue for the three months ended January 31, 2008 grew 5 percent when compared to the same period last year, reflecting balanced growth between our general purpose and communications test end-market segments. Regionally, revenue from the Americas was relatively flat, revenue in Europe grew 11 percent and 6 percent in Asia, with significant year-over-year improvement in Japan.

General purpose test revenue of \$496 million for the three months ended January 31, 2008 grew 5 percent year-over-year. Within general purpose test, strength in aerospace and defense was partially offset by a decline in the computing and semiconductor test markets. Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance markets remained strong applications for radio frequency (RF) content, with other RF applications being used in shipboard and space-based radar, as well as communications and networking. Computing and semiconductor test end markets were down compared to last year due to a significant decline in the parametric test market, while digital test remained fairly flat. Other general test markets were mixed with steady growth in basic instruments and continued pressure in electronic manufacturing test markets.

Communications test revenues of \$340 million for the three months ended January 31, 2008 increased 5 percent from last year. Growth this quarter was driven by the wireless R&D and wireless manufacturing test markets, as well as broadband R&D and manufacturing test. Weakness in the communications test market was isolated to network monitoring. Investment in the wireless R&D test market continues to focus on high-speed applications, as well as pre-conformance and interoperability test solutions. In addition, steady demand for WiMax test solutions and next generation cellular technologies test, such as long-term evolution, are contributing to steady demand in the communications test market.

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Strength in the broadband R&D and manufacturing test market is being driven by the convergence of an all internet protocol -based network for service delivery including video, voice, data, and mobile services.

Looking forward, we project steady growth in our electronic measurement business. This growth is expected to be driven by our customers expansion of wireless 3G coverage and services (high data rate, multi-media services supported by multi-functional handsets), emerging cellular technologies, and continued opportunities in broadband access, voice-over-internet-protocol and fiber-to-the-home, all fueled by consumer demand for voice/data/video converged services. We believe the aerospace and defense market's overall longer-term trend of spending growth in areas of signal intelligence, communications, surveillance and information warfare bode well for longer-term growth in test and measurement sales into this market. This growth potential could be mitigated by potential slowdowns in spending on new communications technologies, governmental budgetary shifts, continued contraction in the semiconductor test market and the current overall macro-economic uncertainty in the U.S.

Operating Results

	Three Months Ended January 31,		2007	2008 over 2007	
	2008				
Gross margin	57.3%		56.8%		1 ppt
Operating margin	11.3%		11.3%		
(in millions)					
Research and development	\$ 126		\$ 120		5%
Selling, general and administrative	\$ 258		\$ 242		7%

Gross margins improved one percentage point for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period last year. Several factors drove the year-over-year improvement as overall volume and product mix improved while underlying overhead cost reductions were offset by increases in trade and logistics expenses and a change in the timing of our annual compensation awards cycle.

Research and development expenses for the three months ended January 31, 2008 increased 5 percent compared to the same period last year. This increase was driven largely by the change in the timing of our annual compensation awards cycle. Excluding this increase, discretionary spending was down year-over-year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended January 31, 2008 increased 7 percent compared to the same period last year. This increase was driven largely by a change in the timing of our annual compensation awards cycle.

Income from operations for the three months ended January 31, 2008 increased \$5 million while our operating margin percentage remained flat when compared to the same period last year. Higher revenues, improvements in product mix and lower discretionary spending were offset by the change in timing of our annual compensation awards cycle.

Bio-analytical Measurement

Our bio-analytical measurement business provides application-focused solutions that include instruments, software, consumables and services that enable customers to identify, quantify and analyze the physical and biological properties of substances and products. Our key product categories include: microarrays, microfluidics, gas chromatography, liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry, laser interferometry and microscopy, software and informatics, and related consumables, reagents and services.

Orders and Net Revenue

Three Months Ended
January 31,

2008 over

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	2008		2007		2007
	(in millions)				
Orders	\$	558	\$	466	20%
Net revenue	\$	557	\$	484	15%

Our bio-analytical measurement business posted strong quarter and year-to-date results, with mid double-digit year-over-year growth on both orders and revenue with all geographies contributing to the growth. Results were consistent with our normal seasonal patterns and reflected the strong demand across virtually all of our markets.

Orders for the three months ended January 31, 2008 grew 20 percent (the Stratagene acquisition contributed 5 percent of this growth) when compared to the same period last year. Currency accounted for 4 percent of the growth in orders for the three months ended January 31, 2008 when compared to the same period last year. In our chemical analysis business, we continue to see strength from petrochemical, food and environmental markets. In life sciences, we saw sustained demand from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, contract research organizations, academic and government markets.

Revenue for the three months ended January 31, 2008 grew 15 percent year-over-year with strong results seen across both life sciences and chemical analysis end markets. These results include the impact of the Stratagene acquisition. We expect Stratagene's core strengths to allow us to better serve life sciences customers through synergies enabling us to enhance our mutual product offerings and improve specific application solutions. Stratagene contributed 5 percent of this growth for the three months ended January 31, 2008. Currency accounted for approximately 4 percent of the growth in revenues in the three months ended January 31, 2008 when compared to the same period last year. We had solid quarterly

growth across all geographies with the Americas up 14 percent, Europe up 16 percent and Asia up 16 percent year-over-year. In life sciences, we saw solid performance across the pharmaceutical and biotechnology markets as well as the academic and government markets. In chemical analysis, our sales in the petrochemical, environmental and food safety markets performed well. Proprietary supplies saw double-digit quarterly growth with strength across both liquid chromatography (LC) and gas chromatography (GC) columns with applications in both the life sciences and chemical analysis businesses.

Chemical analysis revenue grew 9 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008, reflecting solid growth in all major end markets. Excluding materials science, chemical analysis grew 11 percent. Chemical analysis continued to see good demand for petrochemical, food and environmental testing solutions. High petrochemical profits continued to drive capital investments in both instrument replacements and upgrades. Environmental, one of our larger markets saw steady revenue growth for the three months ended January 31, 2008. This performance was driven by increased testing of drinking water, solid waste testing and air monitoring especially in China and India. Forensics, our smallest market in chemical analysis, saw sluggish growth in the U.S. as weak federal budgets and flat spending in Europe drove results. Revenue was relatively flat in the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the prior year. Petrochemical also grew consistently with year-over-year revenue growth in the first quarter as customers transitioned to our new GC and gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) products. We are also benefitting from system replacements in Americas and Europe, construction of new refineries in India and China, and worldwide demand for alternative fuels such as bio-diesel. Food testing also posted strong revenue growth in the three months ended January 31, 2008. Growth in this sector was driven by recent food safety issues in the U.S causing updated regulations in China, Malaysia and India and by overall increases made to regulatory standards worldwide.

In life sciences, we saw good demand from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, contract research organizations, academic and government markets. For the three months ended January 31, 2008, both our pharmaceutical and biotech market and our academic and government market grew at a strong rate. Our academic and government revenues nearly doubled including the Stratagene acquisition. Our acquisition of Stratagene is bolstering our coverage in academia and government customer accounts. Academic research is moving toward the use of high-end mass spectrometry instrumentation to answer complex biological questions and enhance research on proteins, peptides, and small molecules. The market continues to see more partnerships and collaborations between not-for-profit organizations and big pharma and biotech. In Asia Pacific, governments are investing in the modernization of their healthcare systems and in improving the quality of pharmaceuticals they produce. In the U.S., National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding appears to be flat to declining making it difficult for suppliers of instruments and life sciences tools to grow significantly in this space. From a product perspective, revenue growth for this market segment was driven by demand for our new 7890 GC platform, GC/MS system , inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) based solutions, bioanalyzers and qualitative polymerase chain reaction (QPCR) platforms (reagents and instrumentation). We also see sustained performance from our 1200-series LC platform, particularly the rapid resolution system, high-performance LC columns, single quad-, triple quad, quadrupole time of flight mass spectrometers, and microarrays.

Looking forward, we expect our chemical analysis market growth to be driven by investments in food safety on a global basis and in environmental testing in China, India and selected Eastern European countries. Our liquid and gas chromatography mass spectrometry systems are well positioned to address these market needs. In life sciences we are uniquely positioned with our recent acquisitions to expand the range of our technology offering along the life sciences workflow. Workflow solutions can span from sample delivery and preparation through sample measurement to data analysis and management. In addition, our ongoing expansion of the liquid chromatograph / mass spectroscopy (LC/MS) portfolio, augmented with focused R&D programs will enable Agilent to address the high-growth proteomics and metabolomics market needs.

Operating Results

	Three Months Ended		2008 over 2007
	2008	January 31, 2007	
Gross margin	54.0%	53.6%	
Operating margin	18.3%	19.2%	(1)ppt

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(in millions)

Research and development	\$	48	\$	39	24%
Selling, general and administrative	\$	151	\$	128	18%

For the three months ended January 31, 2008, gross margins were relatively flat compared to the same period last year. In the first quarter, a change in the timing of our annual compensation awards cycle, unfavorable volume mix and one-time

inventory revaluation charges from the Velocity11 acquisition impacted gross margins.

Research and development expenses grew 24 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008, compared to the same period last year, of which Stratagene accounted for 10 percent of this growth. Excluding Stratagene, this growth was driven by a change in the timing of our annual compensation awards cycle, by our investments in research and development facilities in life sciences and higher general infrastructure costs. The change in the timing of our annual compensation cycle accounted for 2 percent of the growth in expense for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period last year.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 18 percent for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to the same period last year, of which Stratagene accounted for 8 percent of this growth. The remaining increase was due to a change in the timing of our annual compensation awards cycle, higher sales commissions, investments in marketing programs, and higher general infrastructure costs. The change in the timing of our annual compensation cycle accounted for 3 percent of the growth in expense for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared with the same period last year.

For the three months ended January 31, 2008, operating margins declined 1 percentage point compared to the same period a year ago. This decrease was due to one-time costs related to acquisitions and increased selling, general, and administrative investments to foster growth.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our financial position as of January 31, 2008 consisted of cash and cash equivalents of \$1,385 million and short-term investments of \$172 million as compared to \$1,826 million and zero as of October 31, 2007 respectively.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$4 million in the first quarter of 2008 compared to \$93 million provided in the same period in 2007. In the first quarter of 2008, we paid approximately \$123 million under our variable pay programs, as compared to \$93 million paid out during the same period of 2007. The higher cash payouts in the first quarter of 2008 as compared to same period last year were due to bonus payments of \$20 million that last year occurred in the second quarter of the year. We also paid approximately \$107 million in taxes in the first quarter of 2008 as compared to \$19 million in the same period in 2007. Higher tax payments in the first quarter of 2008 were primarily on account of one-time taxes related to the transfer of intellectual property between affiliated entities. Looking forward to the remainder of the year, we expect to generate sufficient cash from operations to fund our operations and investments in property, plant and equipment.

In the three months ended January 31, 2008, accounts receivable generated cash of \$30 million as compared to \$26 million in the same period in 2007. Agilent revenues increased by approximately 9 percent in the first three months of 2008 as compared to the same period in 2007. However, days sales outstanding remained unchanged at 47 days as of January 31, 2008 compared to the same period, a year ago. Accounts

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payable used cash of \$15 million for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to cash used of \$65 million in the same period in 2007. Cash used for inventory was \$31 million for the three months ended January 31, 2008 compared to cash used of \$20 million in the same period in 2007. Inventory days on-hand decreased to 95 days as of January 31, 2008 compared to 99 days as of the end of the same period last year reflecting the continued improvement in inventory management.

We contributed approximately \$2 million to our U.S. defined benefit plans in the first three months of 2008, compared to \$8 million in the first quarter of 2007. We contributed approximately \$10 million to our non-U.S. defined benefit plans in the first three months of 2008 compared to \$9 million in the first quarter of 2007. Our non-U.S. defined benefit plans are generally funded ratably throughout the year. Total contributions in the three months ended January 31, 2008 were approximately \$12 million or approximately 29 percent less than in the same period in 2007. Our annual contributions are highly dependent on the relative performance of our assets versus our projected liabilities, among other factors. We expect to contribute approximately \$30 million to our non-U.S. defined benefit plans during the remainder of fiscal 2008.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended January 31, 2008 was \$295 million compared to \$93 million used in the same period of 2007. Investments in property, plant and equipment were \$34 million in the first three

months of 2008, as compared to investment of \$37 million for same period in 2007. We believe that total capital expenditures for the current year will be approximately \$174 million compared to capital expenditures during last year of \$154 million. Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment were \$14 million in the three months ended January 31, 2008 as compared to \$1 million in the same period of 2007. In the first three months of 2008, we invested \$113 million in acquisitions and intangible assets, net of cash acquired, primarily related to Velocity11, compared to \$70 million during the same period of 2007. In the first three months of 2008, restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments, net decreased by approximately \$14 million compared to \$1 million in 2007.

In December 2007, the company reclassified a \$255 million investment from cash equivalents to short-term investments. During the first quarter Agilent liquidated a portion of this investment realizing losses of \$1 million on the sale of short-term investments, and recognized an additional \$2 million unrealized mark-to-market loss in stock-holders equity. As of January 31, 2008, Agilent held the remainder of the investment, \$172 million, in short-term investments.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended January 31, 2008 was \$168 million compared to \$169 million used in the same period of 2007.

In the first quarter of 2008 our board of directors authorized a new stock repurchase program of up to \$2 billion. We repurchased approximately 6.6 million shares for \$237 million during the first three months of 2008, based on settlement date, as compared to approximately 7.6 million shares for approximately \$254 million during the same period in 2007 under a different program. We may borrow funds or enter into other financing transactions in order to complete the remainder of our share repurchases in this fiscal year and the next. Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans were \$69 million in first three months of 2008 compared to \$85 million during the same period of 2007.

During the first quarter of 2008, subsequent to the execution of the Related Agreement, we reclassified the \$1.5 billion obligation of World Trade as short-term debt on our condensed consolidated balance sheet. The maturity date of the obligation is January 2011. We have also reclassified our related restricted cash of \$1,578 million as a current asset on our condensed consolidated balance sheet. If it is determined that a repayment is to be made under the Related Agreement in settlement of the debt then we would have 120 days in which to repay it. See Note 7 Restricted Cash & Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Debt for further information.

On May 11, 2007, we entered into a five-year credit agreement, which provides for a \$300 million unsecured credit facility that will expire on May 11, 2012. The company may use amounts borrowed under the facility for general corporate purposes. To date the company has not borrowed under the facility.

Other

As a result of adopting FIN 48, \$439 million of taxes payable are recorded in long term liabilities as of January 31, 2008. We are unable to accurately predict when these amounts will be realized or released. There were no other substantial changes from our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K to our contractual commitments in the first quarter of fiscal year 2008. We have contractual commitments for non-cancelable

operating leases. We have no other material non-cancelable guarantees or commitments.

Our liquidity is affected by many factors, some of which are based on normal ongoing operations of our business and some of which arise from fluctuations related to global economics and markets. Our cash balances are generated and held in many locations throughout the world. Local government regulations may restrict our ability to move cash balances to meet cash needs under specific circumstances. We do not currently expect such regulations and restrictions to impact our ability to pay vendors and conduct operations throughout our global organization.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risks inherent in our sales commitments, anticipated sales, and assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of our subsidiaries. We hedge future cash flows denominated in currencies other than the functional currency using sales forecasts up to twelve months in advance. Our exposure to exchange rate risks is managed on an enterprise-wide basis. This strategy utilizes derivative financial instruments, including option and forward contracts, to hedge certain foreign currency exposures with the intent of offsetting gains and losses that occur on the underlying exposures with gains and losses on the derivative contracts hedging them. We do not currently and do not intend to utilize derivative financial instruments for speculative trading purposes.

Our operations generate non-functional currency cash flows such as revenues, third party vendor payments and

inter-company payments. In anticipation of these foreign currency cash flows and in view of volatility of the currency market, we enter into such foreign exchange contracts as are described above to manage our currency risk. Approximately 62 percent and 61 percent of our revenues were generated in U.S. dollars during the first quarter of 2008 and 2007, respectively.

We performed a sensitivity analysis assuming a hypothetical 10 percent adverse movement in foreign exchange rates to the hedging contracts and the underlying exposures described above. As of January 31, 2008, the analysis indicated that these hypothetical market movements would not have a material effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as required by Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(b) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended January 31, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In November 2001, a securities class action, *Kassin v. Agilent Technologies, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 01-CV-10639, was filed in United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the Court) against certain investment bank underwriters for our initial public offering (IPO), Agilent and various of our officers and directors at the time of the IPO. In 2003, the Court granted Agilent's motion to dismiss the claims against Agilent based on Section 10 of the Securities Exchange Act, but denied Agilent's motion to dismiss the claims based on Section 11 of the Securities Act. On June 14, 2004, papers formalizing a settlement among the plaintiffs, Agilent and more than 200 other issuer defendants and insurers were presented to the Court. Under the proposed settlement, plaintiffs' claims against Agilent and its directors and officers would be released, in exchange for a contingent payment (which, if made, would be paid by Agilent's insurer) and an assignment of certain potential claims. However, class certification of plaintiffs' underlying action against the underwriter defendants was a condition of the settlement. On December 5, 2006, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the Court's order certifying such a class in several test cases that had been selected by the underwriter defendants and plaintiffs. On January 5, 2007, plaintiffs filed a petition for rehearing to the full bench of the Second Circuit. On April 6, 2007, the Second Circuit issued an order denying rehearing but noted that plaintiffs are free to seek

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certification of a more modest class. On June 25, 2007, the Court entered an order terminating the proposed settlement between plaintiffs and the issuer defendants based on a stipulation among the parties. Plaintiffs have amended their allegations and filed amended complaints in six test cases (none of which involve Agilent). Defendants in these cases have moved to dismiss the amended complaints. Plaintiffs have also moved for class certifications in these test cases, which the defendants in these cases have opposed. No hearing dates have been set. Discovery is also proceeding in these cases. It is uncertain if or when there will be any revised or future settlement. Under our separation agreements with Hewlett-Packard Company (HP), HP agreed to indemnify us for a substantial portion of IPO-related liabilities. If the litigation against Agilent continues, Agilent believes it has meritorious defenses and intends to defend the case vigorously. We believe the likelihood that Agilent will be required to pay any material amount is remote.

We are involved in lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings, including, but not limited to, patent, commercial and environmental matters, which arise in the ordinary course of business. There are no matters pending that we expect to be material in relation to our business, consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Risks, Uncertainties and Other Factors That May Affect Future Results

Our operating results and financial condition could be harmed if the markets into which we sell our products decline or do not grow as anticipated.

Visibility into our markets is limited. Our quarterly sales and operating results are highly dependent on the volume and timing of orders received during the fiscal quarter, which are difficult to forecast. In addition, our revenues and earnings forecasts for future fiscal quarters are often based on the expected seasonality or cyclicity of our markets. However, the markets we serve do not always experience the seasonality or cyclicity that we expect. Any decline in our customers' markets or in general economic conditions would likely result in a reduction in demand for our products and services. The broader semiconductor market is one of the drivers for our electronic measurement business, and therefore, a decrease in the semiconductor market could harm our electronic measurement business. Also, if our customers' markets decline, we may not be able to collect on outstanding amounts due to us. Such decline could harm our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and stock price, and could limit our ability to sustain profitability. Also, in such an environment, pricing pressures could intensify. Since a significant portion of our operating expenses is relatively fixed in nature due to sales, research and development and manufacturing costs, if we were unable to respond quickly enough these pricing pressures could further reduce our gross margins.

The actions that we have taken in order to reduce costs could have long-term adverse effects on our business.

We have largely completed our program to transition our company to a reduced cost structure. These reductions and regular ongoing evaluations of our cost structure, could have the effect of reducing our talent pool and available resources and, consequently, could have long-term effects on our business by decreasing or slowing improvements in our products, affecting our ability to respond to customers, limiting our ability to increase production quickly if and when the demand for our products increases and limiting our ability to hire and retain key personnel. These circumstances could cause our income to be lower than it otherwise might be and, as a result, adversely affect our stock price.

If we do not introduce successful new products and services in a timely manner, our products and services will become obsolete, and our operating results will suffer.

We generally sell our products in industries that are characterized by rapid technological changes, frequent new product and service introductions and changing industry standards. In addition, many of the markets in which we operate are seasonal and cyclical. Without the timely introduction of new products, services and enhancements, our products and services will become technologically obsolete over time, in which case our revenue and operating results would suffer. The success of our new products and services will depend on several factors, including our ability to:

- properly identify customer needs;

- innovate and develop new technologies, services and applications;
- successfully commercialize new technologies in a timely manner;
- manufacture and deliver our products in sufficient volumes on time;
- differentiate our offerings from our competitors' offerings;
- price our products competitively;
- anticipate our competitors' development of new products, services or technological innovations; and
- control product quality in our manufacturing process.

Dependence on contract manufacturing and outsourcing other portions of our supply chain may adversely affect our ability to bring products to market and damage our reputation. Dependence on outsourced information technology and other administrative functions may impair our ability to operate effectively.

As part of our efforts to streamline operations and to cut costs, we have been outsourcing aspects of our manufacturing processes and other functions and will continue to evaluate additional outsourcing. If our contract manufacturers or other outsourcers fail to perform their obligations in a timely manner or at satisfactory quality levels, our ability to bring products to market and our reputation could suffer. For example, during a market upturn, our contract manufacturers may be unable to meet our demand requirements, which may preclude us from fulfilling our customers' orders.

on a timely basis. The ability of these manufacturers to perform is largely outside of our control. In addition, we outsource significant portions of our information technology (IT) function and other administrative functions. Since IT is critical to our operations, any failure to perform on the part of the IT providers could impair our ability to operate effectively. In addition to the risks outlined above, problems with manufacturing or IT outsourcing could result in lower revenues, unexecuted efficiencies, and impact our results of operations and our stock price. Much of our outsourcing takes place in developing countries and, as a result, may be subject to geopolitical uncertainty.

Failure to adjust our purchases due to changing market conditions or failure to estimate our customers demand could adversely affect our income.

Our income could be harmed if we are unable to adjust our purchases to market fluctuations, including those caused by the seasonal or cyclical nature of the markets in which we operate. The sale of our products and services are dependent, to a large degree, on customers whose industries are subject to seasonal or cyclical trends in the demand for their products. For example, the consumer electronics market is particularly volatile, making demand difficult to anticipate. During a market upturn, we may not be able to purchase sufficient supplies or components to meet increasing product demand, which could materially affect our results. In addition, some of the parts that require custom design are not readily available from alternate suppliers due to their unique design or the length of time necessary for design work. Should a supplier cease manufacturing such a component, we would be forced to reengineer our product. In addition to discontinuing parts, suppliers may also extend lead times, limit supplies or increase prices due to capacity constraints or other factors. In order to secure components for the production of products, we may continue to enter into non-cancelable purchase commitments with vendors, or at times make advance payments to suppliers, which could impact our ability to adjust our inventory to declining market demands. Prior commitments of this type have resulted in an excess of parts when demand for our communications and electronics products has decreased. If demand for our products is less than we expect, we may experience additional excess and obsolete inventories and be forced to incur additional charges.

Our income may suffer if our manufacturing capacity does not match the demand for our products.

Because we cannot immediately adapt our production capacity and related cost structures to rapidly changing market conditions, when demand does not meet our expectations, our manufacturing capacity will likely exceed our production requirements. If, during a general market upturn or an upturn in one of our segments, we cannot increase our manufacturing capacity to meet product demand, we will not be able to fulfill orders in a timely manner. This inability could materially and adversely limit our ability to improve our results. By contrast, if during an economic downturn we had excess manufacturing capacity, then our fixed costs associated with excess manufacturing capacity would adversely affect our income.

Economic, political and other risks associated with international sales and operations could adversely affect our results of operations.

Because we sell our products worldwide, our business is subject to risks associated with doing business internationally. We anticipate that revenue from international operations will continue to represent a majority of our total revenue. In addition, many of our employees, contract manufacturers, suppliers, job functions and manufacturing facilities are increasingly located outside the U.S. Accordingly, our future results could be harmed by a variety of factors, including:

- interruption to transportation flows for delivery of parts to us and finished goods to our customers;

- changes in foreign currency exchange rates;
- changes in a specific country's or region's political, economic or other conditions;
- trade protection measures and import or export licensing requirements;
- negative consequences from changes in tax laws;
- difficulty in staffing and managing widespread operations;
- differing labor regulations;
- differing protection of intellectual property;
- unexpected changes in regulatory requirements; and

- geopolitical turmoil, including terrorism and war.

We centralized most of our accounting processes to two locations: India and Malaysia. These processes include general accounting, cost accounting, accounts payable and accounts receivables functions. If conditions change in those countries, it may adversely affect operations, including impairing our ability to pay our suppliers and collect our receivables. Our results of operations, as well as our liquidity, may be adversely affected and possible delays may occur in reporting financial results. In addition, although the majority of our products are priced and paid for in U.S. dollars, a significant amount of certain types of expenses, such as payroll, utilities, tax, and marketing expenses, are paid in local currencies. Our hedging programs reduce, but do not always entirely eliminate, within any given twelve month period, the impact of currency exchange rate movements, and therefore fluctuations in exchange rates, including those caused by currency controls, could impact our business operating results and financial condition by resulting in lower revenue or increased expenses. However, for expenses beyond that twelve month period, our hedging strategy does not mitigate our exposure.

Our business will suffer if we are not able to retain and hire key personnel.

Our future success depends partly on the continued service of our key research, engineering, sales, marketing, manufacturing, executive and administrative personnel. If we fail to retain and hire a sufficient number of these personnel, we will not be able to maintain or expand our business. The markets in which we operate are very dynamic, and our businesses continue to respond with reorganizations, workforce reductions and site closures. We believe our pay levels are very competitive within the regions that we operate. However, there is also intense competition for certain highly technical specialties in geographic areas where we continue to recruit, and it may become more difficult to retain our key employees.

The impact of consolidation of competitors in the test and measurement market is difficult to predict and may harm our business.

The test and measurement industry is intensely competitive and has been subject to increasing consolidation. For instance, in November 2007, Danaher Corporation, one of our competitors, completed the acquisition of Tektronix, Inc., another of our competitors. Consolidation in the test and measurement industry could result in existing competitors increasing their market share through business combinations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may not be able to compete successfully in an increasingly consolidated industry and cannot predict with certainty how industry consolidation will affect our competitors or us.

Our acquisitions, strategic alliances, joint ventures and divestitures may result in financial results that are different than expected.

In the normal course of business, we frequently engage in discussions with third parties relating to possible acquisitions, strategic alliances, joint ventures and divestitures, and generally expect to complete several transactions per year. For example, in our fiscal year 2006, we completed the divestiture of our semiconductor products business and spin-off of our semiconductor test solutions business, and last year we completed several acquisitions, including the acquisition of Stratagene Corporation in our third fiscal quarter. As a result of such transactions, our financial results may differ from our own or the investment community's expectations in a given fiscal quarter, or over the long term. Such transactions often have post-closing arrangements including but not limited to post-closing adjustments, transition services, escrows or indemnifications, the financial results of which can be difficult to predict. In addition, acquisitions and strategic alliances may require us to integrate a different company culture, management team and business infrastructure. We may have difficulty developing, manufacturing and marketing the products of a newly acquired company in a way that enhances the performance of our combined businesses or product lines to

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realize the value from expected synergies. Depending on the size and complexity of an acquisition, our successful integration of the entity depends on a variety of factors, including:

- the retention of key employees;
- the management of facilities and employees in different geographic areas;
- the retention of key customers;
- the compatibility of our sales programs and facilities within those of the acquired company; and
- the compatibility of our existing infrastructure with that of an acquired company.

A successful divestiture depends on various factors, including our ability to:

- effectively transfer liabilities, contracts, facilities and employees to the purchaser;
- identify and separate the intellectual property to be divested from the intellectual property that we wish to keep; and
- reduce fixed costs previously associated with the divested assets or business.

Future impairment of the value of purchased assets and goodwill could have a significant negative impact on our future operating results. And, our inability to timely and effectively apply our systems of internal controls to an acquired business could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our financial reporting obligations.

In addition, if customers of the divested business do not receive the same level of service from the new owners, this may adversely affect our other businesses to the extent that these customers also purchase other Agilent products. All of these efforts require varying levels of management resources, which may divert our attention from other business operations. Further, if market conditions or other factors lead us to change our strategic direction, we may not realize the expected value from such transactions. If we do not realize the expected benefits or synergies of such transactions, our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows and stock price could be negatively impacted.

Environmental contamination from past operations could subject us to unreimbursed costs and could harm on-site operations and the future use and value of the properties involved and environmental contamination caused by ongoing operations could subject us to substantial liabilities in the future.

Some of our properties are undergoing remediation by the Hewlett-Packard Company (HP) for subsurface contaminations that were known at the time of our separation from HP. HP has agreed to retain the liability for this subsurface contamination, perform the required remediation and indemnify us with respect to claims arising out of that contamination. HP will have access to our properties to perform remediation. While HP has agreed to minimize interference with on-site operations at those properties, remediation activities and subsurface contamination may require us to incur unreimbursed costs and could harm on-site operations and the future use and value of the properties. We cannot be sure that HP will continue to fulfill its indemnification or remediation obligations. In addition, the determination of the existence and cost of any additional contamination caused by us could involve costly and time-consuming negotiations and litigation.

We have agreed to indemnify HP for any liability associated with contamination from past operations at all other properties transferred from HP to us other than those properties currently undergoing remediation by HP. While we are not aware of any material liabilities associated with any potential subsurface contamination at any of those properties, subsurface contamination may exist, and we may be exposed to material liability as a result of the existence of that contamination.

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Our current and historical manufacturing processes involve, or have involved, the use of substances regulated under various international, federal, state and local laws governing the environment. As a result, we may become subject to liabilities for environmental contamination, and these liabilities may be substantial. While we have divested substantially all of our semiconductor related businesses to Avago and Verigy and regardless of indemnification arrangements with those parties, we may still become subject to liabilities for historical environmental contamination related to those businesses. Although our policy is to apply strict standards for environmental protection at our sites inside and outside the U.S., even if the sites outside the U.S. are not subject to regulations imposed by foreign governments, we may not be aware of all conditions that could subject us to liability.

Our customers and we are subject to various governmental regulations, compliance with which may cause us to incur significant expenses, and if we fail to maintain satisfactory compliance with certain regulations, we may be forced to recall products and cease their manufacture and distribution, and we could be subject to civil or criminal penalties.

Our businesses are subject to various significant international, federal, state and local regulations, including but not limited to health and safety, packaging, product content, labor and import/export regulations. These regulations are complex, change frequently and have tended to become more stringent over time. We may be required to incur significant expenses to comply with these regulations or to remedy violations of these regulations. Any failure by us to comply with applicable government regulations could also result in cessation of our operations or portions of our operations, product recalls or impositions of fines and restrictions on our ability to carry on or expand our operations. In addition, because many of our products are regulated or sold into regulated industries, we must comply with additional regulations in marketing our products.

Our products and operations are also often subject to the rules of industrial standards bodies, like the International Standards Organization, as well as regulation by other agencies such as the U.S. Federal Communications Commission. We also must comply with work safety rules. If we fail to adequately address any of these regulations, our businesses could be harmed.

Some of our chemical analysis products are used in conjunction with chemicals whose manufacture, processing, distribution and notification requirements are regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Toxic Substances Control Act, and by regulatory bodies in other countries with laws similar to the Toxic Substances Control Act. We must conform the manufacture, processing, distribution of and notification about these chemicals to these laws and adapt to regulatory requirements in all countries as these requirements change. If we fail to comply with these requirements in the manufacture or distribution of our products, then we could be made to pay civil penalties, face criminal prosecution and, in some cases, be prohibited from distributing our products in commerce until the products or component substances are brought into compliance.

We are subject to laws and regulations, and failure to address or comply with these laws and regulations could harm our business by leading to a reduction in revenue associated with these customers.

We have agreements relating to the sale of our products to government entities and, as a result, we are subject to various statutes and regulations that apply to companies doing business with the government. The laws governing government contracts differ from the laws governing private contracts. For example, many government contracts contain pricing terms and conditions that are not applicable to private contracts. We are also subject to investigation for compliance with the regulations governing government contracts. A failure to comply with these regulations might result in suspension of these contracts, or administrative penalties.

A number of our products from our bio-analytical measurement business are subject to regulation by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and certain similar foreign regulatory agencies. If we or any of our suppliers or distributors fail to comply with FDA and other applicable regulatory requirements or are perceived to potentially have failed to comply, we may face, among other things, adverse publicity affecting both us and our customers, investigations or notices of non-compliance, fines, injunctions, and civil penalties; partial suspensions or total shutdown of production facilities or the imposition of operating restrictions, increased difficulty in obtaining required FDA clearances or approvals; seizures or recalls of our products or those of our customers or the inability to sell our products.

Third parties may claim that we are infringing their intellectual property and we could suffer significant litigation or licensing expenses or be prevented from selling products or services.

While we do not believe that we infringe the valid and enforceable intellectual property rights of third parties, there may be potentially relevant third party intellectual property rights that we are unaware of. Any litigation regarding patents or other intellectual property could be costly and time-consuming due to the complexity of our technology and the uncertainty of intellectual property litigation and could divert our management and key personnel from our business operations. A claim of intellectual property infringement could force us to enter into a costly or restrictive license agreement, which might not be available under acceptable terms or at all, or could subject us to significant damages or to an injunction against development and sale of certain of our products or services.

We often rely on licenses of third party intellectual property that is useful for our businesses and we cannot ensure that these licenses will be available to us in the future on favorable terms or at all. Our intellectual property portfolio, which we use in negotiating licenses and asserting counterclaims, continually changes as we review and adjust the patents and other intellectual property in the portfolio consistent with our business strategies. Accordingly, the amount of intellectual property that is available for us to use in our defense or for negotiations is

continually changing and may decrease.

Third parties may infringe our intellectual property and we may suffer competitive injury or expend significant resources enforcing our rights.

Our success depends in large part on our proprietary technology. We rely on various intellectual property rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets, as well as confidentiality provisions and licensing arrangements, to establish our proprietary rights. If we do not enforce our intellectual property rights successfully our competitive position may suffer which could harm our operating results.

Our pending patent applications, and our pending copyright and trademark registration applications, may not be allowed or competitors may challenge the validity or scope of our patents, copyrights or trademarks. In addition, our patents, copyrights, trademarks and other intellectual property rights may not provide us a significant competitive advantage.

We may need to spend significant resources monitoring our intellectual property rights and we may or may not be able to detect infringement by third parties. Our competitive position may be harmed if we cannot detect infringement and enforce our intellectual property rights quickly or at all. In some circumstances, enforcement may not be available to us because an infringer has a dominant intellectual property position or for other business reasons. In addition, competitors might avoid infringement by designing around our intellectual property rights or by developing non-infringing competing technologies. Intellectual property rights and our ability to enforce them may be unavailable or limited in some countries which could make it easier for competitors to capture market share and could result in lost revenues. Furthermore, some of our intellectual property is licensed to others which allows them to compete with us using that intellectual property.

We have received a Revenue Agent's Report from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for fiscal years 2000 through 2002 claiming a significant increase in our U.S. taxable income. An adverse outcome of this examination or any future examinations involving similar claims could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

Our U.S. federal income tax returns for 2000 through 2002 have been under audit by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In August 2007, we received a Revenue Agent's Report (RAR). In the RAR, the IRS proposes to assess a net tax deficiency, after applying available net operating losses from the years under audit and undisputed tax credits, for those years of approximately \$405 million, plus penalties of approximately \$160 million and interest. If the IRS were to fully prevail, our net operating loss and tax credits generated in recent years would be utilized earlier than they otherwise would have been and our annual effective tax rate will have increased as a result. The RAR addresses several issues. One issue, however, relating to the use of Agilent's brand name by our foreign affiliates, accounts for a majority of the claimed tax deficiency. We believe that the claimed IRS adjustment for this issue in particular is inconsistent with applicable tax laws and that we have meritorious defenses to this claim. Therefore we have not included any tax for this item in our tax provision for 2007 or for the first quarter of 2008. We have filed a formal protest and requested a conference with the Appeals Office of the IRS and have opposed this claim, and most of the other claimed adjustments proposed in the RAR, vigorously. The final resolution of the proposed adjustments is uncertain and may take several years. Based on current information, it is our opinion that the ultimate disposition of these matters is unlikely to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity. However, if the ultimate determination of taxes owed is in excess of the tax provisions we have recorded in connection with the proposed assessment, our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity could be adversely affected.

We have restructured our World Trade financing arrangement, which has increased the cost to us of this arrangement and we may have to restructure this arrangement in the future, which may further increase the cost to us. We also may be subject to the risk that our current financing arrangements could be accelerated prior to their scheduled repayment date.

In January 2006, Agilent Technologies World Trade, Inc. (World Trade), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Agilent, entered into a Master Repurchase Agreement and related Confirmation (together, the Original Repurchase Agreement) with Fenway Capital, LLC (the Counterparty) pursuant to which World Trade sold to the Counterparty, for an aggregate purchase price of \$1.5 billion, 15,000 Class A Preferred Shares of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Agilent Technologies (Cayco) Limited (the Purchased Securities), having an aggregate liquidation preference of \$1.5 billion. Pursuant to the Original Repurchase Agreement, World Trade is obligated to repurchase the preferred shares for 100 percent of their aggregate liquidation preference in January 2011.

On September 10, 2007, World Trade entered into an amendment to the Original Repurchase Agreement (the Amended Repurchase Agreement) and certain of the related agreements and a Novation Agreement in order to substitute Ebbets Funding PLC as the Counterparty at

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the request of Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation (Merrill Lynch). On November 16, 2007, World Trade entered into a further amendment to the Amended Repurchase Agreement (such Amended Repurchase Agreement as amended, the Repurchase Agreement) and certain of the related agreements and a Novation Agreement in order to substitute Belmont Funding LLC as the Counterparty at the request of Merrill Lynch. On December 7, 2007, Agilent and World Trade entered into a further amendment to the Repurchase Agreement among Agilent, Merrill and World Trade (the Related Agreement). Pursuant to the terms of the Repurchase Agreement and Related Agreement, World Trade is obligated to make quarterly payments to the Counterparty at a rate per annum equal to either (i) the cost of funds to the Counterparty plus 20 basis points, or (ii) three-month LIBOR plus 52 basis points

As provided in Related Agreement, at any time after February 5, 2008, Merrill Lynch may require that World Trade accelerate the date of repurchase of all or any portion of the Purchased Securities to a date designated by Merrill Lynch that is no earlier than 120 days from the date that Merrill Lynch provides notice. Agilent may restructure the terms of this transaction or may pursue a new transaction to replace this transaction. There can be no assurances as to the timing or terms of any such restructuring or new transaction, and any such restructuring or new transaction may result in an increase in the cost of this transaction to Agilent.

We have issued \$600 million in a debt offering and entered into a credit facility and may incur other debt in the future, which could adversely affect our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations.

In October 2007, we issued \$600 million in senior unsecured notes. In addition, in May 2007, we entered into a five-year senior unsecured revolving credit facility under which we may borrow up to \$300 million. To date, we have not borrowed under the credit facility but we may borrow in the future and use the proceeds from any future borrowing for general corporate purposes, future acquisitions, repurchases of our outstanding shares of common stock or expansion of our business.

Our incurrence of this debt may adversely affect our operating results and financial condition by, among other things:

- increasing our vulnerability to downturns in our business, to competitive pressures and to adverse economic and industry conditions;
- requiring the dedication of a portion of our expected cash from operations to service our indebtedness, thereby reducing the amount of expected cash flow available for other purposes, including capital expenditures and acquisitions; and
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and our industry.

Our current revolving credit facility imposes restrictions on us, including restrictions on our ability to create liens on our assets and the ability of our subsidiaries to incur indebtedness, and requires us to maintain compliance with specified financial ratios. Our ability to comply with these ratios may be affected by events beyond our control. In addition, our long-term non-convertible debt includes covenants that may adversely affect our ability to incur certain liens or engage in certain types of sale and leaseback transactions. If we breach any of the covenants under our long-term debt or our revolving credit facility and do not obtain a waiver from the lenders, then, subject to applicable cure periods, our outstanding indebtedness could be declared immediately due and payable.

We have substantial cash requirements in the United States while a majority of our cash is generated outside of the United States. The failure to maintain a level of cash sufficient to address our cash requirements in the United States could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

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Although cash generated in the United States covers normal operating requirements, a substantial amount of additional cash is required for special purposes such as repurchases of our stock, acquisitions of third parties, and the refinancing at maturity of our \$1.5 billion obligation related to our World Trade financing arrangement. Our business operating results, financial condition, and strategic initiatives could be adversely impacted if we were unable to address our U.S. cash requirements through (1) the efficient and timely repatriations of overseas cash or (2) other sources of cash obtained at an acceptable cost.

In addition, if Merrill Lynch were to accelerate the date of repurchase of all or any portion of the Purchased Securities pursuant to our World Trade financing arrangement, we may have to repatriate overseas cash and/or borrow additional funds to fulfill the cash requirements imposed by the need to repay the \$1.5 billion obligation within 120 days of the notice of acceleration. The costs associated with a repatriation and/or borrowing of additional funds within the above-mentioned 120 day period could result in an adverse impact to our business operating results and financial condition.

If we suffer a loss to our factories, facilities or distribution system due to catastrophe, our operations could be seriously harmed.

Our factories, facilities and distribution system are subject to catastrophic loss due to fire, flood, terrorism or other natural or man-made disasters. In particular, several of our facilities could be subject to a catastrophic loss caused by earthquake due to their locations. Our production facilities, headquarters and Agilent Technologies Laboratories in California, and our production facilities in Washington and Japan, are all located in areas with above-average seismic activity. If any of these facilities were to experience a catastrophic loss, it could disrupt our operations, delay production, shipments and revenue and result in large expenses to repair or replace the facility. In addition, since we have consolidated our manufacturing facilities, we are more likely to experience an interruption to our operations in the event of a catastrophe in

any one location. Although we carry insurance for property damage and business interruption, we do not carry insurance or financial reserves for interruptions or potential losses arising from earthquakes or terrorism.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud, which could harm our brands and operating results.

Effective internal controls are necessary for us to provide reliable and accurate financial reports and effectively prevent fraud. We have devoted significant resources and time to comply with the internal control over financial reporting requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. In addition, Section 404 under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that we assess and our auditors attest to the design and operating effectiveness of our controls over financial reporting. Our compliance with the annual internal control report requirement for each fiscal year will depend on the effectiveness of our financial reporting and data systems and controls across our operating subsidiaries. Furthermore, an important part of our growth strategy has been, and will likely continue to be, the acquisition of complementary businesses, and we expect these systems and controls to become increasingly complex to the extent that we integrate acquisitions and our business grows. Likewise, the complexity of our systems and controls may become more difficult to manage as we transform our operating structure and continue to reduce infrastructure costs. To effectively manage these changes, we will need to continue to improve our operational, financial and management controls and our reporting systems and procedures. We cannot be certain that these measures will ensure that we design, implement and maintain adequate controls over our financial processes and reporting in the future, especially in light of likely future acquisitions of companies that are not in compliance with Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Any failure to implement required new or improved controls, difficulties encountered in their implementation or operation, or difficulties in the assimilation of acquired businesses into our control system could harm our operating results or cause it to fail to meet our financial reporting obligations. Inferior internal controls could also cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a negative effect on the trading price of our stock and our access to capital.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The table below summarizes information about the Company's purchases, based on trade date; of its equity securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act during the quarterly period ended January 31, 2008.

Period	Total Number of Shares of Common Stock Purchased (1) (a)	Weighted Average Price Paid per Share of Common Stock (2) (b)	Total Number of Shares of Common Stock Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1) (c)	Maximum Approximate Dollar Value of Shares of Common Stock that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in millions) (d)
Nov. 1, 2007 through Nov. 30, 2007	1,143,200	\$ 37.03	1,143,200	\$ 1958
Dec. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007	2,008,840	\$ 37.15	2,008,840	\$ 1883
Jan. 1, 2008 through Jan. 31, 2008	3,809,353	\$ 34.89	3,809,353	\$ 1750
Total	6,961,393	\$ 35.90	6,961,393	

(1) On November 15, 2007, our Board of Directors approved a share-repurchase program of up to \$2 billion of Agilent's common stock over the next two years through any one or a combination of a variety of methods, including open-market purchases, block trades, self tenders, accelerated share repurchase transactions or otherwise.

(2) The weighted average price paid per shares of common stock does not include the cost of commissions.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) Exhibits:

A list of exhibits is set forth in the Exhibit Index found on page 35 of this report.

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SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: March 7, 2008

By: /s/ Adrian T. Dillon
Adrian T. Dillon
Executive Vice President,
Finance and Administration, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: March 7, 2008

By: /s/ Didier Hirsch
Didier Hirsch
Vice President, Corporate Controllershship and Tax
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	First Amendment, dated as of March 3, 2008, to Five-Year Credit Agreement, dated May 11, 2007, by and among Agilent Technologies, Inc., the Lenders party thereto, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administration agent.
11.1	See Note 6, Net Income Per Share, to our Consolidated Financial Statements on page 9.
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.