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(Mark One)

Registration statement pursuant to Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or

Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002

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: 001-31518

**TENARIS S.A.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Grand Duchy of Luxembourg**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**13, rue Beaumont**

**L-1219 Luxembourg**

(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

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

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange On Which Registered
<b>American Depositary Shares Ordinary Shares, par value USD1.00 per share</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange*</b>

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\* Ordinary shares of Tenaris S.A. are not listed for trading but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares which are evidenced by American Depositary Receipts.

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

**None**

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

**None**

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

**1,160,700,794 ordinary shares, par value USD1.00 per share**

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

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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**CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS**

Unless otherwise specified or if the context so requires:

References in this annual report to the Company, we, us or our refer exclusively to Tenaris S.A., a Luxembourg corporation.

References in this annual report to Tenaris refer to the Company, on a consolidated and combined basis with various other companies under the common control of San Faustín N.V. (a Netherlands Antilles corporation and the Company's controlling shareholder). On October 18, 2002, these companies, which include the Tenaris companies and Tenaris Global Services, were reorganized as subsidiaries of the Company. See notes A and B to the audited consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris included elsewhere in this annual report and Information on the Company Related Party Transactions-Corporate Reorganization Transactions.

References in this annual report to the Tenaris companies refer to Tenaris's manufacturing subsidiaries, including Siderca S.A.I.C., or Siderca, Tubos de Acero de México, S.A., or Tamsa, and Dalmine S.p.A., or Dalmine, and their respective subsidiaries.

References in this annual report to Tenaris Global Services refer to Tenaris Global Services S.A., the subsidiary of the Company that provides a wide range of commercial, technical and logistics services to the Tenaris companies outside of their respective domestic markets through a worldwide network of subsidiaries, representative offices and assets.

References in this annual report to the Techint group refer to an international group of companies with operations in the steel, energy, infrastructure, engineering, construction and public service sectors over which San Faustín exercises either control or significant influence.

References in this annual report to Techint commercial network refer to an extensive commercial network with operations worldwide providing a wide range of services to the Tenaris companies outside of their respective domestic markets. On October 18, 2002, the subsidiaries, representative offices and other assets that now constitute Tenaris Global Services were separated from the Techint commercial network. Furthermore, effective as of December 17, 2002, the export agency agreements that the Tenaris companies were parties to with companies in the Techint commercial network not subject to the reorganization described above were assigned to Tenaris Global Services or its subsidiaries. Accordingly, all of the commercial, technical and logistical services provided to the Tenaris companies by companies, representative offices and other assets formerly part of the Techint commercial network are provided by Tenaris Global Services and not by any company remaining in the Techint commercial network. See Item 4 Information on the Company Subsidiaries.

shares refers to ordinary shares, par value USD1.00 of Tenaris.

tons refers to metric tons.

one billion refers to one thousand million, or 1,000,000,000.

**PRESENTATION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**Accounting Principles**

Tenaris prepares its consolidated financial statements in conformity with International Accounting Standards, or IAS. IAS differ in certain significant respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, commonly referred to as U.S. GAAP. See notes U and 31 to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report, which provide a description of the principal differences between IAS and

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U.S. GAAP as they relate to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements and a reconciliation of net income and shareholders equity for the years and at the dates indicated.

The consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris at December 31, 2002 and for the year ended December 31, 2002 included in this annual report consolidate at December 31, 2002, and for the period that began on October 18, 2002 and ended December 31, 2002, the consolidated financial statements of each of Siderca, Tamsa, Dalmine, Invertub S.A. and Tenaris Global Services, as well as the consolidated financial statements of five smaller companies (Metalcentro S.A., Tenaris Connections A.G., Lomond Holdings B.V., Information Systems and Technologies B.V. and Siderestiba S.A.) and combine, for the period that began on January 1, 2002 and ended October 17, 2002, the consolidated financial statements of all these companies on the basis that such companies were under the common control of San Faustín for such period. October 18, 2002 is the date on which these companies, which include the Tenaris companies and Tenaris Global Services, were reorganized as subsidiaries of the Company. The effect of this presentation is to show the combined historical results, financial condition and other data of the various steel pipe manufacturing and distributing companies under the common control of San Faustín as though these companies had been our subsidiaries at the dates and during the periods presented. For comparative purposes, the audited consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, combine, at each of the dates and for each of the periods presented therein, the consolidated financial statements of all these companies on the basis that such companies were under the common control of San Faustín at each such date and for each such period. See notes A and B to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report.

### **Currencies**

In this annual report, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires:

dollars, U.S. dollars or USD each refers to the United States dollar;

Argentine pesos or ARP each refers to the Argentine peso;

Mexican pesos or MXP each refers to the Mexican peso; *and*

or euros each refers to the euro, the single currency established for participants in the European Economic and Monetary Union, or the EMU, commencing January 1, 1999. The Republic of Italy is a participant in the EMU. The euro replaced the Italian lira as the official currency of Italy on that date.

On June 24, 2003, the exchange rate between the Argentine peso and the U.S. dollar (as published by *Banco Central de la República Argentina*, or the Argentine Central Bank) was  $ARP2.77 = USD1.00$ , the Federal Reserve Bank of New York noon buying rate for the Mexican peso was  $MXP10.53 = USD1.00$  and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York noon buying rate for the euro was  $0.8697 = USD1.00$ . We do not represent that Argentine pesos, Mexican pesos or euros could be converted into U.S. dollars at these respective rates or any other rate. See Item 3.E. Key Information Exchange Rates Argentine peso, Mexican peso and Euro for additional information regarding the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the Argentine peso, the Mexican peso and the euro, respectively.

### **Rounding; Comparability of Data**

Certain monetary amounts, percentages and other figures included in this annual report have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be the arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them, and figures expressed as percentages in the text may not total 100% or, as applicable, when aggregated may not be the arithmetic aggregation of the percentages that precede them.

### **No Internet Site is Part of This Annual Report**

Tenaris maintains an Internet site at [www.tenaris.com](http://www.tenaris.com). Information contained in or otherwise accessible through these websites is not a part of this annual report. All references in this annual report to these Internet sites are

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inactive textual references to these URLs, or uniform resource locators and are for your informational reference only.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This annual report contains certain statements that we consider to be forward-looking statements as defined in and subject to the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The statements appear throughout this annual report and are subject to risks and uncertainties. These statements include information regarding:

management strategy;

capital spending;

development and growth of the seamless steel pipe and oil and gas industries;

trends and other prospective data, including trends regarding the levels of investment in oil and gas drilling worldwide and the business development and operations of Dalmine Energie S.p.A; and

general economic conditions in Argentina, Mexico, Italy and Venezuela and other countries in which Tenaris operates and distributes pipes.

Sections of this annual report that by their nature contain forward-looking statements include Item 3. Key Information, Item 4. Information on the Company, Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk.

Forward-looking statements also may be identified by the use of words such as believes, expects, anticipates, projects, intends, should, estimates, probability, risk, target, goal, objective, future or similar expressions or variations of such expressions.

The forward-looking statements contained in this annual report speak only as of the date of this document, and we do not undertake to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.



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**PART I**

**Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers**

Not applicable.

**Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable**

Not applicable.

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**Item 3. Key Information**

**A. Selected Financial Data**

The summary selected consolidated combined financial data of Tenaris have been derived from its consolidated combined financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with IAS (unless otherwise indicated) for each of the periods and at the dates indicated. The consolidated combined financial statements as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, included in this annual report, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers S.à.r.l., independent accountants in Luxembourg and member firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers. IAS differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. See notes U and 31 to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report, which provide a description of the principal differences between IAS and U.S. GAAP as they relate to Tenaris's consolidated combined financial statements and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of net income (loss) and shareholders' equity for the periods and at the dates indicated therein. The consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris at December 31, 2002 and for the year ended December 31, 2002 included in this annual report consolidate at December 31, 2002, and for the period that began on October 18, 2002 and ended December 31, 2002, the consolidated financial statements of each of Siderca, Tamsa, Dalmine, Invertub S.A. and Tenaris Global Services, as well as the consolidated financial statements of five smaller companies (Metalcentro S.A., Tenaris Connections A.G., Lomond Holdings B.V., Information Systems and Technologies B.V. and Siderestiba S.A.) and combine, for the period that began on January 1, 2002 and ended October 17, 2002, the consolidated financial statements of all these companies on the basis that such companies were under the common control of San Faustín for such period. October 18, 2002 is the date on which these companies, which include the Tenaris companies and Tenaris Global Services, were reorganized as subsidiaries of the Company. The effect of this presentation is to show the combined historical results, financial condition and other data of the various steel pipe manufacturing and distributing companies under the common control of San Faustín as though these companies had been our subsidiaries at the dates and during the periods presented. For comparative purposes, the audited consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, combine, at each of the dates and for each of the periods presented therein, the consolidated financial statements of all these companies on the basis that such companies were under the common control of San Faustín at each such date and for each such period. See notes A and B to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report. For a discussion of the currencies used in this annual report, exchange rates and accounting principles affecting the financial information contained in this annual report, see Currencies, Item 3.E. Key Information Exchange Rates and Accounting Principles.

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Thousands of U.S. dollars (except number of shares and per share amounts)	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Summary selected consolidated combined income statement data</b>					
<b>IAS</b>					
Net sales	3,219,384	3,174,299	2,361,319	1,835,211	2,839,382
Cost of sales	(2,168,594)	(2,165,568)	(1,692,412)	(1,481,552)	(2,095,260)
Gross profit	1,050,790	1,008,731	668,907	353,659	744,122
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(568,149)	(502,747)	(433,617)	(306,471)	(348,712)
Other operating income (expenses), net	(10,764)	(64,352)	5,877	(55,084)	123,889
Operating profit (loss)	471,877	441,632	241,167	(7,896)	519,299
Financial income (expenses), net	(20,597)	(25,595)	(47,923)	(37,118)	(68,182)
Income (loss) before income tax, effect of currency translation on tax bases, equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies and minority interest	451,280	416,037	193,244	(45,014)	451,117
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies	(6,802)	(41,296)	(3,827)	(39,296)	(17,436)
Income (loss) before income tax, effect of currency translation on tax bases and minority interest	444,478	374,741	189,417	(84,310)	433,681
Income tax	(182,505)	(108,956)	(63,299)	(6,065)	(65,663)
Effect of currency translation on tax bases	(25,266)	(109,882)	(2,011)	(2,961)	(3,198)
Net income (loss) before minority interest	236,707	155,903	124,107	(93,336)	364,820
Minority interest	(142,403)	(74,557)	(47,401)	38,521	(211,245)
Net income (loss)	94,304	81,346	76,706	(54,815)	153,575
Depreciation and amortization	(176,315)	(161,710)	(156,643)	(165,847)	(167,348)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	732,936,680	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187
Combined earnings (loss) per share <sup>(2)</sup>	0.13	0.11	0.11	(0.08)	0.22
Dividends per share <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.05
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>					
Net sales <sup>(4)</sup>	3,219,384	2,313,162	1,166,293		
Operating income (loss) <sup>(4)</sup>	476,107	422,014	102,740		
Income before cumulative effect of accounting changes	110,049	163,921	77,333		
Cumulative effect of accounting changes	(17,417)	(1,007)			
Net income (loss)	92,632	162,914	77,333		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	732,936,680	710,747,187	710,747,187		
Combined earnings (loss) per share before effect of accounting changes <sup>(2)</sup>	0.15	0.23	0.11		
Cumulative effect of accounting changes per share <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.02)	(0.00)			
Combined earnings (loss) per share <sup>(2)</sup>	0.13	0.23	0.11		

(1) Prior to October 18, 2002, the Company had 30,107 shares issued and outstanding. On October 18, 2002, Sidertubes S.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of San Faustín, contributed all of its assets (including 30,010 shares of Tenaris) and liabilities to the Company, in exchange for 710,747,090 shares of Tenaris. The 30,010 shares contributed by Sidertubes to the Company were cancelled and, accordingly, upon consummation of this contribution the Company had a total of 710,747,187 shares issued and outstanding. For a detailed description of Sidertubes' contribution to the Company, see Item 7.B. Related Party Transactions - Corporation Reorganization Transactions. On December 17, 2002, Tenaris consummated an offer to exchange its shares and American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, for shares and ADS of Siderca and Tamsa and shares of Dalmine. Upon consummation of the exchange offer, the Company had a total of 1,160,700,794 shares issued and outstanding.

(2) Tenaris's combined earnings (loss) per share before effect of accounting changes, cumulative effect of accounting changes per share and combined earnings per share for the periods presented have been calculated based on the assumption that 710,747,187 shares were issued

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and outstanding in each of the periods presented prior to October 18, 2002.

- (3) Tenaris's dividends per share for the periods presented have been calculated based on the assumption that 710,747,187 shares were issued and outstanding in each of the periods presented.
- (4) For U.S. GAAP purposes, Dalmine's results were not consolidated for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and Tamsa's results were not consolidated for the year ended December 31, 2000.

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Thousands of U.S. dollars (except number of shares and per share amounts)	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Summary selected consolidated combined income statement data</b>					
<b>IAS</b>					
Current assets	1,810,581	1,619,136	1,419,747	1,270,109	1,650,643
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,934,237	1,971,318	1,941,814	1,909,924	1,955,426
Other non-current assets	272,628	247,500	282,976	246,317	395,800
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,017,446</b>	<b>3,837,954</b>	<b>3,644,537</b>	<b>3,426,350</b>	<b>4,001,869</b>
Current liabilities	1,203,278	1,084,913	951,444	792,716	883,728
Non-current borrowings	322,205	393,051	355,628	212,012	449,169
Deferred tax liabilities	320,753	262,963	292,849	290,727	354,611
Other non-current liabilities	290,373	302,645	199,548	196,964	176,532
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,136,609</b>	<b>2,043,572</b>	<b>1,799,469</b>	<b>1,492,419</b>	<b>1,864,040</b>
Minority interest	186,783	918,981	919,710	979,067	1,023,165
Shareholders' equity <sup>(4)</sup>	1,694,054	875,401	925,358	954,864	1,114,664
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>4,017,446</b>	<b>3,837,954</b>	<b>3,644,537</b>	<b>3,426,350</b>	<b>4,001,869</b>
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	1,160,700,794	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187
Shareholders' equity per share <sup>(3)</sup>	1.46	1.23	1.30	1.34	1.57
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>					
Total assets	3,988,765	3,075,455	1,905,732		
Net assets	1,935,698	1,781,814	1,341,854		
Total shareholders' equity	1,745,883	941,926	908,872		
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	1,160,700,794	710,747,187	710,747,187		
Combined shareholders' equity per share <sup>(3)</sup>	1.50	1.33	1.28		

- (1) The Company's common stock as of December 31, 2002, was represented by 1,160,700,794 shares, par value USD1.00 per share, for a total amount of USD1,160.7 million.
- (2) Prior to October 18, 2002, the Company had 30,107 shares issued and outstanding. On October 18, 2002, Sidertubes contributed all of its assets (including 30,010 shares of Tenaris) and liabilities to the Company, in exchange for 710,747,090 shares of Tenaris. The 30,010 shares contributed by Sidertubes to the Company were cancelled and, accordingly, upon consummation of this contribution the Company had a total of 710,747,187 shares issued and outstanding. For a detailed description of Sidertubes' contribution to the Company, see Item 7.B. Related Party Transactions - Corporation Reorganization Transactions. On December 17, 2002, Tenaris consummated an offer to exchange its shares and ADSs for shares and ADS of Siderca and Tamsa and shares of Dalmine. Upon consummation of the exchange offer, the Company had a total of 1,160,700,794 shares issued and outstanding.
- (3) Tenaris's combined shareholders' equity per share at the dates presented has been calculated based on the assumption that 710,747,187 shares were issued and outstanding at each of the dates presented prior to October 18, 2002.

**B. Capitalization and Indebtedness**

Not applicable.

**C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.

**D. Risk Factors**

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*You should carefully consider the following risks, together with the other information contained in this annual report, before making any investment decision. Any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, which could in turn affect the price of our ordinary shares and American Depositary Shares, or ADSs.*

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**Risks Relating to the Seamless Steel Pipe Industry**

*Sales and revenues may fall as a result of downturns in the international price of oil and other circumstances affecting the oil and gas industry.*

The oil and gas industry is the largest consumer of seamless steel pipe products worldwide. This industry has historically been volatile, and downturns in the oil and gas markets adversely affect the demand for seamless steel pipe products.

Demand for these products depends primarily upon the number of oil and natural gas wells being drilled, completed and reworked, and the depth and drilling conditions of these wells. The level of these activities depends primarily on current and expected future prices of oil and natural gas. Several factors, such as the supply and demand for oil and natural gas and general economic conditions, affect these prices. When the price of oil and gas falls, oil and gas companies generally reduce spending on production and exploration activities and, accordingly, make fewer purchases of seamless steel pipe products.

Other circumstances may also affect drilling activity and, as a result, cause pipe consumption to decline. For example, in 2002, although oil prices remained at levels which, under typical circumstances, would have been expected to result in sustained levels of investment in oil and gas drilling, oil and gas exploration and production activity were affected by increased uncertainty over the future level of oil prices as a result of the prospects of military action against Iraq and production cutbacks established by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC. As a result, Tenaris's sales volume of seamless steel pipes for 2002 decreased 15% compared for the previous year.

In the future, sales and revenues may again fall as a result of downturns in the international price of oil and other circumstances affecting the oil and gas industry.

*Sales and revenues may fall as a result of fluctuations in industry inventory levels.*

Inventory levels of seamless steel pipe in the oil and gas industry can vary significantly from period to period. These fluctuations can affect the demand for our products, as customers draw from existing inventory during periods of low investment in drilling and other activities and accumulate inventory during periods of high investment. Even if the prices of oil and gas rise or remain stable, oil and gas companies may not purchase additional seamless steel pipe products or maintain their current purchasing volume.

*Competition in the global market for seamless steel pipe products may cause Tenaris to lose market share in particular markets and hurt its sales and revenues.*

The global market for the seamless steel pipe products is highly competitive, with the primary competitive factors being price, quality and service. Tenaris competes against four major exporters of premium-quality steel pipe products worldwide. In addition, a large number of producers manufacture and export generally lower quality steel pipes. Competition from these lower-end producers, particularly those from Russia, China and the Ukraine, have, at times, adversely affected Tenaris because they have offered products at significantly lower prices. In addition, these producers are improving the range and quality of pipes, thereby increasing their ability to compete with Tenaris. Tenaris may not continue to compete effectively against existing or potential producers and preserve its current shares of geographic or product markets. In addition, if import restrictions are imposed upon Tenaris's competitors, they may increase their marketing efforts in other countries where Tenaris sells its products and thus increase the competitive pressure on Tenaris in such markets. Furthermore, because two of Tenaris's four major competitors are Japanese companies, any decline in the value of the Japanese yen relative to the U.S. dollar could make those Japanese companies more competitive.

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***Our main domestic markets are removing barriers to imported products which will lead to increased competition in these countries and may hurt Tenaris' sales and revenues.***

As part of the increasing globalization of major economic markets, some countries are lifting quotas and other restrictions on imports, including imports of seamless steel pipe products, and are forming trade blocs. Argentina is a member of the *Mercado Común del Sur*, or Mercosur, Mexico is party to the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA, and Italy is a member of the EU. In addition, Argentina, Mexico and Italy are each party to bilateral and multilateral trade agreements (for example, Mexico's trade agreement with the EU) that remove barriers to the import of foreign products. As import barriers have fallen, the domestic markets in Argentina, Mexico and Italy for seamless steel pipe products have become more competitive. Tenaris may not be able to maintain its share of its domestic markets as foreign producers take advantage of recent trade liberalization and the expected elimination of remaining barriers to foreign trade in their respective domestic markets. Furthermore, while trade liberalization may also provide Tenaris with greater access to foreign markets, increases in sales to those foreign markets may not adequately offset any loss in domestic sales arising from increased foreign competition.

***As a result of antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings and other import restrictions, Tenaris may not be allowed to sell its products in important geographic markets such as the United States.***

Local producers have filed antidumping, countervailing duty actions and safeguard actions against Tenaris and other producers in their home countries in several instances in the past. Some of these actions led to significant penalties, including the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties, in the United States. Certain seamless steel products manufactured by Tenaris have been and continue to be subject to such duties in the United States. Antidumping or countervailing duty proceedings or any resulting penalties or any other form of import restriction may impede Tenaris's access to one or more important export markets for its products and in the future additional markets could be closed to Tenaris as a result of similar proceedings. The U.S. market is effectively closed to some of Tenaris's principal products, limiting Tenaris's current business and potential growth in that market.

***Further consolidation among oil and gas companies may force Tenaris to reduce its prices and hurt its profits.***

A large percentage of Tenaris's sales are directed to international oil and gas companies. Recently, oil and gas companies throughout the world have experienced a high level of consolidation which has reduced the number of companies dedicated to providing these services. To the extent this consolidation trend continues, the surviving companies may enjoy significant bargaining power that could affect the prices of Tenaris's products and services.

***Fluctuations in the cost of raw materials and energy may hurt Tenaris's profits.***

The manufacturing of seamless steel pipe products requires substantial amounts of raw materials and energy from domestic and foreign suppliers. The availability and price of a significant portion of the raw materials and energy required by Tenaris are subject to market conditions and government regulation affecting supply and demand that can affect their continuity and cost of production. Increased costs of production may not be recoverable through increased product prices, and could adversely affect Tenaris's profitability.

***Tenaris's inability to reduce some of its costs in response to lower sales volume may hurt its profits.***

Like other manufacturers of steel-related products, Tenaris has fixed and semi-fixed costs that cannot adjust rapidly to fluctuations in the demand for its products. We estimate that Tenaris's fixed and semi-fixed costs of sale (excluding depreciation and amortization) have averaged approximately 15% over the last three years. If demand for Tenaris's products falls significantly, these costs may adversely affect Tenaris's profitability.

***Potential environmental, product liability and other claims may create significant liabilities for Tenaris that would hurt its net worth.***

Tenaris's oil and gas casing, tubing and line pipe products are sold primarily for use in oil and gas drilling and transportation activities, which are subject to inherent risks, including well failures, line pipe leaks and fires, that could result in death, personal injury, property damage, environmental pollution or loss of production. Any of these



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hazards and risks can result in the loss of hydrocarbons, environmental liabilities, personal injury claims and property damage. Correspondingly, defects in specialty tubing products could result in death, personal injury, property damage, environmental pollution or damage to equipment and facilities. Tenaris warrants the oilfield products and specialty tubing products it sells or distributes in accordance with customer specifications. Actual or claimed defects in its products may give rise to claims against Tenaris for losses and expose it to claims for damages. The insurance maintained by Tenaris may not be adequate or available to protect it in the event of a claim or its coverage may be canceled or otherwise terminated.

### **Risks Relating to Tenaris's Business**

*Adverse economic or political conditions in the countries where Tenaris operates or sells its products may decrease its sales and revenues.*

Tenaris is exposed to adverse economic and political conditions in the countries where it operates or sells its products. The economies of these countries are in different stages of socioeconomic development. Like other companies with significant international operations, Tenaris is exposed to risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, inflation, governmental spending, social instability and other political, economic or social developments in the countries in which it operates. Risks associated with foreign political, economic or social developments also may adversely affect Tenaris's sales volume or revenues from exports and, as a result, its financial condition and results of operations. For example, in Argentina, due to the current social and political crisis, Tenaris confronts high fiscal pressure, changes in laws and policies affecting foreign trade and investment, exchange controls, expropriation and forced modification of existing contracts and loss of competitiveness due to mismatch between inflation and exchange rate movements. For additional information on risks relating to Tenaris's operations in Argentina, see Risks Relating to Argentina and Mexico. Negative economic, political and regulatory developments in Argentina may hurt Siderca's financial condition, revenues and sales volume and disrupt its manufacturing operations, thereby adversely affecting Tenaris's results of operations and financial condition. Similarly, continuing adverse political and economic developments in Venezuela have already had an adverse impact on Tenaris's sales in that country.

*If we do not successfully implement our business strategy, Tenaris's ability to grow and competitive position may suffer.*

We plan to continue implementing Tenaris's business strategy of completing the integration of its subsidiaries, developing value-added services and pursuing strategic acquisition opportunities. As part of this business strategy, Tenaris established business units to coordinate its commercial activities and made acquisitions in various jurisdictions, including Japan and Canada. Any of these components of Tenaris's overall business strategy may not be successfully implemented. Even if we successfully implement Tenaris's business strategy, it may not yield the desired goals. We may fail to find suitable acquisition targets or to consummate those acquisitions under favorable conditions, or we may be unable to successfully integrate any acquired businesses into our operations.

*Recent and future acquisitions and strategic partnerships may disrupt Tenaris's operations and hurt its profits.*

In the past five years, Tenaris has acquired interests in various companies and engaged in strategic partnerships. Tenaris has invested in NKKTUBES K.K., or NKKTubes, Algoma Tubes Inc., or AlgomaTubes, Confab Industrial, S.A., or Confab, and Tubos de Acero de Venezuela S.A., or Tavsá. Tenaris may not be successful in its plans regarding the operation of these companies and strategic partnerships or they could be affected by developments affecting Tenaris's partners. For example, on September 27, 2002, Tenaris's partner in NKKTubes consummated a business combination with one of Tenaris's principal competitors through which they became subsidiaries of a newly-formed holding company, and the new company continues to operate that competitor's seamless steel pipe business in competition with NKKTubes. See Item 4.

Information on the Company Competition Global Market Japan. We will continue to actively consider other strategic acquisitions and partnerships from time to time. We must necessarily base any assessment of potential acquisitions and partnerships on assumptions with respect to operations, profitability and other matters that may subsequently prove to be incorrect. Our acquisition and partnership activities may not perform in accordance with our expectations and could adversely affect Tenaris's operations and profitability.

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***Our ability to pay cash dividends depends on the results of operations and financial condition of our subsidiaries and may be restricted by legal, contractual or other limitations.***

We conduct all of our operations through subsidiaries. Dividends or other intercompany transfers of funds from our subsidiaries are our primary source of funds to pay our expenses and dividends. While we do not anticipate conducting operations at the holding company level, any expenses that we incur, in excess of minimal levels, that cannot be otherwise financed will reduce amounts available to be distributed to our shareholders. This may result in our being unable to pay dividends on our shares or ADSs. The ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends and make other payments to us will depend on their results of operations and financial condition and may be restricted by, among other things, applicable corporate and other laws and regulations (including those imposing exchange controls or transfer restrictions) and agreements and commitments of such subsidiaries. In addition, our ability to pay dividends is subject to legal and other requirements and restrictions at the holding company level. For example, we may only pay dividends out of retained earnings as defined under Luxembourg law and regulations. See Item 8.C. Dividend Policy and Item 7.B. Related Party Transactions .

***Tenaris' s results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected by movements in exchange rates.***

Tenaris has primarily U.S. dollar-denominated revenues and a significant portion of its costs are denominated in local currency. As a result, movements in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar against the respective local currencies can have a significant impact on Tenaris' s revenue, results and financial condition. A rise in the value of the local currencies relative to the U.S. dollar will increase Tenaris' s relative production costs, thereby reducing Tenaris' s operating margins.

***Tenaris' s related party transactions with members of the Techint group may not always be on terms as favorable as those that could be obtained from unaffiliated third parties.***

Some of Tenaris' s sales and purchases are made to and from other Techint group companies. These sales and purchases are primarily made in the ordinary course of business and we believe that they are made on terms no less favorable than those Tenaris could obtain from unaffiliated third parties. Tenaris will continue to engage in related party transactions in the future and intends that these transactions be on terms as favorable as those that could be obtained from unaffiliated third parties, but no assurance can be given in this respect.

***Tenaris' s sales of welded steel pipe products are volatile and dependent on specific projects.***

Tenaris' s sales of welded products depend substantially on securing contracts to supply major pipeline projects and fluctuate significantly from year to year based on the number of active pipeline projects under contract and their rate of progress. For example, in 2000, demand for Tenaris' s welded products was substantially below levels of previous years due to the postponement of several regional gas pipeline projects. In 2001 and 2002, sales of welded steel pipes were strong, reflecting a period of high demand for such products in connection with the construction of large pipeline projects in South America, such as those in Ecuador and Peru, as well as ongoing pipeline network integration projects in the region. Deliveries of welded steel pipes to those projects in Ecuador and Peru have now been substantially completed. Tenaris' s welded pipe revenues may fluctuate significantly in future years depending on its success at winning large supply contracts or if specific projects are postponed or delayed due to adverse economic, political or other factors.

***The cost of complying with environmental regulations and paying unforeseen environmental liabilities may increase Tenaris' s operating costs or hurt its net worth.***

Tenaris is subject to a wide range of local, provincial and national laws, regulations, permits and decrees in their respective jurisdictions relating to the protection of human health and the environment. In Argentina, Italy, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Canada and Japan, Tenaris will continue to incur expenditures to comply with those regulations. The expenditures necessary for Tenaris to remain in compliance with environmental laws and regulations, including site or other remediation costs, or unforeseen environmental liabilities, could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

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***Any decline in purchases by Petróleos Mexicanos may hurt Tenaris' sales and revenues in the future.***

Tenaris enjoys a strong relationship with Petróleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, one of the world's largest crude oil and condensates producers. Pemex has been Tamsa's single largest customer and one of Tenaris's largest customers. Sales to Pemex, including drilling companies contracted by Pemex, as a percentage of Tenaris's total seamless steel pipe sales volume, amounted to 4.4% in 2002. The volume of sales to Pemex has fluctuated historically and may continue to fluctuate in the future in response to diverse factors, such as changes in the amounts budgeted by Pemex for exploration and production and changes in drilling activity by Pemex or the drilling companies contracted by Pemex, as they may not maintain their current volume of purchases of Tenaris's products. The loss of Pemex as a customer or a reduction in the volume of sales to Pemex (or drilling companies contracted by Pemex) would have a material adverse effect on Tenaris's results of operations.

***Tamsa may continue to lose the value of its investment in Siderúrgica del Orinoco, C.A., or Sidor, which would have a negative impact on Tenaris's net worth.***

In January 1998, an international consortium of companies, the *Consortio Siderurgia Amazonia Ltd*, or Amazonia, purchased a 70.0% equity interest in Sidor from the Venezuelan government, which retained the remaining 30.0%. Tamsider, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tamsa, held an initial 12.5% equity interest in Amazonia, which increased to 14.1% in March 2000 as a result of additional investments described below. As of December 31, 2002, Tamsider's equity interest in Amazonia remained at 14.1%.

In connection with the 2003 restructuring of Sidor and Amazonia's debt discussed below, Tamsider is in the process of purchasing a 24.4% equity interest in Ylopa Serviços de Consultoria Ltda., or Ylopa, a newly created company. After the consummation of the restructuring on June 20, 2003, Tamsider capitalized in Amazonia a convertible subordinated loan made to Amazonia in connection with the 2000 restructuring described below and, as a result, increased its participation in Amazonia to a 14.5% equity interest, and Ylopa held new debt instruments of Amazonia convertible, at Ylopa's option at any time after June 20, 2005, into a 67.4% equity interest of Amazonia. In addition, the Venezuelan government's ownership in Sidor increased to 40.3%, while Amazonia's beneficial ownership in Sidor decreased to 59.7%. As part of the June 2003 restructuring, all the Amazonia shares, as well as all the shares of Sidor held by Amazonia, were placed in trust with Banesco Banco Universal, C.A., as trustee.

Sidor has experienced significant financial losses and other problems since the acquisition by Amazonia in January 1998, despite a significant reduction in Sidor's workforce and management's efforts to improve the production process and reduce operating costs. In 1999, due to negative conditions in the international steel market, a sustained and intensifying domestic recession in Venezuela, deteriorating conditions in the credit markets, an increase in the value of the Venezuelan currency relative to the U.S. dollar and other adverse factors, Sidor and Amazonia incurred substantial losses and were unable to make payments due under loan agreements with their respective creditors. In 2000, these loan agreements were restructured. Despite continued efforts by Sidor's management to improve technology and optimize production levels, in late 2001 Sidor and Amazonia were again unable to make payments due under the restructured loan agreements, following a continuation and aggravation of the same negative factors described above accompanied by increased competition from steel imports in Venezuela. As of December 31, 2002, Sidor had approximately USD1.58 billion of indebtedness (secured in part by fixed assets valued at USD827 million as determined at the time Sidor's loans were restructured in March 2000) and Amazonia had approximately USD313 million of indebtedness.

*2000 Restructuring.* As a result of the adverse trends discussed above, in connection with the restructuring concluded in 2000 Tamsider made additional capital contributions to Amazonia, while recording significant losses in the value of its investment. In addition to its initial capital contribution of USD87.8 million, Tamsider was required to make capital contributions to Amazonia in the amount of USD36.1 million (of which USD18.1 million was an additional capital contribution and USD18.0 million took the form of a convertible subordinated loan to Amazonia). The value of Tamsider's investments (as recorded in our audited consolidated financial statements) has decreased significantly since 1998, from USD94.2 million as of December 31, 1998, to USD13.2 million as of December 31, 2002. Due to Sidor's financial situation, as described above, at December 31, 2001, Tamsider recorded a valuation allowance in the amount of MXP154,688 thousand in order to reduce the value of its investment in Amazonia and the subordinated convertible debentures.

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*Expiration of Performance Bond.* The Sidor purchase agreement between Amazonia and the Venezuelan government required the shareholders of Amazonia, including Tamsider, to indemnify the government for breaches by Amazonia of the Sidor purchase agreement up to a maximum amount of USD150 million, for five years from the acquisition. In connection with this indemnity, the shareholders of Amazonia were required to maintain a performance bond (which Tamsa guaranteed directly in proportion to its interest in Amazonia) for five years, beginning in 1998, in the amount of USD150 million during the first three years, USD125 million in the fourth year and USD75 million in the fifth year. The guarantee expired in January 2003.

*2003 Restructuring.* On June 20, 2003, Sidor, Amazonia and their creditors (including the Venezuelan government) consummated a restructuring of the Sidor and Amazonia debt. Under the terms of the restructuring:

Ylopa purchased all of Amazonia's bank debt and a portion of Sidor's bank debt for a total amount of USD133.5 million;

Sidor purchased a portion of its own bank debt for a total amount of USD37.9 million;

the remainder of Sidor's bank debt was refinanced and the lenders agreed to the payment by Sidor of lower interest rates and a longer tenor;

Ylopa assigned to Amazonia all of the debt it purchased in exchange for debt instruments of Amazonia convertible into a 67.4% equity interest in Amazonia at Ylopa's option;

the Venezuelan government capitalized half of the debt owed to it by Sidor and consequently increased its equity ownership interest in Sidor to 40.3%;

the remainder of the debt owed to the Venezuelan government was refinanced;

certain agreements entered to in connection with the 2000 restructuring were terminated and the Amazonia shareholders, including Tamsider, were released from:

the guarantees they had provided with respect to the principal and a portion of the interest payable under the loan made to Sidor by the Venezuelan government;

their obligations under a certain put agreement that previously required them to purchase up to USD25 million in loans payable by Amazonia to its private lenders; *and*

their obligations under a letter to these lenders contemplating the possibility of additional capital contributions of up to USD20 million in the event of extreme financial distress of Sidor; *and*

beginning in 2004, but in no event before the first USD11 million of Sidor's excess cash (determined in accordance with the restructuring documents) has been applied to repay Sidor's bank debt, 30.0% of Sidor's distributable excess cash for each year (determined in accordance with the restructuring documents) will be applied to repay Sidor's restructured debt, and any remaining distributable excess cash for such year will be paid as follows:

59.7% to Ylopa (until 2012 or such earlier year in which Ylopa has received an aggregate amount of USD324 million) or Amazonia (after expiration of Ylopa's right to receive Sidor's remaining distributable excess cash), as the case may be, *and*

40.3% to the Venezuelan government.

Tenaris, through Tamsider, participated in the 2003 restructuring by making an aggregate cash contribution (mainly in the form of subordinated convertible debt) of USD32.9 million to Ylopa and by capitalizing in Amazonia convertible debt previously held by Tamsa in the amount of USD18.0 million plus accrued interest. Tenaris's

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indirect participation in Amazonia increased from 14.1% to 14.5% and may further increase up to 21.2% if and when all of its subordinated convertible debt is converted into equity.

Following completion of the restructuring between Sidor, Amazonia and their creditors (including the Venezuelan government), Sidor had approximately USD791.0 million of indebtedness outstanding and Amazonia had no financial indebtedness outstanding. Sidor's financial indebtedness was made up of three tranches, one of USD350.5 million to be repaid over 8 years with one year of grace, one of USD26.3 million to be repaid over 12 years with one year of grace and the remaining tranche of USD368.6 million, to be repaid over 15 years with one year of grace. In addition, Sidor's commercial indebtedness with certain Venezuelan government-owned suppliers amounted to USD45.4 million, to be repaid over the next five years.

After consummation of the 2003 restructuring, Tamsider continues to bear the risk of further losses in the equity value of its investment in Amazonia as well as losses in the equity value of its investment in Ylopa, but none of Tamsa, Tamsider or Ylopa guarantees the restructured indebtedness of Sidor. The restructuring agreements contemplate, however, certain continuing obligations and restrictions, including:

pledges to the Sidor financial lenders of Sidor and Amazonia shares, which will remain in effect for two years from the date of the restructuring so long as no event of default has occurred and is continuing under Sidor's refinanced loan agreements;

pledges to the Sidor financial lenders of any future debt of Amazonia, which will remain in effect until such time as the pledges of the Amazonia and Sidor shares referred to above are released;

negative pledges not to create, incur or suffer to exist a lien (other than certain permitted liens) over any of the equity or debt of Amazonia held by, or owed to, the Amazonia shareholders; *and*

restrictions on the ability to institute or join a proceeding seeking the liquidation, bankruptcy or reorganization of Amazonia or Sidor.

***Significant indebtedness of Dalmine, Tenaris's main operating subsidiary in Italy, could limit such subsidiary's ability to compete effectively in the future or to operate successfully under adverse economic conditions.***

As of December 31, 2002, Dalmine had total indebtedness of \$301.8 million, including short-term financial indebtedness and current maturities of long-term financial debt of \$124.6 million. Dalmine's percent of net financial debt to capitalization was approximately 56.8% as of December 31, 2002. Dalmine's amount of total financial debt presents the risk that Dalmine might not have sufficient cash to service its indebtedness or might not have access to the capital or bank markets to refinance its indebtedness or incur additional indebtedness and that Dalmine's leveraged capital structure could limit its ability to finance acquisitions, capital expenditures or additional projects to compete effectively in the future or to operate successfully under adverse economic conditions. Dalmine is not currently in violation of any financial covenant under any of its loan facilities.

***Tenaris's results of operations, financial condition and net worth may suffer as a result of a lawsuit in Great Britain against Dalmine.***

A consortium led by BHP Petroleum Limited, or BHP, has sued Dalmine before the Commercial Court of the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division of London in connection with alleged defects in a pipe manufactured by Dalmine for use in constructing a submarine gas pipeline. BHP has alleged inconsistencies between the results of internal chemical tests performed by Dalmine on the pipe and the results shown in the quality certificates issued to BHP by Dalmine. In May 2002, the trial court issued a judgment in favor of BHP, holding that the products supplied by Dalmine were the cause for the failure of the gas pipeline and that Dalmine was liable for damages to BHP. The court's judgment was limited to the issue of liability, and the amount of damages to be awarded to BHP is being determined in a separate proceeding. Dalmine's petition to the trial court for leave to appeal its judgment was denied, but subsequently granted by the Court of Appeals. However, on February 5, 2003, the Court of Appeals dismissed Dalmine's appeal, closing the dispute on the issue of liability.

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BHP has indicated in court proceedings that it will seek damages of approximately 35 million British pounds to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline, 70 million British pounds to compensate for consequential damages, 73 million British pounds to cover loss or deferred revenues, 31 million British pounds to compensate for increased income tax resulting from a change in law and interest and costs for unspecified amounts. Subsequent to the court's recent judgment in favor of BHP on the issue of liability, BHP petitioned the court for an interim judgment of damages in the amount of approximately 37 million British pounds to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline. On July 31, 2002, Dalmine agreed to pay BHP 15 million British pounds in interim damages. The court is expected to hear arguments regarding, and issue its final judgment on total damages during the first half of 2004.

Dalmine created a provision in the amount of \$45 million in its results for 2001 to account for probable losses as a result of BHP's lawsuit, which had a substantial adverse effect on its earnings for that year. Subsequently, Dalmine increased in its results for 2002 the amount of the provision by \$20 million, inclusive of interest accrued and legal expenses incurred in connection with such proceedings.

The pipe that is the subject of this lawsuit was manufactured and sold, and the tort alleged by BHP took place, prior to the privatization of Dalmine, and Techint Investments Netherlands B.V. (the Siderca subsidiary party to the contract pursuant to which Dalmine was privatized) believes that, under the Dalmine privatization contract, Techint Investments should be entitled to recover from Fintecna S.p.A., an Italian state-owned corporation whose indirect predecessor formerly owned Dalmine, on behalf of Dalmine (as a third party beneficiary under the Dalmine privatization contract), 84.08% of any damages it may be required to pay BHP. Techint Investments has commenced arbitration proceedings against Fintecna to compel it to indemnify Dalmine for any amounts Dalmine may be required to pay BHP. Fintecna has denied that it has any contractual obligation to indemnify Dalmine, asserting that the indemnification claim is time-barred under the terms of the privatization contract and, in any event, subject to a cap of \$13 million. Techint Investments disputes this assertion. The arbitration proceedings were suspended at a preliminary stage pending a decision by the British trial court in BHP's lawsuit against Dalmine. Upon request by Techint Investments and Dalmine, the arbitration panel decided to resume the proceedings in light of the court of appeal's recent decision to dismiss Dalmine's appeal against the judgment of liability in favor of BHP.

If Dalmine were required to pay damages to BHP substantially in excess of its provision of \$65 million (including consequential damages or deferred revenues), and those damages were not reimbursed to Dalmine by Fintecna, Dalmine's (and, consequently, Tenaris's) results of operations, financial condition and net worth would be further materially and adversely affected.

**Risks Relating to Argentina and Mexico**

Holders of Tenaris shares and ADSs will be primarily exposed to country-specific risks relating to developments in, among others, Argentina and Mexico.

***Negative economic, political and regulatory developments in Argentina may hurt Siderca's financial condition, revenues and sales volume and disrupt its manufacturing operations, thereby adversely affecting Tenaris's results of operations and financial condition.***

Many of the manufacturing operations and assets of Siderca, Tenaris's main subsidiary in Argentina, are located in Argentina, and approximately one third of Siderca's sales have historically been made in Argentina. Siderca's business may be materially and adversely affected by economic, political and regulatory developments in Argentina, thereby affecting Tenaris's results of operations and financial condition. The discussion of recent developments in Argentina that follows was mainly derived from statements of Argentine public officials.

*Economic and political situation.* After decades of major volatility, with periods of low or negative economic growth, inflation reaching three and even four digit levels and repeated devaluations of the Argentine currency, in 1991 the Argentine government launched a plan aimed at controlling inflation and restructuring the economy, whose centerpiece was the Convertibility Law. The Convertibility Law fixed the exchange rate at one Argentine peso per U.S. dollar and required that the Argentine Central Bank maintain reserves in gold and foreign currency at least equivalent to the monetary base. As a result, inflation declined steadily and the economy experienced growth through most of the period from 1991 to

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1997. Nevertheless, starting in the fourth quarter of 1998, the Argentine economy entered into a recession which led to a cumulative drop in the gross domestic product, or GDP, in excess of 8% by the end of 2001, and a deterioration of other variables such as GDP per capita, unemployment rate and tax collections.

In the second half of 2001, this sustained period of economic contraction culminated in severe social, monetary and financial turmoil and a series of dramatic political and legislative developments in Argentina. President de la Rúa resigned on December 21, 2001, in the face of large-scale, violent demonstrations against his administration. After three interim presidents in rapid succession, Senator Eduardo Duhalde, a member of the opposition Peronist party, was elected by the Legislative Assembly and assumed the presidency on January 2, 2002, to serve for the remainder of former President de la Rúa's term until December 10, 2003. The Duhalde administration quickly adopted a series of emergency measures affecting Argentina's monetary and fiscal policies. On January 6, 2002, the Argentine Congress approved the Public Emergency Law, ending more than a decade of uninterrupted U.S. dollar - Argentine peso parity under the Convertibility Law, eliminating the requirement that the Argentine peso be fully backed by gold and foreign reserves and establishing a framework for the resulting devaluation of the Argentine peso. Other emergency measures included:

ratifying the suspension of payments on a significant portion of Argentina's sovereign external debt declared on December 23, 2001, by one of the interim presidents;

converting U.S. dollar-denominated debts into Argentine peso-denominated debts at an exchange rate of ARP1.00 per U.S. dollar (for internal debts other than federal and provincial government debts) and ARP1.40 per U.S. dollar (for internal federal and provincial government debts);

converting U.S. dollar-denominated bank deposits into Argentine peso-denominated bank deposits at an exchange rate of ARP1.40 per U.S. dollar;

restructuring bank deposits and continuing or expanding restrictions on bank withdrawals (including a freeze on withdrawals from U.S. dollar accounts) and transfers abroad;

introducing legislation requiring U.S. dollar revenues from most export sales of Argentine products to be repatriated and exchanged for Argentine pesos at a free floating exchange rate;

enacting amendments to the bankruptcy law to protect Argentine debtors (although certain of these amendments were later repealed);

enacting an amendment to the Argentine Central Bank's charter to allow it to print currency in excess of the amount of foreign reserves it holds, make short-term advances to the federal government and provide financial assistance to financial institutions with liquidity constraints or solvency problems; *and*

imposing a 5% tax on industrial exports.

In the months following the adoption of the Public Emergency Law and other emergency measures, the country continued to deteriorate economically, politically and socially. During the first half of 2002, the events described above caused an abrupt rise in the exchange rate, reaching a high of ARP3.90 per U.S. dollar in June 2002. Inflation continued to increase, in part due to the devaluation of the Argentine peso, with the cumulative consumer price index, or CPI, rising by 42.8% from December 2001 through January 2003 and the cumulative wholesale price index, or WPI, rising by 119.1% during the same period. The Duhalde administration responded to the worsening crisis by introducing new measures and amendments to the existing measures. The absence of legal protections and of a sustainable economic and fiscal plan, coupled with a general distrust of the Argentine government and financial institutions, has nonetheless impaired recovery.

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At this time, Argentina faces considerable political uncertainty and the degree of internal and external support for the current administration remains unclear. Although presidential elections were held on April 27, 2003, no candidate obtained the requisite percentage of votes to be elected president. Although a run-off election between the two candidates that obtained the highest number of votes, Carlos Menem and Néstor Kirchner, was initially required, Carlos Menem withdrew from the run-off election and, as a result, Néstor Kirchner was elected president; the new president assumed office on May 25, 2003. The effect of the new government's economic policy on the economy and on Tenaris's operations in Argentina is impossible to predict.

*Government control of the economy.* The Argentine government has historically exercised significant influence over the economy. In response to the current crisis, since December 2001 the Argentine government has promulgated numerous, far-reaching and sometimes inconsistent laws and regulations affecting the economy. We cannot assure you that laws and regulations currently governing the economy will not continue to change in the future, particularly in light of the continuing economic crisis, or that any changes will not adversely affect Siderca's or Tenaris's business, financial condition or results of operations.

Due to the current social and political crisis, investing in companies with Argentine operations entails risks of loss resulting from:

- taxation policies, including direct and indirect tax increases;
- potential interruptions in the supply of electricity, gas or other utilities;
- expropriation, nationalization and forced renegotiation or modification of existing contracts;
- restrictions on repatriation of investments and transfer of funds abroad;
- civil unrest, rioting, looting, nation-wide protests, road blockades, widespread social unrest and strikes; *and*
- changes in laws and policies of Argentina affecting foreign trade, taxation and investment.

Several of the steps taken by the Argentine government as described above have had and could continue to have an adverse effect on the ability of Siderca to make payment of dividends or other amounts to us. Pursuant to certain decrees and implementing regulations of the Argentine Central Bank, Argentine individuals and companies, including Siderca, are subject to restrictions on the making of certain transfers of funds abroad and to the prior approval of the Argentine Central Bank. Until February 7, 2003, transfers by Siderca of U.S. dollars destined to the payment of dividends outside of Argentina were subject to the prior approval of the Argentine Central Bank. For example, on December 4, 2001, Siderca distributed a dividend consisting of cash and shares of Siderar S.A.I.C. Instead of distributing the unregistered Siderar shares directly to holders of the ADSs, the depositary, pursuant to the Siderca American Depositary Receipt, or ADR, deposit agreement, chose to liquidate the Siderar shares in the Argentine market and deliver the cash proceeds to holders of Siderca ADSs. However, due to the Argentine government's emergency measures, the depositary was prevented from transferring out of Argentina either the ADS holders' cash payments or the proceeds from the sale of the Siderar shares until March 3, 2003. If restrictions of this kind were to be imposed again in the future, Siderca's ability to transfer funds in U.S. dollars outside Argentina for the purpose of making payments of dividends or other amounts to us and to undertake investments and other activities that require payments in U.S. dollars would be impaired.

*International financing and investor confidence.* To date, the International Monetary Fund, or the IMF, and other multilateral and official sector lenders have indicated an unwillingness to provide any significant financial aid to Argentina until a sustainable economic program has been presented. It is unclear whether President Kirchner will have the necessary support from the Argentine Congress, provincial and local authorities and political parties to implement the reforms required to restore economic growth and public



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confidence and to obtain international assistance. In addition, the principal international rating agencies downgraded the rating of Argentina's sovereign debt, which currently reflects its default status. Consequently, Argentina is not expected to have access to the international credit markets on economically feasible terms, if at all, for the foreseeable future. The Argentine government's insolvency, credit default and effective inability to obtain financing can be expected to affect significantly its ability to implement any reforms, undermining the private sector's ability to restore economic growth, and may result in deeper recession, higher inflation and unemployment and greater social unrest. This negative environment may, in turn, materially and adversely affect Siderca's (and thereby Tenaris's) operations and financial condition.

*Devaluation of the Argentine peso.* The Public Emergency Law ended more than a decade of U.S. dollar Argentine peso parity and eliminated the requirement that the Argentine Central Bank's reserves be at all times at least equal to the aggregate amount of Argentine pesos in circulation and Argentine peso deposits of the financial sector with the Argentine Central Bank.

On January 11, 2002, the exchange rate began to float for the first time since April 1991. Heightened demand for scarce U.S. dollars caused the Argentine peso to trade well above the one-to-one parity. The Argentine Central Bank's ability to lower the Argentine peso-U.S. dollar exchange rate by selling U.S. dollars depends on its limited U.S. dollar reserves. In response to high demand for U.S. dollars and the scarcity of U.S. dollars to meet that demand, the Argentine government instituted numerous policies, including imposing several temporary freezes (or holidays) on exchange transactions and requiring the export sector to settle on a daily basis its non-Argentine currencies through the Argentine Central Bank. The devaluation of the Argentine peso and the uncertainty surrounding its future value place the Argentine economy at risk for further deterioration, which, in turn, may have a significant impact on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*Financial systems.* In the last quarter of 2001, a very significant amount of deposits were withdrawn from Argentine financial institutions as a result of increasing political instability. As a result, banks suspended the disbursement of new loans and focused on collection activities, thereby creating a liquidity crisis which has undermined the ability of many Argentine banks to pay their depositors. Like other Argentine companies, Siderca continues to have virtually no access to credit from the local market.

For much of 2002, the Argentine government restricted the amount of cash that depositors could withdraw from financial institutions through restrictions referred to as the *corralito*. On February 3, 2002, pursuant to an emergency decree, the Argentine government announced the mandatory conversion of virtually all non-Argentine currency-denominated deposits into Argentine peso-denominated deposits and set the exchange rate for this conversion at ARP1.40 per U.S. dollar. In addition, the emergency decree converted virtually all debts to Argentine financial institutions denominated in non-Argentine currency into Argentine pesos at a rate of ARP1.00 per U.S. dollar and provided that some debts be adjusted according to an index rate determined by the Argentine Central Bank based on variations in the Argentine consumer price index or salary variations, as appropriate. On December 6, 2002, the Argentine government began relaxing the *corralito* by lifting certain restrictions on withdrawals from deposits and savings accounts, and on April 1, 2003, the government published the timetable for the termination of the remaining restrictions.

On March 5, 2003, the Argentine Supreme Court ruled that the mandatory conversion of non-Argentine peso-denominated deposits into Argentine peso-denominated deposits is unconstitutional. Lower courts may follow the Argentine Supreme Court precedent and order banks to return deposits in U.S. dollars or in Argentine pesos at a free exchange rate. To the extent the impact of these potential court decisions is not covered by adequate compensation for banks, this precedent could have a material adverse impact on the Argentine financial system and could cause it to collapse.

The crisis in Argentina and its financial sector has adversely affected and will likely continue to adversely affect Siderca's ability to borrow funds (including the establishment of lines of credit), requiring Siderca to continue to rely on internally generated funds to sustain its operations. In addition, Tenaris's customers in Argentina could be materially and adversely affected if the troubled Argentine financial system were to collapse.

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*Inflation.* Argentina experienced significant inflation from December 2001 through May 30, 2003, with cumulative changes in the CPI of 43.98% and in the WPI of 112.73%. This level of inflation reflected both the effect of the peso devaluation on production costs as well as a substantial modification of relative prices, partially offset by the elimination of tariff adjustments and the large drop in demand resulting from the severe recession.

On January 24, 2002, the Argentine government amended the charter of the Argentine Central Bank to enable the Argentine Central Bank to print currency without having to maintain a fixed and direct relationship with its foreign currency and gold reserves and to make short-term advances to the federal government. Argentina's experience prior to the adoption of the Convertibility Law raises serious doubts as to the government's ability to maintain a strict monetary and fiscal policy and control inflation, and there is considerable concern that if the Argentine Central Bank prints currency to finance deficit spending, it will likely trigger significant inflation. The unpredictability of Argentina's inflation rate makes it impossible for us to foresee how Siderca's business and results of operations may be affected by future inflation. Continued inflation in Argentina would likely deepen Argentina's current economic recession and could adversely affect Siderca's (and thereby Tenaris's) operating costs and sales in Argentina.

*Business environment.* Tenaris's business and operations in Argentina have been and will likely continue to be adversely affected by the crisis in Argentina and by the Argentine government's response to the crisis. For example, Siderca exports a very large percentage of its products and accepts payment in U.S. dollars. Until current emergency measures are removed or revised, Siderca is required to repatriate the U.S. dollars collected in connection with these exports (including U.S. dollars obtained through advance payment and pre-financing facilities) into Argentina and convert them into Argentine pesos at the market based floating exchange rate applicable on the conversion date. This requirement subjects Siderca to Argentine peso devaluation risk (notwithstanding the fact that a majority of its revenues are in U.S. dollars) and generates significant transactional costs (resulting, in part, from the applicable exchange rate spread when those Argentine pesos are converted back into U.S. dollars). Also, under current emergency measures, the Argentine Central Bank is requiring up to 360 days to approve payments abroad for products imported into Argentina. While Siderca has attempted to mitigate the impact of this requirement by establishing a trust fund outside Argentina to pay for imported products, the Argentine government may take steps in the future to prohibit or severely reduce the effectiveness of this mechanism.

Siderca has also experienced reduced domestic sales in the last quarter of 2001 and in 2002 (which it expects to continue in the foreseeable future) fueled by the economic slowdown and the export tariffs imposed on the oil sector, which have impacted its local customers investment programs. Furthermore, the 5% tax on Siderca's exports and any additional taxes or surcharges on Siderca's products the Argentine government may choose to impose in the future, represent an additional cost to Siderca, which may adversely effect Siderca's (and thereby Tenaris's) results of operation.

***Negative economic, political and regulatory developments in Mexico may hurt Tamsa's domestic sales volume and disrupt its manufacturing process, thereby adversely affecting Tenaris's results of operations and financial condition.***

Most of Tamsa's manufacturing operations and assets are located in Mexico and a substantial portion of Tamsa's sales are made in Mexico. Tamsa's business may be affected by economic, political and regulatory developments in Mexico. The discussion of recent developments in Mexico that follows was mainly derived from information recently filed by the Mexican government and Pemex with the SEC.

*Economic situation.* Beginning in December 1994, and continuing through 1995, Mexico experienced an economic crisis characterized by exchange rate instability, a devaluation of the Mexican peso, high inflation, high domestic interest rates, economic contraction, a reduction of international capital flows, reduced consumer purchasing power and high unemployment. In response to the economic crisis, the Mexican government implemented broad economic reform programs which improved economic conditions in 1996 and 1997. However, a combination of factors led to a reduction of Mexico's economic growth in

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1998, including the economic crises in Asia, Russia, Brazil and other emerging markets that began in late 1997.

In 1999, GDP grew by 3.6% and in 2000, by 6.6%. During 2001, the Mexican economy experienced a slowdown, which was mainly due to a decline in global and domestic consumption. GDP decreased by 0.3% in 2001 and increased by 0.9% in 2002. The Mexican government currently estimates that GDP will increase by 3.0% in 2003. A deterioration in Mexico's economic conditions may adversely affect Tamsa's business, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity or prospects.

*Impact of significant inflation and interest rates.* In recent years, Mexico has experienced high levels of inflation. The annual rate of inflation, as measured by changes in the Consumer Price Index, was 9.0% during 2000, 4.4% in 2001 and 5.7% in 2002. *Banco de México* currently estimates that the annual rate of inflation for 2003, as measured by changes in the Consumer Price Index, will be 4.3%, which is above the official target established for the year of 4.2%. Interest rates on 28-day Mexican treasury bills, or *Cetes*, averaged 15.27% in 2000, 11.26% in 2001 and 7.08% in 2002, and closed on June 24, 2003 at 5.11%.

If inflation in Mexico is not maintained within the government's projections, the Mexican economy and, consequently, Tamsa's financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

*Price controls.* Seamless steel pipe products, like most products in Mexico, historically were subject to price controls imposed by the Mexican government. Although seamless steel pipe prices were officially decontrolled in September 1989, the Mexican government maintained other price restrictions until August 1990 as an inflation reduction measure. In 1995, as part of its response to the Mexican economic crisis, the Mexican government sought to minimize inflation by promoting the gradual implementation of domestic price increases. Currently, domestic steel pipe prices are not regulated; if any price control regulations were reimposed in the future, Tamsa's sales revenues might be adversely affected.

*Government control of the economy.* The Mexican government has exercised, and continues to exercise, significant influence over the Mexican economy. Mexican government actions concerning the economy may have adverse effects on private sector entities in general and on Tenaris in particular. Further, the Mexican government exercises significant influence over Pemex and its budget for exploration, which largely determines the volume of Pemex's purchase of seamless steel pipe products from Tenaris. Economic plans of the Mexican government in the past have not, in many respects, fully achieved their objectives, and these and other economic plans of the Mexican government may not achieve their stated goals. Similarly, it is not possible to determine what effect those plans or their implementation will have on the Mexican economy or on Tenaris's financial condition or results of operations.

*Political events.* Mexican political events may also affect Tenaris's financial condition and results of operations and the performance of securities issued by Mexican companies. The Mexican political environment is in a period of change. In July 2000, Vicente Fox, a member of the National Action Party (*Partido Acción Nacional*, or PAN), the oldest opposition party in the country, won the Presidential election. He took office on December 1, 2000, ending 71 years of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party (*Partido Revolucionario Institucional*, or PRI). In addition, parties opposed to the PRI increased their representation in the Mexican Congress, and, as a result, the PRI lost its congressional majority. Currently, no party has a working majority in either house of the Mexican Congress, which has made governability and the passage of legislation more difficult. The next major federal election will be held in July 2003, when all seats in the Chamber of Deputies will be at stake. The Senate will maintain its current composition until 2006. If neither the PAN (which currently holds 206 of the 500 seats), nor the PRI (which currently holds 211 of the 500 seats) gains a working majority in the Chamber of Deputies, problems of gridlock will persist in both houses of the Mexican Congress.

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**Risks Relating to Our Shares and ADSs**

*Our controlling shareholder may be able to take actions that do not reflect the will or best interests of other shareholders.*

As of May 30, 2003, San Faustín beneficially owned 61.2% of our outstanding voting stock. Until June 10, 2003, San Faustín was ultimately controlled by Roberto Rocca, either directly or through Rocca & Partners S.A., a British Virgin Islands corporation. Following Mr. Rocca's death on June 10, 2003, San Faustín is controlled by Rocca & Partners. As a result, Rocca & Partners is indirectly able to elect a substantial majority of the members of our board of directors and has the power to determine the outcome of most actions requiring shareholder approval, including, subject to the requirements of Luxembourg law, the payment of dividends by us. The decisions of our controlling shareholder may not reflect the will or best interests of other shareholders.

*The trading price of our shares and ADSs may suffer as a result of lower liquidity in the Argentine and Mexican equity markets.*

Our shares are listed on several exchanges, including the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange and the Mexican Stock Exchange, and the liquidity of our ADSs on the NYSE will be determined in part by the liquidity of our shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange and the Mexican Stock Exchange. The Argentine and Mexican equity markets are less liquid than that of the United States and other major world markets. Reduced liquidity in these markets may increase the volatility of the trading price of our shares and ADSs and may impair your ability to readily buy or sell our shares and ADSs in desired amounts and at satisfactory prices.

Prices in publicly-traded Argentine equity securities have been more volatile than in many other markets. Total capitalization increased from USD44.7 billion as of December 31, 1996 to USD192.50 billion as of December 31, 2001 and decreased to USD103.3 billion as of December 31, 2002. The average volume of shares traded daily on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange decreased from USD125.3 million in 1996 to USD37.0 million in 1999, USD24.1 million in 2000, and USD17.4 million in 2001, due to the decrease in capital inflows in 1999, 2000 and 2001, and increased slightly to USD17.8 million in 2002.

Prices in publicly-traded Mexico equity securities have been more volatile than in many other markets, despite an increase in total capitalization from USD106.8 billion as of December 31, 1996 to USD126.6 billion as of December 31, 2001 and decreased to USD104.7 billion as of December 31, 2002. The average daily trading volume of shares included in the principal equity index on the Mexican Stock Exchange decreased from USD144.6 million in 1996 to USD137.8 million in 1999, increased to USD165.1 million in 2000 and decreased to USD150.9 million in 2001 and USD105.9 million in 2002, due to the fluctuation in capital inflows in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

*The trading price of our shares and ADSs may suffer as a result of developments in emerging markets.*

Although we are organized as a Luxembourg corporation, a substantial portion of our assets and operations is located in Latin America. Financial and securities markets for companies with a substantial portion of their assets and operations in Latin America are, to varying degrees, influenced by economic and market conditions in emerging market countries. Although economic conditions are different in each country, investor reaction to developments in one country can have significant effects on the securities of issuers with assets or operations in other emerging markets, including Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela. In late October 1997, prices of Latin American debt and equity securities dropped substantially, precipitated by a sharp drop in value of Asian markets. Similarly, in the second half of 1998, prices of Latin American securities were adversely affected by the economic crises in Russia and in Brazil. Various markets in Latin America, notably Argentina and Venezuela, are currently experiencing severe political and economic crises, which adversely affect the prices of securities of Latin American issuers or issuers with significant Latin American operations.

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***In deciding whether to purchase, hold or sell Tenaris shares or ADSs, you may not be able to access as much information about us as you would in the case of a U.S. company.***

A principal objective of the securities laws of the other markets in which our securities are quoted, like those of the United States, is to promote the full and fair disclosure of all material information. There may, however, be less publicly available information about us than is regularly published by or about U.S. issuers. Also, the accounting standards in accordance with which our consolidated combined financial statements are prepared differ in certain material respects from the accounting standards used in the United States. See notes U and 31 to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report, which provide a description of the principal differences between IAS and U.S. GAAP as they related to Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of net income and shareholders' equity for the periods and at the dates indicated therein. Further, regulations governing our securities may not be as extensive as those in effect in the United States, and Luxembourg law and regulations in respect of corporate governance matters might not be as protective of minority shareholders as state corporations laws in the United States.

***Holders of our ADSs may encounter difficulties in the exercise of dividend and voting rights.***

You may encounter difficulties in the exercise of some of your rights as a shareholder if you hold ADSs rather than ordinary shares. If we make a distribution in the form of securities and you have the right to acquire a portion of them, the depositary is allowed, in its discretion, to sell on your behalf that right to acquire those securities and instead distribute the net proceeds to you. Also, under some circumstances, such as our failure to provide the depositary with voting materials on a timely basis, you may not be able to vote by giving instructions to the depositary on how to vote for you.

***Holders of our ADSs in the United States may not be able to exercise preemptive rights in certain cases.***

Under our articles of association, we are generally required, in the event of a capital increase, to offer rights to our existing shareholders to subscribe for a number of shares sufficient to maintain the holders' existing proportionate holdings of shares of that class. We may, however, issue shares without preemptive rights if the newly-issued shares are issued for consideration other than money, are issued as compensation to directors, officers, agents or employees of the Company or its affiliates, or are issued to satisfy conversion or option rights created to provide compensation to directors, officers, agents or employees of the Company, its subsidiaries or its affiliates. Furthermore, holders of our ADSs in the United States may, in any event, not be able to exercise any preemptive rights, if granted, for ordinary shares underlying their ADSs unless additional ordinary shares and ADSs are registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, with respect to those rights or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. We intend to evaluate at the time of any rights offering the costs and potential liabilities associated with the exercise by holders of ADSs of the preemptive rights for ordinary shares underlying their ADSs and any other factors we consider appropriate at the time and then to make a decision as to whether to register additional ordinary shares and ADSs. We may decide not to register any additional ordinary shares or ADSs, in which case the depositary would be required to sell the holders' rights and distribute the proceeds thereof. Should the depositary not be permitted or otherwise be unable to sell preemptive rights, the rights may be allowed to lapse with no consideration to be received by the holders of the ADSs.

***It may be difficult to enforce judgments against us in U.S. courts.***

We are a corporation organized under the laws of Luxembourg, and most of Tenaris's assets are located in Argentina, Mexico and Italy. Furthermore, most of our directors and officers and some experts named in this annual report reside outside the United States. As a result, investors may not be able to effect service of process within the United States upon us or our directors or officers or some experts or to enforce against us or them in U.S. courts judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of U.S. federal securities law. There is doubt as to the enforceability in original actions in Luxembourg, Argentine, Mexican and Italian courts of civil liabilities predicated solely upon U.S. federal securities laws, and the enforceability in Luxembourg, Argentine, Mexican and Italian courts of judgments entered by U.S. courts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of U.S. federal securities law will be subject to compliance with procedural requirements under applicable local law, including the condition that the judgment does not violate the public policy of the applicable jurisdiction.

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The following tables show, for the periods indicated, information concerning the exchange rate between (1) the U.S. dollar and the Argentine peso, (2) the U.S. dollar and the Mexican peso and (3) the U.S. dollar and the euro. The average rates presented in these tables were calculated by using the average of the exchange rates on the last day of each month during the relevant period. We do not represent that Argentine pesos, Mexican pesos or euros could be converted into U.S. dollars at these rates or at any other rate.

**Argentine peso**

The data provided in the following table is expressed in nominal pesos per dollar and is based on information reported by the Argentine Central Bank. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York does not publish a noon buying rate for the Argentine peso. On June 24, 2003, the exchange rate between the Argentine peso and the U.S. dollar expressed in nominal Argentine pesos per dollar was ARP2.77 = USD1.00.

Year ended December 31,	High	Low	Average	Period end
1998	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1999	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2000	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2001 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
2002	3.90	1.40	3.27	3.37

- (1) As described in the paragraph below, the Argentine Central Bank imposed a banking holiday from December 21, 2001, to January 11, 2002, during which time there was no official exchange rate for the Argentine peso.

	Price Per Share	
	High	Low
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	3.58	3.37
January 2003	3.35	3.10
February 2003	3.21	3.11
March 2003	3.21	2.88
April 2003	2.96	2.82
May 2003	2.94	2.76

Beginning on April 1, 1991, under the Convertibility Law, the Argentine Central Bank was required to buy or sell dollars to any person at a rate of one Argentine peso per U.S. dollar. The Convertibility Law was repealed on January 6, 2002. On January 11, 2002, after the Argentine Central Bank ended a banking holiday that it had imposed on December 21, 2001, the exchange rate began to float for the first time since April 1991. Heightened demand for scarce U.S. dollars caused the Argentine peso to trade well above the one-to-one parity under the Convertibility Law. As a result, the Argentine Central Bank intervened on several occasions by selling U.S. dollars in order to lower the exchange rate. The Argentine Central Bank's ability to support the Argentine peso by selling U.S. dollars depends, however, on its limited U.S. dollar reserves and the value of the Argentine peso has continued to fluctuate significantly. In response to high demand for U.S. dollars in Argentina and the scarcity of U.S. dollars to meet that demand, the Argentine government has imposed several temporary freezes, or holidays, on exchange transactions since the abrogation of the Convertibility Law. For additional information regarding factors affecting the value of the Argentine peso, see Item 3.D. Risk Factors - Risks Relating to Argentina and Mexico.

**Mexican peso**

The data provided in the following table is expressed in nominal Mexican pesos per dollar and is based on noon buying rates published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the Mexican peso. On June 24, 2003, the exchange rate between the Mexican peso and the U.S. dollar expressed in nominal Mexican pesos per dollar was MXP10.53 = USD1.00.

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<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Period end</b>
1998	10.63	8.04	9.25	9.90
1999	10.60	9.24	9.56	9.48
2000	10.09	9.18	9.47	9.62
2001	9.97	8.95	9.33	9.16
2002	10.43	9.00	9.67	10.43

**Price Per Share**

	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	10.43	10.10
January 2003	10.98	10.32
February 2003	11.06	10.77
March 2003	11.24	10.66
April 2003	10.76	10.31
May 2003	10.42	10.11

Between November 1991 and December 1994, the Mexican Central Bank maintained the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Mexican peso within a prescribed range through intervention in the foreign exchange market. The Mexican Central Bank intervened in the foreign exchange market as the exchange rate reached either the minimum or the maximum of the prescribed range in order to reduce day-to-day fluctuations in the exchange rate. On December 20, 1994, the Mexican government modified the prescribed range within which the Mexican peso was permitted to float by increasing the maximum Mexican peso price of the U.S. dollar by MXP0.53, equivalent to an effective devaluation of 15.3%. On December 22, 1994, the Mexican government suspended intervention by the Mexican Central Bank and allowed the Mexican peso to float freely against the U.S. dollar. Factors that contributed to this decision included the size of Mexico's current account deficit, a decline in the Mexican Central Bank's foreign exchange reserves, rising interest rates for other currencies (especially the U.S. dollar) and reduced confidence in the Mexican economy on the part of investors due to political uncertainty associated with events in the state of Chiapas and presidential and congressional elections that year. The value of the Mexican peso against the U.S. dollar rapidly declined by 42.9% from December 19, 1994, to December 31, 1994. The Mexican government has since allowed the Mexican peso to float freely against the U.S. dollar.

Historically, the Mexican economy has suffered balance of payment deficits and shortages in foreign exchange reserves. While the Mexican government does not currently restrict the ability of Mexican or foreign persons or entities to convert Mexican pesos to U.S. dollars and the terms of NAFTA, to which Mexico is a signatory, generally prohibit exchange controls, the Mexican government could attempt to institute a restrictive exchange control policy in the future.

**Euro**

The data provided in the following table is expressed in nominal euros per dollar and is based on noon buying rates published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the euro. On June 24, 2003, the exchange rate between the euro and the U.S. dollar expressed in euros per dollar was 0.8697 = USD1.00. The data provided in the following table for the period prior to January 1999 is based on noon buying rates for the lira converted into the euro at the fixed rate established by the European Council of Ministers of  $ITL1,936.27 = 1.00$ .

<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Period end</b>
1998	1.1946	1.0764	1.1148	1.1707
1999	0.9984	0.8466	0.9445	0.9930
2000	1.2092	0.9676	1.0861	1.0652
2001	1.1723	1.0666	1.1225	1.1235
2002	1.1636	0.9537	1.0531	0.9537

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	Price Per Share	
	High	Low
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	1.0074	0.9537
January 2003	0.9652	0.9207
February 2003	0.9339	0.9195
March 2003	0.9483	0.8606
April 2003	0.9415	0.8945
May 2003	0.8929	0.8437



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### **Item 4. Information on the Company**

#### **Overview**

Tenaris is a leading global manufacturer and supplier of seamless steel pipe products and associated services to the oil and gas, energy and other industries, with production, distribution and service capabilities in key markets worldwide. Tenaris's principal products include casing, tubing, line pipe, and mechanical and structural pipes.

In the last decade, Tenaris has successfully expanded its business through a series of strategic investments. Tenaris now operates a worldwide network of seamless steel pipe operations with manufacturing facilities in South America, North America, Europe and Asia and an annual production capacity of over three million tons of seamless steel pipe products, compared to 800,000 tons in the early 1990s. In addition, Tenaris has developed competitive and far reaching global distribution capabilities, with a direct presence in most major oil and gas markets. In 2002, Tenaris had net sales of USD3,219.4 million, operating income of USD471.9 million and net income of USD94.3 million (Net income before the minority interest attributable to shares in Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine that were acquired pursuant to the exchange offer completed on December 17, 2002, was USD193.8 million).

Tenaris believes that it is a leading player in the international trade market of seamless pipes based on estimated market share, with particular strength in the international trade market of seamless casing and tubing for the oil and gas industry, which are collectively known as oil country tubular goods, or OCTGs.

Tenaris provides tubular products and associated services to its customers around the world through global business units serving specific market segments and local business units serving the local markets where it has production facilities. The global business units include:

Tenaris Oilfield Services, responding to the tubular needs of oil and gas companies in their drilling activities;

Tenaris Pipeline Services, responding to the tubular needs of oil and gas and other energy companies in their activities of transporting fluids and gases;

Tenaris Process and Power Plant Services, responding to the tubular needs of refineries, petrochemical companies and energy generating plants for construction and maintenance purposes; *and*

Tenaris Industrial and Automotive Services, responding to the tubular needs of automobile and other industrial manufacturers.

In addition to its investments in seamless steel pipe operations worldwide, Tenaris controls a 100% interest in Siat S.A.I.C., or Siat, and holds 99.2% of the voting stock of Confab. We believe that Siat and Confab are the leading producers of welded steel pipes in Argentina and Brazil, respectively, with a combined annual production capacity of 850,000 tons.

Tenaris also beneficially owns 100% of the capital stock of Dalmine Energie, S.p.A., or Dalmine Energie, a supplier of electricity and natural gas to many industrial companies in central and northern Italy.

#### **History and Corporate Organization**

Tenaris began with the formation of Siderca by San Faustín's predecessor in Argentina in 1948. Siat, an Argentine welded steel pipe manufacturer, was acquired in 1986. Tenaris grew organically in Argentina and then, in the early 1990s, began to evolve beyond its initial base in Argentina into a global business through a series of strategic investments. These investments included the acquisition, directly or indirectly, of controlling or substantial interests in:

Tamsa, the sole Mexican producer of seamless steel pipe products (June 1993);

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Dalmine, a leading Italian producer of seamless steel pipe products (February 1996);

Tavsa, the sole Venezuelan producer of seamless steel pipe products (October 1998);

Confab, the leading Brazilian producer of welded steel pipe products (August 1999);

NKKTubes, a leading Japanese producer of seamless steel pipe products and source of advanced seamless steel pipe manufacturing technology (August 2000); *and*

AlgomaTubes, the sole Canadian producer of seamless steel pipe products (October 2000).

In addition, Tenaris, through Tenaris Global Services, has developed a global network of pipe distribution and service facilities with a direct presence in most major oil and gas markets.

In December 2002, Tenaris became a publicly listed company after completing an exchange offer for the outstanding shares and ADSs of its three main operating subsidiaries.

Below is a simplified diagram of Tenaris's corporate structure, as of May 30, 2003:

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- (1) The remainder of Confab is owned by the public. As of May 30, 2003, Siderca held 99.22% of Confab's voting stock.
  - (2) As of May 30, 2003, the remainder of NKKTubes was beneficially owned by JFE Holdings Inc.
  - (3) As of May 30, 2003, the remainder of Tavsa was owned by the Republic of Venezuela through the Corporación Venezolana de Guayana.

**Our Competitive Strengths**

Tenaris believes its main competitive strengths include:

its global production, commercial and distribution capabilities, offering a full product range with flexible supply options backed up by local service capabilities in important oil and gas producing and industrial regions around the world;

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its ability to provide value-added services worldwide;

its ability to design and manufacture technologically advanced products;

its solid and diversified customer base and historic relationships with major international oil and gas companies around the world;

its low-cost operations, primarily at state-of-the-art, strategically located production facilities with favorable access to raw materials, energy and labor, and more than 45 years of operating experience; *and*

its strong balance sheet.

**Tenaris's Business Strategy**

Tenaris's business strategy is to continue expanding its operations internationally and further consolidate its position as a leading supplier of high-quality tubular products and services worldwide to the oil and gas, energy and mechanical industries by:

completing the integration of the operations of its subsidiaries to provide customers a complete range of products worldwide and to maximize operational flexibility and synergies;

developing a comprehensive range of value-added services designed to enable customers to reduce working capital and inventory requirements while integrating Tenaris's production activities with the customer supply chain; *and*

continuing to pursue strategic acquisition opportunities.

***Completing the integration of the operations of its subsidiaries***

Tenaris believes that it will reinforce its strong position in the international seamless steel pipe market and its leading presence in the domestic markets of its operating subsidiaries by completing the integration of the operations of those subsidiaries following the consummation of the exchange offer concluded in December 2002. Tenaris has taken and continues to take several steps to integrate these operations, including:

the reorganization of the commercial activities of its subsidiaries under global and local customer-focused business units;

the common use of the Tenaris brand, launched in May 2001, with which Tenaris is positioning itself as an integrated supplier of high-value products and industry-leading services;

the sharing of operational technology and coordination of Tenaris's research and development activities; *and*

the reorganization of Tenaris's procurement, information technology, or IT, and premium joint licensing activities.

By aligning the interests of all shareholders through the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, Tenaris seeks to pursue further integration of its operations and thereby expects to continue to increase flexibility and synergies across six seamless and two welded pipe mills and their common commercial network organized under Tenaris Global Services.

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### ***Developing value-added services***

Tenaris continues to develop its capabilities to supply value-added services to its customers worldwide. These services seek to enable its customers to reduce costs and concentrate on their core businesses. They are also intended to enable Tenaris to differentiate itself from its competition, further strengthen Tenaris's relationship with its customers worldwide through long-term agreements and to capture more of the value in the supply chain. These value-added services include:

working with its customers to anticipate their needs and develop customized products for particular applications;

providing comprehensive pipe management services, including just-in-time, or JIT, delivery and stocking programs; *and*

developing integrated supply chain management services through alliances with specialist service providers and extensive use of information technology.

### ***Pursuing strategic acquisition opportunities***

Tenaris has a solid record of growth through strategic acquisitions. Tenaris is actively pursuing selective strategic acquisitions as a means to expand its operations, enhance its global competitive position and capitalize on potential operational synergies.

### **Tenaris's Products**

Tenaris's principal finished products are seamless steel pipes casing and tubing, seamless steel line pipe and various other mechanical and structural seamless pipes for different uses. Tenaris also produces welded steel pipes for oil and gas pipelines and industrial uses, as well as pipe accessories. Tenaris manufactures most of its seamless steel products in a wide range of specifications, which vary in width, length, thickness, finishings and grades.

*Seamless steel casing.* Seamless steel casing is used to sustain the walls of oil and gas wells during and after drilling.

*Seamless steel tubing.* Seamless steel tubing is used to extract crude oil and natural gas after drilling has been completed.

*Seamless steel line pipe.* Seamless steel line pipe is used to transport crude oil and natural gas from wells to refineries, storage tanks and loading and distribution centers.

*Seamless steel mechanical and structural pipes.* Seamless steel mechanical and structural pipes are used by the general industry for various applications, including the transportation of other forms of gas and liquids under high pressure.

*Cold-drawn pipe.* The cold-drawing process permits the production of pipe with the diameter and wall thickness required for use in boilers, superheaters, condensers, heat exchangers, automobile production and several other industrial applications.

*Premium joints and couplings.* Premium joints and couplings are specially designed connections used to join lengths of seamless steel casing and tubing for use in high temperature or high pressure environments. A significant portion of our seamless steel casing and tubing products are supplied with premium joints and couplings. Tenaris owns the intellectual property rights to the Antares and NKK range of premium connections and holds licensing rights to manufacture and sell the Atlas Bradford range of premium connections outside of the United States.

*Welded steel pipes.* Welded steel pipes are processed from steel sheets and plates and are used for the conveying of fluids at low, medium and high pressure, and for mechanical and structural purposes.

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Tenaris believes its primarily low-cost production facilities are a result of:

- state-of-the-art, strategically located plants;
- favorable access to high quality raw materials, energy and labor at competitive costs;
- operating history of more than 45 years, which translates into solid industrial know-how;
- constant benchmarking and best-practices sharing among the different facilities;
- increasing specialization of each of our facilities in specific product ranges; *and*
- intensive use of information technology in our production processes.

Tenaris' seamless steel pipe production facilities are located in South America, North America, Europe and Asia. In addition, Tenaris manufactures welded pipe products in facilities in Argentina and Brazil, and tubular accessories such as sucker rods (used in oil and gas drilling) and couplings in Argentina and pipe fittings in Mexico.

The following table shows Tenaris' aggregate installed production capacity of seamless and welded steel pipes and steel bars at the dates indicated as well as the aggregate actual production volumes for the periods indicated. The figures for effective annual capacity are based on Tenaris' estimates of effective annual production capacity under present conditions.

Thousands of tons	At or for the year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
<b>Seamless Steel Pipe</b>			
Effective Capacity (annual)	3,125	3,125	3,100
Actual Production	2,194	2,462	2,146
<b>Steel Bars</b>			
Effective Capacity (annual)	2,850	2,850	2,850
Actual Production	2,310	2,544	2,381
<b>Welded Steel Pipe</b>			
Effective Capacity (annual)	850	850	850
Actual Production	561	470	257

***South America***

Tenaris' principal manufacturing facility in South America, operated by Siderca, is a fully integrated, strategically located plant on the banks of the Paraná river near the town of Campana, approximately 80 kilometers from Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Campana plant was inaugurated in 1954. Situated on over 300 hectares, the plant includes a state-of-the-art seamless pipe mill and has an effective annual production capacity of 820,000 tons of seamless steel pipe (with an outside diameter range of 1-1/4 to 11 inches) and 1,100,000 tons of steel bars.

The Campana facility comprises:

- a Midrex direct reduced iron, or DRI, production plant;
- a steel shop with two production lines, each including an electric arc furnace, refining equipment, four-strand continuous caster and a cooling bed;
- two continuous mandrel mills, each including a rotary furnace, direct piercing equipment, a stretch reducing mill and a cooling bed;

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six finishing lines, including heat treatment facilities, upsetting machines, threading and inspection equipment and make-up facilities;

a cold-drawn mill; *and*

a port on the Paraná river for the supply of raw materials and the shipment of finished products.

The major operational units at the Campana facility and corresponding effective annual production capacity (in thousands of tons per year) as of December 31, 2002, the year operations commenced and the year of the latest major overhaul, are as follows:

	<b>Effective Production Capacity (annual)</b>	<b>Year Operations Commenced</b>
DRI	820	1976
Steel Shop		
Production Line I	400	1971
Production Line II	700	1987
Mandrel Mill I	300	1977
Mandrel Mill II	520	1988
Cold-Drawn Mill	20	1962

In addition to the Campana facility, Tenaris has manufacturing facilities, operated by Metalmecánica S.A. and Metalcentro, at Villa Mercedes in the province of San Luis, Argentina, for the production of tubular accessories such as sucker rods and pipe protectors.

In South America, Tenaris also has a seamless steel pipe plant in Venezuela, operated by Tavsá and located within the Sidor manufacturing complex on the banks of the Orinoco river in the eastern part of the country. Situated on an area of 38 hectares, the plant includes a pilger mill and finishing line (including threading facilities) and produces seamless pipe products with an outside diameter range of 6 to 16 inches. The plant was operated as part of Sidor until shortly before it was privatized and sold to Tamsa in 1998. After conclusion of a modernization program in 2000, Tavsá reached an annual production capacity of 65,000 tons. Steel bars used to produce seamless steel pipe in Venezuela are supplied by Sidor.

**North America**

Tenaris's principal manufacturing facility in North America, operated by Tamsa, is an integrated plant located near Pemex's major exploration and drilling operations, about thirteen kilometers from the port of Veracruz. Veracruz is located on the east coast of Mexico, approximately 400 kilometers from Mexico City. The Veracruz plant was inaugurated in 1954. Situated on an area of 200 hectares, the plant includes a state-of-the-art seamless pipe mill and has an installed annual production capacity of 780,000 tons of seamless steel pipes (with an outside diameter range of 2 to 20 inches) and 850,000 tons of steel bars. The plant is served by two highways and a railroad and is close to the port of Veracruz.

The Veracruz facility comprises:

a steel shop, including an electric arc furnace, refining equipment, four-strand continuous caster and a cooling bed;

a multi-stand pipe mill, including a continuous mandrel mill, rotary furnace, direct piercing equipment and a cooling bed;

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a pilger pipe mill, including a rotary furnace, direct piercing equipment, a reheating furnace and a cooling bed;

six finishing lines, including heat treatment facilities, upsetting machines and threading and inspection equipment;

a stretch reducing mill, including cutting saws and a cooling bed;

a cold-drawn mill; *and*

automotive components production machinery.

The major operational units at the Veracruz facility and corresponding annual installed production capacity (in thousands of tons per year, except for auto components facility, which is in millions of parts) as of December 31, 2002, and the year operations commenced, are as follows:

	<b>Installed Production Capacity (annual)</b>	<b>Year Operations Commenced</b>
Steel Shop	850	1986
Multi-Stand Pipe Mill	700	1983
Pilger Mill	80	1954
Cold-Drawn Mill	10	1963
Auto Components Facility	5	2001

In addition to the Veracruz facility, Tamsa operates a recently-acquired manufacturing facility near Monterrey in the state of Nuevo León, Mexico, for the production of pipe fittings. This facility has an annual production capacity of 15,000 tons.

Tenaris also has a seamless steel pipe manufacturing facility in Canada, operated by AlgomaTubes and located adjacent to the Algoma Steel manufacturing complex in Sault Ste. Marie near the mouth of Lake Superior in the province of Ontario. The facility includes a retained mandrel mill, a stretch reducing mill and heat treatment and finishing facilities producing seamless pipe products with an outside diameter range of 2 to 7 inches. The effective annual capacity of the facility is 250,000 tons. The plant was originally inaugurated in 1986 and was operated as part of Algoma Steel until shortly before it was leased to Tenaris in 2000. Steel bars are sourced from excess steelmaking capacity at the Campana and Veracruz plants and from third party suppliers. On May 23, 2003, Tenaris announced that it had signed a letter of intent to purchase for a price of 12.5 million Canadian dollars land and manufacturing facilities in Canada currently leased by AlgomaTubes. The purchase is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year but remains subject to an agreement with the United Steelworkers of America and various approvals by the Canadian government.

**Europe**

Tenaris's principal manufacturing facility in Europe, operated by Dalmine, is an integrated plant located in the town of Dalmine close to the industrial region of Bergamo, about 40 kilometers from Milan in northern Italy. Situated on an area of 150 hectares, the plant includes a state-of-the-art seamless pipe mill and has an annual production capacity of 800,000 tons of seamless steel pipes and 900,000 tons of steel bars.

The main Dalmine facility comprises:

a steel shop, including an electric arc furnace, two ladle furnaces, two continuous casters and a cooling bed;

a continuous floating mandrel mill with two finishing lines;

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a retained mandrel mill with three finishing lines;

a rotary expander with a finishing line;

a pilger pipe mill with a finishing line; *and*

cold drawing facilities.

The major operational units at the main Dalmine facility and corresponding annual effective production capacity (in thousands of tons per year) as of December 31, 2002, the year operations commenced and the year of the latest major overhaul, are as follows:

	<b>Effective Production Capacity (annual)</b>	<b>Year Operations Commenced</b>
Steel Shop	900	1976
Pilger Mill	110	1937
Continuous Floating Mandrel Mill:		
Floating Mandrel Mill Small Diameter	140	1952
Mandrel Mill Medium Diameter	550	1978

The main Dalmine facility manufactures seamless steel pipes with an outside diameter range of 17 to 711 mm (0.67 to 27.99 inches), mainly from carbon, low alloy and high alloy steels for diverse applications. The Dalmine facility also manufactures steel bars for processing at our other facilities in Italy.

Together, the Dalmine facility and Tenaris's other production facilities in Europe, all of which are located in Italy, have an effective annual production capacity of 950,000 tons of seamless steel pipes. These other facilities include:

the Costa Volpino facility, which covers an area of approximately 31 hectares and comprises a cold-drawn mill and an auto components facility producing cold-drawn carbon, low alloy and high alloy steel pipes with an outside diameter range of 12 to 273 mm (0.47 to 10.75 inches), mainly for automotive, mechanical and machinery companies in Europe and the United States. The Costa Volpino facility has an annual production capacity of approximately 95,000 tons;

the Arcore facility, which covers an area of approximately 16 hectares and comprises a Deischer mill with associated finishing lines and multiple cold pilger pipe mills for cold-drawn pipes. Production is concentrated in heavy-wall mechanical pipes with an outside diameter range of 48 to 203 mm (1.89 to 7.99 inches). The Arcore facility has an annual production capacity of approximately 160,000 tons; *and*

the Piombino facility, which covers an area of approximately 67 hectares and comprises a welded pipe production line (Fretz Moon type) with a hot stretch reducing mill, two hot dip galvanizing lines and associated finishing facilities. Production is focused on welded pipe and finishing of small diameter seamless and welded pipe for sanitation applications in the domestic market, such as residential water and gas transport. The Piombino facility has an annual production capacity of approximately 150,000 tons.

**Far East**

Tenaris's manufacturing facility in Asia, operated by NKK Tubes, is a seamless steel pipe plant located in Kawasaki, Japan, in the Keihin steel complex owned by JFE Holdings Inc., or JFE, the successor company of NKK Corporation, or NKK, resulting from the business combination of NKK with Kawasaki Steel Corporation, or Kawasaki Steel. The facility includes a retained mandrel mill, a plug mill and heat treatment, upsetting, threading and cold drawing facilities producing seamless pipe products with an outside diameter range of 1 to 17 inches. The effective annual capacity of the facility is 260,000 tons. The plant was operated by NKK until its acquisition by Tenaris in 2000. Steel bars and other essential inputs and services are supplied by JFE, which retains a 49% interest



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in NKK Tubes. The NKK Tubes facility produces a wide range of carbon, alloy and stainless steel pipes for the local market and high value-added products for export markets. For a discussion of NKK's business combination with Kawasaki Steel, see Competition Global Market.

**Welded Pipes**

Tenaris has two major welded pipe facilities, one in Brazil and one in Argentina. The Brazilian facility, operated by Confab, is located at Pindamonhangaba, 160 kilometers from the city of São Paulo. The facility includes an ERW (electric resistant welding) rolling mill and a SAW (submerged arc welding) rolling mill with two spiral lines. The facility, which was originally inaugurated in 1959, processes steel plates and coils to produce welded steel pipes with an outside diameter range of 4-1/2 to 100 inches for various applications, including oil, petrochemical and gas applications. The facility also supplies anticorrosion pipe coating made of extruded polyethylene or polypropylene, external and internal fusion bonded epoxy and paint for internal pipe coating. The facility has an annual production capacity of 500,000 tons.

The Argentine facility, operated by Siat, is located at Valentín Alsina just south of the city of Buenos Aires. The facility includes ERW and SAW rolling mills with one spiral line. The facility was originally inaugurated in 1948 and processes steel plates and coils to produce welded steel pipes with an outside diameter range of 4-1/2 to 100 inches, which are used for the conveying of fluids at low, medium and high pressure and for mechanical and structural purposes. The facility has an annual production capacity of 350,000 tons.

**Sales and Marketing**

The following table shows Tenaris's steel pipe sales by product and geographic region in terms of volume for the periods indicated.

Thousands of tons (unaudited)	For the year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
<b>Seamless Steel Pipe Sales</b>			
South America	324	490	435
North America	401	438	350
Europe	644	715	664
Middle East and Africa	522	582	451
Far East and Oceania	392	448	262
<b>Total Seamless Steel Pipe Sales</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>2,162</b>
<b>Welded Steel Pipe Sales</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>253</b>
<b>Total Steel Pipe Sales</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>2,415</b>

The following table shows Tenaris's total net sales by geographical region in terms of U.S. dollars for the periods indicated.

Millions of U.S. dollars	For the year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
South America	956	971	668
North America	577	612	422
Europe	830	681	591
Middle East and Africa	511	521	429
Far East and Oceania	345	390	252
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,174</b>	<b>2,361</b>



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The following table indicates the percentage market distribution of Tenaris' seamless steel pipe sales volume by region for the periods shown.

Percentage of total seamless steel pipe sales volume (unaudited)	For the year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
South America	14	18	20
North America	18	16	16
Europe	28	27	31
Middle East and Africa	23	22	21
Far East and Oceania	17	17	12
	100	100	100

*South America*

Sales to Tenaris' customers in South America accounted for 14% of Tenaris' total consolidated sales volume of seamless steel pipe products in 2002, 18% in 2001 and 20% in 2000.

Tenaris' largest markets in South America are Argentina and Venezuela, countries in which Tenaris has manufacturing subsidiaries. Tenaris' sales in the Argentine and Venezuelan markets are sensitive to the international price of oil and gas and its impact on the drilling activity of participants in the domestic oil and gas sectors, as well as to general economic conditions in these countries. In addition, sales in Argentina, as well as export sales from Tenaris' manufacturing facilities in Argentina, are affected by government actions and policies, including measures adopted in 2002 in response to the crisis in Argentina, such as the taxation of oil exports, restrictions on certain transfers of currency abroad, mandatory repatriation of certain export revenues and other matters affecting the investment climate. See Item 3.D. Risk Factors Risks Relating to Argentina and Mexico. Sales in Venezuela are also affected by government actions and policies and their consequences, including recent politically motivated strike action at the state-owned oil company, agreements to vary domestic production pursuant to quotas established by OPEC, measures relating to the taxation of oil and gas production activities and other matters affecting the investment climate.

A principal component of Tenaris' marketing strategy in the Argentine and Venezuelan markets is the establishment of long-term supply agreements with significant local and international oil and gas companies operating in those markets. In recent years, Tenaris has sought to retain and expand its sales to those customers by offering value-added services.

In Argentina, Tenaris has enjoyed a sustained, close business relationship with Repsol YPF S.A., an integrated oil and gas company engaged in all aspects of the oil and gas business. Repsol YPF, one of the world's ten largest oil and gas companies, was created as a result of the acquisition in 1999 of YPF S.A., the leading oil and gas producer in Argentina, by Repsol S.A., a Spanish oil and gas producer. Tenaris has strengthened its relationships with Repsol YPF and other participants in the Argentine oil sector through JIT agreements, which allow Tenaris to provide these customers with comprehensive pipe management services on a continuous basis. These agreements provide for delivery of pipe to our customers on short notice, usually within 72 hours. Under JIT and stocking supply arrangements, Tenaris is kept informed of its customers' drilling program and pipe requirements. In addition, Tenaris is permitted to bring its engineers to the customers' drilling locations in order to maintain adequately supplied warehouse inventories. In June 2001, Tenaris renewed and extended the scope of its JIT agreement with Repsol YPF for a period of five years.

Tenaris also serves the demand for seamless steel pipes for other applications in the Argentine market.

In 2002, demand from oil and gas customers in Argentina was adversely affected by the political and economic crisis and government actions, including the application of export taxes on oil exports and the non-adjustment of gas tariffs following the devaluation of the local currency. This led to a significant decline in sales particularly during

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the first half of the year compared to the levels in 2001. In the second half of the year, there was a pick-up in demand from the oil, but not the gas, sector and, albeit from very low levels, from the non-oil sector.

In Venezuela, Tenaris has a significant share of the market for OCTG products. Tenaris enjoys ongoing business relationships with Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., or PDVSA, the state-owned oil company, and many private-sector operators in the oil and gas sector. In 2001 and 2002, OPEC production quota cutbacks and adverse political and economic developments led to a substantial decline in exploration and production activity in the oil and gas sector. Additionally, PDVSA decided to implement a significant reduction in its inventories of seamless pipes. These factors led to a substantial decline in Tenaris' sales of seamless pipes in 2002 compared to the previous year and in January 2003 Tenaris' sales of seamless pipes to PDVSA effectively came to a halt following politically motivated strike action involving the state-owned company. Sales have, however, subsequently resumed and are slowly increasing.

*North America*

Sales to customers in North America accounted for 18% of Tenaris' total consolidated sales volume of seamless steel pipe products in 2002, 16% in 2001 and 16% in 2000.

Tenaris' largest markets in North America are Mexico and Canada, countries in which Tenaris has manufacturing subsidiaries.

Tenaris, through its operating subsidiary in Mexico, has enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship with Pemex, one of the world's largest crude oil and condensates producers. In 1994, Tenaris began supplying Pemex under JIT arrangements, similar to its JIT arrangements with Repsol YPF. In March 2001, Tenaris renewed its relationship with Pemex under a new three year JIT agreement. Combined sales to Pemex (including drilling companies contracted by Pemex) represented 4.4% of Tenaris' total seamless steel pipe sales volume in 2002, compared to 3.1% in 2001 and 3.5% in 2000.

Sales to non-oil related customers in Mexico are made directly to those customers or through authorized distributors. The principal Mexican end users other than Pemex (including drilling companies contracted by Pemex) rely on Tenaris' products primarily for automotive, thermal, mechanical, conduction and hydraulic uses. In 2001 and continuing in 2002, Tenaris' sales to domestic non-oil related customers declined reflecting the direct relationship this market maintains with the Mexican and U.S. economies, which experienced a slowdown during 2001 and 2002.

Tenaris' sales in Canada are mainly directed to the oil and gas drilling and transportation sectors and are primarily made through distributors. During 2001, Tenaris' sales in Canada increased following a recovery in oil and gas drilling activity and the start-up of our Canadian subsidiary. In 2002, demand from the oil and gas sector declined due to low levels of oil and particularly gas prices immediately prior to and during the winter drilling season that led to a sharp slowdown in the annual level of drilling activity. Sales to Canadian oil and gas drilling customers are also affected by seasonal factors relating to the difficulty of conducting oil and gas drilling activities during the spring thaw.

Tenaris' sales to the United States are mainly directed to the industrial sector and are affected by trends in industrial activity since anti-dumping duties apply in respect of the import of OCTGs produced by Tenaris' main manufacturing subsidiaries.

*Europe*

Sales to Tenaris' customers in Europe accounted for 28% of Tenaris' total consolidated sales volume of seamless steel pipe products in 2002, 27% in 2001 and 31% in 2000.

Tenaris' largest single country market in Europe is Italy. The market for seamless pipes in Italy (as in most of the EU) is affected by general industrial production trends, including investment in power generation, petrochemical and oil refining facilities. The European market also includes the North Sea area, which is affected by oil and gas prices in the international markets and their consequent impact on oil and gas drilling activities in that area.

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In response to competitive pressures, particularly the increase in low-priced imports from producers in Russia, Ukraine and other Eastern European countries, and consequent decline in market share in the period 1999-2001, Tenaris has recently completed a restructuring of its sales activities in the Italian market. This restructuring involved the substitution of sales to large distributors with direct sales to end users and sales to small regional distributors and implementing an electronic sales platform on its website. These efforts to restructure its sales were supported by increased provision of services, such as JIT delivery and cutting-to-length, and the implementation of customer relationship management systems to help Tenaris manage the increased number of direct customers. These efforts initially resulted in a loss of market share which in 2002 was more than recouped. Tenaris plans to extend this restructuring of its sales activities to the rest of the European industrial market.

After showing small increases in the previous two years, we estimate that apparent consumption of seamless pipes in the EU market fell by approximately 10% during 2002 compared to the levels of 2001 in response to declining levels of investment in industrial activity.

### *Middle East and Africa*

Sales to customers in the Middle East and Africa accounted for 23% of Tenaris' s total consolidated sales volume of seamless steel pipe products in 2002, 22% in 2001 and 21% in 2000.

Tenaris' s sales in the Middle East and Africa are sensitive to the international price of oil and its impact on drilling activities as well as to the production policies pursued by OPEC, many of whose members are located in this region. After a downturn in 1998 and 1999 as a result of the decline in oil prices, drilling activity in the Middle East and Africa began to recover in 2000 and sales of seamless steel pipes have increased. In 2001, an increase in oil and gas exploration and production activity in 2001 (particularly in West Africa) resulted in higher sales of seamless pipes, a trend which was reversed at the end of 2002.

In addition, Tenaris' s sales in the Middle East and Africa could be adversely affected by political events, military action and other events in the region, such as the war in Iraq and social unrest in Nigeria, that materially impact the operations of companies active in the region' s oil and gas industry.

### *Far East and Oceania*

Sales to customers in the Far East and Oceania accounted for 17% of Tenaris' s total consolidated sales volume of seamless steel pipe products in 2002, 17% in 2001 and 12% in 2000.

Tenaris' s largest markets in the Far East and Oceania are China and Japan. Tenaris' s seamless steel pipe sales in China are predominantly OCTGs for use in the Chinese oil and gas drilling industry. Sales have grown in this market in the past years as China increased investment in oil and gas exploration and production activities. In 2002, there was a slight decline in sales due to temporary import restrictions, now removed, associated with the consideration of whether to apply safeguards similar to the Section 201 safeguards imposed by the United States on certain steel products.

In Japan, NKK Tubes competes against other domestic producers. The market for seamless steel pipe products in Japan is mostly industrial and depends on general factors affecting domestic investment, including production activity. In recent years, demand has weakened in line with the general downturn in the Japanese economy.

Sales to other markets in the Far East and Oceania are affected by the level of oil and gas drilling activity in countries such as Indonesia and engineering activity particularly related to investment in petrochemical plants and oil refineries.

### ***Welded Steel Pipes***

We believe that Tenaris is the leading supplier of welded pipes in Brazil and Argentina for gas pipeline construction and industrial applications and the leading supplier of welded steel pipe products for gas pipeline construction in South America. Tenaris also supplies welded steel pipes to selected gas pipeline construction projects worldwide.

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Demand for Tenaris' welded steel pipes is principally affected by investment in gas pipeline projects, especially in South America. In 2002 and in 2001, sales of welded steel pipes were strong, reflecting a period of high demand for such products in connection with the construction of large pipeline projects in South America, such as those in Ecuador and Peru, as well as ongoing pipeline network integration projects in the region. Deliveries of welded steel pipes to those projects in Ecuador and Peru have now been substantially completed but demand from oil and gas pipeline projects in Tenaris' local market of Brazil has increased beginning in 2003. In 2000, demand for welded steel pipe products was substantially below levels of previous years due to the postponement of several regional gas pipeline projects.

***Trends in Oil and Gas Prices***

As discussed above, sales to oil and gas companies worldwide represent a high percentage of Tenaris' total sales and demand for seamless steel pipes from the global oil and gas industry is a significant factor affecting the general level of prices for our products. Downward pressures on oil and gas prices in the international markets usually result in lower demand for our seamless steel pipe products from Tenaris' oil and gas customers and, in some circumstances, upward pressures can result in higher demand from these customers.

Major oil and gas producing nations and companies frequently collaborate to control the supply (and thus the price) of oil in the international markets. A major vehicle for this collaboration is OPEC. Many of Tenaris' larger customers are state-owned companies in member countries of OPEC, or otherwise cooperate with OPEC in controlling the supply and price of oil.

In response to depressed oil prices in 1998, major oil producing countries began to cooperate closely and intensely to raise prices. In March 1998, Mexico, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, encouraged by proposals of other oil producers to strengthen world oil markets, announced that they would reduce the oil supply. A second reduction was agreed upon in June 1998. In March 1999, OPEC and several non-OPEC oil producers ratified an agreement to cut crude oil production by 2,104,000 barrels per day in the aggregate. Oil prices increased significantly as a result of these production cuts. Subsequently, oil consuming nations began to pressure OPEC to raise production to ease the upward pressure on oil prices. In April 2000, OPEC announced an increase in production by 1,452,000 barrels per day. This was followed by additional increases of 708,000 barrels per day in June 2000, 800,000 barrels per day in September 2000 and 500,000 barrels per day in October 2000. In 2001, in response to weakening price pressures, OPEC (excluding Iran) announced a reduction in production of 1,500,000 barrels per day, effective February 1, 2001; of 1,000,000 barrels per day, effective April 1, 2001; of 1,000,000 barrels a day, effective September 1, 2001; and of 1,500,000 barrels a day, effective January 1, 2002. More recently, in response to supply tightness resulting from the threat of military action against Iraq and strike action in Venezuela, OPEC announced an increase of 1,300,000 barrels per day, effective January 1, 2003, an increase of 1,500,000 barrels per day, effective February 1, 2003 and a further increase of 900,000 barrels per day, effective June 1, 2003. We are unable to forecast the direction of international oil and gas prices in the future, and the consequent impact on investment programs and purchases, including pipe purchases, by Tenaris' oil and gas customers.

***Energy***

Tenaris, through an indirect subsidiary formed in 1999, Dalmine Energie, has developed a small energy business in Italy, following the partial deregulation of the energy sector by the Italian government. Initially formed to supply electricity to Dalmine and to other users in the Bergamo area, Dalmine Energie has rapidly expanded and currently supplies electricity to many industrial companies in northern and central Italy. Dalmine Energie purchases electricity principally from *GRTN Gestore della Rete di Trasmissione Nazionale S.p.A.*, or GRTN, formerly known as Enel Distribuzione S.p.A., at wholesale market prices under volume and delivery conditions that closely match those at which it sells to its customers. Dalmine Energie enjoyed a high operating margin in its first year of business due to its position as a first mover, but in 2001 its operating margins declined as the business matured and competition increased. In December 2001, Dalmine Energie began operating in the natural gas business. Dalmine Energie purchases its natural gas requirements from Snam S.p.A. under a long-term contract that expires on October 1, 2011, which contains annual, quarterly and daily take-or-pay provisions and had an outstanding value, as of December 31, 2002, of approximately 680 million. At December 31, 2002, Dalmine Energie had approximately 450 customers and traded 2.7 Twh (billions of kilowatt/hour) of electricity and 579 million standard cubic meters, or scm, of natural gas.

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Dalmine Energie recognizes revenue only upon delivery of electricity and gas and other services to its customers. Revenues are calculated based on actual consumption, which is measured by meter readings carried out at set intervals. Of its 275 million in revenues in 2002 (compared to 165 million in 2001), 19% were derived from sales to Dalmine (24.7% in 2001) and the remainder represented sales to third parties (of which 64% represented sales of electricity and the remainder represented sales of natural gas).

### ***Other products***

Prior to the reorganization of Tenaris Global Services as a subsidiary of Tenaris in October 2002, some of the subsidiary companies representative offices and other assets of Tenaris Global Services were involved in the sale and marketing of other steel products (principally sales in North America and Europe of steel products produced by Sidor and Siderar, a Techint group company producing flat steel in Argentina). Sales of these products are recorded in Tenaris's consolidated combined financial statements. Since October 2002, Tenaris has been in the process of discontinuing such sales.

### **Competition**

#### ***Global Market***

The global market for seamless steel pipe products is highly competitive, with the primary competitive factors being price, quality and service. Seamless steel pipe products are produced in specialized mills using round steel billets and ingots, which are produced almost exclusively for seamless steel pipe applications. Steel companies that manufacture steel sheet and wire rods and bars and other steel products but do not operate specialized seamless steel mills are generally not competitors in the market for seamless steel pipe products, although they often produce welded steel pipes or sell steel sheets and plates used to produce welded steel pipe.

The production of seamless steel pipe products that meet the stringent requirements of major oil and gas companies requires the development of specialized skills and significant investments in manufacturing facilities. By contrast, the seamless pipe products for standard applications can be produced in most seamless pipe mills worldwide and sometimes compete with welded pipe products for such applications. Welded pipe, however, is not generally considered a satisfactory substitute for seamless steel pipe in high-pressure or high-stress applications, which constitute a significant source of our business.

Tenaris's principal competitors in the international seamless steel pipe markets can be grouped by origin as described below.

*Japan.* Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd. and Kawasaki Steel in the aggregate enjoy a significant share of the international market, having established strong positions in markets in the Far East and the Middle East. They are internationally recognized for the high quality of their products and for their supply of high-alloy grade pipe products. In April 2001, Nippon Steel Corporation, in connection with ongoing rationalization measures, withdrew from the export market for seamless steel pipe products and shut down its seamless steel pipe facility in Yawata, Japan. On September 27, 2002, Kawasaki Steel and NKK, Tenaris's partner in NKKTubes, consummated a business combination through which they became subsidiaries of JFE. JFE continues to operate the former Kawasaki Steel's seamless steel pipe business in competition with NKKTubes.

*Western Europe.* Vallourec & Mannesman Tubes, or V&M Tubes, a Franco-German venture, has mills in Brazil, France, Germany and the United States. V&M Tubes has a strong presence in the European market for seamless pipes for industrial use and a significant market share in the international market with customers primarily in Europe, the United States and the Middle East. V&M Tubes is an important competitor in the international OCTG market, particularly for high-value premium joint products. In May 2002, V&M Tubes purchased the seamless tubes division of North Star Steel, a leading U.S. producer of OCTGs for the domestic market. Tubos Reunidos S.A. of Spain and Voest Alpine AG of Austria each has a significant presence in the European market for seamless steel pipes for industrial applications while the

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latter also has a presence in the international OCTG market with sales mostly directed to the United States and the Commonwealth of Independent States, or CIS.

*United States.* U.S. steel producers, including US Steel Corporation and North Star Steel, are largely focused on supplying the U.S. market. Some of them, however, periodically enter the international market in response to decreased domestic demand or perceived opportunities in the export markets. As mentioned above, V&M Tubes purchased in May 2002 the seamless tubes division of North Star Steel.

*Eastern Europe, CIS and China.* Producers from these regions compete in the commodity sector of the market and have been increasing their participation in the international market for standard products where quality and service are not the prime consideration.

***Domestic Markets***

Tenaris competes against importers of seamless steel pipe products and, to a lesser extent, against welded steel pipe products in the domestic markets of its manufacturing subsidiaries in Argentina, Venezuela, Mexico and Canada (countries in which it is the sole domestic producer) and against domestic, regional and other competitors in Italy and Japan.

Producers of seamless steel pipe products can maintain a strong competitive position in their domestic markets due to logistical and other advantages which permit them to offer value-added services and maintain strong relationships with domestic customers, particularly in the oil and gas sector. Tenaris's subsidiaries have established strong ties with major consumers of steel pipe products in their home markets, reinforced by JIT arrangements as discussed above.

***Argentina***

Siderca is the sole producer of seamless steel pipe in Argentina. Accordingly, Tenaris's competition in the Argentine seamless steel pipe products market is limited to imported products manufactured by foreign companies.

In recent years, Tenaris has faced increased competitive challenges from outside Argentina as a result of the Argentine government's trade liberalization policies. In early 1991, the Argentine government reduced import tariffs and eliminated most non-tariff restrictions on trade as part of an effort to open the Argentine economy to foreign competition. Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay entered into the Treaty of Asunción in March 1991, formally establishing Mercosur, a common market organization composed of the four signatory nations. The Mercosur treaty and other subsequent related agreements provide for the gradual economic integration of the member countries, the creation of a free trade zone, the elimination or significant reduction, in some cases over a period of years, of import duties, tariffs and other barriers to trade among the four nations and the creation of a common external tariff. Tariffs on seamless steel pipe products were eliminated progressively by January 1, 1999, between Brazil and Argentina and by January 1, 2000, among all four member nations. The tariff applicable to seamless steel pipe products imported from outside Mercosur was 16% as of January 1, 2002. In addition, a supplemental tariff of 1.5% currently applies to these imports.

***Venezuela***

Tenaris competes in the Venezuelan market as a domestic producer and as a foreign supplier with imported products manufactured by non-Venezuelan companies.

Venezuela applies tariffs ranging from 5% to 15% on steel imports, including seamless steel pipe products, from countries with which it does not have free trade agreements. In April 2002, the Venezuelan government increased its standard tariff from 20% to 30% for a temporary period of four months. This tariff was subsequently extended on two occasions and is now scheduled to expire in October 2003. No tariff applies to steel imports from member countries of the Andean pact or from Chile, and imports from Mexico are subject to a reduced tariff. As a result of an antidumping investigation, Venezuela imposed antidumping duties of 87.0% on steel pipe imports from Japan in 1996. The preliminary determination was confirmed in June 2000 and continues to apply.



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*Mexico*

Tamsa is the only producer of seamless steel pipe in Mexico. Accordingly, Tenaris's competition in the Mexican market is limited to imported products manufactured by foreign companies.

Competition in the Mexican market has been increasing in recent years, as the Mexican government has entered into free trade agreements that reduce trade barriers and gradually eliminate tariffs on steel imports from these countries, including seamless steel pipes. In December 1992, Mexico became party to NAFTA, which became effective in January 1994. Under NAFTA, duties on OCTG products have been reduced from 15% in 1993 to their current level of 0%, since the beginning of 2003. In 2000, Mexico signed a trade agreement with the EU, as a result of which EU seamless steel pipe imports have been subject to a 7% duty since 2002. This duty will be gradually eliminated by 2007.

In addition to the NAFTA and EU agreements, the Mexican government has signed trade agreements with various countries such as Chile, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Uruguay. Mexico also participates with Colombia and Venezuela in the Group of Three, or the G-3. Under the G-3 agreements, duties on seamless steel pipes are being eliminated by means of a reduction of 1.08% and 0.72% (depending on the product) per year over a ten-year period beginning in 1995. Furthermore, under the agreement, there is an acceleration clause allowing acceleration of the tariff reduction as deemed convenient upon acceptance by two of the parties. Beginning July 1, 2002, the import tariff for the G-3 was set at 2.1% and 1.4% depending on the product. Presently, Mexican products exported to Chile are not subject to any import tariff.

On January 1, 1999, a new tariff of 18% became applicable to seamless steel pipe from other countries with which Mexico does not have trade agreements; this represents an increase of 3 percentage points from the previous tariff of 15%, which had been effective since 1989. The tariff was temporarily increased for some steel products (including seamless pipes) to 25% in September 2001 and again to 35% in March 2002, and remained at 35% until September 2002, at which point it was reduced to 25%. The tariff is scheduled to be reduced to 18% in September 2003.

On October 5, 1993, Tamsa formally requested that the Mexican *Secretaría de Economía*, or SECON (formerly SECOFI), initiate an antidumping investigation into the importation of seamless steel commercial pipes from the United States. On October 11, 1995, SECON published a final determination, which continues to apply, imposing a tariff of 82.4% on specified seamless steel cold-drawn pipes from the United States. On May 22, 2001, SECON published in the Official Gazette a resolution revoking the antidumping duties against cold-drawn carbon steel pipes produced in the United States.

On March 11, 1999, Tamsa formally requested that SECON initiate an antidumping investigation into the import of seamless steel line pipes from Japan. This investigation led to the imposition of preliminary dumping duties of 99.9% in November 1999, and to definitive duties in the same amount in November 2000, that continue to apply to these products.

*Canada*

Tenaris makes domestic sales in Canada through AlgomaTubes, the sole producer of seamless steel pipe in Canada, as well as export sales to Canada by Tenaris's other manufacturing companies. In both cases, Tenaris competes in the Canadian market against other Canadian welded pipe producers and against other importers of seamless and welded pipe. Canada does not impose significant tariffs on seamless steel pipe imports, creating a competitive market that resembles the international markets for those products.

*Italy*

In Italy and elsewhere in the EU, Tenaris competes against European and non-European producers of seamless steel pipe products, most notably V&M Tubes. In Italy, Dalmine faces additional competition in the commercial, gas and standard pipe sector from Pietra S.p.A, a privately-owned Italian tube producer.

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As import barriers have fallen, the Italian and other EU markets for seamless steel pipe products have become increasingly competitive. During 2002, imports of seamless pipes into the EU from countries outside of the EU, which maintained their share of the market in products of medium-to-low quality, were again strong. Tenaris' sales in Italy were adversely affected by these imports because they were often offered at prices significantly lower than Tenaris' prices. In February 2000, the European Commission granted the requests of the European seamless pipe industry and acknowledged that competing exports from Ukraine and Croatia were being dumped into the EU and were causing serious injury to EU manufacturers. As a result, substantial antidumping duties and restrictions were imposed on both these countries. This action followed a successful similar proceeding brought by the European seamless steel pipe industry against producers in Russia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary, which resulted in antidumping penalties and other equitable remedies in November 1997. These measures, which are still being enforced in spite of having expired in 2002, are currently under review by the European Commission.

### *Japan*

NKK Tubes is a leading producer of seamless steel pipes in Japan. In the domestic market, it competes against Sumitomo Metal, Kawasaki Steel and Nippon Steel. On September 27, 2002, Kawasaki Steel and NKK, Siderca's partner in NKK Tubes, consummated a business combination through which they became subsidiaries of JFE. JFE continues to operate the former Kawasaki Steel's seamless steel pipe business in competition with NKK Tubes.

## **Capital Expenditure Program**

In recent years, Tenaris has undertaken a major round of capital investment projects at its three integrated facilities in Argentina, Mexico and Italy. The focus of these major capital investment projects has been to upgrade these facilities to state-of-the-art status in terms of automation and quality control, and to expand Tenaris' capacity to produce premium quality and other high-grade products.

At Tenaris' Campana facility in Argentina, as a result of a three year program completed in 2000 at a cost of approximately USD160 million, Tenaris added new heat treatment facilities, completed the modernization of the steel shop, expanded rolling mill capacity that allowed production of products with restricted tolerances, expanded the finishing line for premium joints and added processes in the mid-range cold rolling mill to simplify production flows and optimize manufacturing times. Subsequently, Tenaris added a new threading line for premium joints, installed a phosphorus coating plant, expanded coupling producing facilities and installed electromagnetic stirring capabilities.

At Tenaris' Veracruz facility in Mexico, approximately USD144 million was invested in the capital expenditure program over the last three years with a focus on automation, production, benchmarking, mill compliance and increased capacity for value-added products. Tenaris completed improvements in the melt shop and in the continuous casting process, which involved the installation of a new vacuum degassing system, a new vibramold oscillator and touch-panel control systems that monitor each phase of the production process throughout the entire Veracruz facility. In addition, in the finishing areas, Tenaris completed improvements for wall thickness assurance and threading and finishing lines, and added a new hydraulic testing system and a new straightening machine. Tenaris also expanded and modernized the heat treatment facilities, raising capacity for heat-treated pipes by 20% from 375,000 tons per year to 450,000 tons per year, by expanding the existing furnaces and adding a quenching head, a straightening machine, a finishing line and additional floor space to the heat treatment area. In addition, Tenaris completed the construction of a 12,000 square meter office complex and made investments in its auto components facility, which has an annual production capacity of five million parts. Tenaris continued to make investments in its environmental compliance program, including investments in a waste-monitoring system, as well as in an Enterprise Resource Program and the SAP/R3 in the administration, financing and purchasing departments.

At Tenaris' Dalmine facility in Italy, approximately 158 million was invested over the past four years as part of a major overhaul capital expenditure program. Tenaris gave particular attention to automation, mill compliance, production cost reduction, quality enhancement and new product development. In the melt shop and in the continuous casting machines, Tenaris nearly finished implementation of a new automation system and enhanced process control. In addition, to satisfy higher quality demand, Tenaris invested in vacuum degassing and new electromagnetic stirring and refurbished various equipment. Tenaris completely redesigned the small diameter pipe

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mill to attain higher productivity and achieve better quality. Tenaris also substituted all the control and finishing lines with a new automated production line up to the pipe packing stage. This enhanced line can process pipes up to 24 meters long. In the medium size pipe mill, Tenaris invested in new automation and process control, redesigning the control pulpits with touch-panel control systems. Tenaris also heavily renovated the mill to enable it to produce heavier and longer pipes with higher productivity and better yield. In addition, Tenaris refurbished all the finishing lines and the heat treatment to reduce production costs, achieve better quality and comply with new products requirements. Tenaris made similar investments in its other facilities located in Italy.

As part of Tenaris' capital expenditure program, Tenaris makes regular expenditures at all of its facilities to respond to changes in market environment, maintain flexible operations and improve environmental and safety conditions. The total amount spent by Tenaris for capital expenditure programs in 2002 was USD124.6 million.

Capital expenditure projects planned for 2003 include further enhancements to the premium joint finishing lines at the Campana facility, enhancement of the cold-rolling mill and coupling production facilities at the Veracruz facility, improving the medium sized rolling mill's productivity and finishing line dimensional tolerances at Dalmine, updating automation and process control at NKK Tubes, increasing finishing line capacity at Algoma Tubes, and new heat treatment facilities at Confab.

### ***Information Technology***

In addition to Tenaris' capital expenditures at its plants, Tenaris has invested in the integration of its production, commercial and managerial activities. These investments are intended to promote the further integration of Tenaris' operating facilities and enhance Tenaris' ability to provide value-added services to its customers worldwide. These investments include:

- the installation of new globally integrated commercial systems to improve customer service capabilities, including an order tracking system available to major customers via Internet;

- the establishment of a specialized procurement company with an internet portal to reduce purchasing costs and enhance logistics;

- the establishment of a new centralized data center to improve the quality, speed and reliability of the information and IT services; and

- the implementation of various IT improvements.

During 2002 these investments totaled USD14.6 million. The specialized procurement company, known as Exiros, is owned by Lomond Holdings, in which Tenaris holds 75% of the shares, and Siderar, which holds 25%. Through this company and the Exiros portal, Tenaris has centralized its procurement activities and provides procurement agency services to Siderar and other industrial companies principally in Latin America. Tenaris is currently in the process of acquiring from Siderar the remaining 25% in Lomond Holdings for a total of USD304 thousand.

### **Subsidiaries**

Tenaris operates primarily through subsidiary companies. For a complete list of Tenaris' subsidiaries and a description of Tenaris' investments in other companies, see notes B and 10 to Tenaris' audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report.

#### ***Seamless Steel Pipe Manufacturers***

##### ***Siderca***

Tenaris or its predecessors have held a large majority position in Siderca since that company's inception in 1948. Pursuant to the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, we acquired an additional 27.94% of Siderca's outstanding capital stock, reaching a 99.11% direct and indirect holding in Siderca. On April 24, 2003, we

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completed a unilateral acquisition under Argentine law of the remaining minority shareholders' stock and, as a result, Siderca became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Siderca is the sole producer of seamless steel pipe products in Argentina.

*Tamsa*

In June 1993, through a subsidiary of Siderca that held a 5.65% interest in Tamsa, Tenaris invested USD67.1 million to acquire an additional 17.51% interest in Tamsa. Since this investment, Tenaris, directly or indirectly, has made additional purchases of Tamsa's ordinary stock. Pursuant to the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, we acquired 43.73% of Tamsa's ordinary stock. On April 30, 2003, Tamsa cancelled 3,650,000 shares of Tamsa held by its subsidiary Tamsider and, as a result, our ownership of Tamsa's total outstanding capital stock was reduced to 94.44%. As of May 30, 2003, Tenaris beneficially owned directly or indirectly 94.44% of Tamsa's ordinary stock. Tamsa is the sole producer of seamless steel pipe products in Mexico.

*Dalmine*

In February 1996, through a subsidiary of Siderca, Tenaris's predecessor acquired a 37.15% interest in Dalmine. Since this initial investment, Tenaris or its predecessors, directly or indirectly, have made additional purchases of Dalmine's ordinary stock. Pursuant to the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, we acquired 41.19% of Dalmine's ordinary stock. We have, since that date, engaged in various open-market transactions in accordance with applicable law through which we acquired an additional 1.6% of Dalmine's ordinary stock, reaching a 90.0% direct and indirect holding in Dalmine. On March 11, 2003, we announced that since we held in excess of 90.0% of Dalmine's outstanding stock, we plan to launch, in accordance with Italian regulations, a public tender offer for the remaining shares of Dalmine. On May 27, 2003, the Italian securities regulator determined the price that we are required to offer in the tender offer for the remaining Dalmine shares. On June 23, 2003, we launched the tender offer in Italy, which is scheduled to expire on July 11, 2003. Dalmine is the leading producer of seamless steel products in Italy and a leading producer of seamless steel products in the EU.

*Tavsa*

On October 9, 1998, Tamsa and the Venezuelan government entered into a joint venture agreement, pursuant to which Tamsa acquired 70% of Tavsa, a company formed to run the seamless pipe business formerly part of Sidor, for an initial equity contribution of USD11.7 million. The Venezuelan government holds the remaining 30% of Tavsa. In June 2000, Tamsa made an additional cash contribution of USD4.4 million.

*AlgomaTubes*

On June 14, 2000, Siderca and Algoma Steel entered into an agreement pursuant to which Siderca, through its newly incorporated Canadian subsidiary, AlgomaTubes, leases and operates Algoma Steel's seamless steel pipe manufacturing facilities in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. The lease agreement, which came into effect on October 1, 2000, has a term of 20 years, and contemplates a purchase option by Siderca. Siderca also has the right to terminate the lease at any time upon 24 months' notice or, in specified circumstances, upon shorter notice. AlgomaTubes is the sole seamless steel pipe producer in Canada. On May 23, 2003, Tenaris announced that it had signed a letter of intent to purchase for a price of 12.5 million Canadian dollars land and manufacturing facilities in Canada currently leased by AlgomaTubes. The purchase is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year but remains subject to an agreement with the United Steelworkers of America and various approvals by the Canadian government.

*NKKTubes*

On May 24, 2000, Siderca and NKK agreed to form a new company, NKKTubes, to take over NKK's seamless steel pipe business. Siderca and NKK own 51% and 49% respectively of NKKTubes, which began operations on August 1, 2000. In connection with the NKKTubes joint venture, NKK agreed to license to Tenaris its manufacturing technology, patents and trademarks for manufacturing steel (for use in the manufacturing of seamless steel pipe) and seamless steel pipe. NKK also agreed to license its manufacturing technology, patents and trademarks for making

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premium connections to Tenaris. Amounts accrued under these agreements were Japanese yen 174.6 million in 2002, Japanese yen 112.2 million and USD0.8 million in 2001 and Japanese yen 548.6 million and USD0.1 million in 2000. In February 2002, Tenaris acquired NKK's manufacturing, technology, patents and trademarks for making premium connections for USD1.9 million. In connection with NKK and Kawasaki Steel's business combination, effective on September 27, 2002, NKK's 49% interest in NKK Tubes was transferred to a subsidiary of JFE. In addition, Siderca and NKK signed on September 25, 2002 an agreement that amends certain provisions of the various agreements relating to the creation and governance of NKK Tubes. On April 1, 2003, the licensing agreements relating to NKK's technology were terminated. Under the terms of the termination agreement, Tenaris will not have access to NKK's technology and know-how in the future but will continue to use the technology and know-how already licensed to it. In addition, the termination of the licensing agreements would not affect Tenaris's rights to the NKK range of premium connections, which Tenaris acquired in 2002. For a discussion of NKK and Kawasaki Steel's business combination, see Item 4.A. Information on the Company Competition Global Market Japan.

***Welded Steel Pipe Manufacturers******Siat***

In 1986, Tenaris acquired through Siderca 100% of Siat. Since this initial investment, Siderca has exercised control of Siat. In December 1992, Siderca transferred a 30% interest in Siat to Confab in exchange for a 30% interest in Confab's then subsidiary, Confab Tubos S.A.

***Confab***

In August 1999, Tenaris acquired through Siderca a 38.99% interest (99.22% of voting capital) in Confab for USD43.5 million. Since this initial investment, Siderca has exercised control of Confab. In addition to its main welded tubes business, Confab also manufactures and sells industrial equipment of various specifications and for diverse applications, including liquid and gas storage equipment, standard and high-pressure vessels, pulping equipment and direct fire heaters.

***Tenaris Global Services***

Over a number of years, San Faustín or its predecessor established various companies, representative offices and other assets around the world that provide sales and marketing services primarily to the Tenaris companies. On October 18, 2002, these companies, representative offices and other assets were separated from the Techint commercial network, an extensive commercial network with operations worldwide providing sales and marketing services to the Techint group, and reorganized as subsidiaries, representative offices and other assets of Tenaris Global Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tenaris. Furthermore, effective as of December 17, 2002, all the export agency agreements that the Tenaris companies were parties to with companies in the Techint commercial network not subject to the reorganization described above were assigned to Tenaris Global Services or its subsidiaries.

***Dalmine Energie***

Dalmine Energie was established in 1999 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dalmine. Initially formed to supply electricity to Dalmine and to other industrial users, it has rapidly expanded and currently supplies electricity to many industrial companies in northern and central Italy.

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***Metalmecánica***

Tenaris also has a 100% interest in Metalmecánica, an Argentine manufacturer of oil well sucker rods, couplings and accessories. Metalmecánica has production facilities in the Argentine province of San Luis and is the leading producer of sucker rods for the oil and gas industry in Latin America. Metalmecánica has an annual production capacity of 800,000 sucker rods and also produces couplings, accessories, weighted and polished bars all to the high specifications demanded by the oil and gas industry.

***Other Investments***

***Amazonia***

In January 1998, Amazonia purchased a 70.0% equity interest in Sidor from the Venezuelan government, which retained the remaining 30%. Tamsider held an initial 12.5% equity interest in Amazonia, which increased to 14.1% in March 2000 as a result of additional investments described below. As of December 31, 2002, Tamsider's equity interest in Amazonia remained at 14.1%.

In connection with the 2003 restructuring of Sidor and Amazonia's debt discussed below, Tamsider is in the process of purchasing a 24.4% equity interest in Ylopa. After the consummation of the restructuring on June 20, 2003, Tamsider capitalized in Amazonia a convertible subordinated loan made to Amazonia in connection with the 2000 restructuring described below and, as a result, increased its participation in Amazonia to a 14.5% equity interest, and Ylopa held new debt instruments of Amazonia convertible, at Ylopa's option at any time after June 20, 2005, into a 67.4% equity interest of Amazonia. In addition, the Venezuelan government's ownership in Sidor increased to 40.3%, while Amazonia's beneficial ownership in Sidor decreased to 59.7%. As part of the June 2003 restructuring, all the Amazonia shares, as well as all the shares of Sidor held by Amazonia, were placed in trust with Banesco Banco Universal, as trustee.

Sidor, located in the city of Guayana in southeast Venezuela, is the largest integrated steel producer in Venezuela and the sixth largest integrated steel producer in Latin America, with an installed capacity of more than 3.5 million tons of liquid steel per year. Sidor shipped 2.9 million tons of steel in 2001, and 3.2 million tons in 2002.

Sidor has experienced significant financial losses and other problems since the acquisition by Amazonia in January 1998, despite a significant reduction in Sidor's workforce and management's efforts to improve the production process and reduce operating costs. In 1999, due to negative conditions in the international steel market, a sustained and intensifying domestic recession in Venezuela, deteriorating conditions in the credit markets, an increase in the value of the Venezuelan currency relative to the U.S. dollar and other adverse factors, Sidor and Amazonia incurred substantial losses and were unable to make payments due under loan agreements with their respective creditors. In 2000, these loan agreements were restructured. Despite continued efforts by Sidor's management to improve technology and optimize production levels, in late 2001 Sidor and Amazonia were again unable to make payments due under the restructured loan agreements, following a continuation and aggravation of the same negative factors described above accompanied by increased competition from steel imports in Venezuela. As of December 31, 2002, Sidor had approximately USD1.58 billion of indebtedness (secured in part by fixed assets valued at USD827 million as determined at the time Sidor's loans were restructured in March 2000) and Amazonia had approximately USD313 million of indebtedness.

*2000 Restructuring.* As a result of the adverse trends discussed above, in connection with the restructuring concluded in 2000 Tamsider made additional capital contributions to Amazonia, while recording significant losses in the value of its investment. In addition to its initial capital contribution of USD87.8 million, Tamsider was required to make capital contributions to Amazonia in the amount of USD36.1 million (of which USD18.1 million was an additional capital contribution and USD18.0 million took the form of a convertible subordinated loan to Amazonia). The value of Tamsider's investments (as recorded in our audited consolidated financial statements) has decreased significantly since 1998, from USD94.2 million as of December 31, 1998, to USD13.2 million as of December 31, 2002. Due to Sidor's financial situation, as described above, at December 31, 2001, Tamsider recorded a valuation allowance in the amount of MXP154,688 thousand in order to reduce the value of its investment in Amazonia and the subordinated convertible debentures.

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*Expiration of Performance Bond.* The Sidor purchase agreement between Amazonia and the Venezuelan government required the shareholders of Amazonia, including Tamsider, to indemnify the government for breaches by Amazonia of the Sidor purchase agreement up to a maximum amount of USD150 million, for five years from the acquisition. In connection with this indemnity, the shareholders of Amazonia were required to maintain a performance bond (which Tamsa guaranteed directly in proportion to its interest in Amazonia) for five years, beginning in 1998, in the amount of USD150 million during the first three years, USD125 million in the fourth year and USD75 million in the fifth year. The guarantee expired in January 2003.

*2003 Restructuring.* On June 20, 2003, Sidor, Amazonia and their creditors (including the Venezuelan government) consummated a restructuring of the Sidor and Amazonia debt. Under the terms of the restructuring:

Ylopa purchased all of Amazonia's bank debt and a portion of Sidor's bank debt for a total amount of USD133.5 million;

Sidor purchased a portion of its own bank debt for a total amount of USD37.9 million;

the remainder of Sidor's bank debt was refinanced and the lenders agreed to the payment by Sidor of lower interest rates and a longer tenor;

Ylopa assigned to Amazonia all of the debt it purchased in exchange for debt instruments of Amazonia convertible into a 67.4% equity interest in Amazonia at Ylopa's option;

the Venezuelan government capitalized half of the debt owed to it by Sidor and consequently increased its equity ownership interest in Sidor to 40.3%;

the remainder of the debt owed to the Venezuelan government was refinanced;

certain agreements entered to in connection with the 2000 restructuring were terminated and the Amazonia shareholders, including Tamsider, were released from:

the guarantees they had provided with respect to the principal and a portion of the interest payable under the loan made to Sidor by the Venezuelan government;

their obligations under a certain put agreement that previously required them to purchase up to USD25 million in loans payable by Amazonia to its private lenders; *and*

their obligations under a letter to these lenders contemplating the possibility of additional capital contributions of up to USD20 million in the event of extreme financial distress of Sidor; *and*

beginning in 2004, but in no event before the first USD11 million of Sidor's excess cash (determined in accordance with the restructuring documents) has been applied to repay Sidor's bank debt, 30.0% of Sidor's distributable excess cash for each year (determined in accordance with the restructuring documents) will be applied to repay Sidor's restructured debt, and any remaining distributable excess cash for such year will be paid as follows:

59.7% to Ylopa (until 2012 or such earlier year in which Ylopa has received an aggregate amount of USD324 million) or Amazonia (after expiration of Ylopa's right to receive Sidor's remaining distributable excess cash), as the case may be, *and*

40.3% to the Venezuelan government.

Tenaris, through Tamsider, participated in the 2003 restructuring by making an aggregate cash contribution (mainly in the form of subordinated convertible debt) of USD32.9 million to Ylopa and by capitalizing in Amazonia convertible debt previously held by Tamsa in the amount of USD18.0 million plus accrued interest. Tenaris's

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indirect participation in Amazonia increased from 14.1% to 14.5% and may further increase up to 21.2% if and when all of its subordinated convertible debt is converted into equity.

Following completion of the restructuring between Sidor, Amazonia and their creditors (including the Venezuelan government), Sidor had approximately USD791.0 million of indebtedness outstanding and Amazonia had no financial indebtedness outstanding. Sidor's financial indebtedness was made up of three tranches, one of USD350.5 million to be repaid over 8 years with one year of grace, one of USD26.3 million to be repaid over 12 years with one year of grace and the remaining tranche of USD368.6 million, to be repaid over 15 years with one year of grace. In addition, Sidor's commercial indebtedness with certain Venezuelan government-owned suppliers amounted to USD45.4 million, to be repaid over the next five years.

After consummation of the 2003 restructuring, Tamsider continues to bear the risk of further losses in the equity value of its investment in Amazonia as well as losses in the equity value of its investment in Ylopa, but none of Tamsa, Tamsider or Ylopa guarantees the restructured indebtedness of Sidor. The restructuring agreements contemplate, however, certain continuing obligations and restrictions, including:

pledges to the Sidor financial lenders of Sidor and Amazonia shares, which will remain in effect for two years from the date of the restructuring so long as no event of default has occurred and is continuing under Sidor's refinanced loan agreements;

pledges to the Sidor financial lenders of any future debt of Amazonia, which will remain in effect until such time as the pledges of the Amazonia and Sidor shares referred to above are released;

negative pledges not to create, incur or suffer to exist a lien (other than certain permitted liens) over any of the equity or debt of Amazonia held by, or owed to, the Amazonia shareholders; *and*

restrictions on the ability to institute or join a proceeding seeking the liquidation, bankruptcy or reorganization of Amazonia or Sidor.

### *Siderar*

Tenaris no longer owns any interest in Siderar. On December 4, 2001, Siderca disposed of its interest in Siderar through a dividend to Siderca shareholders. Immediately prior to the dividend, Siderca owned 10.71% of Siderar. As of December 4, 2001, when Siderca disposed of its interest in Siderar, other companies within the Techint group owned directly or indirectly additional interests in Siderar. With a total annual production capacity of two million tons of hot- and cold-rolled coils and sheets, Siderar is the principal integrated manufacturer of flat steel products in Argentina.

## **Raw Materials and Energy**

At Tenaris's integrated seamless steel pipe facilities in Argentina, Mexico and Italy, Tenaris's principal raw materials are iron ore, ferrous scrap, pig iron, pre-reduced iron, DRI, including DRI in hot briquetted form, or HBI, and ferroalloys. These are processed in electric furnace steel shops into steel bars and ingots which are then further processed in our rolling mills and finishing lines into seamless steel products. In Argentina, Tenaris produces its own DRI using iron ore imported from neighboring Brazil and sources its ferrous scrap domestically through Scrapservice S.A., its Argentine scrap collecting and processing subsidiary. In Mexico, Tenaris imports most of its pig iron and DRI requirements and purchases ferrous scrap from domestic and international markets. In Italy, Tenaris purchases pig iron and ferrous scrap from European and international markets as well as special metals for certain products. Tenaris coordinates its purchases of ferroalloys worldwide. Below we have provided a more complete description of the raw material and energy situation at Tenaris's integrated facilities in these three countries.

At Tenaris's other seamless steel facilities, Tenaris uses round steel bars and ingots as its principal raw materials. In Japan, NKK Tubes purchases these materials from JFE, and in Venezuela, Tavsava purchases these materials from



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Sidor. In each case, those purchases are made under supply arrangements pursuant to which the purchase price varies in relation to changes in the costs of production. As a result of their location within a larger production complex operated by the supplier, both NKK Tubes and Tavsa are substantially dependent on these contracts for the supply of raw materials and energy. JFE uses imported iron ore, coal and ferroalloys as principal raw materials for producing steel bars at Keihin and Sidor uses domestic iron ore and domestic and imported ferroalloys as its principal raw materials. In Canada, Algoma Tubes uses steel billets currently supplied by Tenaris's integrated facilities in Argentina and Mexico.

In its welded facilities, Tenaris purchases steel sheets and steel plates principally from domestic producers for processing into welded steel pipes.

### ***Integrated Production Facility in Argentina***

At its Campana facility in Argentina, operated by Siderca, Tenaris varies within limits the proportion of ferrous scrap iron to DRI that it uses to manufacture its products based on the relative price of these inputs. Tenaris consumed 583,000 tons of DRI and 438,000 tons of scrap in 2002 (compared to 529,000 tons of DRI and 624,000 tons of scrap in 2001).

Tenaris operates a Midrex DRI production plant in Argentina to generate DRI. Tenaris purchases its raw material requirements for manufacturing DRI in the form of pellets and lump ore under long-term contracts from suppliers in neighboring Brazil. Prices under these contracts are fixed on an annual basis in accordance with market conditions and follow the prices agreed between the major iron ore exporters and their main steel industry clients. Tenaris's annual consumption of iron ore in Argentina ranges between 900,000 and 1,200,000 tons and is supplied primarily by *Companhia Vale do Rio Doce*, *Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas* and *Samarco Mineração S.A.* Tenaris transports the iron ore itself, taking advantage of dry bulk cargo vessels on their return from Europe and utilizing its own port facilities. Tenaris has the capacity to store approximately 350,000 tons of iron ore, or enough to supply its manufacturing activity in Argentina for four months. Tenaris's average cost of iron ore decreased by 6% in 2002 compared to 2001.

Tenaris obtains a small portion of its ferrous scrap requirements from its internal operations. To meet the remainder of its requirements for ferrous scrap at competitive prices, Tenaris created Scrapservice, which is engaged in the processing of ferrous scrap from automobiles. Scrapservice processes approximately 300,000 tons of ferrous scrap per year. Tenaris's average cost of ferrous scrap at Campana decreased by 47% in 2002 compared to 2001, due to the Argentine peso devaluation that has led to a substantial drop in terms of the U.S. dollar price of these inputs.

Tenaris consumes large quantities of electricity (approximately 1,000,000 megawatts per year) for its manufacturing activities at the Campana facility, particularly in the operation of the electric furnaces used to melt DRI and ferrous scrap. Argentina has a number of large hydroelectric, nuclear and other electricity-generating facilities that Tenaris believes will continue to ensure a reliable source of electric power. Moreover, the electricity-generation market was deregulated in 1989, which has stimulated investments in expanding capacity, greater competition and competitive prices. Tenaris obtains its requirements of electric power in Argentina through self-generation at its thermoelectric plant (28% of total in 2002) and supply contracts with local generators (72% of total in 2002). Tenaris's average cost of electricity in Argentina decreased by 64% in 2002 compared to 2001, due to the Argentine peso devaluation that has led to a substantial drop in terms of the U.S. dollar price of these inputs.

On February 19, 2003, Siderca acquired from CenterPoint Energy Light, Inc., a subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a 100% interest in Reliant Energy Cayman Holdings, Ltd, a company whose principal asset is an electric power generating facility located in San Nicolás, 300 kilometers to the west of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The price paid was USD23.1 million. The power plant is a fully modern gas turbine facility which came on stream in 1998 and has a power generation capacity of 160 megawatts and steam production capacity of 250 tons per hour. As a result of the purchase, Tenaris's operations at Siderca, which consume around 160 megawatts at peak production and an average of 90 megawatts, have become self-sufficient in electric power requirements. Power generated at the plant that is in excess of Siderca's requirements will be sold on the open market and steam will continue to be sold to Tenaris's affiliate, Siderar, which operates a steel production facility in San Nicolás.

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Tenaris also consumes substantial volumes of natural gas in Argentina, particularly in the generation of DRI and to operate the thermoelectric plant. The natural gas market in Argentina was deregulated in 1992 and divided into three sectors: production, transportation and distribution. Tenaris entered into long-term supply arrangements with Repsol YPF and Tecpetrol S.A., a Techint group company, for the purchase of natural gas produced by these companies. These contracts expired in 2002 with the option for renewal. The Repsol YPF contract has been renegotiated and will expire in 2006. Tecpetrol supplies Siderca with such of Siderca's natural gas requirements that are not supplied by Repsol YPF on terms and conditions that are equivalent to those governing the supply of natural gas by Repsol YPF to Siderca. On April 4, 2003, Tecpetrol and Siderca entered into an agreement under which Siderca paid USD15.3 million for the advance purchase of 760 million cubic meters of natural gas to be delivered to Siderca's seamless steel pipe facilities and its newly acquired power generation facility over a period of five years on pricing terms that will enable Siderca to share through discounts the impact of any increase in natural gas prices over that period with Tecpetrol. Under the terms of this agreement, Siderca will have a minimum guaranteed return on this advance payment equal to LIBOR plus 3.5%. Tecpetrol's sales to Siderca in 2002 amounted to USD3.4 million, USD4.5 million in 2001, and USD6.8 million in 2000. Tenaris has also entered into transportation and distribution agreements with Transportadora de Gas del Norte S.A., or TGN, and Gas Natural Ban S.A., or Gasban; these contracts will expire in 2004 and may be renewed at that time. The Techint group has a significant investment in TGN. Finally, for the distribution phase, Tenaris has entered into a supply contract with Gasban that expires in 2004. At times when the cost of natural gas is high, Tenaris can reduce its production of DRI by using more ferrous scrap and replace natural gas with fuel oil to operate the thermoelectric plant. Tenaris's average cost of natural gas (including transportation and distribution) decreased by 62% in 2002 compared to 2001, due to the Argentine peso devaluation which has led to a substantial drop in terms of the U.S. dollar price of these inputs.

***Integrated Production Facility in Mexico***

At Tenaris's Veracruz facility in Mexico, operated by Tamsa, Tenaris obtains its supply of DRI and pig iron mainly from foreign suppliers. During 2000, 2001 and 2002, the percentage of DRI, including HBI, and pig iron used in the steel shop represented approximately 37%, 38% and 40%, respectively, by weight, of the total metal requirements. Tenaris obtained the rest of its metal requirements for 2000, 2001 and 2002 from the domestic market, the United States and other scrap-exporting countries. Tenaris has its own scrap collection yard in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, which started operations in June 1998.

Reflecting the effects of worldwide steel crisis in 2001, the average cost of Tamsa's metallic raw materials experienced a 14% decrease in 2001 followed by a gradual recovery that generated a 9% increase in raw material costs for 2002.

Tenaris's purchases of raw materials through Tamsa are made pursuant to primarily short-term supply arrangements. However, to secure a long-term supply of HBI, Tenaris entered into an off-take contract with *Complejo Siderúrgico de Guayana C.A.*, or Comsigua, to purchase on a take-and-pay basis 75,000 tons of HBI annually for twenty years beginning in April 1998 with an option to terminate the contract at any time after the tenth year upon one year's notice. Pursuant to this off-take contract, Tenaris would be required to purchase the HBI at a formula price reflecting Comsigua's production costs during the first eight contract years; thereafter, it would purchase the HBI at a slight discount to market price. The agreements among the joint venture parties provide that, if during the eight-year period the average market price is lower than the formula price paid during such period, Tamsa would be entitled to a reimbursement of the difference plus interest, payable after the project financing and other specific credits are repaid. In addition, under the arrangements entered into with Comsigua's other shareholders, Tenaris has the option to purchase on an annual basis up to a further 80,000 tons of HBI produced by Comsigua at market prices. Under its off-take contract with Comsigua, as a result of weak market prices for HBI, Tenaris has paid higher-than-market prices for its HBI and has accumulated a credit that, at December 31, 2002, amounted to approximately USD12.6 million. This credit, however, is offset by a provision for an equal amount recorded as a result of Comsigua's weak financial condition.

In connection with Tenaris's original 6.9% equity interest in the joint venture company, Tenaris paid USD8.0 million and agreed to cover its proportional share (7.5%) of Comsigua's cash operating and debt service shortfalls. In addition, Tenaris pledged its shares in Comsigua and provided a proportional guarantee in support of the USD156 million (USD88.5 million outstanding as of December 31, 2002) project financing loan made by the International Finance Corporation, or IFC, to Comsigua. In February and May 2002 and in January 2003, Tenaris was required to

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pay and accordingly paid an aggregate of USD1.5 million, representing its share of a shortfall of USD14.7 million payable by Comsigua under the IFC loan and additional operating shortfalls of USD5.3 million. Comsigua's financial condition has been adversely affected by the consistently weak international market conditions for HBI since its start-up in 1998 and, unless market conditions improve substantially, Tenaris may be required to make additional proportional payments in respect of its participation in the Comsigua joint venture and continue to pay higher-than-market prices for its HBI pursuant to its off-take contract.

Tenaris's Veracruz facility consumes large quantities of electric power, particularly in operating the electric furnaces used to produce steel. This electric power is furnished by the Mexican government-owned *Comisión Federal de Electricidad*, or the Federal Electric Power Commission. Tenaris's cost of electric power in Mexico increased by approximately 4% in 2001 and 1.4% in 2002. This increase is primarily due to higher electric power rates resulting from higher fuel prices and the appreciation of the Mexican peso.

Tenaris purchases from Pemex, at prevailing international prices, natural gas used for the furnaces that reheat steel ingots in the pipemaking process. Natural gas costs in Mexico increased approximately 21% in 2001, and due to the hedging strategy described below, natural gas costs decreased 19% in 2002. On February 22, 2001, Tenaris entered into a three-year agreement with Pemex to receive approximately 296,600 million British Thermal Units, or BTUs, of natural gas on a monthly basis from January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2003, at a fixed price of USD4.00 per million of BTUs. In order to cover a decrease in natural gas prices, on March 2, 2001, Tenaris entered into a forward contract with Enron North America Corp., or Enron, with the option to sell up to 200,000 million BTUs per month of natural gas at a minimum base price of USD4.05 per million BTUs from March 2002, through December 2003. As a result of Enron's bankruptcy in late 2001, no reasonable prospect exists of exercising Tenaris's option under this contract and, consequently, the premium paid to Enron of USD2.3 million for this put option was fully written off during the fourth quarter of 2001. In order to reduce its exposure to above-market prices under the natural gas supply agreement with Pemex, Tenaris entered into agreements with Citibank, N.A., New York, or Citibank, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, or JPMorgan Chase, in March 2002 and April 2002. The economic effect of the agreements with Citibank and JPMorgan Chase is to permit Tenaris to purchase 320,000 million BTUs per month at market prices instead of at the USD4.00 per million BTU rate charged by Pemex, resulting in a more favorable price to Tenaris for natural gas so long as the market price remains below USD4.00. Under the agreements with Citibank and JPMorgan Chase, Tenaris must continue to make its purchases of natural gas at market prices even if the market price rises above USD4.00 per million BTUs, thereby exposing Tenaris to the risk in the future of rising market prices. Also, under the agreements, Tenaris must continue to make purchases at the USD4.00 per million BTU rate if the market price of natural gas falls to USD2.00 per million BTUs or lower (as it did during the period from May 1, 2002, to February 28, 2003) or to USD2.25 per million BTUs or lower (as it must do during the period from March 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003). In addition, under each of the agreements with Citibank and JPMorgan Chase, Tenaris is required to purchase 160,000 million BTUs of natural gas per month from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005 at a price of USD2.765 per million BTUs.

***Integrated Production Facility in Italy***

At its facilities in Italy, operated by Dalmine, Tenaris purchases approximately 65% of its ferrous scrap requirements from the Italian market, 30% from the EU (excluding Italy) and the remainder from other parts of the world. Tenaris purchases its pig iron requirements primarily from Russia, Algeria, Turkey and the Ukraine; unlike ferrous scrap purchases, which are primarily denominated in euros, Tenaris's pig iron purchases are usually denominated in U.S. dollars. High-alloy and other special quality steels are supplied under annual contracts, with prices closely linked to prevailing ferrous scrap prices. Ferrous scrap, pig iron, ferroalloys and special quality steel represented approximately 37% of our total production costs in 2002 and 39% in 2001 and 2000.

Tenaris's main facility in Italy consumes large quantities of electric power, particularly in operating the electric furnace to produce steel. Until recently, Tenaris purchased its electric power requirements from GRTN at prices established for industrial users. In the first half of 1999, the Italian government instituted deregulation measures; in July 1999, Dalmine created a wholly-owned subsidiary, Dalmine Energie, to acquire electrical and other forms of energy at lower rates for Dalmine and for other companies in the Bergamo area belonging to the *Consorzio Orobica Energia*. Dalmine Energie began to operate in January 2000, after having identified sources for the purchase of electrical energy and entered into supply contracts with companies in the consortium. Today, all of Tenaris's electric and gas power requirements are supplied by Dalmine Energie. Until recently, Tenaris purchased natural gas used to

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power the furnaces that reheat steel billets in the pipe manufacturing process from Snam. In October 2001, Tenaris began to purchase natural gas from Dalmine Energie, which has begun to provide natural gas in addition to the other forms of energy it supplies.

In 2002, Tenaris's energy costs in Italy were approximately 16% of total production costs, compared to 15% in 2001 and 12% in 2000.

**Employees**

The following table shows the number of persons employed by Tenaris and its consolidated subsidiaries worldwide at the dates indicated.

	At December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Siderca	3,585	3,561	3,624
Tamsa	2,664	2,982	2,939
Dalmine	3,171	3,272	3,640
Others	4,421	4,312	2,937
<b>Total employees</b>	<b>13,841</b>	<b>14,127</b>	<b>13,140</b>

**Argentina**

At December 31, 2002, Siderca had 3,585 employees of whom about 70% are represented by the *Unión Obrera Metalúrgica de la República Argentina*, or UOMRA, the most important labor union in the steel manufacturing industry in Argentina, and 6% are represented by the *Asociación de Supervisores de la Industria Metalmeccánica de la República Argentina*, or ASIMRA. Employees represented by UOMRA are included in a collective labor contract first entered into in 1975 that encompasses all workers in the steel and metallurgical industry. These employees are also included in supplemental agreements entered into between Siderca and them. These agreements regulate company-specific labor organization issues and compensation structures linked to performance, productivity, attendance, production levels, quality and company results. These supplemental agreements are subject to amendment if changing circumstances make it necessary, and have been continuously updated to address competitiveness, quality, security and efficiency goals. Employees represented by ASIMRA are subject only to Siderca's collective labor agreement entered into with ASIMRA. This collective labor agreement specifically establishes regulations relating to compensation, work organization, authorized absences, holidays, benefits and labor relations. Basic salary levels in the steel industry remained stable during the period in which the Convertibility Law was effective. The recent Argentine peso devaluation has led to a substantial drop in terms of the U.S. dollar values of these agreements.

The regulatory framework for employee termination allows an employer to discharge employees without cause if severance is paid based on the length of employment and determined pursuant to a specified formula. Additionally, Argentine Law No. 24,557, referred to as the Work Risk Law, establishes a compulsory insurance scheme to cover work-related injuries and illnesses. The Work Risk Law, which became effective on July 1, 1996, excludes employers from civil liability for work-related injuries and illnesses except in cases of employer fraud or, depending on judicial interpretation, gross negligence. The constitutionality of the Work Risk Law is currently being challenged.

In response to lower production levels brought about by the sharp and severe decline in oil prices late in 1998, Siderca instituted a voluntary retirement plan for its employees to address the elimination of its fourth production shift and productivity enhancement measures. This program offered some employees the option to leave Siderca on more favorable terms than those offered to employees terminated without cause under Argentine law and was carried out without union resistance or labor conflicts. Subsequently, Siderca reinstated its fourth production shift without a significant increase in the total number of employees.

Tenaris believes that it enjoys good relations with its employees and their unions in Argentina. The last strike by our Argentine employees took place from July to September 1992 and was organized by shop-floor workers. ASIMRA, which represents most of Siderca's job supervisors, has not called a strike in the last 15 years.

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***Mexico***

At December 31, 2002, Tamsa and its consolidated subsidiaries had 2,664 employees, including temporary workers, of whom 1,650 were production, quality assurance and maintenance personnel. Approximately 1,280 employees are represented by a local affiliate of the Mexican Confederation of Workers, or MCW, the principal labor union in Mexico, with which Tamsa has had collective bargaining agreements since 1953.

Wages and benefits for unionized employees are fixed by contracts covering a one-year period beginning May 1 of each year. Negotiations with the MCW in 2001, 2002 and 2003 resulted in wage increases of 10%, 6% and 4.8%, respectively. On December 31, 2002, Tamsa determined a statutory profit sharing liability of MXP138,583 thousand for fiscal year 2002 that was paid in May 2003.

Tenaris believes that it enjoys satisfactory relations with its employees and the MCW in Mexico. Our ability to adapt to changing market conditions in 1998 and 1999 was made possible by the implementation of temporary shutdowns, which allowed for the adjustment of production levels to market demand while maintaining efficiency and operating margins. The technical suspensions, which are contemplated by Mexican labor law, were endorsed by the MCW.

***Italy***

At December 31, 2002, Dalmine had 3,171 employees, including temporary employees. Most of Dalmine's employees belong to labor unions, the three largest of which are:

the *Federazione Italiana Metalmeccanici*, or the Italian Federation of Metalworks, a member of the *Confederazione Italiana Sindacato Lavoratori*, or the Italian Federation of Labor Unions;

the *Federazione Impiegati e Operai Metalmeccanici*, or the Italian Federation of Workers and Employees in Metalworks, a member of the *Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro*, or the General Italian Federation of Labor; and

the *Unione Italiana dei Lavoratori Metalmeccanici*, or the Italian Union of Metal Workers, a member of the *Unione Italiana del Lavoro*, or the Italian Labor Union.

Dalmine has specific agreements with these labor unions for all employee categories governed by the *Contratto Collettivo Nazionale di Lavoro*, or the master national labor contract; these specific agreements address matters including salary levels, working hours and benefits. Dalmine also has supplementary agreements with these unions dealing with specific issues, such as incentive programs and workshift restructurings.

In April 1999, Dalmine and the trade unions signed an agreement to implement a two-year reorganization plan to manage lay-offs and personnel reduction plans. The agreement involves the payment of extraordinary unemployment benefits until April 2001, for lay-offs over the two-year period and the use of various tools (mobility, retirement, incentives, outplacements, professional re-training, new work arrangements) to reduce excess personnel by approximately 580 employees. The reorganization plan resulted in an accrual of 15 million, recorded under extraordinary expenses in 1999.

This reorganization plan was completed during the first half of 2001, achieving 80% success in reducing the workforce. However, in March 2001, the Ministry of Labor and Social Security issued guidelines on the application of Laws 257/92 and 271/93 concerning the payment of social security benefits to workers exposed to asbestos while working in its factories. Because of these early retirements, Dalmine decided not to request an extension of the agreement in order to fully implement its personnel reduction agreement.

In January 2003, Dalmine and the trade unions entered into a new agreement for the four-year period 2002-2005. This agreement sets forth a framework for industrial relations and provides for an incentive system that enhances the utilization of resources, gives additional operational flexibility in the facility and increases the proportion of performance-based components in total compensation.

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Tenaris believes that it enjoys satisfactory relations with its employees and their labor unions in Italy. Other than work stoppages for an aggregate period of 32 hours, 26 of which were organized by labor unions nationally at the industry level (and not specifically targeted at Dalmine), Dalmine has not experienced any work stoppages or other organized disruptions involving its employees in Italy in the last three years.

### **Product Quality Standards**

Tenaris's seamless steel pipes are manufactured in accordance with the specifications of the American Petroleum Institute, or API, and the American Society for Testing and Materials, or ASTM. The products must also satisfy Tenaris's proprietary standards as well as its customers requirements. Tenaris maintains an extensive quality control program to ensure that its products continue to satisfy proprietary and industry standards and are competitive from a product quality standpoint with products offered by its competitors. Currently Tenaris maintains ISO 9001 certification from Det Norske Veritas, a requirement for selling to the major oil and gas companies which have rigorous quality standards. The ISO 9001 quality management system assures that the product complies with customer requirements from the acquisition of raw material to the delivery of the final product. ISO 9001 is designed to ensure the reliability of both the product and the processes associated with the manufacturing operation.

In October 2001, Tenaris obtained a global ISO 9001 certification issued by Lloyds Register Quality Assurance and applicable to all of Tenaris's business. This ISO 9001 certification expires on December 14, 2003, at which time Tenaris intends to renew the certification.

### **Research and Development**

Research and development, or R&D, of new products and processes to meet the increasingly stringent requirements of its customers is an important aspect of Tenaris's business.

R&D activities are carried out primarily at specialized research facilities located at the Campana plant, operated by the *Fundación para el Desarrollo Tecnológico*, or Fudetec, and at the research facilities of the *Centro Sviluppo Materiali S.p.A.*, or CSM, in Rome. Fudetec was founded in 1989 by members of the Techint group to promote industrial and technological development in Argentina. In May 1997, Dalmine invested Italian lire 1.4 billion ( 0.7 million) for an 8.3% interest in CSM.

Product development and research currently being undertaken include:

proprietary premium joint products;

high collapse deep water line pipe;

high strength mechanical tubing; *and*

internal metallic coating of tubing by plasma powder welding.

In addition to R&D aimed at new or improved products, Tenaris continuously studies opportunities to optimize its manufacturing processes. Recent projects in this area include ongoing studies for the addition of electromagnetic stirring to continuous casting with the goal of improving product quality and range.

Tenaris spent USD14.0 million for R&D in 2002, compared to USD9.7 million in 2001 and USD9.3 million in 2000.

### **Environmental Regulation**

Tenaris is subject to a wide range of local, provincial and national laws, regulations, permits and decrees in the countries where it has manufacturing operations concerning, among other things, human health, discharges to the air and water and the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes. Compliance with these environmental laws and regulations is a significant factor in Tenaris's business.

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Tenaris has not been fined for any material environmental violation in the last five years, and is not aware of any current material legal or administrative proceedings pending against it with respect to environmental matters which could have an adverse material impact on its financial condition or results of operations. Tenaris has not been required or requested, nor is it aware of any obligation, to conduct remedial activities at any of its sites or facilities.

In 1991, Tamsa initiated a series of studies regarding the effects of its industrial operations on the environment. In early 1992, Tamsa began projects to implement the recommendations of these studies and to maintain compliance with the latest laws and regulations of the *Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales*, the Mexican environmental regulatory agency more commonly known as the SEMARNAT (formerly *Secretaría del Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca*, or SEMARNAP), regarding air, water and soil pollution control. In 1994, Tamsa requested a voluntary review of its facilities by the SEMARNAT. In 1995, Tamsa entered into an agreement with the SEMARNAT pursuant to which it agreed to conduct periodic internal audits and undertake a number of environmental improvements. The review concluded that Tamsa was in compliance with all but two defined environmental targets. Tamsa, in cooperation with the SEMARNAT, is working towards meeting the two outstanding targets, which relate to levels of dust generated by Tamsa's manufacturing activities in Veracruz and soil conditions at Tamsa's waste management site in Villa Rica. In an effort to meet environmental targets regarding dust levels, under a proposal approved by the SEMARNAT, Tamsa completed construction of a dust storage facility in December 2001. The facility is currently operational. Tamsa is currently working with the SEMARNAT in order to define the activities permissible at the site in Villa Rica.

## **Insurance**

Tenaris carries property, accident, fire, third party liability and other insurance (such as vehicle insurance) in amounts which are customary in the steel products industry. In some cases, insurers have the option to replace damaged or destroyed plant and equipment rather than to pay Tenaris the insured amount. Tenaris does not carry loss-of-profit or business interruption insurance.

## **Litigation**

### ***BHP Proceedings***

In June 1998, British Steel and Dalmine were sued by a consortium led by BHP before the Commercial Court of the High Court of Justice Queen's Bench Division of London. The action concerns the failure of an underwater pipeline built in 1994 in the Bay of Liverpool. Dalmine, at that time a subsidiary of Ilva S.p.A., supplied pipe products to British Steel, which, in turn, resold them to BHP for use in constructing the Bay of Liverpool pipeline. BHP claimed that British Steel breached the contract of sale relating to the pipe and that the pipe was defectively manufactured by Dalmine.

The products sold were valued at 1.9 million British pounds and consisted of pipe for use in maritime applications. Dalmine received court notice of the action more than two years after the contractual warranty covering the pipe had expired and four years after the pipe was delivered and placed into operation. British Steel and Dalmine denied the claim on the basis that the warranty period had expired and, in the alternative, that the amount claimed exceeded the contractual limitation of liability (equal to 300,000 British pounds, or approximately 15% of the value of the products supplied).

The Commercial Court dismissed the contract claim against British Steel. The decision was subsequently confirmed by the Court of Appeals in a ruling issued on April 7, 2000, as a result of which the claim against British Steel was definitively dismissed. BHP's product liability claim against Dalmine remained outstanding.

On November 24, 2000, the Commercial Court granted BHP permission to amend its pleading against Dalmine to include a deceit tort claim under English law based on inconsistencies between the results of internal chemical tests performed by Dalmine on the pipe and the results shown in the quality certificates issued to BHP by Dalmine. In May 2002, the trial court issued a judgment in favor of BHP, holding that the products supplied by Dalmine were the cause for the failure of the gas pipeline and that Dalmine was liable for damages to BHP. The court's judgment was limited to the issue of liability, and the amount of damages to be awarded to BHP is being determined in a

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separate proceeding. Dalmine's petition to the trial court for leave to appeal its judgment was denied, but subsequently granted by the Court of Appeals. However, on February 5, 2003, the Court of Appeals dismissed Dalmine's appeal, closing the dispute on the issue of liability.

BHP has indicated in court proceedings that it will seek damages of approximately 35 million British pounds to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline, 70 million British pounds to compensate for consequential damages, 73 million British pounds to cover loss or deferred revenues, 31 million British pounds to compensate for increased income tax resulting from a change in law and interest and costs for unspecified amounts. Subsequent to the court's recent judgment in favor of BHP on the issue of liability, BHP petitioned the court for an interim judgment of damages in the amount of approximately 37 million British pounds to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline. On July 31, 2002, Dalmine agreed to pay BHP 15 million British pounds in interim damages. The court is expected to hear arguments regarding, and issue its final judgment on total damages during the first half of 2004.

Based on the information provided so far by BHP, Dalmine considers that the compensation requested to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline exceeds the cost actually incurred for such purpose. Taking into consideration such information and the preliminary views of independent experts, Dalmine believes that certain of the other claims fail to show an appropriate connection with the events for which Dalmine was found responsible, while others appear to exceed the damage actually incurred.

Dalmine created a provision in the amount of 45 million in its results for 2001 to account for probable losses as a result of BHP's lawsuit, which had a substantial adverse effect on its earnings for that year. During 2002, in light of the complexity and diversity of the elements introduced into the proceedings by BHP and the consequent inability to estimate with precision Dalmine's liability, Dalmine increased the amount of the provision by 20 million, inclusive of interest accrued and legal expenses incurred in connection with such proceedings. Dalmine has stated that the provision was created and increased as a prudent way of complying with applicable accounting principles, and should therefore not be regarded as an admission of indemnification payable to the plaintiffs.

The pipe that is the subject of this lawsuit was manufactured and sold, and the tort alleged by BHP took place, prior to the privatization of Dalmine, and Techint Investments (the Siderca subsidiary party to the contract pursuant to which Dalmine was privatized) believes that, under the Dalmine privatization contract, Techint Investments should be entitled to recover from Fintecna on behalf of Dalmine (as a third party beneficiary under the Dalmine privatization contract), 84.08% of any damages it may be required to pay BHP. Techint Investments has commenced arbitration proceedings against Fintecna to compel it to indemnify Dalmine for any amounts Dalmine may be required to pay BHP. Fintecna has denied that it has any contractual obligation to indemnify Dalmine, asserting that the indemnification claim is time-barred under the terms of the privatization contract and, in any event, subject to a cap of 13 million. Techint Investments disputes this assertion. The arbitration proceedings were suspended at a preliminary stage pending a decision by the British trial court in BHP's lawsuit against Dalmine. Upon request by Techint Investments and Dalmine, the arbitration panel decided to resume the proceedings in light of the court of appeal's recent decision to dismiss Dalmine's appeal against the judgment of liability in favor of BHP.

If Dalmine were required to pay damages to BHP substantially in excess of its provision of 65 million (including consequential damages or deferred revenues), and those damages were not reimbursed to Dalmine by Fintecna, Dalmine's (and, consequently, Tenaris's) results of operations, financial condition and net worth would be further materially and adversely affected.

***U.S. Seamless Steel Pipe Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings***

OCTG and some of Tenaris's other products have been the subject of administrative proceedings in the United States based on allegations that Tenaris sold those products in the United States at less than fair value ( antidumping proceedings ) or that Tenaris received unfair government subsidies ( countervailing duty proceedings ). As a result, OCTG and some of Tenaris's other products are subject to substantial additional duties in the United States, essentially closing the U.S. market to many of Tenaris's principal products and limiting Tenaris's growth opportunities in an important market for seamless steel pipe products. Tenaris has repeatedly challenged the imposition of those tariffs and intends to continue to challenge them, but we cannot assure you that they will be reduced or eliminated in the future. We have provided an overview of these proceedings and their current status below.



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*Siderca (Argentina)*. Since August 1995, an antidumping duty of 1.36% has been applicable to any OCTG exports by Tenaris to the United States from Argentina. Although this tariff is relatively low, the U.S. Department of Commerce could, if annual administrative reviews are conducted, later apply additional antidumping duties retroactively, making any sales of Argentine-manufactured OCTG products to the United States excessively risky. Also since August 1995, an antidumping duty of 108.13% has been applicable to any seamless standard, line and pressure, or SL&P, pipe exports by Tenaris to the United States from Argentina. After a sunset review, in July 2001, the U.S. government determined to renew the antidumping penalties applicable to Tenaris's OCTG and seamless SL&P pipe exports from Argentina for an additional five years, except that the OCTG order was revoked with respect to drill pipe effective August 11, 2000. All of the countervailing duty proceedings have been resolved in favor of Siderca, and Siderca's exports to the United States are not currently subject to countervailing duties.

*Tamsa (Mexico)*. Since August 1995, an antidumping duty of 23.8% (which was later adjusted to 21.7%) has been applicable to any OCTG exports by Tamsa to the United States from Mexico. This duty was lowered to 0% as of March 1999, and this rate continues to date. After a sunset review, which began in July 2000, the U.S. government renewed the antidumping penalties on Tenaris's exports of OCTG casing and tubing, but revoked the antidumping measure applicable to Tamsa's OCTG drill pipe, effective August 11, 2000.

Since August 2000, an antidumping duty of 19.6% (which was later adjusted to 15.1%) was applicable to any large diameter SL&P exports by Tamsa to the United States from Mexico, except for certain grades of line pipe used in deep water applications (water depth of 1,500 feet or more).

*Dalmine (Italy)*. Since August 1995, an antidumping duty of 49.78% and a countervailing duty of 1.47% have been applicable to any OCTG exports by Dalmine to the United States from Italy. After a sunset review initiated in July 2000, the U.S. government determined to renew the antidumping and countervailing duty measures applicable to Tenaris's OCTG exports from Italy for an additional five years. From August 1995 until July 2000, an antidumping duty of 1.84% (which was later adjusted to 1.27%) and a countervailing duty of 1.47% was applicable to any seamless SL&P pipe exports by Tenaris to the United States from Italy. The antidumping penalties applicable to Tenaris's seamless SL&P pipe exports to the United States from Italy were rescinded as a result of a sunset review. The antidumping duty order was revoked effective August 3, 2000. The countervailing duty order was revoked effective August 8, 2000.

*NKK Tubes (Japan)*. OCTG exported to the United States by NKK Tubes is subject to an antidumping duty rate of 44.20% as a result of the measure imposed in August 1995. In 2001 this order was continued for another five years as a result of a sunset review. In June 2000, the United States imposed antidumping duty orders on large and small diameter seamless SL&P from Japan, except for large diameter line pipe used in deep water applications. The applicable rate for large diameter line pipe from NKK Tubes is 68.88%, and for small diameter it is 70.43%.

Tenaris has several pending appeals challenging the U.S. government's decision to continue the antidumping measures on Tenaris's OCTG. Nonetheless, the effect of the proceeding described above is essentially to close the U.S. market for Tenaris in these products.

In June 2001, the United States initiated a proceeding known as a 201 Investigation to impose measures that would safeguard the U.S. steel industry from increasing imports of several different steel products. Seamless tubular products of the type produced by Tenaris were determined not to be causing or threatening serious injury to the U.S. industry, and therefore were excluded from the relief ultimately granted to the U.S. industry. All steel products from Canada and Mexico were excluded for the additional reason that the special requirements of the NAFTA Agreement had not been satisfied in the case.

In April 2002, the Canadian Government initiated a similar safeguard investigation against certain steel products, including certain seamless pipe. The Canadian Government decided in May 2003 to conclude the investigation for all products.

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On May 20, 2002, the Government of the People's Republic of China initiated a similar safeguard investigation against certain steel products imports including OCTG and line pipe used for oil and gas pipelines. Provisional measures were imposed for six months. On November 20, 2002, this investigation was concluded and seamless pipes were excluded from the safeguard measures.

### ***Argentine Tax Dispute***

On December 18, 2000, Siderca was notified by the Argentine tax authorities that, in its view, Siderca's taxable income in each of fiscal year 1995 and fiscal year 1997 was understated by ARP78.9 million. As of December 31, 2002, Siderca's exposure in connection with this tax dispute was ARP41.7 million, including ARP27.7 million in principal and ARP14.1 million in interest accrued on the amount in controversy through such date. The allegedly unpaid principal will continue to accrue interest at the rate of 4% per month. Siderca believes that the amount of the alleged understatement, which related to the conversion of tax write-offs into debt consolidation bonds, was not taxable and, accordingly, has not recorded any provision in its financial statements. Siderca has appealed the Argentina tax authority's decision to the federal tax court.

### ***Other Proceedings***

Three of Dalmine's former managers have been named as defendants in a criminal proceeding, arising from the death of, or, in some cases, injuries to certain employees, before the Court of Bergamo, Italy, based on alleged negligence in having omitted to inform the employees working in a specific area of the mill of the risks connected with the use of asbestos and for having omitted to take any measures to prevent the risks connected with the use of asbestos in certain areas of Dalmine's manufacturing facilities from 1960 to the early 1980s. If its former managers are held responsible, Dalmine will be liable for damages to the 21 affected employees or their respective estates, as applicable. Dalmine is also a defendant in two civil proceedings for work-related injuries arising from its use of asbestos. The first of these proceedings was instituted on February 14, 2001, before the Court of Bergamo, Italy, by the estate of Luigi Pedruzzi, for damages in an aggregate amount of approximately 640,000. The other proceeding was instituted on June 5, 2001, before the *Commissione Provinciale di Conciliazione* of Bergamo, Italy, the mediation commission for the province of Bergamo, by the estate of Elio Biffi for an aggregate amount of approximately 770,000. In addition, some other asbestos-related out-of-court claims have been forwarded to Dalmine. The aggregate relief currently sought in out-of-court claims is approximately 3.8 million, although damages have not yet been specified in some cases. Of the 46 claims (inclusive of the 21 claims of the affected employees relating to the criminal proceeding and the out-of-court claims), 19 incidents have already been settled, either by Dalmine or by Dalmine's insurer. Dalmine estimates that its potential liability in connection with the remaining cases not yet settled or covered by insurance is approximately 7.0 million. This amount was recognized as a provision for liabilities and expenses as of December 31, 2002. While Dalmine may be subject to additional asbestos-related claims in the future, Tenaris, based on recent trends at Dalmine, does not believe that asbestos-related liabilities arising from claims already filed against Dalmine or from future asbestos-related claims are reasonably likely to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to its results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

Tenaris and its subsidiaries are also involved in legal proceedings incidental to the normal conduct of their business, for which we have made provisions in accordance with our corporate policy and any applicable rules. Tenaris believes its provisions are adequate. Tenaris does not believe that liabilities relating to these proceedings are likely to be, individually or in the aggregate, material to its consolidated financial position.

## **Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects**

### **General**

Tenaris is a leading global manufacturer and supplier of seamless steel pipe products and associated services to the oil and gas, energy and other industries, with production, distribution and service capabilities in key markets worldwide. Tenaris's principal products include casing, tubing, line pipe, and mechanical and structural pipes.

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In the last decade, Tenaris has successfully expanded its business through a series of strategic investments. Tenaris now operates a worldwide network of seamless steel pipe operations with manufacturing facilities in South America, North America, Europe and Asia and an annual production capacity of over three million tons of seamless steel pipe products, compared to 800,000 tons in the early 1990s. In addition to its investments in seamless steel pipe operations worldwide, Tenaris also owns controlling interests in the leading producers of welded steel pipes in Argentina and Brazil, with a combined annual production capacity of 850,000 tons. Furthermore, Tenaris has developed competitive and far reaching global distribution capabilities, with a direct presence in most major oil and gas markets.

The global market for seamless steel pipe products is highly competitive, with the primary competitive prices being price, quality and service. Tenaris competes worldwide against primarily four foreign producers of seamless steel pipe products. Tenaris's largest markets for seamless steel products are in the countries in which it has manufacturing subsidiaries (Argentina and Venezuela in South America, Mexico and Canada in North America, Italy in Europe and Japan in the Far East). Tenaris's sales in these and other markets are sensitive to the international price of oil and gas and its impact on the drilling activity of participants in the oil and gas sectors, as well as to general economic conditions in these markets. Tenaris's European market is also affected by general industrial production trends, including investment in power generation, petrochemical and oil refining facilities. Tenaris's sales to the United States are mainly directed to the industrial sector and are affected by trends in industrial activity since anti-dumping duties apply in respect of the import of OCTGs produced by Tenaris's main subsidiaries.

The market for Tenaris's welded steel pipes is principally affected by investment in gas pipeline projects, especially in South America. In 2002, sales of welded steel pipes were strong, reflecting a period of high demand for such products in connection with the construction of large pipeline projects in South America, such as those in Ecuador and Peru, as well as ongoing pipeline network integration projects in the region. Deliveries of welded steel pipes to those projects in Ecuador and Peru have now been substantially completed but demand from oil and gas pipeline projects in Tenaris's local market of Brazil has increased beginning in 2003.

For a more complete description of Tenaris's business and market position, and the competitive and other factors that could affect Tenaris's financial condition and results of operations, see Item 4.A. Information on the Company.

## **Operating Results**

The following discussion and analysis of Tenaris's financial condition and results of operations are based on the audited consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris included elsewhere in this annual report. Accordingly, this discussion and analysis present Tenaris's financial condition and results of operations on a consolidated and combined basis. See Presentation of Certain Financial and Other Information Accounting Principles Tenaris and notes A and B to the consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris included in this annual report.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with Tenaris's audited consolidated combined financial statements and the related notes included in this annual report. Tenaris prepares its consolidated combined financial statements in conformity with IAS, which differ in certain significant respects from U.S. GAAP. See notes U and 31 to Tenaris's consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report, which include a description of the principal differences between IAS and U.S. GAAP as they relate to Tenaris's consolidated combined financial statements and a reconciliation of net income and shareholders' equity for the periods and at the dates indicated.

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Thousands of U.S. dollars (except number of shares and per share amounts)	For the year ended December 31,				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Selected consolidated combined income statement data</b>					
<b>IAS</b>					
Net sales	3,219,384	3,174,299	2,361,319	1,835,211	2,839,382
Cost of sales	(2,168,594)	(2,165,568)	(1,692,412)	(1,481,552)	(2,095,260)
Gross profit	1,050,790	1,008,731	668,907	353,659	744,122
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(568,149)	(502,747)	(433,617)	(306,471)	(348,712)
Other operating income (expenses), net	(10,764)	(64,352)	5,877	(55,084)	123,889
Operating profit (loss)	471,877	441,632	241,167	(7,896)	519,299
Financial income (expenses), net	(20,597)	(25,595)	(47,923)	(37,118)	(68,182)
Income (loss) before income tax, effect of currency translation on tax bases, equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies and minority interest	451,280	416,037	193,244	(45,014)	451,117
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies	(6,802)	(41,296)	(3,827)	(39,296)	(17,436)
Income (loss) before income tax, effect of currency translation on tax bases and minority interest	444,478	374,741	189,417	(84,310)	433,681
Income tax	(182,505)	(108,956)	(63,299)	(6,065)	(65,663)
Effect of currency translation on tax bases	(25,266)	(109,882)	(2,011)	(2,961)	(3,198)
Net income (loss) before minority interest	236,707	155,903	124,107	(93,336)	364,820
Minority interest	(142,403)	(74,557)	(47,401)	38,521	(211,245)
Net income (loss)	94,304	81,346	76,706	(54,815)	153,575
Depreciation and amortization	(176,315)	(161,710)	(156,643)	(165,847)	(167,348)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	732,936,680	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187
Combined earnings (loss) per share <sup>(2)</sup>	0.13	0.11	0.11	(0.08)	0.22
Dividends per share <sup>(3)</sup>	0.06	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.05
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>					
Net sales <sup>(4)</sup>	3,219,384	2,313,162	1,166,293		
Operating income (loss) <sup>(4)</sup>	476,107	422,014	102,740		
Income before cumulative effect of accounting changes	110,049	163,921	77,333		
Cumulative effect of accounting changes	(17,417)	(1,007)			
Net income (loss)	92,632	162,914	77,333		
Weighted average number of shares outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	732,936,680	710,747,187	710,747,187		
Combined earnings per share before effect of accounting changes <sup>(2)</sup>	0.15	0.23	0.11		
Cumulative effect of accounting changes per share <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.02)	(0.00)			
Combined earnings (loss) per share <sup>(2)</sup>	0.13	0.23	0.11		

- (1) Prior to October 18, 2002, the Company had 30,107 shares issued and outstanding. On October 18, 2002, Sidertubes S.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of San Faustín, contributed all of its assets (including 30,010 shares of Tenaris) and liabilities to the Company, in exchange for 710,747,090 shares of Tenaris. The 30,010 shares contributed by Sidertubes to the Company were cancelled and, accordingly, upon consummation of this contribution the Company had a total of 710,747,187 shares issued and outstanding. For a detailed description of Sidertubes' contribution to the Company, see Item 7.B. Related Party Transactions Corporation Reorganization Transactions. On December 17, 2002, Tenaris consummated an offer to exchange its shares and ADSs for shares and ADS of Siderca and Tamsa and shares of Dalmine. Upon consummation of the exchange offer, the Company had a total of 1,160,700,794 shares issued and

outstanding.

- (2) Tenaris's combined earnings (loss) per share before effect of accounting changes, cumulative effect of accounting changes per share and combined earnings per share for the periods presented have been calculated based on the assumption that 710,747,187 shares were issued and outstanding in each of the periods presented prior to October 18, 2002.
- (3) Tenaris's dividends per share for the periods presented have been calculated based on the assumption that 710,747,187 shares were issued and outstanding in each of the periods presented.
- (4) For U.S. GAAP purposes, Dalmine's results were not consolidated for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and Tamsa's results were not consolidated for the year ended December 31, 2000.

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Thousands of U.S. dollars (except number of shares and per share amounts)	At December 31,				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
<b>Selected consolidated combined balance sheet data</b>					
<b>IAS</b>					
Current assets	1,810,581	1,619,136	1,419,747	1,270,109	1,650,643
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,934,237	1,971,318	1,941,814	1,909,924	1,955,426
Other non-current assets	272,628	247,500	282,976	246,317	395,800
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,017,446</b>	<b>3,837,954</b>	<b>3,644,537</b>	<b>3,426,350</b>	<b>4,001,869</b>
Current liabilities	1,203,278	1,084,913	951,444	792,716	883,728
Non-current borrowings	322,205	393,051	355,628	212,012	449,169
Deferred tax liabilities	320,753	262,963	292,849	290,727	354,611
Other non-current liabilities	290,373	302,645	199,548	196,964	176,532
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,136,609</b>	<b>2,043,572</b>	<b>1,799,469</b>	<b>1,492,419</b>	<b>1,864,040</b>
Minority interest	186,783	918,981	919,710	979,067	1,023,165
Shareholders' equity <sup>(4)</sup>	1,694,054	875,401	925,358	954,864	1,114,664
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>4,017,446</b>	<b>3,837,954</b>	<b>3,644,537</b>	<b>3,426,350</b>	<b>4,001,869</b>
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	1,160,700,794	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187	710,747,187
Shareholders' equity per share <sup>(5)</sup>	1.46	1.23	1.30	1.34	1.57
<b>U.S. GAAP</b>					
Total assets	3,988,765	3,075,455	1,905,732		
Net assets	1,935,698	1,781,814	1,341,854		
Total shareholders' equity	1,745,883	941,926	908,872		
Number of shares outstanding <sup>(2)</sup>	1,160,700,794	710,747,187	710,747,187		
Combined shareholders' equity per share <sup>(5)</sup>	1.50	1.33	1.28		

- (1) The Company's common stock as of December 31, 2002, was represented by 1,160,700,794 shares, par value USD1.00 per share, for a total amount of USD1,160.7 million.
- (2) Prior to October 18, 2002, the Company had 30,107 shares issued and outstanding. On October 18, 2002, Sidertubes contributed all of its assets (including 30,010 shares of Tenaris) and liabilities to the Company, in exchange for 710,747,090 shares of Tenaris. The 30,010 shares contributed by Sidertubes to the Company were cancelled and, accordingly, upon consummation of this contribution the Company had a total of 710,747,187 shares issued and outstanding. For a detailed description of Sidertubes' contribution to the Company, see Item 7.B. Related Party Transactions - Corporation Reorganization Transactions. On December 17, 2002, Tenaris consummated an offer to exchange its shares and ADSs for shares and ADS of Siderca and Tamsa and shares of Dalmine. Upon consummation of the exchange offer, the Company had a total of 1,160,700,794 shares issued and outstanding.
- (3) Tenaris's combined shareholders' equity per share at the dates presented has been calculated based on the assumption that 710,747,187 shares were issued and outstanding at each of the dates presented prior to October 18, 2002.

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The following table sets forth Tenaris's operating and other costs and expenses as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated.

	<b>For the year ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Percentage of net sales</b>			
Net sales	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of sales	(67.4)	(68.2)	(71.7)
Gross profit	32.6	31.8	28.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(17.6)	(15.8)	(18.4)
Other operating income (expenses), net	(0.3)	(2.0)	0.2
Operating profit (loss)	14.7	13.9	10.2
Financial income (expenses), net	(0.6)	(0.8)	(2.0)
Income (loss) before income tax, effect of currency translation on tax bases, equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies and minority interest	14.0	13.1	8.2
Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies	(0.2)	(1.3)	(0.2)
Income (loss) before income tax, effect of currency translation on tax bases and minority interest	13.8	11.8	8.0
Income tax	(5.7)	(3.4)	(2.7)
Effect of currency translation on tax bases	(0.8)	(3.5)	(0.1)
Net income (loss) before minority interest	7.4	4.9	5.3
Minority interest	(4.4)	(2.3)	(2.0)
Net income (loss)	2.9	2.6	3.2

***Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002, Compared to Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001******Sales volume***

The following table shows Tenaris's sales volume of seamless and welded steel pipe products by geographical region for the periods indicated.

	<b>For the year ended December 31,</b>		<b>Increase / (Decrease)</b>
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	
<b>Thousands of tons</b>			
South America	324	490	(34%)
North America	401	438	(8%)
Europe	644	715	(10%)
Middle East and Africa	522	582	(10%)
Far East and Oceania	392	448	(13%)
<b>Total seamless steel pipes</b>	<b>2,283</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>(15%)</b>
<b>Welded steel pipes</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>35%</b>

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<b>Total steel pipes</b>	2,868	3,105	(8%)
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Tenaris' sales volume of seamless steel pipe products decreased by 15% to 2,283,000 tons in 2002 from 2,673,000 tons in 2001. This significant decrease in sales volume primarily reflected the effects of lower levels of oil and gas drilling activity worldwide, as well as persistently lower levels of industrial production in the principal industrial regions of North America, Europe and Japan. Although oil prices remained at levels which, under typical circumstances, would have been expected to result in sustained levels of investment in oil and gas drilling, oil and gas exploration and production activity was affected by increased uncertainty over the future level of oil prices as a result of the prospects of military action against Iraq and production cutbacks established by OPEC.

Sales volume of seamless steel pipe products decreased in all of Tenaris' markets as a result of the contraction affecting the oil and gas and industrial sectors worldwide. Sales of seamless steel pipe products were further affected



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in South America than in the other markets as a result of the political and economic developments that affected Argentina and Venezuela, Tenaris's main South American markets.

Sales volumes of welded steel pipe products increased by 35% to 585,000 tons in 2002 from 432,000 tons in 2001, reflecting a period of high demand for welded steel pipes in connection with South American gas pipeline projects in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, which more than offset reduced sales in the Argentine market.

Sales of electric energy (all in Italy to unaffiliated parties) increased by 12% to 2,066 GWh in 2002 from 1,846 GWh in 2001. This 12% increase reflected an increase in volumes of electricity sold mainly as a result of the expansion of the customer base. Sales of natural gas (all in Italy) increased to 463 million scm in 2002 from 21 million scm in 2001. This 2,105% increase was attributable to the inclusion of sales of natural gas for an entire year following the commencement of these sales in December 2001.

Sales of other products and services (mainly sales of Sidor's flat products by Tenaris Global Services in Europe and North America) increased by 133% to 401,000 tons in 2002 from 172,000 tons in 2001. Sales of other products and services have been discontinued following the reorganization of Tenaris Global Services as a subsidiary of Tenaris.

*Net sales*

Net sales in 2002 totaled USD3,219.4 million, compared to USD3,174.3 million in 2001. This 1.4% increase resulted from increased sales volumes for welded pipes, increased sales of electricity and natural gas, increased sales of other steel products and increased average net sales prices for seamless steel pipes, which offset the effect of an overall reduction in seamless steel pipes sales volumes.

*Net sales (by business segment)*

The following table shows Tenaris's net sales by business segment in terms of U.S. dollars for the periods indicated.

	For the year ended December 31,		Increase / (Decrease)
	2002	2001	
Millions of U.S. dollars			
Seamless steel pipes	2,241.4	2,496.5	(10%)
Welded steel pipes	580.0	432.6	34%
Energy	210.4	113.1	86%
Other products and services	187.6	132.0	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,219.4</b>	<b>3,174.3</b>	<b>1%</b>

The following table indicates the distribution of Tenaris's net sales by business segment for the periods indicated.

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Millions of U.S. dollars		
Seamless steel pipes	70%	79%
Welded steel pipes	18%	14%
Energy	7%	4%
Other products and services	6%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Net sales of seamless steel pipe products in 2002 amounted to USD2,241.4 million, compared to USD2,496.5 million in 2001. This 10% decrease was due to a 15% overall reduction in sales volumes, partially offset by increased average net sales prices. Despite declining global market prices for seamless steel pipe products and lower prices in the Argentine market, average net sales prices for Tenaris's seamless pipe products increased as a result of higher U.S. dollar market prices in Europe; in addition, Tenaris sold a higher proportion of seamless steel pipes with significant value added in terms of heat treatment, finishing and services.

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Net sales of welded steel pipe products in 2002 amounted to USD580.0 million, compared to USD432.6 million in 2001. This 34% increase was primarily attributable to higher sales volumes. Sales of welded pipes included sales of metal structures made by Tenaris's Brazilian welded pipe subsidiary in the amount of USD83.5 million in 2002, compared to USD70.5 million in 2001.

Net sales of energy (sales of electricity and natural gas in Italy to unaffiliated parties) totaled USD210.4 million in 2002, compared to USD113.1 million in 2001. This 86% increase reflected an increase in volumes of electricity sold, a contemporaneous increase in energy prices and the inclusion of revenues generated by sales of natural gas for an entire year following the commencement of these sales in December 2001.

Net sales of other products and services amounted to USD187.6 million in 2002, compared to USD132.0 million in 2001. This 42% increase was mainly due to increased sales of other steel products by Tenaris Global Services, which amounted to USD129.3 million in 2002, compared to USD56.9 million in 2001. Sales of these other steel products have been discontinued following the reorganization of Tenaris Global Services as a subsidiary of Tenaris.

*Net sales (by geographical segment)*

The following table shows Tenaris's net sales by region in terms of U.S. dollars for the periods indicated.

	For the year ended December 31,		Increase / (Decrease)
	2002	2001	
<b>Millions of U.S. dollars</b>			
South America	956.4	971.1	(2%)
North America	577.3	611.7	(6%)
Europe	829.7	680.5	22%
Middle East and Africa	511.1	520.9	(2%)
Far East and Oceania	344.9	390.1	(12%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,219.4</b>	<b>3,174.3</b>	<b>1%</b>

The following table indicates the percentage market distribution of Tenaris's net sales by region for the periods indicated.

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
<b>Percentage of total net sales</b>		
South America	30%	31%
North America	18%	19%
Europe	26%	21%
Middle East and Africa	16%	16%
Far East and Oceania	11%	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Net sales in South America amounted to USD956.4 million in 2002, compared to USD971.1 million in 2001. This 2% decrease primarily resulted from a significant reduction in sales volumes of seamless steel pipe products largely offset by a significant increase in sales volumes of welded pipe products.

Net sales in North America amounted to USD577.3 million in 2002, compared to USD611.7 million in 2001. This 6% decrease was primarily attributable to a reduction in sales volumes of seamless steel pipes, partially offset by an increase in sales of other steel products.

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Net sales in Europe totaled USD829.7 million in 2002, compared to USD680.5 million in 2001. This 22% increase was primarily attributable to increased sales of electricity and natural gas by Dalmine Energie, increased sales of other steel products and higher U.S. dollar sales prices for Tenaris' s seamless pipe products in Europe, which more than offset a reduced sales volumes of seamless steel pipe products.

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Net sales in the Middle East and Africa totaled USD511.1 million in 2002, compared to USD520.9 million in 2001. This 2% decrease was primarily the result of reduced sales volumes of seamless steel pipes, partially offset by higher average selling prices.

Net sales in the Far East and Oceania totaled USD344.9 million in 2002, compared to USD390.1 million in 2001. This 12% decrease was primarily due to a reduction in sales volume.

*Cost of sales*

Cost of sales, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased to 67.4% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, from 68.2% for the previous fiscal year. This decrease resulted from lower cost of sales for seamless and welded steel pipe products, partially offset by higher sales of energy products and other low-margin steel products.

Cost of sales for seamless steel pipe products, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased to 63.4% in 2002 from 66.6% in 2001. This improvement was caused principally by sharply-reduced cost of sales at Tenaris' operations in Argentina, partially offset by higher cost of sales at Tenaris' operations in Mexico and Italy. The reduced costs in Argentina reflected the effects of the substantial devaluation of the Argentine peso on those costs denominated in Argentine pesos, the effects of which were offset only in part by concurrent inflation over the period. The increased costs in Mexico were the result of higher energy and raw material costs, while the increased costs in Italy were attributable to the appreciation of the Euro against the U.S. dollar.

Cost of sales for welded steel pipe products, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased to 65.4% in 2002 from 67.9% in 2001. This improvement was caused principally by higher volumes leading to lower fixed and semi-fixed costs on a per ton basis.

Cost of sales for energy products, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased marginally to 94.4% in 2002 from 95.1% in 2001.

Cost of sales for other products and services, expressed as a percentage of net sales, increased to 90.5% in 2002 from 76.3% in 2001. This increase was due to sharply increased sales volumes of low-margin and other steel products.

*Selling, general and administrative expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses, or SG&A, increased significantly to USD568.1 million, or 17.6% of net sales, compared to USD502.7 million, or 15.8% of net sales, during 2001. This increase resulted primarily from increased selling expenses at Tenaris' welded pipe operations in Brazil, newly-introduced export, financial transaction and other non-income related taxes in Argentina and higher selling expenses associated with an increased supply of value-added services to customers, which more than offset a reduction in general and administration expenses at Tenaris' operations in Argentina following the substantial devaluation of the Argentine peso. Tenaris' increased selling expenses in Brazil were attributable to higher export sales, changes in selling conditions and costs incurred in settling a contractual claim.

*Other operating income (expenses), net*

Other operating expenses were USD10.8 million in 2002, compared to USD64.4 million in 2001. The improvement was mainly attributable to higher other operating income and the effect of provisions recorded in respect of the BHP litigation.

Other operating income of USD15.6 million in 2002, compared to USD0.6 million in 2001, resulted from insurance reimbursements, gains on government securities and proceeds from the sale of warehouses.

Other operating expenses amounted to USD26.4 million in 2002, compared to USD64.9 million in 2001. Other operating expenses in 2001 included USD41.1 million corresponding to a provision established at Dalmine in

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respect of the BHP proceedings, while other operating expenses in 2002 primarily reflected a USD18.9 million increase in such provision.

*Financial income (expenses), net*

Financial results showed a net loss of USD20.6 million in 2002, compared to a net loss of USD25.6 million in 2001. This improvement was mainly attributable to reduced net interest expenses of USD20.3 million in 2002, compared to USD41.1 million in 2001, as a result of lower net debt, partially offset by a loss of USD8.8 million due to an increase in financial discounts on U.S. dollar-denominated sales credits to customers in Argentina following the devaluation of the Argentine peso and a loss of USD5.3 million due to lower exchange related gains.

*Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies*

Tenaris' s share in the results of associated companies generated a loss of USD6.8 million in 2002, compared to a loss of USD41.3 million in 2001. This decreased loss was primarily attributable to lower losses associated with Tenaris' s investment in Amazonia (USD7.7 million in 2002, compared to USD31.3 million in 2001). In addition, in 2001 Tenaris disposed of its interests in Siderar and DMV Stainless, which had generated losses of USD9.8 million in 2001.

*Income tax*

Tenaris recorded an income tax provision of USD219.3 million in 2002, compared to an income tax provision of USD109.0 million in 2001. In 2002, Tenaris also recovered USD36.8 million in income taxes following a favorable tax judgment in a claim brought by Tenaris' s main subsidiary in Mexico. The 101% increase in Tenaris' s income tax provision mainly reflected the higher operating income of Tenaris' s subsidiaries in Argentina as a result of the sharp reduction in their costs of sales following the devaluation of the Argentine peso and the other income arising as a result of the effect of the devaluation of the Argentine peso on the monetary position in foreign currency (including assets held in trust funds) of Tenaris' s subsidiaries in Argentina.

*Effect of currency translation on tax bases*

In 2001, Tenaris' s net income was negatively affected by a deferred tax charge of USD109.9 million due to the effect of the devaluation of the Argentine peso on the tax bases of the non-monetary assets of its subsidiaries in Argentina. In 2002, Tenaris' s net income was negatively affected by a further deferred tax charge of USD25.3 million for the same concept. See note 7(iii) to Tenaris' s audited consolidated combined financial statements at, and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002.

*Minority interest*

Minority interest showed a loss of USD142.4 million in 2002, compared to a loss of USD74.6 million in 2001. This increased loss is primarily due to the improvement in the results of most of the Tenaris companies and the consequent increases in the amounts attributable to minority interests in those companies, especially in:

Tamsa, where minority shareholders shared USD63.6 million of Tamsa' s income in 2002, compared to USD34.7 million in 2001;

Siderca, where minority shareholders shared USD39.7 million of Siderca' s income in 2002, compared to USD25.6 million in 2001;

Confab, where minority shareholders shared USD31.0 million of Confab' s income in 2002, compared to USD12.6 million of Confab' s losses in 2001; and

Dalmine, where minority shareholders shared USD6.4 million of Dalmine' s income in 2002, compared to USD1.4 million of Dalmine' s losses in 2001.

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Minority interest attributable to participations in Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine acquired in the exchange offer consummated in December 2002 showed a loss of USD99.5 million in 2002, compared to a loss of USD54.5 million in 2001.

*Net income (loss)*

Tenaris recorded net income of USD94.3 million in 2002, compared to USD81.3 million in 2001. Net income before deduction of minority interest attributable to participations in consolidated subsidiaries acquired in the exchange offer completed in December 2002 increased to USD193.8 million in 2002, compared to USD135.8 million in 2001. This improvement was attributable to a variety of factors, including improved operating and financial results, reduced losses in associated companies and an income tax recovery at Tenaris' principal subsidiary in Mexico, partially offset by an increase in income tax provision.

***Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001, Compared to Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000****Sales volume*

The following table shows Tenaris' sales volume of seamless and welded steel pipe products by geographical region for the periods indicated.

Thousands of tons	For the year ended December 31,		Increase / (Decrease)
	2001	2000	
South America	490	435	13%
North America	438	350	25%
Europe	715	664	8%
Middle East and Africa	582	451	29%
Far East and Oceania	448	262	71%
<b>Total seamless steel pipe</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>Welded steel pipes</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Total steel pipes</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>29%</b>

Tenaris' sales volume of seamless steel pipe products in 2001 increased by 23.6% to 2,673,000 tons from 2,162,000 tons in 2000. This significant increase in sales volume reflects the inclusion of sales from Tenaris' operations in Japan and Canada for an entire period following the commencement of such operations in 2002, as well as the strong demand for Tenaris' seamless steel products in the export markets as a result of increased drilling activity in the international oil and gas sector motivated by favorable oil prices. Demand for Tenaris' seamless steel pipe products began to decline in the last quarter of 2001 as a result of lower and more volatile oil prices and the slowdown in global industrial production exacerbated by the events of September 11, 2001.

Sales volume of seamless steel pipe products increased in all of Tenaris' markets as a result of sustained demand from export oil and gas customers reflecting strong investment in exploration and production activities. The increase was much higher in the Far East and Oceania as a result of the inclusion of sales from Tenaris' operations in Japan for an entire year.

Welded steel pipe sales volume in 2001 rose 70.8% to 432,000 tons from 253,000 tons in 2000, reflecting high demand for Tenaris' products from pipeline projects in the Americas and the Middle East.

Sales of electric energy (all in Italy to unaffiliated parties) increased to 1,846 GWh in 2001 from 1,506 GWh in 2000. This 23.0% increase reflected an increase in volumes of electricity sold mainly as a result of the expansion of the customer base. Sales of natural gas (all in Italy), which commenced in December 2001, amounted to 21 million scm.

Sales of other steel products (mainly sales of Sidor's flat products by Tenaris Global Services in Europe and North America) increased by 142.3% to 172,000 tons in 2001 from 71,000 tons in 2000.





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Net sales in 2001 totaled USD3,174.3 million, an increase of 34.4% compared to USD2,361.3 million in 2000, primarily due to higher sales volumes and higher average selling prices for both seamless and welded steel pipe products. In addition, there were increased sales of electricity and natural gas and of other steel products.

*Net sales (by business segment)*

The following table shows Tenaris' net sales by business segment in terms of U.S. dollars for the periods indicated.

Millions of U.S. dollars	For the year ended December 31,		Increase / (Decrease)
	2001	2000	
Seamless steel pipes	2,496.5	1,991.9	25%
Welded steel pipes	432.6	209.0	107%
Energy	113.1	58.7	93%
Other products and services	132.0	101.7	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,174.3</b>	<b>2,361.3</b>	<b>34%</b>

The following table indicates the distribution of Tenaris' net sales by business segment for the periods indicated.

Percentage of total net sales	For the year ended December 31,	
	2001	2000
Seamless steel pipes	79%	84%
Welded steel pipes	14%	9%
Energy	4%	2%
Other products and services	4%	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Net sales of seamless steel pipe products in 2001 amounted to USD2,496.5 million, compared to USD1,991.9 million in 2000. This 25% increase was primarily due to higher sales volumes and higher average selling prices.

Net sales of welded steel pipe products in 2001 amounted to USD432.6 million, compared to USD209.0 million in 2000. This 107% increase was primarily attributable to higher sales volumes and higher average selling prices.

Net sales of energy (sales of electricity and natural gas in Italy to unaffiliated parties) totaled USD113.1 million in 2001, compared to USD58.7 million in 2000. This 93% increase reflected an increase in volumes of electricity sold.

Net sales of other products and services amounted to USD132.0 million in 2001, compared to USD101.7 million in 2000. This 30% increase was mainly due to increased sales of other steel products by Tenaris Global Services.

*Net sales (by geographical segment)*

The following table shows Tenaris' net sales by region in terms of U.S. dollars for the periods indicated.

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Millions of U.S. dollars	For the year ended December 31,		
	2001	2000	Increase/ (Decrease)
South America	971.1	668.1	45%
North America	611.7	421.6	45%
Europe	680.5	590.9	15%
Middle East and Africa	520.9	429.0	21%
Far East and Oceania	390.1	251.7	55%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,174.3</b>	<b>2,361.3</b>	<b>34%</b>

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The following table indicates the percentage market distribution of Tenaris' net sales by region for the periods indicated.

Percentage of total net sales	For the year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
South America	31%	28%
North America	19%	18%
Europe	21%	25%
Middle East and Africa	16%	18%
Far East and Oceania	12%	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Net sales in South America amounted to USD971.1 million in 2001, compared to USD668.1 million in 2000. This 45% increase was primarily due to sharply increased sales of welded pipe products and higher sales of seamless steel pipe products in Argentina and Venezuela.

Net sales in North America amounted to USD611.7 million in 2001, compared to USD421.6 million in 2000. This 45% increase was primarily attributable to higher sales of seamless steel pipe products as a result of the inclusion of sales from Tenaris' operations in Canada for an entire year, higher average selling price and higher sales of other steel products. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in sales to non-oil related customers in Mexico.

Net sales in Europe totaled USD680.5 million in 2001, compared to USD590.9 million in 2000. This 15% increase was primarily attributable to increased sales of electricity by Dalmine Energie and higher sales volumes of seamless steel pipe products.

Net sales in the Middle East and Africa totaled USD520.9 million in 2001, compared to USD429.0 million in 2000. This 21% increase was primarily the result of sustained demand from export oil and gas customers, reflecting strong investment in exploration and production activities.

Net sales in the Far East and Oceania totaled USD390.1 million in 2001, compared to USD251.7 million in 2000. This 55% increase was primarily due to the inclusion of sales from Tenaris' operations in Japan for an entire year and sustained demand from export oil and gas customers, reflecting strong investment in exploration and production activities.

*Cost of sales*

Cost of sales, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased to 68.2% for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, from 71.7% for the previous fiscal year. This decrease primarily resulted from lower cost of sales for seamless and welded pipe products, partially offset by higher sales of low-margin energy products.

Cost of sales for seamless steel pipe products, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased to 66.6% in 2001 from 70.0% in 2000. This decrease in cost was primarily the result of higher average selling prices and higher absorption of fixed and semi-fixed costs due to increased sales volume.

Cost of sales for welded steel pipe products, expressed as a percentage of net sales, decreased to 67.9% in 2001 from 81.2% in 2000. This decrease in costs was due primarily to higher average selling prices and higher absorption of fixed and semi-fixed costs as a result of higher sales volume.

Cost of sales for energy products, expressed as a percentage of net sales, increased to 95.1% in 2001 from 85.4% in 2000. This increase in costs was primarily due to a decrease in operating margins in 2001 as the energy trade business in Italy matured and competition increased.

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Cost of sales for other products and services, expressed as a percentage of net sales, slightly decreased to 76.3% in 2001 from 77.2% in 2000.

*Selling, general and administrative expenses*

SG&A during 2001 were USD502.7 million, or 15.8% of net sales, compared to USD433.6 million, or 18.4% of net sales, for 2000. This improvement reflects a reduction in general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales resulting from higher absorption of these expenses. Selling expenses, which relate primarily to export sales and are inherently variable, increased in U.S. dollar terms due mainly to higher export volumes resulting in higher selling costs (including sales commissions), but remained stable as a percentage of net sales.

*Other operating income (expenses), net*

Other net operating expenses were USD64.4 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, compared to a net gain of USD5.9 million in the previous fiscal year. This significant deterioration was mainly attributable to the creation of a provision at Dalmine in respect of the BHP litigation (USD41.1 million), an additional provision by Siderca related to the impairment of certain credits with the Argentine government (USD9.0 million) and a non-recurring provision by Confab (USD7.7 million) representing the entirety of an amount in controversy in connection with a tax dispute.

*Financial income (expenses), net*

Financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, showed a net financial loss of USD25.6 million, compared to USD47.9 million in the previous fiscal year. This variation was mainly attributable to the effect of the Argentine peso devaluation on Argentine peso-denominated net liabilities, which, in spite of having occurred in January 2002, was required to be recorded in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. This effect was partially offset by higher net interest payments principally due to higher net financial debt.

*Equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies*

Tenaris' s share in the results of associated companies generated a loss of USD41.3 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, compared to a loss of USD3.8 million for the previous fiscal year. This increased loss was primarily due to the performance of Tenaris' s investments in:

Amazonia, which generated a loss of USD31.3 million in 2001, compared to a loss of USD5.0 million in 2000;

Siderar, which generated a loss of USD4.9 million in 2001, compared to a gain of USD2.0 million in 2000; and

DMV Stainless B.V., which generated a loss of USD4.9 million in 2001, compared to a loss of USD1.7 million in 2000.

Tenaris no longer owns any interest in either Siderar or DMV Stainless.

*Income tax*

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, Tenaris recorded an income tax provision of USD109.0 million, compared to an income tax provision of USD63.3 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000. This 72.2% increase was mainly due to improved operating results.

*Effect of currency translation on tax bases*

This charge of USD109.9 million reflects an increased deferred income tax charge in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, due to the effect of the devaluation of the Argentine peso on the tax bases of the non-monetary

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assets of its subsidiaries in Argentina. See note 7(ii) to Tenaris' s audited consolidated combined financial statements at, and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

*Minority interest*

Minority interest for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, showed a loss of USD74.6 million compared to a loss of USD47.4 million in the previous fiscal year. This increased loss is primarily due to the improvement in the results of most of the Tenaris companies and the consequent increases in the amounts attributable to minority interests in those companies, especially in:

Tamsa, where minority shareholders shared USD34.7 million of Tamsa' s income in 2001, compared to USD21.5 million in 2000;

Siderca, where minority shareholders shared USD25.6 million of Siderca' s income in 2001, compared to USD26.1 million in 2000;

Confab, where minority shareholders shared USD12.6 million of Confab' s income in 2001, compared to USD2.7 million of Confab' s losses in 2000; and

Dalmine, where minority shareholders shared USD1.4 million of Dalmine' s losses in 2001, compared to USD3.5 million of Dalmine' s income in 2000.

*Net income (loss)*

Tenaris recorded net income of USD81.3 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, compared to net income of USD76.7 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000. This 6.0% increase was due to improved operating results, partially offset by the effect of the devaluation of the Argentine peso on the tax bases of the non-monetary assets of its subsidiaries in Argentina, an increase in income tax provision and losses from Tenaris' s investment in Amazonia.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Thousands of U.S. dollars	For the year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Net cash provided by operations	461,436	544,228	274,195
Net cash (used in) provided by investment activities	(180,606)	(284,340)	(263,762)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(184,376)	(138,021)	6,018
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	96,454	121,867	16,451
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(5,732)	(4,943)	(10,360)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	213,814	96,890	90,799
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	304,536	213,814	96,890

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002, Compared to Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001*

Tenaris' s cash and cash equivalents increased by USD90.7 million to USD304.5 million from USD213.8 million at December 31, 2001. In addition, Tenaris had investments of USD135.8 million in trust funds established to support the operations of its subsidiaries in Argentina and Brazil.

Net cash provided by operations was USD461.4 million in 2002.

Net cash used in investing activities was USD180.6 million during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002. The principal uses of funds in investing activities during the period included USD124.6 million in investments in property, plant and equipment, USD23.0 million in investments in intangible assets, USD32.3 million in



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investments in trust funds established to support Tenaris' operations in Argentina and Brazil and USD14.8 million in costs relating to the exchange offer completed in December 2002, partially offset by USD14.4 million provided by sales of property, plant and equipment. Net capital expenditure (inclusive of investment in intangible assets) was USD133.2 million, compared to a net capital expenditure of USD183.0 million in 2001.

Net cash used in financing activities was USD184.4 million, consisting of net repayment of bank and financial loans of USD103.6 million and dividend payments of USD80.8 million.

Net working capital, calculated as the excess of current assets over current liabilities, increased by USD73.1 million reflecting an increase in trade and other receivables (USD156.2 million) and decreases in inventories (USD46.1 million), advances from customers (USD32.3 million) and trade payables (USD28.9 million). We believe that the net working capital is sufficient to meet Tenaris' liquidity needs for the present and the foreseeable future.

Tenaris' debt to total assets ratio remained stable at 0.53 to 1 at December 31, 2002, compared to 0.53 to 1 at December 31, 2001.

***Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001, Compared to Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000***

Tenaris' cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2001, increased to USD213.8 million from USD96.9 million at December 31, 2000.

Net cash provided by operations was USD544.2 million during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

Net cash used in investment activities was USD284.3 million during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. The principal uses of funds in investment activities during this period included USD200.0 million in investments in property, plant and equipment, USD103.4 million in the creation of a trust fund outside Argentina and USD22.8 million in intangible asset acquisitions. Investment activities provided USD39.9 million from sales of property, plant and equipment.

Net cash used in financing activities was USD138.0 million, consisting principally of payments of cash dividends primarily by Siderca and Tamsa (USD66.1 million), a net decrease in minority interest (USD46.6 million), a net change in ownership in Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine (USD10.6 million) and net repayments of bank and financial loans (USD14.8 million).

Net working capital was USD534.2 million at December 31, 2001, compared to USD468.3 million at December 31, 2000. The principal reasons for this variation were an increase in cash and cash equivalents, inventories and trade receivables and a decrease in borrowings, partially offset by an increase in other liabilities, trade payables and provisions.

Tenaris' debt to total assets ratio was 0.53 to 1 at December 31, 2001, compared to 0.49 to 1 at December 31, 2000.

***Financings***

Tenaris' consolidated financial debt at December 31, 2002, net of cost of issuance of debt, was USD715.9 million, compared to USD765.5 million at December 31, 2001. Of this amount, USD288.9 million was denominated in U.S. dollars and USD427.0 million was non-USD denominated.

Of Tenaris' debt at December 31, 2002, USD393.7 million was short-term and USD322.2 million long-term.

Of Tenaris' total consolidated financial debt, USD641.0 million were bank borrowings with an average interest rate of 3.61%, USD9.6 million were bank overdrafts with an average interest rate of 4.30%, USD54.2 million were debentures and other loans with an average interest rate of 3.99% and USD11.6 million were finance lease liabilities with an average interest rate of 3.56%. The cost of issuance of debt amounted to 0.5 million.

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Neither Tenaris nor any of its subsidiaries has any limitation on investments in property, plant and equipment or in other companies. Dividend payments and repurchase of shares are not prohibited by any event of default or covenants under any present loan agreement. At December 31, 2002, Tenaris and all of its subsidiaries were in compliance with all applicable financial and other covenants.

**Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

The following table summarizes Tenaris' contractual obligations at December 31, 2002, and the effect such obligations are expected to have on its liquidity and cash flow in future periods:

Millions of U.S. dollars	Payments Due by Period as of December 31, 2002				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years
<b>Contractual Obligations</b>					
Finance Lease Obligations	11.6	4.2	5.1	1.0	1.3
Other Borrowings	704.3	389.5	237.4	51.6	25.8
<b>Total Contractual Cash Obligations</b>	<b>715.9</b>	<b>393.7</b>	<b>242.5</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>27.2</b>

Millions of U.S. dollars	Total Amounts Committed	Amount of Commitment Expiration Per Period as of December 31, 2002			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years
<b>Commercial Commitments</b>					
Guarantees	179,924	120,010	32,329	3,204	24,381
Other Commercial Commitments	773,682	113,802	181,714	173,396	305,769
<b>Total Commercial Commitments</b>	<b>953,606</b>	<b>233,812</b>	<b>214,043</b>	<b>176,600</b>	<b>330,150</b>

Off-balance sheet commitments are discussed in note 24(vii) to Tenaris' consolidated combined financial statements of Tenaris included in this annual report.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Tenaris' operating and financial review and prospects are based on Tenaris' audited consolidated combined financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with IAS. The use of IAS as opposed to U.S. GAAP has an impact on Tenaris' critical accounting policies and estimates. The application of U.S. GAAP would have affected the determination of consolidated combined net income (loss) for the periods ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, and the determination of consolidated combined shareholders' equity and consolidated combined financial position as of December 31, 2002 and 2001. See notes U and 31 to Tenaris' audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report, which provide a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of Tenaris' results of operations and shareholders' equity.

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates, including those related to doubtful accounts, impairment of long-term investments and contingencies. Management bases its estimates on historical experience of the Tenaris companies and on various other assumptions that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other



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sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies and estimates affect Tenaris' s more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated combined financial statements.

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### **Allowances for Doubtful Accounts and Customer Claims**

Tenaris makes estimates of the uncollectibility of its accounts receivable, including receivables from government entities. Tenaris calculates its estimate as a percentage of sales based on historical statistics and on the probability, based on current information and events, that Tenaris will be unable to collect all amounts due. Tenaris recorded a provision for doubtful accounts receivable of USD9.8 million during 2002. At December 31, 2002, the allowance for doubtful accounts represented 3.2% of outstanding accounts receivable, compared to 4.3% at December 31, 2001.

In addition, Tenaris makes a provision for customer claims when a customer makes a claim in connection with an order and management estimates that, despite its efforts, Tenaris is unlikely to collect in full the amount of the invoice in question or that Tenaris will be required to reimburse the customer for damages. Tenaris' s provisions for customer claims can be either netted from the related assets or included in its liabilities, depending on the nature of the claim. At December 31, 2002, Tenaris' s provision for customer claims amounted to USD11.4 million, of which USD6.9 million were attributable to transactions with related parties.

While, based on Tenaris' s experience, losses due to credit failures or customer claims have been within expectations and the provisions established, if circumstances change (i.e., higher than expected defaults or an unexpected material adverse change in a major customer' s ability to meet its financial obligation to Tenaris), management' s estimates of the recoverability of amounts due to it could be reduced by a material amount. In this case, Tenaris' s results of operations, financial condition and net worth would be materially and adversely affected.

### **Allowance for Obsolescence or Slow-Moving Inventory**

Tenaris makes estimates of the recoverability of its inventories of supplies and spare parts. Tenaris evaluation is made based on the following criteria:

analysis of the aging of the supplies and spare parts; *and*

analysis of the capacity of materials to be used based on their level of preservation and maintenance and of the potential obsolescence due to technological changes in the mills.

Based on these evaluations, at December 31, 2002, Tenaris recorded an allowance of USD51.6 million, compared to USD52.2 million at December 31, 2001. At December 31, 2002, the allowance for obsolescence and slow-moving inventory represented 40.1% of the stocks held of supplies and spare parts, compared to 50.7% at December 31, 2001.

While, based on Tenaris' s experience, losses due to obsolescence and scrap of inventory have been within expectations and the provisions established, if circumstances change (i.e., significant changes in the technology used in the mills), management' s estimates of the recoverability of these inventories could be reduced by a material amount. In this case, Tenaris' s results of operations, financial condition and net worth would be further materially and adversely affected.

### **Loss Contingencies**

The ultimate liability of Tenaris with respect to the various claims, lawsuits and other legal proceedings to which it is a party cannot be estimated with certainty. Tenaris' s accounting policy is to determine whether a liability should be recorded, and to estimate the amount of such liability based on the information available and assumptions and method it has concluded are appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of IAS.

At December 31, 2002, Tenaris had recorded liabilities totaling USD102.6 million, compared to USD105.8 million at December 31, 2001, for potential loss contingencies, including related legal fees expected to be incurred. Generally, loss contingencies are accrued when it is reasonably certain that the loss will be incurred, but uncertainty exists relating to the amount or the date on which they will arise. Accruals for such contingencies reflect a reasonable estimate of the losses to be incurred based on information available and the combination of litigation and

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settlement strategy, as of the date of preparation of the financial statement. As additional information becomes available, Tenaris will reassess its evaluation of the pending claims, lawsuits and other proceedings.

Tenaris recorded a provision amounting to 65 million as of December 31, 2002 in relation to the BHP claim against Dalmine. For further discussion of the BHP proceedings, see See Item 4. Information on the Company Litigation BHP Proceedings.

Tenaris has concluded that in respect of the BHP contingency as well as any of the other loss contingencies described in its financial statements, it is not reasonably possible that it would incur a loss exceeding the amount currently accrued for at December 31, 2002, with respect to loss contingencies that would be material relative to the consolidated financial position, results of operation or liquidity of Tenaris as of December 31, 2002. However, with respect to certain of the proceedings, if reserves prove to be inadequate and Tenaris incurs a charge to earnings, such charges could have a material adverse effect on Tenaris's earnings and liquidity for the applicable period.

### **Impairments of goodwill**

The determination as to whether goodwill is impaired requires a great deal of judgment. Prior to January 1, 2002, Tenaris evaluated goodwill for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicated that the carrying value might not be recoverable.

On January 1, 2002, Tenaris adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 142 requires that goodwill not be amortized. In accordance with such adoption, the Company identified all reporting units in conjunction with the provisions of SFAS No. 142 and allocated all goodwill accordingly. Beginning in 2002, goodwill is evaluated for impairment annually, or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. Tenaris tested goodwill for impairment using the two-step process prescribed in SFAS No. 142. The first step is a comparison of the fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If this step reflects impairment, then the loss would be measured as the excess of recorded goodwill over its implied fair value. Implied fair value is the excess of the fair value of the reporting unit over the fair value of all recognized and unrecognized assets and liabilities. Tenaris performed the first step of the impairment test, and determined that there was potential impairment of seamless tubes segment in Mexico. Tenaris performed the second step as of January 1, 2002 and determined that its goodwill balance of USD24.5 million was impaired. The impairment loss was recorded as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in the accompanying consolidated combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002.

### **Net Income (Loss) and Shareholders' Equity Information on a U.S. GAAP Basis**

Tenaris's consolidated combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS, which, as applied to Tenaris, differ in significant respects from U.S. GAAP.

Under U.S. GAAP, Tenaris recorded net income of USD92.6 million for 2002 (compared to net income of USD94.3 million under IAS), USD162.9 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 (compared to net income of USD81.3 million under IAS), and net income of USD77.3 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000 (compared to net income of USD76.7 million under IAS). The principal differences between IAS and U.S. GAAP that affected Tenaris's results of operations were:

differences in the basis of the calculation of the deferred income tax related to assets and liabilities that are remeasured from local currency into the functional currency;

differences in the recognition of prior service costs related to pension benefits;

differences in equity in investments in associated companies, mostly relating to restructuring costs;

differences in purchase accounting, which had an effect on the accounting for the acquisitions of Tavsa and Amazonia;

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differences in accounting for changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets;

differences in recognition of goodwill and, as of January 1, 2002, the no amortization of goodwill; *and*

the effects on deferred taxes and minority interest of the above reconciling items.

In addition, IAS and U.S. GAAP differ in the criteria used to define subsidiary companies to be consolidated that does not impact the operating result but rather its different components.

Shareholders' equity determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP was USD1,745.9 million as of December 31, 2002, compared to USD1,694.1 million under IAS and USD941.9 million as of December 31, 2001, compared to USD875.4 million under IAS. The principal differences affecting the determination of shareholders' equity are those described above, as well as the accounting of direct costs relating to the exchange offer consummated in December 2002.

For a discussion of the principal differences between IAS and U.S. GAAP as they relate to Tenaris' consolidated combined net income and shareholders' equity, see note U to Tenaris' audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report. For a quantitative reconciliation of these differences, see note 31 to Tenaris' audited consolidated combined financial statements included in this annual report.

## **Recent Developments**

### *Acquisition of remaining minority interest in Siderca*

Upon consummation of the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, we held, directly or indirectly, 99.11% of Siderca's outstanding capital stock. On April 24, 2003, we completed a unilateral acquisition under Argentine law of the remaining 0.89% of Siderca's outstanding capital stock, reaching a 100% direct and indirect holding in Siderca.

### *Acquisition of remaining minority interest in Tamsa*

On March 31, 2003, we announced that we intend to cause the delisting of Tamsa from the Mexican Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange, the termination of Tamsa's ADR facility and, if and when appropriate, the termination of Tamsa's registration with the SEC. We also announced that, subject to the approvals of the U.S. and Mexican securities regulators, we intend to propose an exchange of our shares and ADSs for any Tamsa shares and ADSs not held by us or our affiliates in accordance with Mexican and U.S. laws. On April 30, 2003, Tamsa's shareholders' meeting gave the requisite approvals to effect such exchange.

### *Acquisition of remaining minority interest in Dalmine*

Upon consummation of the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, we held 88.41% of Dalmine's outstanding capital stock. Thereafter, we engaged in various open-market transactions in accordance with applicable Italian law through which we acquired an additional 1.6% of Dalmine's ordinary stock, reaching a 90% direct and indirect holding in Dalmine. On March 11, 2003, we announced that since we held in excess of 90.0% of Dalmine's outstanding stock, we plan to launch, in accordance with Italian regulations, a public tender offer in Italy for the remaining shares of Dalmine. On May 27, 2003, the Italian securities regulator determined the price that we are required to offer in the tender offer for the remaining Dalmine shares. On June 23, 2003, we launched the tender offer in Italy, which is scheduled to expire on July 11, 2003.

### *Acquisition of Electric Power Generating Facility*

On February 19, 2003, Siderca acquired Reliant Energy Cayman Holdings, Ltd., a company whose principal asset is an electric power generating facility located in Argentina, with a power generation capacity of 160 megawatts, for a total amount of USD23.1 million. As a result of the purchase, Tenaris' operations at Siderca, which consume around 160 megawatts at peak production and an average of 90 megawatts, have become self-sufficient in electric power requirements.

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*Agreement with Tecpetrol*

On April 4, 2003, Tecpetrol and Siderca entered into an agreement under which Siderca paid USD15.3 million for the advance purchase of 760 million cubic meters of natural gas to be delivered to Siderca's seamless steel pipe facilities and its newly acquired power generation facility over a period of five years on pricing terms that will enable Siderca to share through discounts the impact of any increase in natural gas prices over that period with Tecpetrol. Under the terms of this agreement, Siderca will have a minimum guaranteed return on this advance payment equal to LIBOR plus 3.5%. Tecpetrol's sales to Siderca in 2002 amounted to USD3.4 million, USD4.5 million in 2001, and USD6.8 million in 2000.

*Prospective Purchase of Land and Manufacturing Facilities in Canada*

On May 23, 2003, we announced that we had signed a letter of intent to purchase for 12.5 million Canadian dollars land and manufacturing facilities in Canada currently leased by AlgomaTubes. The purchase is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year but remains subject to an agreement with the United Steelworkers of America and various approvals by the Canadian government.

*Annual General Shareholders Meeting*

On May 28, 2003, our general shareholders' meeting ratified an interim cash dividend paid on August 27, 2002, and approved a cash dividend in the amount of USD115.0 million (USD0.10 per share and USD0.99 per ADS), which was paid on June 23, 2003, from the Company's other distributable reserve account of USD206.7 million. In addition, the shareholders reelected our board of directors (which had taken office on January 31, 2003) to serve until the next general shareholders' meeting to be held in May 2004. PricewaterhouseCoopers S.à.r.l. were reappointed as auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003. The meeting also approved aggregate compensation of approximately USD1.25 million for our President, Chief Executive Officer and the members of our board of directors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003.

*Loss of our Chairman*

On June 10, 2003, we announced the death of Roberto Rocca, chairman of our board of directors. A new chairman of our board of directors will be appointed shortly.

*Sidor Debt Restructuring*

On June 23, 2003, Tenaris announced that Amazonia and Sidor reached an agreement with their financial creditors and the Venezuelan government relating to the restructuring of Sidor's and Amazonia's financial debt. Under the terms of the agreements, Sidor's and Amazonia's aggregate financial debt was reduced from USD1,883 million to USD791 million, certain shareholders of Amazonia contributed USD133.5 million in cash to Ylopa, for the acquisition and capitalization of Sidor's and Amazonia's financial debt, the government of Venezuela increased its participation in Sidor from 30% to 40.3% and all the guarantees provided by the shareholders of Amazonia with respect to loans made to Sidor were released and replaced with a security on the fixed assets of Sidor which, together with the pledges on the shares of Amazonia and the shares that Amazonia holds in Sidor, were placed in trust for the benefit of Sidor's financial creditors and the Venezuelan government. In addition, a portion of Sidor's excess cash (determined in accordance with an agreed-upon formula) will be applied to repay Sidor's financial debt and the remainder will be distributed to the Venezuelan government and Ylopa.

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**Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees**

**A. Directors and Senior Management**

**Board of Directors**

Management of the Company is vested in a board of directors. Our articles of association provide for a board of directors consisting of at least three and at most fifteen directors; however if Tenaris's shares are listed on a stock exchange, the minimum number of directors must be five. The board of directors is required to meet as often as required by the interests of Tenaris and at least four times per year. A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum, and resolutions may be adopted by the vote of a majority of the directors present. In the case of a tie, the chairman is entitled to cast the deciding vote.

Directors are elected at the annual ordinary shareholders' meeting to serve one-year renewable terms, as decided by the shareholders. Our articles of association provide that in case the shares of Tenaris are listed on at least one stock exchange, the Company must have an audit committee composed of three members, two of whom, at least, must qualify as independent directors.

Under our articles of association, an independent director is a director who:

is not and has not been employed by us or our subsidiaries in an executive capacity for the preceding five years;

is not a person that controls us, directly or indirectly, and is not a member of the board of directors of a company controlling us, directly or indirectly;

does not have (and is not affiliated with a company or a firm that has) a significant business relationship with us, our subsidiaries or our controlling shareholder;

is not and has not been affiliated with or employed by a present or former auditor of us, our subsidiaries or our controlling shareholder for the preceding five years; *and*

is not a spouse, parent, sibling or relative up to the third degree of any of the above persons.

As our securities have been listed on at least one stock exchange since consummation of our exchange offer for Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine, our shareholders' meeting on December 14, 2002, appointed new directors, including independent directors, to comply with the requirements that the Company must have, under these circumstances, a minimum of five directors and an audit committee with at least two independent members.

Our current board of directors, that took office on January 31, 2003 and was reelected in its entirety by our general shareholders' meeting held on May 28, 2003, is currently comprised of nine directors.

Until June 10, 2003, Roberto Rocca served as Chairman and a member of our board of directors. Our board of directors will determine, in due course, Mr. Rocca's successor as chairman of the board. The following table sets forth our current directors, their respective positions on the board, their principal occupation, their years of service as board members and their year of birth.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Principal Occupation</b>	<b>Years as Director</b>	<b>Year of Birth</b>
Roberto Bonatti <sup>(1)</sup>	Director	President of San Faustín		1949
Carlos Franck	Director	President of Santa María		1950
Pedro Pablo Kuczynski	Director	President and Chief Executive Officer of Latin America Enterprise Fund, USA		1938
Bruno Marchettini	Director	Chief Technological Officer of the Techint group		1941
Gianfelice Mario Rocca <sup>(1)</sup>	Director	Chairman of the board of directors of San Faustín		1948
Paolo Rocca <sup>(1)</sup>	Director	President and Chief Executive Officer of Tenaris and Chief Executive Officer of the Techint group	1	1952
Jaime Serra Puche	Director	Partner in S.A.I. Consultores S.C., Mexico		1951
Amadeo Vázquez y Vázquez	Director	President of Telecom Argentina, director of BBVA Banco Francés S.A. and board member of Buenos Aires Stock Exchange		1942
Guillermo F. Vogel	Director	Vice Chairman of Tamsa and Vice-President Finance of Tenaris		1950

<sup>(1)</sup> Roberto Rocca was the father of Paolo Rocca and Gianfelice Rocca, and an uncle of Roberto Bonatti. Paolo Rocca and Gianfelice Rocca are brothers, and Roberto Bonatti is Paolo and Gianfelice Rocca's first cousin.

At its first meeting on January 31, 2003, our new board of directors appointed, from among its members, Jaime Serra Puche, Amadeo Vázquez y Vázquez and Guillermo Vogel to be the members of Tenaris's audit committee. On May 28, 2003, our board of directors reappointed these directors as members of our audit committee.

Under our articles of association, the audit committee will report to the board of directors on its activities and the adequacy of the internal control systems at least every six months, when the annual and six-month financial statements are approved. In addition, the charter of the audit committee, which became effective on March 6, 2003, states that our audit committee shall meet four times annually, or more frequently if circumstances dictate. Our audit committee will assist the board of directors in its oversight responsibilities with respect to our financial statements, our system of internal controls and the independence and performance of our internal and independent auditors. The audit committee will also perform other duties entrusted to it by our board of directors, particularly with respect to our relations with our independent auditors. Furthermore, the audit committee will review material transactions between related parties and us and our subsidiaries to determine whether their terms are consistent with market conditions or are otherwise fair to us and our subsidiaries, as the case may be.

Under the charter of the audit committee, our audit committee will review the material transactions, as defined by the charter, to be entered into by us or our subsidiaries with related parties. In the case of material transactions entered into by our subsidiaries with related parties, our audit committee will only review those transactions entered into by those subsidiaries whose board of directors do not have independent members. Our audit committee has the power (to the maximum extent permitted by applicable laws) to request that we, and our subsidiaries, provide all of

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the information that is necessary to review any material transaction in question. The proposed transaction shall not be entered into unless (1) the circumstances underlying the proposed transaction justify that it be entered into before it can be reviewed by our audit committee or approved by our board of directors and (2) the related party agrees to unwind the transaction if our board of directors does not approve the transaction.

Under Luxembourg law, a director may be liable to us for any damage caused by management errors, such as wrongful acts committed during the execution of his or her mandate, and to us, our shareholders and third parties in



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the event that we, our shareholders, or third parties suffer a loss due to an infringement of either the Luxembourg Company Law or our articles of association. Under Luxembourg law, related party transactions involving directors may be subject to approval procedures established by Luxembourg law and are to be reported at the next following shareholders' meeting. Any director may be removed from or reappointed to office at any time by a shareholders' resolution passed by majority vote, irrespective of the number of shares present or represented at the meeting.

A director will not be liable if, notwithstanding his presence at the meeting at which a resolution was adopted or his opposition to that resolution, he advised the board of directors of his knowledge thereto and caused a record of his statement to be included in the minutes of the meeting. The directors must report his opposition at the next shareholders' meeting before any other resolution is voted on.

Causes of action against directors for damages may be initiated by us upon a resolution of the shareholders' meeting with a 50% vote and without the presence of a quorum. Causes of action against directors who misappropriate corporate assets or commit a breach of trust may be brought by any shareholder.

**Auditors**

Our articles of association require the appointment of at least one independent auditor chosen from among the members of the Luxembourg Institute of Independent Auditors. The primary responsibility of the independent auditor is to audit our annual accounts and to submit a report on the accounts to the annual shareholders' meeting. Auditors are appointed by the shareholders through a resolution to be passed by a majority vote, irrespective of the number of shares present or represented. Shareholders can determine the number and the term of office of the auditors at the general meeting. Luxembourg law does not allow directors to serve concurrently as independent auditors. An auditor's term shall not exceed one year and they may be reappointed and dismissed at any time.

PricewaterhouseCoopers S.à.r.l. was appointed as our independent auditor at our shareholders' meeting held on September 11, 2002 and reappointed at our shareholders' meeting held on May 28, 2003. As a result of the appointment of an independent auditor, we are not required under Luxembourg law or our articles of association to have a statutory auditor.

**Senior Management**

Our current senior management consists of:

Name	Position	Year of Birth
Paolo Rocca	Chief Executive Officer	1952
Carlos Condorelli	Chief Financial Officer	1951
Germán Curá	Commercial Director	1962
Alejandro Lammertyn	Supply Chain Director	1965
Marco Radnic	Human Resources Director	1949
Carlos San Martín	Technology Director	1943
Alberto Valsecchi	European Area Manager	1944
Guillermo Noriega	Argentine Area Manager	1950
Vincenzo Crapanzano	Mexican Area Manager	1952
Marcelo Ramos	Managing Director, Japanese Operations	1963
Ricardo Soler	Managing Director, Welded Pipe Operations	1951

**Paolo Rocca.** Mr. Rocca currently serves as our Chief Executive Officer, a position that he assumed on October 22, 2002. He is also a member of our board of directors, chief executive officer of Siderca, chairman of the board of directors of Tamsa, executive vice president of the board of directors of Dalmine, vice president of the board of directors of Confab. He is also chief executive officer of the Techint group, president of Siderar and a member of the board of directors of Amazonia. He was first employed with the Techint group in 1985 as assistant to the chairman of the board of directors of Techint Financing Corporation. In 1986, he became a member of the board of directors of Siderca and, in 1990, he became executive vice president of Siderca. Mr. Rocca was born in 1952.

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**Carlos Condorelli.** Mr. Condorelli currently serves as our Chief Financial Officer, a position that he assumed on October 22, 2002. He began his career within the Techint group in 1975 as an analyst in the accounting and administration department of Siderar. He has held several positions within Tenaris and other Techint group companies, including Finance and Administration Director of Tamsa and president of the board of directors of Empresa Distribuidora La Plata S.A., or Edelap, an Argentine utilities company formerly controlled by the Techint group. Mr. Condorelli was born in 1951.

**Germán Curá.** Mr. Curá currently serves as our Commercial Director. He is naval engineer and was first employed with Siderca in 1988. Previously, he has served as Siderca's Exports Director and Director of the Tenaris Oilfield Services business unit. Mr. Curá was born in 1962.

**Alejandro Lammertyn.** Mr. Lammertyn currently serves as our Supply Chain Director with responsibility for the execution of all contractual deliveries to customers. He began his career with Tenaris in 1990 as special projects analyst in Siderca. Mr. Lammertyn was born in 1965.

**Marco Radnic.** Mr. Radnic currently serves as Human Resources Director of Tenaris. He began his career in the Industrial Engineering Department of Siderar in 1975. Later he held several positions in the technical department of Siderca and Techint. After holding several positions in the marketing and procurement areas in Europe, in 1996 he became Commercial Director of Dalmine. In 1998, he took over the Process and Power Services business unit of Tenaris. In 2001, he was appointed chief of staff for Paolo Rocca in Buenos Aires. Mr. Radnic was born in 1949.

**Carlos San Martín.** Mr. San Martín currently serves as our Technology Director with responsibility for quality assurance and R&D activities, as well as acting as Honorary Chairman of NKK Tubes. He joined the Techint group in 1968 and has held various positions within the Techint group and Tenaris, including Marketing Director of Siderca and Managing Director of NKK Tubes. Mr. San Martín was born in 1943.

**Alberto Valsecchi.** Mr. Valsecchi currently serves as our European area manager. He joined the Techint group in 1968 and has held various positions within Tenaris and the Techint group, including Managing Director of Siderca. He assumed his current position with Dalmine in 1996. Mr. Valsecchi was born in 1944.

**Guillermo Noriega.** Mr. Noriega currently serves as our Argentine area manager. He began his career at Siderca as an industrial engineer in 1981. Previously, he served as Siderca's commercial director for the Argentine market. He assumed his current position with Siderca in 2000. Mr. Noriega was born in 1950.

**Vincenzo Crapanzano.** Mr. Crapanzano currently serves as our Mexican area manager and also serves as a director and Executive Vice-President of Tamsa. Prior to joining Tenaris, he held various positions at Grupo Falck from 1979 to 1989. When Dalmine acquired the tubular assets of Grupo Falck in 1990, he was appointed managing director of the cold drawn tubes division. He assumed his current position with Tamsa in 2000. Mr. Crapanzano was born in 1952.

**Marcelo Ramos.** Mr. Ramos currently serves as Managing Director of our Japanese operations. He joined the Techint group in 1987 and has held various positions within Tenaris including Quality Control Director at Siderca. He assumed his current position with NKK Tubes in 2002. Mr. Ramos was born in 1963.

**Ricardo Soler.** Mr. Soler currently serves as Managing Director of our welded pipe operations and Executive Vice-President of Confab and Siat. He started his career in the Techint group in 1974 as a planning analyst at Siderar. He assumed his current position in 1999 with Confab. Mr. Soler was born in 1951.

**B. Compensation**

The compensation of the directors is determined at the annual ordinary shareholders' meeting. A total of USD739,000 was paid to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and members of our board of directors who were in office in 2002.

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See Item 6.A. Directors, Senior Management and Employees Directors and Senior Management.

There are no service contracts between any director and Tenaris or any of its subsidiaries that provide for benefits upon termination of employment.

**D. Employees**

See Item 4.A. Information on the Company Employees.

**E. Share Ownership**

The total number of shares owned by our directors and executive officers as of May 30, 2003 was 2,191,516, which represents 0.2% of our outstanding shares. The following table provides information regarding share ownership by any of these persons.

Director or Officer	Number of Shares Held	Percentage of Shares Outstanding
Roberto Rocca <sup>(1)</sup>	176,070	0.0%
Guillermo Vogel	2,015,446	0.2%

(1) Mr. Rocca, who served as chairman of the board of directors of Tenaris, passed away on June 10, 2003.

**Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions.****A. Major Shareholders**

The following table shows the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares, as of May 30, 2003, by (1) our principal shareholders (persons or entities that own beneficially 5% or more of Tenaris's shares), (2) our directors and executive officers as a group, and (3) non-affiliated public shareholders.

Identity of Person or Group	Number	Percent
San Faustín <sup>(1)</sup>	710,747,187	61.2
Directors and executive officers as a group <sup>(2)</sup>	2,191,516	0.2
Public	447,762,091	38.6
Total	1,160,700,794	100.0

(1) Includes 97 shares held directly by San Faustín and 710,747,090 shares held by Sidertubes S.A.; Sidertubes is a wholly-owned subsidiary of San Faustín. Until June 10, 2003, San Faustín was ultimately controlled by Roberto Rocca, either directly or through Rocca & Partners. Following Mr. Rocca's death on June 10, 2003, San Faustín is controlled by Rocca & Partners. None of the shares beneficially owned by San Faustín possesses extraordinary voting rights.

(2) Includes 176,070 shares beneficially owned by Roberto Rocca, who served as chairman of the board of directors of Tenaris until he passed away on June 10, 2003.

As of June 17, 2003, 19,964,284 ADSs were registered in the name of 251 holders resident in the United States.

The Company was incorporated in December 2001 with a share capital of 31,000 represented by 310 shares, par value 100.00 per share. On June 26, 2002, the Company's shareholders' meeting converted the Company's share capital from euro to U.S. dollars. As a result, the previously issued shares were cancelled and the Company issued 30,107 shares, par value of USD1.00 per share, with San Faustín holding a 100.0% interest (either directly or through Sidertubes).

On October 18, 2002, Sidertubes contributed all of its assets (including 30,010 shares of Tenaris) and liabilities to the Company in exchange for 710,747,090 shares of Tenaris. The 30,010 shares contributed by Sidertubes to the



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Company were cancelled and, accordingly, upon consummation of this contribution the Company had a total of 710,747,187 shares issued and outstanding. San Faustín, through Sidertubes, continued to hold a 100.0% in Tenaris.

Upon consummation of its exchange offer on December 17, 2002, and as of December 31, 2002, the Company had a total of 1,160,700,794 shares issued and outstanding, with 61.2% held by Sidertubes, 0.2% held by directors and executive officers of Tenaris as a group and 38.6% held by the public.

For more information regarding these transactions, see Item 7.B. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions Related Party Transactions Corporate Reorganization Transactions.

**B. Related Party Transactions**  
**Corporate Reorganization Transactions**

The Company and certain of its affiliates entered into the transactions summarized below as part of the implementation of Tenaris's corporate reorganization and in preparation for its exchange offer for shares and ADSs of Siderca and Tamsa and shares of Dalmine, which was completed on December 17, 2002.

On November 22, 2001, Sidertubes acquired from a wholly-owned subsidiary of San Faustín a 57.00% interest in Santa María S.A.I.F. (an Argentine corporation that held, among other assets, 19.21% of Siderca, 27.00% of Metalmecánica and 52.00% of Metalcentro) for USD152.3 million, which was the historical book value of those assets as determined under Luxembourg law and regulations.

On December 17, 2001, the Company was organized as a Luxembourg corporation, with Sidertubes holding a 99.68% interest and San Faustín holding a 0.32% interest.

On December 21, 2001, Sidertubes transferred its entire interest in Santa María to the Company. Pursuant to an agreement between Sidertubes and the Company, dated May 23, 2002, the transfer was treated as a credit on account of future capital contributions in the amount of USD152.3 million. The parties also agreed that the amount of the credit would be adjusted as necessary in the future based on the value of Santa María's assets related to the steel pipe business.

On December 31, 2001, Santa María approved a spin-off of its assets related to the steel pipe business (including its interests in Siderca, Metalmecánica and Metalcentro) to Invertub, a newly-formed Argentine corporation. The spin-off was completed on July 10, 2002. In connection with the spin-off, the Company received a 99.9% interest in Invertub concurrently with the cancellation of the Tenaris shares in Santa María, while the other shareholders of Santa María retained a 100% interest in Santa María.

As of December 31, 2001, Sidertubes held directly or indirectly all of the companies, representative offices and other assets comprising the Techint commercial network. On April 24, 2002, Sidertubes acquired from Santa María for USD32,774 a 100% interest in Tenaris Global Services S.A. On June 18, 2002, Sidertubes approved the separation of Tenaris Global Services from the rest of the assets comprising the Techint commercial network. Accordingly, Sidertubes caused its direct or indirect subsidiaries in the Techint commercial network to:

transfer to Tenaris Global Services all those companies and other assets that provide sales and marketing services for the aggregate amount of USD19.4 million, *and*

enter into contracts that, effective as of December 17, 2002, assigned to Tenaris Global Services or its subsidiaries, those export agency agreements entered into between the Tenaris companies and those Techint group companies that were not reorganized as subsidiaries of Tenaris Global Services.

On June 18, 2002, after the consummation of the transactions described above, Sidertubes sold all of its assets not relating to the steel pipe business, as well as all of its liabilities, to an affiliate of Sidertubes for USD320.8 million.

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On September 13, 2002, the Company entered into a corporate reorganization agreement with Sidertubes pursuant to which Sidertubes agreed:

to contribute all of its assets and liabilities (consisting primarily of Sidertubes remaining 52% interest in Siderca, a 6.9% interest in Tamsa, a 0.2% interest in Dalmine, a 100% interest in Tenaris Global Services, its interest in the Company and the credit against the Company associated with the transfer of Invertub to the Company) to the Company in exchange for 710,747,090 newly issued Tenaris shares;

upon settlement of the exchange offer concluded in December 2002, to satisfy the Company's obligation to deliver Tenaris shares pursuant to the exchange offer concluded in December 2002 by delivering to the tendering shareholders of Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine whose shares in those companies were accepted for exchange, shares of Tenaris received by Sidertubes in connection with the contribution made by it to the Company; *and*

following Sidertubes' delivery of Tenaris shares to the tendering shareholders, to make a second capital contribution to the Company of all of Sidertubes' assets and liabilities (consisting of any remaining shares in the Company and a credit arising from Sidertubes' delivery of Tenaris shares to tendering shareholders upon settlement of the exchange offer concluded in December 2002) in exchange for 710,747,090 newly issued Tenaris shares.

The transactions contemplated under the corporate reorganization agreement were consummated as described below.

On October 18, 2002, Sidertubes made the first contribution as described above. Under the corporate reorganization agreement, the per-share value of the assets and liabilities contributed to the Company as described above was to be allocated USD1.00 to share capital and USD0.10 to legal reserve, with the balance being allocated to issuance premium. Accordingly, the value of this contribution (USD1,275 million) determined under Luxembourg law and regulations was allocated as follows:

USD710.7 million to share capital;

USD71.1 million to the legal reserve;

USD127.5 million to the freely-distributable issuance premium account; *and*

the balance (USD365.7 million) to the issuance premium account distributable only in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations applicable to capital reductions.

On December 17, 2002, upon settlement of the exchange offer for shares and ADSs of Siderca and Tamsa and shares of Dalmine, Sidertubes delivered to the tendering shareholders of Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine 449,953,607 Tenaris shares (in the form of shares or ADSs) in exchange for 279,397,133 Siderca shares (in the form of shares or ADSs), 146,300,208 Tamsa shares (in the form of shares or ADSs) and 476,466,244 Dalmine shares. Following delivery of these Tenaris shares to the tendering shareholders, Sidertubes held a credit against the Company of USD796.4 million and 260,793,483 Tenaris shares.

On December 19, 2002, Sidertubes contributed to the Company its credit against the Company and its remaining Tenaris shares. The Company issued 710,747,090 Tenaris shares to Sidertubes and cancelled the 260,793,483 Tenaris shares it had received from Sidertubes. The net value of this second contribution (USD796.4 million) determined under Luxembourg law and regulations was allocated as follows:

USD450.0 million to share capital;

USD45.0 million to the legal reserve;

USD79.6 million to the freely-distributable issuance premium account; *and*

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the balance (USD221.8 million) to the issuance premium account distributable only in accordance with Luxembourg laws and regulations applicable to capital reductions.

**Export Agency Agreements**

The Tenaris companies and the Techint commercial network entered into certain export agreements that were assigned by the Techint commercial network to Tenaris Global Services on December 17, 2002, and are described below.

*Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine export agency agreements.* Pursuant to these agreements, restated as of September 27, 2000, September 29, 2000 and October 4, 2000, respectively, each of Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine appointed a Techint group company as its non-exclusive agent for the sale of all of its products in all countries except Argentina, Mexico and Italy and, in the case of Dalmine, excluding also the other member countries of the EU and certain other countries. The respective Techint group companies are entitled to a commission equal to 3% of the FOB value of their sales of Siderca's, Tamsa's and Dalmine's products, and to be reimbursed by Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine, as the case may be, for a portion of the total general expenses incurred by such companies and for special sales costs. Siderca's and Tamsa's agreements expire on September 30, 2003, and Dalmine's on October 1, 2003, and all of them are automatically renewable for successive three-year terms unless, in each case, one party notifies the other in advance of its intention not to renew the agreement. Amounts accrued under these agreements (and their predecessor agreements) totaled, in the case of Siderca, USD20.5 million in 2002, USD16.6 million in 2001 and USD24.4 million in 2000; in the case of Tamsa, USD17.6 million in 2002, USD12.7 million in 2001 and USD10.1 million in 2000; and in the case of Dalmine, USD6.3 million in 2002, USD4.7 million in 2001 and USD2.3 million in 2000.

*Confab and Siat export agency agreements.* Each of Confab and Siat appointed a Techint group company as its non-exclusive agent for the sale of all of their products in all countries except Brazil, in the case of Confab, and Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Mexico, in the case of Siat. The respective Techint group company is entitled to a commission equal to 5% of the FOB value of its sales of Confab's and Siat's products. The agreements expire on January 1, 2004 and September 30, 2004, and are automatically renewable for successive one-year and three-year terms, respectively. Amounts accrued under these agreements totaled approximately USD11.0 million in 2002, USD4.4 million in 2001 and USD0.7 million in 2000, in the case of Confab, and USD3.6 million in 2002, USD2.7 million in 2001 and USD0.6 million in 2000, in the case of Siat.

*NKKTubes export agency agreement.* Pursuant to this agreement, NKKTubes appointed a Techint group company as its non-exclusive agent for the sale of its products in all countries outside Japan. The respective Techint group company purchases NKKTubes' products for resale to third parties at prices agreed upon on a case-by-case basis. The agreement has a term of fifteen years.

*Other export agency agreements.* Other Tenaris subsidiaries and the Techint commercial network have entered into various export agency agreements. Amounts accrued under these agreements totaled USD1.6 million in 2002, USD0.4 million in 2001, and USD0.4 million in 2000.

Payments made by the Tenaris companies under these export agency agreements were treated as selling expenses associated with the sales of Tenaris's products. Effective as of December 17, 2002, all these contracts were assigned to Tenaris Global Services or its subsidiaries.

Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine have entered into numerous agreements with member companies of the Techint commercial network in various countries around the world pursuant to which one or more of them agrees to sell, and one or more of the Techint commercial network companies agrees to buy, seamless steel pipe products for resale under stocking programs (and other similar programs) to oil and gas companies or other buyers or end users which operate in their territories (as defined in each agreement). The selling party under these agreements generally agrees to assume any and all risks of the operation. To this end, under specified circumstances (e.g., failure to consummate resale, product rejection, customer delay), the selling party would be required to repurchase the pipes sold to the

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reseller. Effective as of December 17, 2002, all these contracts were assigned to Tenaris Global Services or its subsidiaries.

### **Purchases and Trading of Steel Products**

In the ordinary course of business, Tenaris purchases flat steel products from Siderar and Sidor to use as a raw material for welded pipe production. These purchases are made on similar terms and conditions to sales made by Siderar and Sidor to unrelated third parties. Tenaris also purchases steel bars from Sidor to use as raw material for its seamless steel pipe operations in Venezuela. Purchases of flat steel products and steel bars amounted to USD32.0 million in 2002, USD20.3 million in 2001 and USD14.9 million in 2000.

Included within the consolidated net sales of Tenaris are also the purchase for subsequent resale of other steel products from Sidor and Siderar made by companies formerly belonging to the Techint commercial network that were transferred to Tenaris Global Services in October 2002. Since October 2002, this activity has been in the process of being discontinued through transfer to companies remaining within the Techint commercial network. These purchases amounted to USD127.7 million in 2002, USD61.8 million in 2001 and USD30.7 million in 2000.

### **Supply of Natural Gas**

Tenaris, through Siderca, is party to contracts with Tecpetrol and TGN relating to the supply of natural gas to Siderca's operations.

Tecpetrol is a Techint group company engaged in oil and gas exploration and production and has rights to various oil and gas fields in Argentina and elsewhere in Latin America. Tecpetrol supplies Siderca with such of Siderca's natural gas requirements that are not supplied by its principal gas supplier, Repsol YPF, on terms and conditions that are equivalent to those governing the supply of natural gas by Repsol YPF to Siderca. On April 4, 2003, Tecpetrol and Siderca entered into an agreement under which Siderca paid USD15.3 million for the advance purchase of 760 million cubic meters of natural gas to be delivered to Siderca's seamless steel pipe facilities and its newly acquired power generation facility over a period of five years on pricing terms that will enable Siderca to share through discounts the impact of any increase in natural gas prices over that period with Tecpetrol. Under the terms of this agreement, Siderca will have a minimum guaranteed return on this advance payment equal to LIBOR plus 3.5%. Tecpetrol's sales to Siderca in 2002 amounted to USD3.4 million, USD4.5 million in 2001, and USD6.8 million in 2000.

TGN holds a gas transportation license in Argentina and operates two major pipelines which connect two major gas basins, Neuquén and Noroeste-Bolivia, to the largest consumption centers in Argentina. TGN charges Siderca a price that is equivalent on a comparable basis to prices paid by other industrial users, and the Argentine government regulates the general framework under which TGN operates. The Techint group holds a significant but non-controlling interest in TGN. TGN's sales to Siderca amounted to USD1.7 million in 2002, USD4.7 million in 2001 and USD5.7 million in 2000.

### **Sales of Seamless Steel Pipes**

In the ordinary course of business, Tenaris sells seamless steel pipes and related services to other Techint group companies. These sales, which are made principally to Techint group companies involved in the construction of gas pipelines and to Tecpetrol and its subsidiaries for its oil and gas drilling operations, are made on similar terms and conditions to sales made to unrelated third parties. Tenaris's sales of seamless steel pipes and related services to other companies in the Techint group amounted to USD38.5 million in 2002, USD38.2 million in 2001 and USD42.1 million in 2000. In addition, until the end of 2001, Tenaris made sales to a Techint commercial network company that has not been reorganized as a subsidiary of Tenaris. These sales amounted to USD5.4 million in 2002, USD18.7 million in 2001 and USD21.8 million in 2000.



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### **Sales of Welded Steel Pipes**

From time to time, Tenaris sells welded steel pipes in the ordinary course of business to other Techint group companies. These sales are made principally for specific gas pipeline projects to Techint International Construction Corp. (TENCO), a Techint group company specialized in the design and construction of pipelines worldwide, and TGN. These sales are made on similar terms and conditions to sales made to unrelated third parties. Tenaris's sales of welded steel pipes to other Techint group companies amounted in the aggregate to USD217.1 million in 2002 (principally destined to large gas pipeline projects in Ecuador and Peru), USD35.9 million in 2001 and USD24.7 million in 2000.

### **Provision of Engineering and Labor Services**

Tenaris contracts Techint group companies to provide engineering and non-specialist manual labor services, such as cleaning, general maintenance, handling of by-products and light construction services. These services can usually be provided by other Techint group companies at more competitive prices than if they were performed by Tenaris itself, and are contracted out at market rates. Fees accrued for these services amounted to an aggregate amount of USD21.8 million in 2002, USD21.5 million in 2001, and USD21.0 million in 2000.

### **Financial and Administrative Services**

Santa María, a financial services company and member of the Techint group, provides various financial and treasury services to Tenaris, mainly in Argentina, including share registration services provided for Siderca prior to its delisting. Fees accrued under this agreement amounted to approximately USD0.7 million in 2002, USD2.3 million in 2001 and USD3.4 million in 2000. In addition, Tenaris maintains funds in accounts with Santa María. At December 31, 2002, time deposits held with Santa María and other related companies amounted to USD24.7 million.

In addition, Tenaris established trust funds outside Argentina to support its operations in Argentina. The trustee for these trust funds is a Techint group company. The funds held by the trustee amounted to USD115.8 million at December 31, 2002 and USD103.4 million at December 31, 2001. Interest earned on these funds amounted to USD2.4 million in 2002 and USD0.1 million in 2001.

Finma S.A., a company owned by various Techint group executives, provides administrative and legal support services to Techint group companies in Argentina, including Tenaris. Fees accrued under this agreement amounted to approximately USD2.0 million in 2002, USD6.6 million in 2001 and USD7.8 million in 2000.

In the ordinary course of business, Tenaris has also obtained loans from Techint group companies. Interest paid on these loans amounted to USD2.4 million in 2002 and USD2.4 million in 2001.

### **Procurement Services**

Tenaris, through Siderca, was party to a contract with a Techint commercial network company relating to the procurement of goods and materials, excluding iron oxides, from outside of Argentina. Siderca paid a 3.0% commission on the value of its purchases made through the Techint commercial network. Payments made by Siderca under this agreement amounted to USD1.2 million in 2002, USD1.5 million in 2001 and USD1.1 million during 2000. Effective December 17, 2002, this contract was assigned to Tenaris Global Services or its subsidiaries.

### **Purchase Agent Services**

Tenaris (through its subsidiary Exiros) entered into an agreement with Siderar to act as its purchase agent. For this service, Tenaris received a fee amounting to USD2.1 million in 2002 and USD2.0 million in 2001.

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### **Other Transactions**

In the ordinary course of business, from time to time, Tenaris carries out other transactions and enters into other arrangements with Techint group companies, including cooperation regarding design, procurement of permits and authorizations and construction of power plants and other projects, purchases of other products, sharing of communications and data processing services, provision of personal and other services and sales of energy and scrap, none of which are believed to be material.

### **C. Interest of Experts and Counsel**

Not applicable.

## **Item 8. Financial Information**

### **A. Financial Statements**

See Item 17 for Tenaris' s audited consolidated combined financial statements.

### **B. Legal Proceedings**

See Item 4. Information on the Company Litigation.

### **C. Dividend Policy**

We do not have, and have no current plans to establish, a formal dividend policy governing the amount and payment of dividends. The amount and payment of dividends will be determined by a majority vote of Tenaris' s shareholders, generally, but not necessarily, based on the recommendation of our board of directors. Our controlling shareholder has the discretion to determine the amount and payment of future dividends. All shares of our capital stock rank *pari passu* with respect to the payment of dividends.

On August 27, 2002, we distributed to Tenaris' s shareholders an interim cash dividend of USD9.3 million, which equals the amount of the dividend we received on August 5, 2002, from Siderca. Under Luxembourg law, interim dividend distributions must be ratified by the Company' s annual shareholders' meeting. On May 28, 2003, our general shareholders' meeting ratified an interim cash dividend paid on August 27, 2002, and approved a cash dividend in the amount of USD115.0 million (USD0.10 per share and USD0.99 per ADS), which was paid on June 23, 2003, from the Company' s other distributable reserve account of USD206.7 million.

We conduct and will continue to conduct all of our operations through subsidiaries and, accordingly, our main source of cash to pay dividends will be the dividends received from our subsidiaries. See Item 3.D. Risk Factors Risks Relating to Tenaris' s Business. Our ability to pay cash dividends depends on the results of operations and financial condition of our subsidiaries and may be restricted by legal, contractual or other limitations. These dividend payments will likely depend on the subsidiaries' results of operations, financial condition, cash and capital requirements, future growth prospects and other factors deemed relevant by their respective boards of directors, as well as on any applicable legal restrictions.

Dividends may be lawfully declared and paid if our profits and distributable reserves are sufficient under Luxembourg law. The board of directors has power to initiate dividend installments pursuant to Luxembourg law, but payment of the dividends must be approved by our shareholders at the annual shareholders' meeting, subject to the approval of our annual accounts.

Under Luxembourg law, at least 5% of our net profits per year must be allocated to the creation of a legal reserve until such reserve has reached an amount equal to 10% of our share capital. If the legal reserve later falls below the 10% threshold, at least 5% of net profits again must be allocated toward the reserve. The legal reserve is not available for distribution. At December 31, 2002, our legal reserve represented 10% of our share capital.

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Our shares are listed on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, the Mexican Stock Exchange and our ADSs are listed on the NYSE under the symbol **TEN**. Our shares are listed on the Milan Stock Exchange under the symbol **TEN**. Trading on the NYSE, the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange and the Mexican Stock Exchange began on December 16, 2002, while trading on the Milan Stock Exchange began on December 17, 2002.

As of May 30, 2003, a total of 1,160,700,794 shares were registered in the Tenaris shareholders' register. As of May 30, 2003, a total of 196,284,240 shares were registered in the name of the depositary for our ADR program. On June 24, 2003, the closing sales price for Tenaris shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange was ARP7.19, on the Mexico Stock Exchange was MXP26.35 and on the Milan Stock Exchange was 2.21.

*New York Stock Exchange*

As of May 30, 2003, a total of 19,628,424 Tenaris ADSs were registered of record. Each Tenaris ADS represents 10 Tenaris shares. JPMorgan Chase, as successor to Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, or Morgan Guaranty, acts as Tenaris's depositary for issuing ADRs evidencing the Tenaris ADSs. Fluctuations between the Argentine peso and the U.S. dollar will affect the U.S. dollar equivalent of the price of the shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange and the price of the ADSs on the NYSE. Fluctuations between the Mexican peso and the U.S. dollar will affect the U.S. dollar equivalent of the price of the shares on the Mexico Stock Exchange and the price of the ADSs on the NYSE. Fluctuations between the Euro and the U.S. dollar will affect the U.S. dollar equivalent of the price of the shares on the Milan Stock Exchange and the price of the ADSs on the NYSE. On June 24, 2003, the closing price of the Tenaris ADSs on the NYSE was USD25.40.

	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
	_____	_____
<b>2003</b>		
First quarter	22.95	19.30
	<b>Price per ADS</b>	
	_____	_____
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
	_____	_____
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	19.33	17.50
January 2003	22.95	19.30
February 2003	22.39	20.21
March 2003	22.70	21.20
April 2003	24.28	21.85
May 2003	24.31	22.24

*Buenos Aires Stock Exchange*

Set forth in the following table are reported high and low trade prices (in nominal Argentine pesos per share) of Tenaris's shares on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange for the stated periods.

	<b>Price per Share</b>	
	_____	_____
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
	_____	_____
<b>2003</b>		
First quarter	7.70	6.50

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	Price per Share	
	High	Low
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	6.95	6.40
January 2003	7.70	6.50
February 2003	7.49	6.45
March 2003	7.35	6.70
April 2003	7.13	6.40
May 2003	6.80	6.35

The Buenos Aires Stock Market, which is affiliated with the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, is the largest stock market in Argentina. The Buenos Aires Stock Market is a corporation whose approximately 176 shareholder members are the only individuals and entities authorized to trade in securities listed on the Buenos Aires Stock

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Exchange. Trading on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange is conducted by continuous open outcry from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. each business day. The Buenos Aires Stock Exchange also operates a continuous market system from 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each business day, on which privately arranged trades are registered and made public.

Although the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange is one of Latin America's largest securities exchanges in terms of market capitalization, it remains relatively small and illiquid compared to major world markets and, therefore, subject to greater volatility. To control price volatility in the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, the Buenos Aires Stock Market operates a system which suspends dealing in shares of a particular issuer for one half-hour when the price of the issuer's shares increases or decreases by 10% relative to that day's opening price and for the remainder of the day when the price increases or decreases by 15% relative to that day's opening price. Investors in the Argentine securities market are mostly individuals, mutual and pension funds and companies. However, institutional investors, consisting of a limited number of mutual funds, represent a growing percentage of trading activity. The Argentine Congress passed amendments to the social security laws, effective July 1, 1994, which partially privatized the government social security system and have increased substantially the assets of Argentine institutional pension funds and the volume of trading on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange. In addition, pursuant to amendments to the social security laws, Argentine institutional pension funds may now invest in securities issued in connection with initial public offerings.

The information regarding the Argentine equities market set forth in the following table was obtained from the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange.

	Argentine Equities Market <sup>(1)</sup>				
	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Market capitalization (U.S. dollars in billions) <sup>(2)</sup>	103.3	192.50	165.80	83.88	45.29
Average daily trading volume (U.S. dollars in millions) <sup>(3)</sup>	17.8	17.35	24.11	36.96	105.00
Number of listed companies	114	119	125	125	131

- (1) At December 31 for each year shown.
- (2) End-of-period figures for shares traded on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange.
- (3) Including trading of equity on the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange.

*Mexican Stock Exchange*

Set forth in the following table are reported high and low trade prices (in nominal Mexican pesos per share) of Tenaris's shares on the Mexican Stock Exchange for the stated periods.

	Price per Share	
	High	Low
<b>2003</b>		
First quarter	25.50	19.81
	Price per Share	
	High	Low
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	19.80	17.85
January 2003	23.90	19.81
February 2003	24.70	22.00
March 2003	25.50	23.22
April 2003	25.70	23.35
May 2003	24.63	22.50

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The Mexican Stock Exchange is the only stock exchange in Mexico. It is organized as a corporation whose shareholders are the only entities authorized to trade in securities listed on the Exchange. Trading on the Mexican Stock Exchange is conducted electronically from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. each business day.

Although the Mexican Stock Exchange is one of Latin America's largest securities exchanges in terms of market capitalization, it remains relatively small and illiquid compared to major world markets, and, therefore, subject to

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greater volatility. Investors in the Mexican Securities Market are mostly individuals, mutual and pension funds and companies.

The information regarding the Mexican equities market set forth in the following table was obtained from the Mexican Stock Exchange.

	<b>Mexican Equities Market<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Market capitalization (U.S. dollars in billions) <sup>(2)</sup>	104.65	126.62	125.68	153.49	91.98
Average daily trading volume (U.S. dollars in millions) <sup>(3)</sup>	105.87	150.94	165.05	137.80	121.91
Number of listed companies	169	172	177	190	195

(1) At December 31 for each year shown.

(2) End-of-period figures for shares traded on the Mexican Stock Exchange.

(3) Including trading of equity on the Mexican Stock Exchange.

*Milan Stock Exchange*

Set forth in the following table are reported high and low trade prices (in Euros per share) of Tenaris' shares on the Milan Stock Exchange for the stated periods.

	<b>Price per Share</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>2003</b>		
First quarter	2.16	1.79

	<b>Price per Share</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Last Six Months</b>		
December 2002	1.84	1.51
January 2003	2.16	1.79
February 2003	2.07	1.81
March 2003	2.07	1.91
April 2003	2.18	2.00
May 2003	2.14	1.90

The information regarding the Italian equities market set forth in the following table was obtained from the Milan Stock Exchange.

	<b>Italian Equities Market<sup>(1)</sup></b>				
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
Market capitalization (U.S. dollars in billions) <sup>(2)</sup>	480.23	526.85	771.51	731.10	566.08
Average daily trading volume (U.S. dollars in millions) <sup>(3)</sup>	2,637.10	2,249.14	3,127.16	2,110.65	1,863.99
Number of listed companies	295	294	297	270	243

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- (1) At December 31 for each year shown.
  - (2) End-of-period figures for shares traded on the Milan Stock Exchange.
  - (3) Including trading of equity on the Milan Stock Exchange.

**Item 10. Additional Information**

The following is a summary of the rights of the holders of Tenaris shares. These rights are set out in our articles of association or are provided by the applicable Luxembourg law, and may differ from those typically provided to shareholders of U.S. companies under the corporation laws of some states of the United States. This summary does not contain all information that may be important to you. For more complete information, you should read our articles of association, which are attached as an exhibit to this annual report.

**A. Share Capital**

Not applicable.



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### **B. Memorandum and Articles of Association**

#### **General**

We have an authorized share capital of a single class of 2,500,000,000 shares having a par value of USD1.00 per share upon issue. There were 1,160,700,794 shares issued as of May 30, 2003. All shares are fully paid.

Our articles of association authorize our board of directors for a period of five years following publication of the authorization in the Luxembourg official gazette to increase from time to time our issued share capital in whole or in part within the limits of the authorized capital. Accordingly, until July 22, 2007, our board of directors may issue, on its own, up to 1,339,299,206 additional shares. Under our articles of association, any issuance of new shares of Tenaris pursuant to the authorization granted to our board of directors must grant our existing shareholders a preferential right to subscribe for such newly-issued shares, except:

in circumstances in which the shares are issued for consideration other than money;

with respect to shares issued as compensation to directors, officers, agents or employees of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates; *and*

with respect to shares issued to satisfy conversion or option rights created to provide compensation to directors, officers, agents or employees of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates.

Any shares to be issued as compensation or to satisfy conversion or option rights may not exceed 1.5% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Tenaris.

Our authorized share capital is fixed by the articles of association as amended from time to time with the approval of shareholders at the extraordinary shareholders' meeting. Only the extraordinary shareholders' meeting has the right to alter the rights of shares.

There are no limitations currently imposed by Luxembourg law on the rights of our non-resident shareholders to hold or vote Tenaris shares.

#### **Dividends**

Subject to applicable law, all shares (including shares underlying ADSs) are entitled to participate equally in dividends when, as and if declared by the annual ordinary shareholders' meeting out of funds legally available for such purposes. Under Luxembourg law, claims for dividends will lapse five years after the date such dividends are declared. The annual ordinary shareholders' meeting, which every shareholder has the right to attend in person or by proxy, may declare a dividend under Article 14 of the articles of association. Article 21 provides that the surplus after deduction of charges and amortizations shall constitute the net profit of the Company.

Under Article 21 of the articles of association, our board of directors has the power to initiate dividend installments in accordance with the conditions set forth in Section 72-2 of the amended Luxembourg Law of 10th August, 1915 on commercial companies.

#### **Voting Rights; Shareholders' Meetings; Election of Directors**

Each share (including shares underlying ADSs) entitles the holder to one vote at the Company's shareholders' meetings. Shareholder action by written consent is not permitted, but proxy voting is permitted. Notices of shareholders' meetings are governed by the provisions of Luxembourg law and our articles of association. Notices of meetings must be published twice, at least at ten-day intervals and ten days before the meeting, in the *Luxembourg Mémorial* and in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg. The second publication must be ten days prior to the meeting. If a meeting is adjourned for lack of quorum, notices must be published twice, in the *Luxembourg Mémorial* and two other Luxembourg newspapers, at 20-day intervals, the second notice appearing 20 days prior to the meeting. In case the shares of Tenaris are listed on a stock exchange

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outside of Luxembourg, the notice shall in addition be published once in a leading newspaper having general circulation in the country of such listing at the same time as the first publication in Luxembourg. At an ordinary meeting, the purpose of which is not to amend the articles of association, there is no quorum requirement, and resolutions are adopted by a simple majority, irrespective of the class of shares represented. An extraordinary meeting convened for the purpose of amending the articles of association must have a quorum of at least 50% of all the shares which are issued and outstanding. If a quorum is not reached, the meeting may be reconvened at a later date with no quorum according to the appropriate notification procedures. In both cases, the amendment requires that the resolution be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the attending shareholders. If the proposed amendments consist of changing the Company's nationality or of increasing the obligations of the shareholders, the unanimous consent of all shareholders is required. Directors may be elected at an ordinary meeting, where each share entitles the holder to one vote per director to be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. As our articles of association do not provide for staggered terms, directors are elected for a maximum of one year and may be removed with or without cause by majority shareholder vote.

Our annual ordinary shareholders' meeting is held at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of May of each year at our registered office in the city of Luxembourg. If that day is a legal or banking holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following business day.

### **Access to Corporate Records**

Luxembourg law gives shareholders limited rights to inspect certain corporate records 15 days prior to the date of the annual general shareholders' meeting, including our balance sheet and profit and loss statement, a list of shareholders whose shares are not fully paid and our statutory auditor's report.

### **Appraisal Rights**

In the event a shareholders' meeting approves:

the delisting of Tenaris's shares from all stock exchanges where Tenaris's shares are listed at that time,

a merger in which the Company is not the surviving entity (unless the shares or other equity securities of such entity are listed on the New York or London stock exchanges),

a sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company,

an amendment of our articles of association that has the effect of materially changing the Company's corporate purpose,

the relocation of the Company's domicile outside of Luxembourg, *or*

amendments to our articles of association that restrict the rights of Tenaris's shareholders;

dissenting or absent shareholders have the right to have their shares repurchased by the Company at (i) the average market value of the shares over the 90 calendar days preceding the shareholders' meeting or (ii) in the event that Tenaris's shares are not traded on any stock exchange, the amount that results from applying the proportion of the Company's equity that the shares being sold represent over the Company's net worth as of the date of the applicable shareholders' meeting.

Dissenting or absent shareholders must present their claim within one month following the date of the shareholders' meeting and supply the Company with evidence of their shareholding at the time of the meeting. The Company must repurchase its shares within six months following the date of the shareholders' meeting. If delisting from one or more, but not all, of the stock exchanges where Tenaris's shares are listed is approved, only dissenting or absent shareholders with shares held through participants in the local clearing system for that market or markets can exercise this appraisal right if:

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they held the shares as of the date of the Company's announcement of its intention to delist or as of the date of publication of the call for the shareholders' meeting that approved the delisting; *and*

they present their claim within one month following the date of the shareholders' meeting and supply evidence of their shareholding as of the date of the Company's announcement or the publication of the call to the meeting.

### **Distribution of Assets on Winding-up**

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the assets remaining after allowing for the payment of all debts and expenses will be paid out to the holders of the shares in proportion to their respective holdings.

### **Transferability and Form**

There are no restrictions on the transfer of shares in the articles of association. The shares are issued in registered form.

Under Luxembourg law, the ownership of registered shares is evidenced by the inscription of the name of the shareholder, the number of shares held by him and the amount paid on each share in the shareholders' register of the Company. In addition, our articles of association provide that Tenaris's shares may be held through fungible securities accounts with financial institutions or other professional depositaries. Shares held through fungible securities accounts have the same rights and obligations as shares recorded in the Company's shareholders' register.

Shares held through fungible securities accounts may be transferred in accordance with customary procedures for the transfer of securities in book-entry form. Shares that are not held through fungible securities accounts may be transferred by a written statement of transfer signed by both the transferor and the transferee or their respective duly appointed attorney-in-fact and recorded in the Tenaris shareholders' register. The transfer of shares may also be made in accordance with the provisions of Article 1690 of the Luxembourg Code Civil. As evidence of the transfer of registered shares, we may also accept any correspondence or other documents evidencing the agreement between transferor and transferee as to the transfer of registered shares.

*Banque Generale du Luxembourg* is in charge of maintaining the Tenaris shareholders' register.

### **Change in Control**

Our articles of association do not contain any provision that would have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company and could thereby prevent a takeover attempt.

### **C. Material Contracts**

For a summary of any material contract entered into by Tenaris or any of its consolidated subsidiaries outside of the ordinary course of business during the last two years, see Item 4. Information on the Company.

### **D. Exchange Controls**

See Item 3.E. Key Information Exchange Rates.

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**E. Taxation**

**U.S. Tax Consequences**

***Ownership and Disposition of Tenaris Shares or ADSs***

The following discussion describes the material United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership of shares or ADSs. It applies to you only if you are a U.S. holder, as defined below, and you hold your shares or ADSs as capital assets for tax purposes.

This section does not apply to you if you are a member of a special class of holders subject to special rules, including:

- a dealer in securities,
- a trader in securities that elects to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for your securities holdings,
- a tax-exempt organization,
- a life insurance company,
- a person liable for alternative minimum tax,
- a person that actually or constructively owns 10% or more of the voting stock of Tenaris,
- a person that holds shares or ADSs as part of a straddle or a hedging or conversion transaction, *or*
- a person whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar.

This section is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, its legislative history, existing and proposed regulations and published rulings and court decisions, all as currently in effect, as well as the Income Tax Treaty between Luxembourg and the United States. These laws are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis.

In addition, this section is based in part upon the representations of the depository and the assumption that each obligation in the Deposit Agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms.

For purposes of this discussion, you are a U.S. holder if you are a beneficial owner of shares or ADSs and you are

- a citizen or resident of the United States,
- a domestic corporation,
- an estate whose income is subject to United States federal income tax regardless of its source, *or*
- a trust if a United States court can exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more United States persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

United States holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the United States federal, state and local and other tax consequences of owning and disposing of shares or ADSs.

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In general, and taking into account the earlier assumptions, for United States federal income tax purposes, if you hold ADRs evidencing ADSs, you will be treated as the owner of the shares represented by those ADRs. Exchanges of shares for ADRs, and ADRs for shares, generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax.

### *Dividends*

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, if you are a U.S. holder the gross amount of any dividend paid by us out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is subject to United States federal taxation. If you are a non-corporate U.S. holder, dividends paid to you in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002 and before January 1, 2009 that constitute qualified dividend income will be taxable to you at a maximum tax rate of 15% provided that you hold the shares or ADSs for more than 60 days during the 120-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date and meet other holding period requirements. Dividends we pay with respect to the shares or ADSs generally will be qualified dividend income. The dividend is taxable to you when you, in the case of shares, or the depository, in the case of ADSs, receive the dividend, either actually or constructively. The dividend will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to U.S. corporations in respect of dividends received from other U.S. corporations. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of your basis in the ADSs or shares and thereafter as capital gain.

The amount of the dividend distribution that you must include in your income, if paid in currency other than the U.S. dollar, will be the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency payments made, determined at the spot foreign currency/U.S. dollar rate on the date such dividend distribution is includible in your income, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars. Generally, any gain or loss resulting from currency exchange fluctuations during the period from the date you include the dividend payment in income to the date such payment is converted into U.S. dollars will be treated as ordinary income or loss and will not be eligible for the special tax rate applicable to qualified dividend income. The gain or loss generally will be income or loss from sources within the United States for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

For foreign tax credit purposes, the dividend will be income from sources outside the United States, but generally will be *passive income* or *financial services income* which is treated separately from other types of income for purposes of computing the foreign tax credit allowable to you. Special rules apply in determining the foreign tax credit limitation with respect to dividends that are subject to the maximum 15% tax rate. No U.S. foreign tax credit will be allowed to U.S. holders of shares or ADSs in respect of any personal property or similar tax imposed by Luxembourg (or any taxing authority thereof or therein).

Distributions of additional shares to U.S. holders with respect to their shares or ADSs that are made as part of a pro rata distribution to all our shareholders generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

### *Taxation of Capital Gain*

Subject to the PFIC rules discussed below, if you are a U.S. holder and you sell or otherwise dispose of your shares or ADSs, you will recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized and your tax basis (determined in U.S. dollars) in such shares or ADSs. Generally such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if your holding period for such shares or ADSs exceeds one year. Long-term capital gain of a non-corporate U.S. holder that is recognized on or after May 6, 2003 and before January 1, 2009 is generally subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%. The gain or loss will generally be income or loss from sources within the United States for foreign tax credit limitation purposes.

### *PFIC Rules*

We believe that, as of the date of this annual report, our shares and ADSs should not be treated as stock of a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, but this conclusion is a factual determination made annually and thus may be subject to change.

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In general, if you are a U.S. holder we will be a PFIC with respect to you if, for any taxable year in which you held our ADSs or shares:

at least 75% of our gross income for the taxable year is passive income; *or*

at least 50% of the value, determined on the basis of a quarterly average, of our assets is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income.

Passive income generally includes dividends, interest, royalties, rents (other than certain rents and royalties derived in the active conduct of a trade or business), annuities and gains from assets that produce passive income. If a foreign corporation owns at least 25% by value of the stock of another corporation, the foreign corporation is treated for purposes of the PFIC tests as owning its proportionate share of the other corporation's assets, and as receiving directly its proportionate share of the other corporation's income.

If you are a U.S. holder that did not make a mark-to-market election and we are treated as a PFIC, you would be subject to special rules with respect to:

any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of our shares or ADSs; *and*

any excess distribution that we make to you (generally, any distributions to you during a single taxable year that are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions received by you in respect of the shares or ADSs during the three preceding taxable years or, if shorter, your holding period for the shares or ADSs).

Under these rules:

the gain or excess distribution would be allocated ratably over your holding period for our shares or ADSs;

the amount allocated to the taxable year in which the gain or excess distribution was realized would be taxable as ordinary income;

the amount allocated to each prior year, with certain exceptions, would be subject to tax as ordinary income at the highest applicable tax rate in effect for that year; *and*

the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax would be imposed in respect of the tax attributable to each such year.

If you own shares in a PFIC that are treated as marketable stock, you may also make a mark-to-market election. Although stock traded on a qualified foreign exchange may be considered marketable stock, the United States Internal Revenue Service has not yet identified specific foreign exchanges that are qualified for this purpose. If you make this election, you will not be subject to the PFIC rules described above. Instead, in general, you will include as ordinary income each year the excess, if any, of the fair market value of your shares or ADSs at the end of the taxable year over your adjusted basis in your shares or ADSs. These amounts of ordinary income will not be eligible for the favorable tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income or long-term capital gains. You will also be allowed to take an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the adjusted basis of your shares or ADSs over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year (but only to the extent of the net amount of previously included income as a result of the mark-to-market election). Your basis in the shares or ADSs will be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amounts.

In addition, notwithstanding any election you make with regard to the shares or ADSs, dividends that you receive from us will not constitute qualified dividend income to you if we are a PFIC either in the taxable year of the distribution or the preceding taxable year. Dividends that you receive that do not constitute qualified dividend income are not eligible for taxation at the 15% maximum rate applicable to qualified dividend income. Instead, you must include the gross amount of any such dividend paid by us out of our accumulated earnings and profits (as

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determined for United States federal income tax purposes) in your gross income, and it will be subject to tax at rates applicable to ordinary income.

If you are a U.S. holder who owns our shares or ADSs during any year that we are a PFIC, you must file Internal Revenue Service Form 8621.

**Luxembourg Tax Consequences**

***Tax Consequences for the Company***

*Tax Treatment of the Company*

We were incorporated in Luxembourg as a holding company according to the law of July 31, 1929.

Because our share capital exceeds 24 million, we qualify and have opted for the special status of a billionaire holding company as provided in the grand-ducal decree of December 17, 1938.

As a billionaire holding company, we are not subject to corporate income tax, municipal business tax, net wealth tax or capital gains tax in Luxembourg, nor to withholding tax (including with respect to dividends).

We are, however, subject to taxation in Luxembourg on dividends distributed by us and on interest paid to holders of bonds and other securities and on certain fees paid to non-resident directors (or statutory auditors or liquidators). This tax is calculated as follows:

Where the total interest paid each year to holders of bonds and other comparable securities amounts to or exceeds 2.4 million:

3% on interest paid to holders of bonds and other similar securities;

1.8% on dividends, profit quotas and remunerations on the first 1.2 million; *and*

0.1% on any surplus dividends, profit quotas and remunerations.

Where the total interest paid each year to holders of bonds and other comparable securities is less than 2.4 million:

3% on interest paid to holders of bonds and other securities;

3% on dividends, profit quotas and remuneration, up to a maximum amount corresponding to the difference between 2.4 million and the total interest paid to holders of bonds and on other comparable negotiable securities;

1.8% on any surplus dividends, profit quotas and remunerations on the first 1.2 million; *and*

0.1% on any surplus dividends, profit quotas and remunerations.

As a billionaire holding company, we will in all cases be subject to a minimum annual flat tax of 48,000.

***Ownership and Disposition of Tenaris Shares or ADSs***

Holders of Tenaris shares or ADSs will not be subject to Luxembourg income tax, wealth tax or capital gains tax in respect of those shares or ADSs, except for individuals resident (or, in certain circumstances, formerly resident) in Luxembourg, entities organized in Luxembourg or entities domiciled or having a permanent establishment in

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Luxembourg. For purposes of Luxembourg tax law, you are deemed to be an individual resident in Luxembourg, subject to treaty provisions, if you have your domicile or your usual place of residence in Luxembourg.

Non-resident holders of Tenaris shares or ADSs are not subject to Luxembourg income tax, wealth tax or capital gains tax in respect of those shares or ADSs, provided, however, that a non-resident holder will be subject to Luxembourg tax on capital gains derived from the disposition of Tenaris shares or ADSs held for six months or less if such non-resident holder has owned alone, or together with his spouse or minor children, directly or indirectly at any point in time within the five year term preceding the disposition, more than 10% of our share capital.

No inheritance tax is payable by a holder of Tenaris shares or ADSs except if the deceased holder was a resident of Luxembourg at the time of death.

There is no Luxembourg transfer or stamp tax on the purchase or disposition of Tenaris shares or ADSs.

### **F. Dividends and Paying Agents**

Not applicable.

### **G. Statement by Experts**

Not applicable.

### **H. Documents on Display**

Tenaris is required to file annual and special reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any documents filed by Tenaris at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> which contains reports and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC.

We are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, as applied to foreign private issuers. Because we are a foreign private issuer, the SEC's rules do not require us to deliver proxy statements or to file quarterly reports. In addition, our insiders are not subject to the SEC's rules that prohibit short-swing trading. We intend to prepare quarterly and annual reports containing consolidated financial statements. Our annual consolidated financial statements will be certified by an independent accounting firm. We intend to file quarterly financial information with the SEC on Form 6-K simultaneous with or promptly following the publication of that information in Luxembourg or any other jurisdiction on which our securities are listed, and we will file annual reports on Form 20-F within the time period required by the SEC, which is currently six months from the close of our fiscal year on December 31. These quarterly and annual reports may be reviewed at the SEC's Public Reference Room. Reports and other information filed electronically with the SEC are also available at the SEC's website.

We have appointed JPMorgan Chase to act as depositary for our ADSs. During the time there continue to be our ADSs deposited with the depositary, we will furnish the depositary with:

our annual reports, *and*

summaries of all notices of shareholders' meetings and other reports and communications that are made generally available to Tenaris's shareholders.

The depositary will, as provided in the deposit agreement, arrange for the mailing of summaries in English of the reports and communications to all record holders of our ADSs. Any record holder of ADSs may read the reports, notices or summaries thereof, and communications at the depositary's office located at One Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York, New York 10081.



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Whenever a reference is made in this annual report to a contract or other document of Tenaris, please be aware that such reference is not necessarily complete and that you should refer to the exhibits that are a part of the annual report for a copy of the contract or other document. You may review a copy of the annual report at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C.

**I. Subsidiary Information**

Not applicable.

**Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk**

The Company was organized in December 2001. For the periods covered in this annual report, Tenaris's risk management activities have been determined and carried out by Tenaris at the subsidiary level. Tenaris has recently begun to centralize its risk management activities. The discussion set forth below provides information, on a consolidated basis, with respect to Tenaris's sensitivity to changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and market prices. In addition, in the ordinary course of business, Tenaris also faces risks with respect to financial instruments that are either non-financial or non-quantifiable; such risks principally include country risk and credit risk and are not presented in the following analysis.

The analysis shown below presents the hypothetical loss/earnings on the fair value of the financial instruments and derivative instruments which were held by Tenaris at December 31, 2002 and are sensitive to changes. None of these instruments are held for trading purposes. Actual results could differ due to the nature of these financial transactions. The risk analysis sets forth the sensitivity of Tenaris's financial instruments to selected changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates or quoted market prices.

**Interest Rate Sensitivity**

The following table provides information about Tenaris's short- and long-term debt obligations at December 31, 2002, which included fixed and variable interest rate.

Millions of U.S. dollars	Carrying value	Fair value <sup>(1)</sup>	Favorable (unfavorable) effect in fair value U.S. dollars <sup>(2)</sup>	Average interest rate
<b>Financial instrument</b>				
Short-term debt obligations				
Fixed-rate obligations	237.9	237.9	0.9/(0.9)	3.93%
Current portion of long-term obligations	155.8	155.8		
<b>Total short-term debt obligations</b>	<b>393.7</b>	<b>393.7</b>		
Long-term debt obligations				
Fixed-rate obligations	317.9	317.9	0.1/(0.1)	2.10%
Floating-rate obligations	160.1	160.1		4.46%
Current portion of medium and long-term obligations	(155.8)	(155.8)		
<b>Total long-term debt obligations</b>	<b>322.2</b>	<b>322.2</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>715.9</b>	<b>715.9</b>		

(1) As most borrowings include variable rates or fixed rates that approximate to market rates and the contractual repricing occurs between every 3 and 6 months, the fair value of the borrowings approximates to its carrying amount and it is not disclosed separately.

(2) The favorable (unfavorable) effect in fair value has been calculated assuming a change of 10% in the applicable interest rates.

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The variable portion of some of Tenaris' debt obligations was under LIBOR (USD130.0 million) with fixed spreads. A change in LIBOR of 10% would represent a change in interest charges of approximately USD0.3 million per year.

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At December 31, 2002, Tenaris' s temporary investment portfolio consisted primarily of fixed short-term deposits. Given the short-term nature of these instruments, an increase in interest rates would not significantly decrease their market value.

The following table provides information as to the net fair values of derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2002, compared to December 31, 2001.

	<b>For the year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Contracts with positive fair values:</b>		
Interest rate swaps	556	566
Forward foreign exchange contracts	2,867	614
Commodities contracts	639	585
<b>Contracts with negative fair values:</b>		
Interest rate swap contracts	(3,274)	(1,729)
Forward foreign exchange contracts	(777)	(8,114)
Commodities contracts	(3,511)	(2,832)

The following table provides information as to variable interest rate swaps for the year ended December 31, 2002.

<b>Currency</b>	<b>Notional amount (in thousands)</b>	<b>Rate of Swap</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Euro	11,620	5.68%	2007	(528)
Euro	2,083	5.72%	2009	(101)
Euro	9,485	5.72%	2010	(457)
Euro	50,000	3.40% / 4.20% / 4.67%	2005	(1,492)
Euro	25,823	3.74%	2007	(376)
Euro	51,646	Euribor 3M + 0.70%	2005	556
Euro	30,987	3.44%	2005	(320)
				<b>(2,718)</b>

**Foreign Exchange Rate Sensitivity**

As of December 31, 2002, Tenaris' s total financial debt denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar amounted to USD427.1 million, or 60% of USD715.9 million of total financial debt. Tenaris' s financial debt denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar was USD320.9 million denominated in euros, USD56.4 million denominated in Japanese yen, USD30.1 million denominated in Brazilian real, USD13.0 denominated in Canadian dollars and USD6.7 in other currencies.

Tenaris' s cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2002 amounted to USD304.5 million, more than 80% of which was denominated in U.S. dollars, while the remaining cash and cash equivalents were mainly denominated in euros and Japanese yen.

At December 31, 2002, Tenaris' s net monetary position (total liabilities less cash and cash equivalents, less trade and accounts receivables, less other monetary assets) in currencies other than the U.S. dollar and subject to exchange rate fluctuations amounted to USD1,013.2 million. The following table provides information at December 31, 2002, about Tenaris' s exposure under each currency and the pre-tax effect on Tenaris' s shareholders' equity of a 10% appreciation or depreciation in each currency.

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Millions of U.S. dollars	Exposure Amount	Effect of a depreciation of 10% in each currency	Effect of an appreciation of 10% in each currency
Argentine peso (ARP)	(291.4)	29.1	(29.1)
Brazilian real (BRL)	31.4	(3.1)	3.1
Canadian dollar (CAD)	(10.5)	1.1	(1.1)
Euro	(414.3)	41.4	(41.4)
British pound (GBP)	21.8	(2.2)	2.2
Japanese yen (JPY)	(94.2)	9.4	(9.4)
Mexican peso (MXP)	(250.7)	25.1	(25.1)
Other currencies	(5.4)	0.5	(0.5)

The total fair value of Tenaris' s foreign exchange rate contracts is a gain of USD2.1 million.

The following table summarizes the foreign exchange forward purchases (sales) for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Currencies	Notional Amount (in thousands)	Settlement Date	Fair Value (in thousands)
Euro/USD	(10,824)	2003	(605)
Euro/USD	30,558	2003	2,283
JPY/USD	1,965,459	2003	452
CAD/USD	(36,000)	2003	46
GBP/Euro	(2,000)	2003	86
BRL/USD	(35,077)	2003	(172)
			2,090

**Commodity Derivative Instruments**

Tenaris enters into forward contracts to hedge the change in the market price related to raw materials commodities and combustible commodities at the subsidiary level. The discussion set forth below provides information on the contracts entered into at the subsidiary level and commodity derivative instruments.

The following table summarizes commodity price derivatives for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Derivatives	Notional Amount (in million BTUs)	Maturity Date	Fair Value (in thousands)
Gas call option	3,840,000	2003	(2,749)
Gas put option	3,840,000	2003	611
Gas put option	7,680,000	2005	(762)
Gas cap option	480,000	2003	28
			(2,872)

**Item 12. Description of Securities Other Than Equity Securities**

Not applicable.

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**PART II**

**Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies**

Not applicable.

**Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.

**Item 15. Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) within 90 days of the filing date of this Annual Report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of their most recent evaluation.

**Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert**

Not applicable.

**Item 16B. Code of Ethics**

Not applicable.

**Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

Not applicable.

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We have responded to Item 18 in lieu of responding to this Item.

**Item 18. Financial Statements**

See pages F-1 through F-71 of this annual report.

**Item 19. Exhibits**

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1.	<i>Statuts</i> (Articles of Association) of Tenaris S.A.*
2.1.	Deposit Agreement entered into between Tenaris S.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank*
4.1.	Amended and Restated Export Agency Agreement, dated September 29, 2000, between Siderca S.A.I.C. and Techint Engineering Company B.V.*
4.2.	Amended and Restated Export Agency Agreement, dated October 4, 2000, between Tubos de Acero de México S.A. and Techint Engineering L.L.C.*
4.3.	Amended and Restated Export Agency Agreement, dated September 27, 2000, between Dalmine S.p.A. and Techint Engineering S.A.*
4.4.	Shareholders Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between Siderca, S.A. and NKK Corporation*
4.5.	Investment Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, among Siderca, S.A., NKK Corporation and NKKTUBES*
4.6.	Steel Manufacturing Technology Transfer Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.7.	Seamless Steel Pipe Manufacturing Technology and Trademark License Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.8.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark License Agreement, dated August 1, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.9.	Premium Connections (Antares) Technology and Trademark License Agreement dated August 1, 2000, between NKKTUBES and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.10.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark License Agreement, dated August 1, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.11.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 2, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and Siderca S.A.I.C.*
4.12.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 2, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and Tubos de Acero de México, S.A.*

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- 4.13 NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 2, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and Algoma Seamless Tubulars\*
- 4.14 NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 9, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and DST Distributors of SteelTubes, Ltd.\*
- 4.15 Agreement relating to the contribution of the shares of the Argentine company Santa María S.A.I.F., dated May 23, 2002, between Sidertubes S.A. and Tenaris Holding S.A. (later renamed Tenaris S.A.)\*
- 4.16 Excerpts from deed relating to spin-off of Santa María S.A.I.F. s assets to Invertub S.A., dated July 10, 2002 (English translation)\*



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Exhibit Number	Description
4.17	Assignment Agreement, dated October 15, 2002, between Techint Engineering Company B.V. and Tenaris Global Services B.V. relating to the assignment of export agency agreements*
4.18	Assignment Agreement, dated October 15, 2002, between Techint Engineering LLC and Tenaris Global Services LLC relating to the assignment of export agency agreements*
4.19	Assignment Agreement, dated October 15, 2002, between Techint Engineering Company S.A. and Tenaris Global Services S.A. relating to the assignment of export agency agreements*
4.20	Corporate Reorganization Agreement, dated September 13, 2002, between Sidertubes S.A. and Tenaris S.A.*
4.21	Agreement, dated September 25, 2002, among NKK Corporation, Siderca S.A., NKKTUBES, DST Distributors of Steel Tubes Ltd., DST Japan K.K. and Tenaris Global Services, amending provisions of the Investment Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, among Siderca, S.A., NKK Corporation and NKKTUBES and replacing the Shareholders Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between Siderca, S.A. and NKK Corporation*
4.22	Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement, dated September 25, 2002, between Siderca, S.A. and NKK Corporation (included in Exhibit 10.21)*
7.1	Calculation of ratios included in annual report
8.1	List of subsidiaries of Tenaris S.A.*

\* Incorporated by reference to the Registration Statement on Form F-4 by Tenaris S.A. File No. 333-99769.

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**Report of independent auditors**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Tenaris S.A.

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In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated combined balance sheets and the related consolidated combined statements of income, of cash flows and of changes in shareholders' equity present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Tenaris S.A. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2002 in conformity with International Accounting Standards. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

International Accounting Standards vary in certain important respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and as allowed by Item 18 to Form 20-F. The application of the latter would have affected the determination of the consolidated combined net income for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2002, and the determination of consolidated combined shareholders' equity at December 31, 2002 and 2001 to the extent summarized in Note 31 to the consolidated combined financial statements.

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Luxembourg, March 6, 2003

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**Table of Contents****Consolidated combined income statement**

(all amounts in USD thousands)	Notes	Year ended December 31,		
		2002	2001	2000
Net sales	<b>1</b>	3,219,384	3,174,299	2,361,319
Cost of sales	<b>2</b>	(2,168,594)	(2,165,568)	(1,692,412)
Gross profit		1,050,790	1,008,731	668,907
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<b>3</b>	(568,149)	(502,747)	(433,617)
Other operating income	<b>5(i)</b>	15,589	585	11,690
Other operating expenses	<b>5 (ii)</b>	(26,353)	(64,937)	(5,813)
Operating profit		471,877	441,632	241,167
Financial income (expenses), net	<b>6(i)</b>	(11,145)	(18,417)	(39,550)
Other exchange rate differences	<b>6 (ii)</b>	(9,452)	(7,178)	(8,373)
Income before income tax and equity in earnings (losses) of associated companies		451,280	416,037	193,244
Equity in (losses) of associated companies	<b>11</b>	(6,802)	(41,296)	(3,827)
Income before income tax and minority interest		444,478	374,741	189,417
Recovery of income tax	<b>7(i)</b>	36,783		
Income tax	<b>7 (ii)</b>	(219,288)	(108,956)	(63,299)
Effect of currency translation on tax base	<b>7(iii)</b>	(25,266)	(109,882)	(2,011)
Net income before minority interest		236,707	155,903	124,107
Minority interest (1)	<b>26</b>	(42,881)	(20,107)	(681)
Net income before other minority interest		193,826	135,796	123,426
Other minority interest (2)	<b>26</b>	(99,522)	(54,450)	(46,720)
Net income		<b>94,304</b>	<b>81,346</b>	<b>76,706</b>

Number of shares and earnings per share: see Note 8.

- (1) Minority interest represents the participation of minority shareholders of those consolidated subsidiaries not included in the exchange transaction (including Confab Industrial, NKK Tubes and Tubos de Acero de Venezuela), as well as the participation at December 31, 2002, of minority shareholders of Siderca, Dalmine and Tamsa that did not exchanged their participation.
- (2) Other minority interest represents the participation of minority shareholders attributable to the exchanged shares, since January 1, 2002 until the Exchange date.

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

**Table of Contents****Consolidated combined balance sheet**

(all amounts in USD thousands)	Notes	December 31, 2002		December 31, 2001	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment, net	<b>9</b>	1,934,237		1,971,318	
Intangible assets, net	<b>10</b>	32,684		47,631	
Investments in associated companies	<b>11</b>	14,327		27,983	
Other investments	<b>12</b>	159,303		127,202	
Deferred tax assets	<b>19</b>	49,412		24,187	
Receivables	<b>13</b>	16,902	2,206,865	20,497	2,218,818
<b>Current assets</b>					
Inventories	<b>14</b>	680,113		735,574	
Receivables and prepayments	<b>15</b>	155,706		124,221	
Trade receivables	<b>16</b>	670,226		545,527	
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>17</b>	304,536	1,810,581	213,814	1,619,136
<b>Total assets</b>			<b>4,017,446</b>		<b>3,837,954</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>			1,694,054		875,401
<b>Minority interest</b>	<b>26</b>		186,783		918,981
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Borrowings	<b>18</b>	322,205		393,051	
Deferred tax liabilities	<b>19</b>	320,753		262,963	
Deferred tax - Effect of currency translation on tax base	<b>19</b>	114,826		89,560	
Employee liabilities	<b>20(i)</b>	123,023		153,458	
Provisions	<b>21(ii)</b>	33,874		38,080	
Trade payables		18,650	933,331	21,547	958,659
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Borrowings	<b>18</b>	393,690		372,416	
Current tax liabilities		161,704		60,150	
Other liabilities	<b>20(ii)</b>	53,428		80,596	
Provisions	<b>22(ii)</b>	73,953		78,297	
Customers advances		37,085		69,440	
Trade payables		483,418	1,203,278	424,014	1,084,913
<b>Total liabilities</b>			<b>2,136,609</b>		<b>2,043,572</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>			<b>4,017,446</b>		<b>3,837,954</b>

Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Note 24).

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

**Table of Contents****Consolidated combined statement of changes in shareholders' equity**

(all amounts in USD thousands)

Year ended December 31, 2000	
Balance at January 1, 2000	954,864
Currency translation differences	(7,061)
Change in ownership in Exchange Companies	11,617
Dividends paid in cash	(110,768)
Net income	76,706
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Balance at December 31, 2000	925,358
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Year ended December 31, 2001	
Balance at January 1, 2001	925,358
Effect of adopting IAS 39 (Note 23)	(1,007)
Currency translation differences	(10,453)
Change in ownership in Exchange Companies	(10,558)
Dividends paid in cash and in kind	(109,285)
Net income	81,346
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Balance at December 31, 2001	875,401
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Year ended December 31, 2002	
Balance at January 1, 2002	875,401
Currency translation differences	(34,503)
Change in ownership in Exchange Companies	1,724
Dividends paid in cash	(39,290)
Effect of the Exchange transaction	796,418
Net income	94,304
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Balance at December 31, 2002	1,694,054
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Shareholders' equity under International Accounting Standards at December 31, 2002 comprises the following captions:

Share capital	1,160,701
Legal reserve	116,070
Share premium	587,493
Other distributable reserves	206,744
Adjustments from Luxembourg GAAP to International Accounting Standards	(376,954)
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Total shareholders' equity	1,694,054
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The shareholders' equity in accordance with Luxembourg regulations is disclosed in Note 24 (viii).

Dividends may be paid by Tenaris to the extent distributable retained earnings calculated in accordance with Luxembourg GAAP exist. Therefore, retained earnings included in the consolidated combined financial statements may not be wholly distributable. See Note 24 (viii).

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



**Table of Contents****Consolidated combined cash flow statement**

(all amounts in USD thousands)	Notes	Year ended December 31,		
		2002	2001	2000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Net income		94,304	81,346	76,706
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	<b>9</b>	160,958	148,939	148,640
Amortization of intangible assets	<b>10</b>	15,357	12,771	8,003
Provision from BHP Proceedings	<b>5 (ii)</b>	18,923	41,061	
Equity in losses of associated companies	<b>11</b>	6,802	41,296	3,827
Minority interest in net loss of subsidiaries	<b>26</b>	142,403	74,557	47,401
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<b>22(i)</b>	2,287	5,372	4,905
Allowance for receivables	<b>22(i)</b>	1,334	13,617	4,564
Provision for legal claims and contingencies and restructuring non current	<b>21(ii)</b>	4,307	12,113	5,119
Provision for obsolescence	<b>22(i)</b>	19,042	6,985	3,963
Provision current	<b>22(ii)</b>	8,122	7,666	
Income tax	<b>7 (ii)</b>	219,288	108,956	63,299
Effect of currency translation on tax base	<b>7 (ii)</b>	25,266	109,882	2,011
Interest expenses	<b>6</b>	34,480	43,676	36,148
Decrease (increase) in assets (a)				
Trade receivables		(126,986)	(40,045)	(34,063)
Inventories		46,074	(61,049)	(129,330)
Receivables		(29,224)	17,622	10,583
Dividends received from associated companies				1,489
Increase (decrease) in liabilities and others (a)				
Trade payables and others		(28,934)	11,282	159,013
Customer advances		(32,355)	53,587	(9,309)
Provisions		(22,228)	(5,187)	(15,079)
Payment to BHP related to interim damages		(22,485)		
Currency translations adjustments		24,477	(36,311)	(13,041)
Cash provided by operations		561,212	648,136	374,849
Carried forward		561,212	648,136	374,849

(a) Includes the effect the fair value of net assets and liabilities acquired on the exchange transaction.



**Table of Contents****Consolidated combined cash flow statement (Cont d)**

(all amounts in USD thousands)	Notes	Year ended December 31,		
		2002	2001	2000
Brought forward		561,212	648,136	374,849
Income tax paid		(70,076)	(69,648)	(61,093)
Interest paid		(29,700)	(34,260)	(39,561)
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>		<b>461,436</b>	<b>544,228</b>	<b>274,195</b>
<b>Cash flows from investment activities</b>				
Additions of property, plant and equipment	9	(124,605)	(200,011)	(225,851)
Proceeds from disposition of property, plant and equipment	9	14,427	39,893	26,385
Additions of intangible assets	10	(22,972)	(22,838)	(39,458)
Cost of exchange offer		(14,787)		
Acquisitions of investments in associated companies	11	(320)		(28,592)
Proceeds from sales of investments in associated companies	11		2,054	
Proceeds from sales of investments under cost method				3,754
Changes in trust fund		(32,349)	(103,438)	
<b>Net cash used in investment activities</b>		<b>(180,606)</b>	<b>(284,340)</b>	<b>(263,762)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Dividend paid to Minority interest	26	(41,484)	(46,622)	(103,347)
Dividends paid in cash		(39,290)	(66,090)	(110,768)
Change in ownership in Exchange Companies			(10,558)	11,617
Proceeds from borrowings		425,268	253,071	450,664
Repayments of borrowings		(528,870)	(267,822)	(242,148)
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities</b>		<b>(184,376)</b>	<b>(138,021)</b>	<b>6,018</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>96,454</b>	<b>121,867</b>	<b>16,451</b>

**Table of Contents****Consolidated combined cash flow statement (Cont d)**

(all amounts in USD thousands)	Notes	Year ended December 31,		
		2002	2001	2000
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalents</b>				
At beginning of year	17	213,814	96,890	90,799
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(5,732)	(4,943)	(10,360)
Increase		96,454	121,867	16,451
At December 31,	17	304,536	213,814	96,890
<b>Non-cash financing activity:</b>				
Common stock issued in acquisition of minority interest		796,418		
Dividends paid in kind to majority shareholders (shares of Siderar)			43,195	
Dividends paid in kind to minority interest (shares of Siderar)			17,497	

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

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**Accounting policies**

The following is a summary of the principal accounting policies followed in the preparation of these consolidated combined financial statements:

**A Business of the Company and basis of presentation**

(1) Business of the Company

Tenaris S.A. (the Company), a Luxembourg corporation, was incorporated on December 17, 2001, to hold investments in steel pipe manufacturing and distributing companies.

Upon Tenaris incorporation in December 2001, the Company issued 30,107 shares, all of them held by Sidertubes S.A. (Sidertubes). On October 18, 2002, the parent company Sidertubes S.A. (Sidertubes) contributed all of its assets to the Company in exchange for shares of Tenaris. The assets of Sidertubes contributed to the Company included the shares that Sidertubes held directly or indirectly in Siderca S.A.I.C. (Siderca) (71.17%), Tubos de Acero de Mexico S.A. (Tamsa) (6.94%), Dalmine S.p.A. (Dalmine) (0.22%) and Abeluz S.A., a company to be renamed as Tenaris Global Services S.A. (Tenaris Global Services) (100%). Siderca held an additional 43.83% of Tamsa, an additional 47.00% of Dalmine, an additional 73.00% of Metalmecánica and an additional 48.00% of Metalcentro. Tenaris issued 710,747,090 shares in exchange for the contribution and 30,010 shares were cancelled.

On November 11, 2002 Tenaris announced the commencement of its offer to exchange its ordinary shares and ADSs for all outstanding Class A ordinary shares and ADSs of Siderca, all outstanding common shares and ADSs of Tamsa and all outstanding ordinary shares of Dalmine. The exchange offer was concluded successfully on December 13, 2002. As a result of the transaction, the Company acquired 27.94% of Siderca shares and ADSs, 43.73% of Tamsa shares and ADSs and 41.19% of Dalmine shares. Therefore, after the conclusion of the exchange offer, Tenaris holds directly or indirectly 99.11%, 94.50% and 88.41% of the share capital of Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine, respectively.

As a consideration of the exchange transaction, Tenaris issued 449,953,607 common shares, accordingly, Tenaris has a total of 1,160,700,794 shares issued and outstanding, with 61.23% held by Sidertubes, and 38.77% held by the public. Since December 16, 2002, Tenaris ordinary shares started trading in the Buenos Aires, Mexican and Italian stock exchanges and its ADSs in the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol TS.

As a result of Tenaris's new ownership level in Siderca and Tamsa, in accordance with Argentine and Mexican laws, Tenaris is entitled, and may also be required, to make further offers to the investors that did not exchange their shares. Additionally, Tenaris has committed with Borsa Italiana to take steps aimed at causing the delisting of Dalmine within the next 12 months.

On February 21, 2003, Tenaris announced a plan for the acquisition of remaining minority interests (0.89%) in Siderca for six Argentine pesos (ARP6.00) per Siderca share or sixty Argentine pesos (ARP60.00) per Siderca ADS. Tenaris will not consummate the compulsory acquisition of Siderca shares and ADSs until it obtains the approval of the Argentine securities regulators.

(2) Basis of presentation of the consolidated combined financial statements

The consolidated combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (IAS) adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and interpretations issued by the Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC) of the IASB. The consolidated combined financial statements are presented in thousands of U.S. dollars (USD).

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**A Business of the Company and basis of presentation (Continued)**

(2) Basis of presentation of the consolidated combined financial statements (Continued)

At December 31, 2002 the financial statements of Tenaris and its subsidiaries have been consolidated. For comparative purposes, and as Siderca, Dalmine, Tamsa and Tenaris Global Services were under the common control of Sidertubes until October 18, 2002 their consolidated financial statements have been retroactively combined with those of the Company and presented as one company ( Tenaris ) in these consolidated combined financial statements for the period ended October 18, 2002 and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. The percentages of ownership and voting rights considered in the preparation of these consolidated combined financial statements correspond to those of the parent company at those period/years end. The percentage of ownership and voting rights considered in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements correspond to those of Tenaris as from October 18, 2002 and as at December 31, 2002.

The assets and liabilities of Siderca, Dalmine, Tamsa and Tenaris Global Services at December 31, 2001 have been accounted for at the relevant predecessor's cost, reflecting the carrying amount of such assets and liabilities contributed to the Company. Accordingly, the consolidated combined financial statements include the financial statements of Siderca, Dalmine, Tamsa and Tenaris Global Services at historical book values on a carryover basis as though the contribution had taken place on January 1, 2000, and no adjustment has been made to reflect fair values at the time of the contribution. As explained in Note B (1), at December 31, 2002 assets and liabilities have been adjusted for the effect of the purchase method of accounting applied to the exchange transaction.

Dalmine and Tamsa were consolidated due to the control exercised by Sidertubes through the appointment of the majority of the directors and key management even in those years when Sidertubes did not own more than 50% of the voting rights.

Certain reclassifications of balances and elimination of all material intercompany transactions and balances between the Company and the other companies and their respective subsidiaries have been made.

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current year.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions regarding the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet dates, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting years. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

**B Group accounting**

(1) Subsidiary companies

These consolidated combined financial statements include the financial statements of Tenaris's subsidiary companies. Subsidiary companies are those entities in which Tenaris has an interest of more than 50% of the voting rights or otherwise has the power to exercise control over the operations.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company and are no longer consolidated from the date that control ceases. The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given up, shares issued or liabilities undertaken at the date of acquisition plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired is recorded as goodwill.

**Table of Contents****B Group accounting (Cont d)**

## (1) Subsidiary companies (Cont d)

As explained in Note A (1), on December 13, 2002 the Company acquired additional interests in Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine. This acquisition was accounted for under the purchase method mentioned above. The acquisition cost was determined on the basis of the opening price of Tenaris shares on its first day on the trading market, December 16, 2002, and the exchange relationship of each of Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine proposed in the exchange offer. The acquisition costs amounted to USD457.3 million for Siderca, USD278.9 million for Tamsa and USD75.1 million for Dalmine and include the cost of the issuance of Tenaris shares. As a result of the purchase method of accounting, a goodwill of USD100.1 million was determined for the acquisition of the additional interest in Siderca and negative goodwill amounting to USD67.1 million and USD38.2 million was determined for the acquisition of the additional interest of Tamsa and Dalmine, respectively.

All intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised results on transactions between Tenaris's subsidiaries are eliminated, to the extent of Tenaris's interest in those subsidiary companies. Where necessary, accounting policies for subsidiaries have been changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by Tenaris.

See Note 29 for the list of the consolidated subsidiaries.

## (2) Associated companies

Investments in associated companies are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. Associated companies are companies in which Tenaris owns between 20% and 50% of the voting rights or over which Tenaris has significant influence, but does not have control (see Note B (1)). Unrealised results on transactions between Tenaris and its associated companies are eliminated to the extent of Tenaris's interest in the associated companies.

Tenaris's investments in shares of Consorcio Siderurgia Amazonia Ltd. ( Amazonia ) (14.11% during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000) and Siderar S.A.I.C. (10.71% until November 27, 2001) were also accounted for under the equity method as Tenaris has significant influence in them.

Management periodically evaluates the carrying value of its investments in associated companies for impairment. The carrying value of these investments is considered impaired when a permanent decrease in the value of the investments has occurred.

See Note 11 for the list of principal associated companies.

**C Foreign currency translation**

## (1) Translation of financial statements in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar; measurement currencies

SIC-19 states that the measurement currency should provide information about the enterprise that is useful and reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to the enterprise.

The measurement currency of Tenaris is the U.S. dollar. Although the Company is located in Luxembourg, Tenaris operates in several countries with different currencies. The U.S. dollar is the currency that better reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to Tenaris as a whole. Generally, the measurement currencies of the main companies in these financial statements are the respective local currencies. In the case of Siderca, however, the measurement currency is the U.S. dollar, because:

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**C Foreign currency translation (Cont d)**

(1) Translation of financial statements in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar; measurement currencies (Cont d)

- Siderca is located in Argentina and its local currency is affected by recurring severe economic crisis
- sales are denominated and settled in U.S. dollars or, if in a currency other than the U.S. dollar, the price is sensitive to movements in the exchange rate with the U.S. dollar;
- purchases of critical raw materials are financed in U.S. dollars generated by financing or operating activities;
- most of the net financial assets and liabilities are mainly obtained and retained in U.S. dollars.

Income statements of subsidiary companies stated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year, while balance sheets are translated at the exchange rates at December 31. Translation differences are recognized in shareholders' equity. Upon sale or other disposition of any such subsidiary, any accumulated translation differences are recognized in the income statement as part of the gain or loss on sale.

In the case of Tamsa, which reported in the currency of a hyperinflationary economy until December 31, 1998, the financial statements up to that date were restated in constant local currency in accordance with IAS 29.

(2) Transactions in currencies other than the measurement currency

Transactions in currencies other than the measurement currency are accounted for at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the income statement. Net foreign exchange transaction gains/losses of subsidiaries with a measurement currency different from the USD have been disclosed in the Consolidated Combined Income Statement under the caption "Other exchange rate differences".

**D Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are recognized at historical acquisition or construction cost. Land and buildings comprise mainly factories and offices and are shown at historical cost less depreciation. In the case of business acquisitions proper consideration to the fair value of the assets has been given as explained in Note B(1).

Major overhaul and rebuilding expenditure that improve the condition of an asset beyond its original condition is capitalized as property, plant and equipment and depreciated over the useful life of the related assets.

Ordinary maintenance expenses on manufacturing properties are recorded as cost of products sold in the period in which they are incurred.

Special maintenance expenses incurred to maintain the production capacity of the industrial facilities are recorded as deferred expenses when incurred and amortized over a period of 12 to 24 months, which corresponds to the period in which the benefits of the maintenance are expected to be realized.

Interest relating to the financing of relevant construction in progress is capitalized based upon long-term debt related interest expense incurred in connection with such construction in progress during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to amortize the cost of each asset to its residual values over its estimated useful life as follows:

**Table of Contents****D Property, plant and equipment (Cont d)**

Land	No Depreciation
Buildings and improvements	30-50 years
Plant and production equipment	10-20 years
Vehicles, furniture and fixtures and other equipment	4-10 years

Restricted tangible assets in Dalmine with a net book value at December 31, 2002 of USD 4.5 million are assets that will be returned to the Italian government authorities upon expiration of the underlying contract. These assets are depreciated over the shorter of their estimated useful economic lives and the period of contract.

In all cases where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. However, management considers that there has been no impairment in the carrying value of property, plant and equipment.

**E Impairment**

Circumstances affecting the recoverability of tangible and intangible assets may change. If this happens, the recoverable amount of the relevant assets is estimated. The recoverable amount is determined as the higher of the asset's net selling price and the present value of the estimated future cash flows. If the recoverable amount of the asset has dropped below its carrying amount the asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

No impairment provision were recorded, other than the investment in Amazonia (see Note 11).

**F Intangible assets****(1) Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the acquisition cost over the fair value of Tenaris's participation in the acquired company's net assets at the acquisition date. Goodwill is amortized using the straight-line method over its estimated useful life, not exceeding 20 years. Amortization is included in cost of sales.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising in connection with acquisitions of a foreign entity are treated as measurement currency assets and liabilities of the acquiring entity.

**(2) Negative goodwill**

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the fair values of Tenaris's participation in the acquired company's net assets at the acquisition date over the acquisition cost. Negative goodwill is recognized as income on a systematic basis over the remaining weighted average useful life of the identifiable acquired depreciable assets. This income is included in cost of sales.

**(3) Information system projects**

Generally, costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programs are recognized as an expense as incurred. However, costs directly related to development, acquisition and implementation of information systems are recognized as intangible assets if they have a probable economic benefit exceeding the cost beyond one year.

Information system projects recognized as assets is amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives, not exceeding a period of 3 years.



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**F Intangible assets (Cont d)**

(4) Research and development

Research expenditures are recognized as expenses as incurred. In accordance with IAS 38, development costs during the years ended on December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, were charged to income as incurred because they did not fulfil the criteria for capitalization.

(5) Licences and patents

Expenditures on acquired patents, trademarks, technology transfer and licenses are capitalized and amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives, but not exceeding 20 years.

**G Other investments**

On January 1, 2001 Tenaris adopted IAS 39-Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The total impact on shareholders equity on that date amounted to a loss of USD1,007 thousand.

Under IAS 39, investments have to be classified into the following categories: held-to-maturity, trading, or available-for-sale, depending on the purpose for acquiring the investments. Investment that do not fulfil the specific requirements of IAS 39 for trading or held-to-maturity categories have to be included as available-for-sale. All the investments of Tenaris, as explained in Financial risk management section, are currently classified as available-for-sale in non-current assets, because they do not meet the criteria established by IAS 39 for classification as held for trading or held to maturity.

Siderca, Siat and Confab have placed financial resources within trusts whose objective is exclusively to ensure that the financial needs for normal development of their operations are met. The funds mainly comprise time deposits and commercial papers. The trust agreements expire on December, 2004.

Investments in companies for which fair values cannot be measured reliably are reported at cost less impairment.

All purchases and sales of investments are recognized on the trade date, not significantly different from the settlement date, which is the date that Tenaris commits to purchase or sell the investment. Costs include transaction costs.

Subsequent to their acquisition, available-for-sale investments are carried at fair value. Realized and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value in those investments are included in the income statement for the period in which they arise.

**H Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value (calculated principally using the average cost method). The cost of finished goods and work in progress comprises raw materials, direct labor, other direct costs and related production overheads including amortization. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the costs of completion and selling expenses. In the case of business acquisitions proper consideration to the fair value of the assets has been given as explained in Note B(1).

An allowance for obsolescence or slow-moving inventory is made based on the management's analysis of inventory levels and future sales forecasts.

Goods in transit at year-end are valued at supplier invoice cost.

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**I Trade receivables**

Trade receivables are carried at original invoice amount less an estimate made for doubtful receivables.

The allowance for doubtful accounts is recognized when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the company will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the terms of the agreement.

Tenaris specifically analyses accounts receivable and historical bad debts, customer concentrations, customer creditworthiness, current economic trends and changes in customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

**J Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. Highly liquid short-term securities are carried at fair market value.

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash, bank current accounts and short-term highly liquid investments (original maturity of less than 90 days).

In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are included in borrowings in current liabilities.

**K Shareholders equity**

(1) Basis of combination

The consolidated combined statement of changes in shareholders' equity was prepared based on the following:

Currency translation differences due to the translation of the financial statements in currencies of the combined consolidated companies are shown in a separate line;

Changes in ownership in Exchange Companies comprises the net increase or decrease in the percentage of ownership that Sidertubes owned in these companies;

Dividends paid include the dividends paid by Siderca, Tamsa, Dalmine or Tenaris Global Services to Sidertubes prior to the contribution of Sidertubes' assets to the Company, as if they had been paid by Tenaris to Sidertubes, as well as the dividends effectively paid by Tenaris to its shareholders.

(2) Dividends

Dividends are recorded in Tenaris financial statements in the period in which they are approved by Tenaris shareholders, or when decided interim dividends by the Board of Directors in accordance to the authority given to them by the by-laws of the Company.

On August 27, 2002 the Board of Directors approved the payment of an interim dividend of USD 9,270 thousand.

Dividends may be paid by Tenaris to the extent distributable retained earnings calculated in accordance with Luxembourg GAAP exist. Therefore, retained earnings included in the consolidated combined financial statements may not be wholly distributable. See Note 24 (viii).

**L Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognized initially for an amount equal to the proceeds received net of transaction costs. In subsequent periods, borrowings are stated at amortized cost; any difference between proceeds and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the period of the borrowings.

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**M Deferred income taxes**

Under present Luxembourg law, so long as the Company maintains its status as a holding company, no income tax, withholding tax (including with respect to dividends), or capital gain tax is payable in Luxembourg by the Company.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws existing in the countries in which Tenaris subsidiaries operate.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. The principal temporary differences arise from the effect of currency translation on tax base, depreciation on property, plant and equipment, inventories valuation and provisions for pensions; and, in relation to acquisitions, on the difference between the fair values of the net assets acquired and their tax base. Deferred income tax provisions are determined based on tax rates in effect at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent it is probable that future taxable income will be available to utilize those temporary differences recognized as deferred tax assets against such income.

**N Employee liabilities**

(1) Employees statutory profit sharing

Under Mexican law, Tenaris's Mexican subsidiary companies are required to pay an annual benefit to their employees, which is calculated on the basis of the performance of each company. Employees statutory profit sharing is provided under the liability method. Temporary differences arise between the statutory bases of assets and liabilities used in the determination of the profit sharing and their carrying amounts in the financial statements.

(2) Employees severance indemnity

This provision comprises the liability accrued on behalf of Dalmine and Tamsa employees at the balance sheet date in accordance with current legislation and the labor contracts in effect in the respective countries.

Employees severance indemnity costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method: the cost of providing this obligation is charged to the income statement over the service lives of employees in accordance with the advice of the actuaries. This provision is measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using applicable interest rates.

(3) Pension obligations

Siderca implemented a defined benefit employee retirement plan for Siderca's and certain other officers throughout the world on August 1, 1995. The plan is designed to provide retirement, termination, and other benefits to those officers. Under certain circumstances the plan can be modified or discontinued by the company. In such cases, beneficiaries would still have rights under the plan, but only according to the benefits accrued up to the date when the modification or interruption has occurred. Siderca is accumulating assets for the ultimate payment on those benefits in the form of investments that carry time limitation for their redemption. These investments amounted to USD9,397 thousand and USD9,095 thousand at December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001 respectively. Siderca may use the investments for other purposes. If Siderca redeems or makes use of such investments prior to defined dates and for purposes other than the payment of the above mentioned benefit, amounts invested will be subject to penalties. The investments are not part of a particular plan nor segregated from Siderca's other assets. Due to these conditions, the plan is classified as unfunded under International Accounting Standards definition.

**Table of Contents****N Employee liabilities (Cont d)**

## (3) Pension obligations (Cont d)

Retirement cost are assessed using the project unit credit method: the cost of providing retirement benefits is charged to the income statements over the services lives of employees, based on actuarial calculations. This provision is measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using applicable interest rate. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized over the average remaining services lives of employees.

The prior service cost at the inception of the plan has been amortized based on the projected years to retirement for each of the initial employees, as from August 1, 1995. Siderca amortizes the prior service cost each of new participant over the remaining vesting period, as from the date they are included in the plan.

Periodically, Siderca revises its assumptions regarding discount rate and rate of compensation increase. As of December 31, 2002, this revision generated an actuarial gain. When the accumulated amount of actuarial gains and losses exceeds 10% of the Benefit Obligation, only the excess over the 10% is recognized as profit or loss over the services lives of employees. During the year ended on December 31, 2002 Tenaris recognized a gain of USD511 thousand.

Benefits provided by the plan are in U.S. Dollars, but depend on a three-year or seven years salary average (the better option for the beneficiary) if the event of retirement happened between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003 and, after this date, the benefits of the plan depend on a seven-year salary average, in the currency of the country where the relevant company is established.

## (4) Other compensation obligations

Employee entitlements to annual leave and long-service leave is accrued as earned.

Other length of service based compensation to employees in the event of dismissal or death is charged to income in the year in which it becomes payable.

**O Provisions**

Provisions are accrued when there is reasonably certainty that the expenses will be incurred but uncertainty relating to the amount or the date on which they will arise. Accruals for such liabilities reflect a reasonable estimate of the expenses to be incurred based on information available as of the date of preparation of the financial statements. If Tenaris expects a provision to be reimbursed (for example under an insurance contract), and the reimbursement is virtually certain, the reimbursement is recognized as an asset.

Tenaris has certain contingent liabilities with respect to existing or potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings, including those involving labor and other matters. Unless otherwise specified, Tenaris accrues liabilities when it is probable that future cost could be incurred and that cost can be reasonably estimated. Generally, accruals are based on developments to date, Tenaris's estimates of the outcomes of these matters and Tenaris's legal advisers in contesting, litigating and settling other matters. As the scope of the liabilities becomes better defined, there will be changes in the estimates of future costs, which could have a material effect on Tenaris's future results of operations and financial conditions or liquidity.

## (1) Legal claims and contingencies

From time to time, Tenaris is involved in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business (exception made of the litigation with the consortium led by BHP - see Note 24 (i) ). This provision covers reasonably the risk of legal claims and other contingencies.

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**O Provisions (Cont d)**

(2) Restructuring

Restructuring provisions mainly comprise employee termination benefits which are recognized only when Tenaris has a constructive obligation to effect a restructuring plan, generally occurs when an agreement has been reached with employee representatives on the terms of redundancy and the number of employees affected or after individual employees have been advised of the specific terms.

**P Revenue recognition**

Revenues are recognized as sales when revenue is earned and is realized or realizable. This includes satisfying the following criteria: the arrangement with the customer is evident, usually through the receipt of a purchase order; the sales price is fixed or determinable; delivery has occurred, which may include delivery to the customer storage warehouse location at one of the Company's subsidiaries; and collectibility is reasonably assured.

Other revenues earned by Tenaris are recognized on the following bases:

- Interest income: on an effective yield basis.
- Dividend income from investments in companies under cost method: when Tenaris' right to receive collection is established.

**Q Cost of sales and expenses**

Under the accrual basis of accounting, cost of sales and expenses are recognized in the income statement on the basis of a direct association to the earning of specific item of income.

Tax reimbursements on exports are treated as a reduction of tax expenses, included in Cost of Sales.

**R Earnings per share**

Earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income attributable to shareholders by the daily weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during the year. See Note 8.

**S Financial instruments**

Tenaris adopted IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, on January 1, 2001. The financial effects of adopting IAS 39 are explained in Note 23.

Information about accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities is included within the section Financial risk management below.

**T Segment information**

Business segments provide products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. Geographical segments provide products or services within a particular economic environment that is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of components operating in other economic environments.

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**U Summary of significant differences between International Accounting Standards ( IAS ) and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States of America ( US GAAP )**

The accompanying consolidated combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS, which differ in certain important respects from US GAAP. The significant differences at December 31, 2002 and 2001 and for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 are reflected in the reconciliation provided in Note 31 and principally relate to the items discussed in the following paragraphs:

(a) Purchase accounting difference affecting the acquisition of Tavsa and Amazonia - Net of accumulated amortization

Tamsa directly or indirectly acquired interests in Tavsa and Amazonia. As part of this investment, Tamsa and its partners developed a business plan which contemplated workforce reductions. As a result of Tamsa's plans to reduce the workforce, the liabilities associated with the reductions were accrued by Tavsa and Amazonia as of the date of the acquisition, which resulted in additional goodwill under IAS.

Under US GAAP, accrual of workforce reductions costs is required when certain conditions are met.

A restructuring plan must be (i) approved by an appropriate level of management; (ii) the benefit arrangement must be sufficiently communicated to employees so that they can determine their benefits; (iii) the plan must specifically identify the number of employees, their classification and location; and (iv) it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will occur. In general, the plan must be finalized within one year.

(b) Deferred income tax

Under IAS, deferred tax is recognized as the excess of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities determined using the historical rate of exchange over the tax base determined using the balance sheet date exchange rate.

Under US GAAP, no deferred tax is recognized for differences related to assets and liabilities that are remeasured from local currency into the functional currency resulting from changes in exchange rates or indexing for tax purposes.

(c) Equity in investments in associated companies

The significant differences that give rise to US GAAP adjustments on equity in associated companies are related to the provision for restructuring costs net of its tax effect.

(d) Unrecognized prior service costs

Under IAS past service costs related to pension benefits are recognized over the remaining vesting period. Where benefits have already vested, past service costs are recognized immediately.

Under US GAAP, past service costs are recognized over the remaining service lives of active employees.

(e) Accounting changes

As discussed in Note 23, at the beginning of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, the Company adopted IAS 39. The impact of the adoption corresponds to the remeasurement to fair value of derivatives related to non-qualifying hedges and it was accounted for in a separate line in the consolidated combined statement of changes in shareholders' equity.

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**U Summary of significant differences between International Accounting Standards (IAS) and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States of America (US GAAP) (Cont d)**

Under US GAAP the Company adopted SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ( SFAS No. 133 ) and its corresponding amendments under SFAS No. 137 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities Deferral on the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133 ( SFAS No. 137 ) and SFAS No. 138 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities ( SFAS No. 138 ) on January 1, 2001. The cumulative effect adjustment was recognized in net income.

(f) Consolidation of non-majority-owned subsidiaries

Under IAS, companies in which the ultimate parent company did not own more than 50% of the voting rights but had the necessary power as to exercise control by other means (such as appointing the majority in the board of directors and key management) are consolidated.

Under US GAAP, only majority-owned subsidiaries (companies in which a parent has a controlling financial interest through direct or indirect ownership of a majority voting interest) are consolidated. Accordingly, condensed balance sheet, income statement and cash flow are presented in Note 32, without consolidating Dalmine as of December 31, 2001 and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 and Tamsa for the year ended December 31, 2000.

(g) Available-for-sale financial assets changes in fair value

As of December 31, 2002, the Company has certain investments in trust funds. Under IAS, the Company is carrying these investments at market value with unrealised gains and losses, if any, included in the statement of income.

Under US GAAP, the Company has classified these investments as available-for-sale and is carrying these investments at market value with material unrealised gains or losses, if any, included in shareholder s equity in accordance with SFAS No. 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities ( SFAS No. 115 ). SFAS No. 115 also states that for individual securities classified as available-for-sale an enterprise shall determine whether a decline in fair value below the amortised cost basis is other than temporary. In such event, accumulated unrealised losses included in Other Comprehensive Income shall be reclassified into the Statement of Income.

Specific identification was used to determine cost in computing realised gain or loss. The Company s investments are considered available for sale as these securities could potentially be sold in response to needs for liquidity, changes in the availability of and the yield on alternative instruments or changes in funding securities at the time of purchase and reevaluates such designation as of each balance sheet date.

(h) Goodwill

Under IAS, purchased goodwill is capitalised as an intangibles asset, with a rebuttable presumption that its useful life does not exceed 20 years.

An impairment review of goodwill is required wherever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable and annually if estimated useful life exceeds 20 years.

Under US GAAP, an investment recorded under the purchase method of accounting requires an estimation of the fair values of the underlying, separately identifiable assets and liabilities. Any excess of the cost of the investment over the fair value of acquired net assets is treated as goodwill. The Company adopted SFAS No. 142 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ( SFAS No. 142 ) in the year ended December 31, 2002. SFAS No. 142 states that goodwill is not amortized but rather is tested at least annually for possible impairment.

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**U Summary of significant differences between International Accounting Standards (IAS) and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States of America (US GAAP) (Cont d)**

As a result of the adoption of SFAS No. 142, the Company tested the goodwill for impairment. The steps taken are fully explained on Note 32 (e), the impairment losses are presented as a cumulative effect of a change in an accounting principle in the quantitative reconciliation in Note 31.

(i) Cost of the exchange offer

Under IAS, direct cost relating to an acquisition, including cost of registering and issuing equity securities, are considered in determining the cost of acquisition.

Under US GAAP, in accordance with SFAS No. 141 Business combinations ( SFAS No. 141 ), costs of registering and issuing equity securities shall be recognized as a reduction of the fair value of the securities.



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**Financial risk management**

**(1) Financial risk factors**

Tenaris's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including the effects of changes in debt and equity market prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The overall risk management program of the Tenaris's subsidiaries focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on Tenaris's financial performance, using derivative financial instruments, such as foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swaps, to hedge certain exposures.

Risk management is carried out by treasury departments in Tenaris's subsidiaries and associated companies. The treasury departments identify, evaluate and hedge financial risks in close cooperation with the operating units.

**(i) Foreign exchange rate risk**

Tenaris operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange rate risk arising from various currency exposures. Certain Tenaris's subsidiaries use forward contracts in certain occasions to hedge their exposure to exchange rate risk.

Management at the Tenaris's subsidiaries decides, case by case and based on actual sales and purchases orders, the mechanism to be used in order to hedge primarily to U.S. Dollars.

Tenaris has a number of investments in subsidiaries whose financial statements are stated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The net assets of those subsidiaries are exposed to foreign exchange rate risk. Generally, management sets a policy to hedge to U.S. dollars the net current receivables and liabilities of those subsidiaries.

**(ii) Interest rate risk**

Tenaris's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent from changes in market interest rates. The Tenaris's subsidiaries generally borrow at variable rates and, in some cases (such as in the case of Dalmine) use interest rate swaps for long term debts as a hedge of future interest payments, converting borrowings from floating rates to fixed rates.

**(iii) Concentration of credit risk**

Tenaris has no significant concentrations of credit risk. No single customer accounts for more than ten percent of Tenaris's sales.

The Tenaris's subsidiaries have policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history, or using credit insurance, letters of credit and other instruments to reduce credit risk whenever deemed necessary, and maintain allowances for potential credit losses.

Derivative counter parties and cash transactions are limited to high credit quality financial institutions.

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**Financial risk management (Cont d)**

**(1) Financial risk factors (Cont d)**

(iv) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management recommends maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, Tenaris aims at maintaining flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available and a trust fund as explained in Note G.

**(2) Accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities**

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognized in the balance sheet at cost and subsequently marked to market unless they qualify for hedge accounting. Tenaris does not hedge its net investments in foreign entities.

Derivative transactions and other financial instruments, while providing economic hedges under risk management policies, do not qualify for hedge accounting under the specific rules in IAS 39. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting under IAS 39 are recognized immediately in the income statement.

The fair values of derivative instruments are disclosed in Note 23.

**(3) Fair value estimation**

The estimated fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

The face values less any estimated credit adjustments for financial assets and liabilities with a maturity of less than one year is estimated to approximate their fair values.

The fair value of investments classified as non-current available for sale investments (such as the trust fund) is based on quoted market price.

In assessing the fair value of non-traded derivatives and other financial instruments, Tenaris uses a variety of method, such as option pricing models and estimated discounted value of future cash flows, and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance sheet date.

The fair value of the forward contracts is estimated based on forwards exchange market rates at year-end.

The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

The fair value of option contracts are estimated based on appropriate valuation models, such as Black-Scholes and other methods.

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**1 Segment information****Primary reporting format business segments**

	Seamless	Welded and other metallic products	Energy	Others	Unallocated	Total
<b>Year ended</b>						
<b>December 31, 2002</b>						
Net sales	2,241,362	580,001	210,415	187,606		3,219,384
Cost of sales	(1,420,629)	(379,384)	(198,727)	(169,854)		(2,168,594)
Gross profit	820,733	200,617	11,688	17,752		1,050,790
Segment assets	3,273,969	354,069	41,155	135,212	213,041	4,017,446
Segment liabilities	1,368,716	212,689	49,909	69,716	435,579	2,136,609
Capital expenditure	108,547	27,053	5,623	6,354		147,577
Depreciation and amortization	162,120	7,668	2,768	3,759		176,315
<b>Year ended</b>						
<b>December 31, 2001</b>						
Net sales	2,496,479	432,647	113,140	132,033		3,174,299
Cost of sales	(1,663,385)	(293,938)	(107,552)	(100,693)		(2,165,568)
Gross profit	833,094	138,709	5,588	31,340		1,008,731
Segment assets	3,057,316	445,401	45,007	97,715	192,515	3,837,954
Segment liabilities	1,356,849	214,173	39,119	80,908	352,523	2,043,572
Capital expenditure	201,452	16,749	3,391	1,257		222,849
Depreciation and amortization	155,145	3,717	1,539	1,309		161,710
<b>Year ended</b>						
<b>December 31, 2000</b>						
Net sales	1,991,897	208,982	58,720	101,720		2,361,319
Cost of sales	(1,394,049)	(169,721)	(50,126)	(78,516)		(1,692,412)
Gross profit	597,848	39,261	8,594	23,204		668,907
Segment assets	3,095,737	318,428	27,402	92,036	110,934	3,644,537
Segment liabilities	1,305,058	115,428	21,107	65,027	292,849	1,799,469
Capital expenditure	245,213	11,586	4,306	4,204		265,309
Depreciation and amortization	147,533	6,502	1,443	1,165		156,643

Tenaris's main business segment is the manufacture of seamless pipes.

Intersegment net sales from Energy to Seamless amounted to USD50,021, USD37,067 and USD7,552 in 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Intersegment net sales from Welded to Seamless amounted to USD 4,577 in 2002.

Intersegment net sales from Other to Seamless amounted to USD 22,269, USD 34,934 and USD 40,542 in 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Intersegment net sales from Other to Welded amounted to USD 141 in 2002.



**Table of Contents****1 Segment information (Cont d)****Secondary reporting format geographical segments****Year ended December 31, 2002**

	<b>South America</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>North America</b>	<b>Middle East and Africa</b>	<b>Far East and Oceania</b>	<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net sales	956,382	829,744	577,279	511,119	344,860		3,219,384
Total assets	1,362,304	874,185	1,238,179	129,143	200,594	213,041	4,017,446
Trade receivables	249,308	145,864	123,572	121,663	29,819		670,226
Property, plant and equipment	624,159	471,580	784,104	2,512	51,882		1,934,237
Capital expenditure	73,157	39,985	25,629	2,515	6,291		147,577
Depreciation and amortization	83,347	48,078	39,914	19	4,957		176,315

**Year ended December 31, 2001**

	<b>South America</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>North America</b>	<b>Middle East and Africa</b>	<b>Far East and Oceania</b>	<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net sales	971,101	680,524	611,655	520,916	390,103		3,174,299
Total assets	1,230,766	742,982	1,365,007	97,630	209,054	192,515	3,837,954
Trade receivables	169,006	118,772	104,370	86,965	66,414		545,527
Property, plant and equipment	607,458	397,665	911,310	13	54,872		1,971,318
Capital expenditure	85,160	44,076	92,336		1,277		222,849
Depreciation and amortization	76,277	41,046	41,568	1	2,818		161,710

**Year ended December 31, 2000**

	<b>South America</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>North America</b>	<b>Middle East and Africa</b>	<b>Far East and Oceania</b>	<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Net sales	668,152	590,935	421,550	428,980	251,702		2,361,319
Total assets	1,105,082	783,272	1,254,118	202,114	189,017	110,934	3,644,537
Trade receivables	144,507	131,096	89,423	91,493	54,335		510,854
Property, plant and equipment	629,588	423,427	826,362	17	62,420		1,941,814
Capital expenditure	100,452	54,398	44,658	8	65,793		265,309
Depreciation and amortization	80,390	38,003	36,753	1	1,496		156,643

Allocation of net sales is based on the customers' location. Allocation of assets and capital expenditure are based on the assets' location.

Although Tenaris's business is managed on a worldwide basis, the Tenaris's subsidiaries operate in five main geographical areas.

**Table of Contents****2 Cost of sales**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Raw materials and consumables used and change in inventories	1,407,694	1,459,967	980,056
Services and fees	219,392	177,513	182,762
Labor cost	244,471	285,203	286,464
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	150,536	146,306	144,979
Amortization of intangible assets	5,230	2,266	1,003
Maintenance expenses	50,234	43,625	44,388
Provisions for contingencies	4,307	2,021	3,489
Allowance for obsolescence	19,042	6,985	3,963
Taxes	3,160	2,185	1,598
Others	64,528	39,497	43,710
	<b>2,168,594</b>	<b>2,165,568</b>	<b>1,692,412</b>

**3 Selling, general and administrative expenses**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Services and fees	93,744	94,392	74,663
Labor cost	118,886	126,849	124,662
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	10,422	2,633	3,661
Amortization of intangible assets	10,127	10,505	7,000
Commissions, freights and other selling expenses	270,810	187,370	170,358
Provisions for contingencies	8,122	10,092	1,630
Allowances for doubtful accounts	2,287	5,372	4,905
Taxes	33,335	8,278	6,572
Others	20,416	57,256	40,166
	<b>568,149</b>	<b>502,747</b>	<b>433,617</b>

**4 Labor costs (included in Cost of sales and Selling, general and administrative expenses)**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Wages, salaries and social security costs	356,576	403,438	402,233
Employees severance indemnity (Note 20. (a))	6,453	6,913	7,072
Pension benefits defined benefit plans (Note 20. (b))	328	1,701	1,821
	<b>363,357</b>	<b>412,052</b>	<b>411,126</b>

At year-end, the number of employees was 13,841 in 2002, 14,127 in 2001 and 13,140 in 2000.

**Table of Contents****5 Other operating items**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
<b>(i) Other operating income</b>			
Reimbursement from insurance companies and other third parties	6,814		6,750
Income from disposition of warehouses	3,132		3,838
Gain from government securities	5,643		
Net rents from investment properties		585	1,102
	<u>15,589</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>11,690</u>
<b>(ii) Other operating expenses</b>			
Provision for BHP proceedings	18,923	41,061	
Allowance for receivables	1,334	13,617	4,564
Contributions to welfare projects and non-profits organizations	2,241	1,100	1,100
Allowance for legal claims and contingencies		7,666	
Miscellaneous	3,855	1,493	149
	<u>26,353</u>	<u>64,937</u>	<u>5,813</u>

**6 Financial income (expenses), net**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
<b>(i) Financial income (expenses)</b>			
Interest expense	(34,480)	(43,676)	(36,148)
Interest income	14,201	2,586	17,017
Net foreign exchange transaction gains/(losses)	21,019	24,078	(16,908)
Financial discount on trade receivables	(8,810)		
Others	(3,075)	(1,405)	(3,511)
	<u>(11,145)</u>	<u>(18,417)</u>	<u>(39,550)</u>
<b>(ii) Other exchange rate differences</b>			
Net foreign exchange transaction gains/losses of subsidiaries with a measurement currency different from the USD	(9,452)	(7,178)	(8,373)



**Table of Contents****7 Tax charge****(i) Recovery of income tax**

In 2002 Tamsa succeeded in its income tax claim to the Mexican tax authorities, resulting in a recovery of income tax of previous years of MXN 355.6 million (USD36.8 million).

**(ii) Income tax**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Current tax	192,862	148,823	46,614
Deferred tax (Note 19)	26,426	(39,867)	16,685
	<u>219,288</u>	<u>108,956</u>	<u>63,299</u>
Effect of currency translation on tax base	25,266	109,882	2,011
	<u><b>244,554</b></u>	<u><b>218,838</b></u>	<u><b>65,310</b></u>

The tax on Tenaris' s income before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the tax rate in each country as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Income before tax	444,478	374,741	189,417
Tax calculated at the tax rate in each country	184,201	143,408	88,157
Non taxable income	(54,780)	(45,415)	(35,286)
Non deductible expenses	17,310	12,418	12,169
Effect of currency translation on tax base	25,266	109,882	2,011
Effect of taxable exchange differences	79,362		
Utilization of previously unrecognized tax losses	(6,805)	(1,455)	(1,741)
Tax charge	<u><b>244,554</b></u>	<u><b>218,838</b></u>	<u><b>65,310</b></u>

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
<b>(iii) Effect of currency translation on tax base</b>	<u><b>25,266</b></u>	<u><b>109,882</b></u>	<u><b>2,011</b></u>

As shown in Note 7(ii) of these consolidated combined financial statements, Tenaris, using the liability method, recognizes a deferred income tax charge on temporary differences between the tax bases of its assets and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. By application of this method, Tenaris recognized an increased deferred income tax charge due to the effect of the devaluation of the Argentine peso on the tax bases of the fixed assets of its Argentine subsidiaries. These charges were mandated by IAS even though the reduced tax bases of the relevant assets will only result in reduced amortization deductions for tax purposes in future periods throughout the useful life of those assets and, consequently, the resulting deferred income tax charge does not represent a separate obligation of Tenaris that was due and payable in any of the relevant periods.

**Table of Contents****8 Earnings per share**

- (i) Under IAS, Earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income attributable to shareholders by the daily weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during the year. The weighted average number of ordinary shares was determined considering that the 710,747,090 shares issued for Sidertubes contribution (see Note A (1)) were issued and outstanding as of January 1, 2000.

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
Net income attributable to shareholders	94,304	81,346	76,706
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	732,936	710,747	710,747
Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.13	0.11	0.11

- (ii) As explained in Note A (1) the Sidertubes contribution and the exchange transaction took place in 2002. For a better understanding of the reader and future comparisons the Company has calculated the pro-forma Earnings per share as if these transactions had taken place on January 1, 2000, as follows:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
Net income attributable to shareholders	193,826	135,796	123,426
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	1,160,701	1,160,701	1,160,701
Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.17	0.12	0.11

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**Table of Contents****9 Property, plant and equipment, net**

	<b>Land, building and improvements</b>	<b>Plant and production equipment</b>	<b>Vehicles, furniture and fixtures</b>	<b>Work in progress</b>	<b>Spare parts and equipment</b>	<b>Total (a)</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2002</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
Values at the beginning of the year	264,914	4,759,427	90,308	156,378	8,937	5,279,964
Translation differences	(29,973)	(67,439)	(2,404)	(16,374)	647	(115,543)
Additions (b)	1,820	108,309	2,918	71,009	6,268	190,324
Disposals / Consumptions	(5,479)	(13,258)	(1,036)	(507)	(6,015)	(26,295)
Transfers	16,212	37,084	7,831	(62,664)	250	(1,287)
Values at the end of the year	<u>247,494</u>	<u>4,824,123</u>	<u>97,617</u>	<u>147,842</u>	<u>10,087</u>	<u>5,327,163</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>						
Accumulated at the beginning of the year	27,857	3,196,743	77,240		6,806	3,308,646
Translation differences	(2,689)	(61,180)	(1,371)		430	(64,810)
Depreciation charge	5,444	149,430	5,518		566	160,958
Disposals / Consumptions	(1,359)	(7,915)	(482)		(2,112)	(11,868)
Transfers	66		(66)			
Accumulated at the end of the year	<u>29,319</u>	<u>3,277,078</u>	<u>80,839</u>		<u>5,690</u>	<u>3,392,926</u>
<b>At December 31, 2002</b>	<b><u>218,175</u></b>	<b><u>1,547,045</u></b>	<b><u>16,778</u></b>	<b><u>147,842</u></b>	<b><u>4,397</u></b>	<b><u>1,934,237</u></b>

(a) Includes a net amount of USD16.9 million of finance leases of Dalmine.

(b) Includes USD 65.7 million attributable to the fair value of Property, plant and equipment of Dalmine, Siderca and Tamsa acquired on the exchange transaction (see note 27).

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	<b>Land, building and improvements</b>	<b>Plant and production equipment</b>	<b>Vehicles, furniture and fixtures</b>	<b>Work in progress</b>	<b>Spare parts and equipment</b>	<b>Total (a)</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2001</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
Values at the beginning of the year	240,607	4,634,108	91,158	112,675	12,602	5,091,150
Translation differences	18,639	35,191	6,284	(20,211)	(261)	39,642
Additions	1,007	12,943	2,712	174,977	8,372	200,011
Disposals / Consumptions	(593)	(25,345)	(11,500)	(1,219)	(12,182)	(50,839)
Transfers	5,254	102,530	1,654	(109,844)	406	
Values at the end of the year	<u>264,914</u>	<u>4,759,427</u>	<u>90,308</u>	<u>156,378</u>	<u>8,937</u>	<u>5,279,964</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>						
Accumulated at the beginning of the year	19,354	3,048,118	74,459		7,405	3,149,336
Translation differences	3,314	19,354	(1,182)		(169)	21,317
Depreciation charge	5,189	138,654	4,262		834	148,939
Disposals / Consumptions		(9,383)	(299)		(1,264)	(10,946)
Accumulated at the end of the year	<u>27,857</u>	<u>3,196,743</u>	<u>77,240</u>		<u>6,806</u>	<u>3,308,646</u>
<b>At December 31, 2001</b>	<b><u>237,057</u></b>	<b><u>1,562,684</u></b>	<b><u>13,068</u></b>	<b><u>156,378</u></b>	<b><u>2,131</u></b>	<b><u>1,971,318</u></b>

Property, plant and equipment include interest capitalized for USD17,372 and USD12,039 for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

**Table of Contents****10 Intangible assets, net**

	Information system projects	Information system projects in progress	Licenses and patents	Goodwill	Negative goodwill	Total
<b>Year ended December 31, 2002</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
Values at the beginning of the year	13,165	7,482	46,673	27,863	(21,414)	73,769
Translation differences	(411)	(823)	1,864	(1,046)		(416)
Additions (a)	8,466	6,182	3,026	105,407	(105,321)	17,760
Disposals			(21,182)			(21,182)
Transfers	6,559	(5,272)				1,287
Values at the end of the year	27,779	7,569	30,381	132,224	(126,735)	71,218
<b>Depreciation</b>						
Accumulated at the beginning of the year	10,707		11,221	7,598	(3,388)	26,138
Translation differences	(602)		2,036	(2,276)		(842)
Amortization charge	5,468		5,014	6,675	(1,800)	15,357
Disposals			(2,119)			(2,119)
Accumulated at the end of the year	15,573		16,152	11,997	(5,188)	38,534
<b>At December 31, 2002</b>	<b>12,206</b>	<b>7,569</b>	<b>14,229</b>	<b>120,227</b>	<b>(121,547)</b>	<b>32,684</b>

- (a) Includes USD 5.2 million attributable to the fair value of Intangible assets of Dalmine, Siderca and Tamsa acquired on the exchange transaction (see note 27).

	Information system projects	Information system projects in progress	Licenses and patents	Goodwill	Negative goodwill	Total
<b>Year ended December 31, 2001</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
Values at the beginning of the year	13,165	3,735	25,996	27,367	(21,414)	48,849
Translation differences			1,821	261		2,082
Additions		3,747	18,856	235		22,838
Values at the end of the year	13,165	7,482	46,673	27,863	(21,414)	73,769
<b>Depreciation</b>						
Accumulated at the beginning of the year	6,931		4,462	3,562	(1,588)	13,367
Amortization charge	3,776		6,759	4,036	(1,800)	12,771
Accumulated at the end of the year	10,707		11,221	7,598	(3,388)	26,138
<b>At December 31, 2001</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>7,482</b>	<b>35,452</b>	<b>20,265</b>	<b>(18,026)</b>	<b>47,631</b>



**Table of Contents****11 Investments in associated companies**

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	2002	2001
At the beginning of year		
27,983	140,726	
Translation differences		
(7,174)	(8,701)	
Equity in losses of associated companies		
(6,802)	(41,296)	
Acquisitions		
320		
Sales		
(2,054)		
Other movements (a)		
(60,692)		
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<b>At the end of year</b>		
<b>14,327</b>	<b>27,983</b>	
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(a) Corresponds to the dividend in kind with Siderar shares distributed by Siderca.

The principal associated companies are:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Country of organization</u>	<u>Percentage of ownership and voting rights at December 31,</u>		<u>Value at December 31,</u>	
		2002	2001	2002	2001
Consortio Siderurgia Amazonia Ltd. (a)	Cayman Islands	14.11%	14.11%	13,229	19,402
Conducid C.A	Venezuela	20.00%	20.00%	553	3,909
Others				545	4,672
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				14,327	27,983
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(a) The value at December 31, 2002 and 2001 are net of an impairment provision of USD 13,260 and 15,098, respectively.

**12 Other investments**

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	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
<b>Available-for-sale</b>		
Trust funds with specific objective (Note G)	135,787	103,438
Deposits with insurance companies	9,791	9,095
Investments in companies under cost method	13,515	13,241
Others	210	1,428
	<b>159,303</b>	<b>127,202</b>

**13 Receivables**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Government entities	4,820	13,816
Employee advances and loans	3,050	12,040
Tax credits	8,624	9,663
Trade receivables	8,113	4,439
Miscellaneous	1,123	1,778
	25,730	41,736
Allowances for doubtful accounts Note 21 (i)	(8,828)	(21,239)
	<b>16,902</b>	<b>20,497</b>



**Table of Contents****14 Inventories**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Finished goods	327,328	425,315
Goods in process	111,125	95,595
Raw materials	127,647	145,927
Supplies	128,709	102,801
Goods in transit	36,925	18,096
	<u>731,734</u>	<u>787,734</u>
Allowance for obsolescence Note 22 (i)	(51,621)	(52,160)
	<u><b>680,113</b></u>	<u><b>735,574</b></u>

**15 Receivables and prepayments**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
V.A.T. credits	43,298	22,432
Prepaid taxes	20,560	18,815
Reimbursements and other services receivable	19,787	19,583
Government entities	11,381	5,751
Employee advances and loans	5,595	4,836
Advances to suppliers	29,876	18,092
Other advances	12,308	20,858
Miscellaneous	18,898	19,812
	<u>161,703</u>	<u>130,179</u>
Allowance for other doubtful accounts Note 22 (i)	(5,997)	(5,958)
	<u><b>155,706</b></u>	<u><b>124,221</b></u>

**16 Trade receivables**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Current accounts	632,146	528,720
Notes receivables	42,336	32,116
Government tax refunds on exports	16,977	8,572
	<u>691,459</u>	<u>569,408</u>
Allowance for doubtful accounts Note 22 (i)	(21,233)	(23,881)
	<u><b>670,226</b></u>	<u><b>545,527</b></u>

## 17 Cash and cash equivalents

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Cash and short-term highly liquid investments	279,878	145,839
Time deposits with related parties	24,658	67,975
	<u>304,536</u>	<u>213,814</u>

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**Table of Contents****18 Borrowings**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
<b>Non-current</b>		
Bank borrowings	260,596	338,928
Debentures	54,187	46,228
Finance lease liabilities	7,422	7,895
	<u>322,205</u>	<u>393,051</u>
<b>Current</b>		
Bank borrowings	380,380	322,464
Bank overdrafts	9,649	53,225
Finance lease liabilities	4,176	272
Costs for issue of debt	(515)	(3,545)
	<u>393,690</u>	<u>372,416</u>
<b>Total Borrowings</b>	<u><b>715,895</b></u>	<u><b>765,467</b></u>

The maturity of borrowings is as follows:

	1 - 5 years						Total
	1 year or less	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	Over 5 years	
<b>At December 31, 2002</b>							
Financial lease	4,176	3,820	1,288	622	376	1,316	11,598
Other borrowings	389,514	195,662	41,725	29,152	22,398	25,846	704,297
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<u><b>393,690</b></u>	<u><b>199,482</b></u>	<u><b>43,013</b></u>	<u><b>29,774</b></u>	<u><b>22,774</b></u>	<u><b>27,162</b></u>	<u><b>715,895</b></u>

The weighted average interest rates at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	2002	2001
Bank overdrafts	4.30%	4.00%
Bank borrowings	3.61%	4.75%
Debentures and other loans	3.99%	5.15%
Finance lease liabilities	3.56%	4.25%

On December 14, 2001, Tamsa entered into a loan agreement in the amount of USD130 million with a term of two and a half years. The most significant financial covenants under this loan syndicated agreement are as follows:

- Maintenance of minimum levels of working capital ratio;
- Maintenance of maximum levels of total indebtedness; and
- Compliance with debt service ratios.

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On August 3, 2001, Dalmine entered into a loan agreement in the amount of EUR39.5 million (USD41.4 million) with a term of seven years. The most significant financial covenant under this loan agreement is the maintenance of maximum levels of total indebtedness.

At December 31, 2002, both companies were in compliance with all of their financial covenants.

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**Table of Contents****18 Borrowings (Cont d)**

Breakdown of long-term borrowings by currency and rate is as follows:

**Bank borrowings**

Currency	Interest rates	December 31,	
		2002	2001
USD	Variable	130,000	130,000
USD	Fixed	57,782	51,486
EURO	Fixed	156,419	199,826
JPY	Fixed	37,882	23,283
BRS	Variable	30,093	23,365
		412,176	427,960
Less: Current portion of medium and long-term loans		(151,580)	(89,032)
Total Bank borrowings		<u>260,596</u>	<u>338,928</u>

**Debentures**

Currency	Interest rates	December 31,	
		2002	2001
EURO	Variable	54,187	46,228
Total Debentures		<u>54,187</u>	<u>46,228</u>

Debentures issued on January 1998, at a face value of ITL100,000, million with interest linked to the 3-month Libor.

**Finance lease liabilities**

Currency	Interest rates	December 31,	
		2002	2001
EURO	Fixed	6,042	8,167
JPY	Fixed	5,556	
Less: Current portion of medium and long-term loans		(4,176)	(272)
Total finance leases		<u>7,422</u>	<u>7,895</u>
Total long-term borrowings		<u>322,205</u>	<u>393,051</u>

As most borrowings include variable rates or fixed rates that approximate to market rates and the contractual reprising occurs between every 3 and 6 months, the fair value of the borrowings approximates to its carrying amount and it is not disclosed separately.

The carrying amounts of Tenaris's assets pledged as collateral of liabilities are as follows:

Year ended December 31,	
2002	2001

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Property, plant and equipment mortgages

344,122

305,844

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**Table of Contents****18 Deferred income taxes**

Deferred income taxes are calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using the tax rate of each country.

The movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
At beginning of year	328,336	255,144
Translation differences	(21,395)	3,963
Acquisition of minority interest in subsidiaries charged to equity (Note A(1))	27,534	
Effect of adopting IAS 39		(786)
Income statement charge /(credit)	26,426	(39,867)
Effect of currency translation on tax base	25,266	109,882
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>386,167</b>	<b>328,336</b>

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities (prior to offsetting the balances within the same tax jurisdiction) during the year is as follows:

**Deferred tax liabilities**

	Fixed assets	Inventories	Other	Total at December 31, 2002
At beginning of year	296,195	51,429	6,298	353,922
Translation differences	(18,927)	(5,985)	189	(24,723)
Acquisition of minority interest in subsidiaries (Note A(1))	25,298	3,716		29,014
Income statement (credit)/charge	(19,551)	19,630	26,913	26,992
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>283,015</b>	<b>68,790</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>385,205</b>

**Effect of currency translation on tax base**

	At December 31, 2002
At beginning of year	89,560
Income statement charge	25,266
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>114,826</b>

**Deferred tax assets**

	Provisions and allowances	Inventories	Tax losses	Other	Total
At beginning of year	(77,072)	(23,574)	(4,340)	(10,160)	(115,146)
Translation differences	(234)	1,573	1,867	122	3,328

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Acquisition of minority interest in subsidiaries (Note A(1))		(197)		(1,283)	(1,480)
Income statement charge/(credit)	2,480	165	(3,600)	389	(566)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>(74,826)</b>	<b>(22,033)</b>	<b>(6,073)</b>	<b>(10,932)</b>	<b>(113,864)</b>
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**Table of Contents****19 Deferred income taxes (Cont d)****Deferred tax assets (Cont d)**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when (1) there is a legally enforceable right to setoff current tax assets against current tax liabilities and (2) the deferred income taxes relate to the same fiscal authority. The following amounts, determined after appropriate setoff, are shown in the consolidated combined balance sheet:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Deferred tax assets	(49,412)	(24,187)
Deferred tax liabilities	320,753	262,963
Deferred tax- Effect of currency translation on tax base(See Note 7 (iii))	114,826	89,560
	<b>386,167</b>	<b>328,336</b>

The amounts shown in the balance sheet include the following:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Deferred tax assets to be recovered after more than 12 months	(23,461)	(11,039)
Deferred tax liabilities to be settled after more than 12 months	372,730	351,608

**20 Employee liabilities and other liabilities**

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>(i) Employee liabilities non-current</b>		
Employees statutory profit sharing	60,962	87,217
Employees severance indemnity <b>(a)</b>	50,728	42,479
Pension benefits <b>(b)</b>	11,069	13,098
	<b>122,759</b>	<b>142,794</b>
Miscellaneous	264	10,664
	<b>123,023</b>	<b>153,458</b>

**(a) Employees severance indemnity**

The amounts recognized in the balance sheet are as follows:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>
Total included in Other liabilities non-current	50,728	42,479

The amounts recognized in the income statement are as follows:

**Year ended December 31,**

	2002	2001	2000
Current service cost	4,518	5,142	4,898
Interest cost	1,935	1,771	2,174
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
<b>Total included in Labor costs</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>6,913</b>	<b>7,072</b>
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**Table of Contents****20 Employee liabilities and other liabilities (Cont d)**  
**(a) Employees severance indemnity (Cont d)**

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Discount rate	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%
Rate of compensation increase	3.5%	2.0%	2.0%

**(b) Pension benefits**

The amounts recognized in the balance sheet are determined as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Present value of unfunded obligations	9,522	5,779
Unrecognised actuarial gains (losses)	1,547	7,319
<b>Liability in the balance sheet</b>	<b>11,069</b>	<b>13,098</b>

The amounts recognized in the income statement are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Current service cost	255	611	723
Interest cost	584	1,105	1,031
Net actuarial (gains) losses recognized in the year	(511)	(15)	67
<b>Total included in Labor costs</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>1,821</b>

Movement in the liability recognized in the balance sheet:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
At the beginning of the year	13,098	12,755
Transfers and new participants of the plan	215	(316)
Total expense	328	1,701
Contributions paid	(2,572)	(1,042)
<b>At the end of year</b>	<b>11,069</b>	<b>13,098</b>

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000

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Discount rate	7%	10%	7%
Rate of compensation increase	2%	3%	5%

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
<b>(ii) Other liabilities current</b>		
Payroll and social security payable	51,737	62,351
Voluntary redundancy plan	751	4,169
Miscellaneous	940	14,076
	<u>53,428</u>	<u>80,596</u>

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**Table of Contents****21 Non-current provisions**  
**(i) Deducted from assets**

	<b>Allowance for doubtful accounts- Trade receivables</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2002</b>	
Values at the beginning of the year	(21,239)
Translation differences	2,796
Used	9,615
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<b>At December 31, 2002</b>	<b>(8,828)</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2001</b>	
Values at the beginning of the year	(13,151)
Translation differences	1,497
Additional provisions	(12,847)
Used	3,262
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<b>At December 31, 2001</b>	<b>(21,239)</b>

**(ii) Liabilities**

	<b>Legal claims and contingencies</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2002</b>	
Values at the beginning of the year	38,080
Translation differences	(5,959)
Reversals	(4,008)
Additional provisions	8,315
Used	(2,554)
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<b>At December 31, 2002</b>	<b>33,874</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2001</b>	
Values at the beginning of the year	36,475
Translation differences	(5,321)
Additional provisions	12,113
Used	(5,187)
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<b>At December 31, 2001</b>	<b>38,080</b>

**Table of Contents****22 Current provisions****(i) Deducted from assets**

	Allowance for doubtful accounts- Trade receivables	Allowance for other doubtful accounts- Other receivables	Allowance for inventory obsolescence
<b>Year ended December 31, 2002</b>			
Values at the beginning of the year	(23,881)	(5,958)	(52,160)
Translation differences	898	1,148	158
Reversals	3,628	2,600	148
Additional provisions	(5,915)	(3,934)	(19,190)
Used	4,037	147	19,423
<b>At December 31, 2002</b>	<b>(21,233)</b>	<b>(5,997)</b>	<b>(51,621)</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2001</b>			
Values at the beginning of the year	(21,194)	(7,669)	(44,474)
Translation differences	93	774	(870)
Additional provisions	(5,372)	(770)	(6,985)
Used	2,592	1,707	169
<b>At December 31, 2001</b>	<b>(23,881)</b>	<b>(5,958)</b>	<b>(52,160)</b>

**(ii) Liabilities**

	BHP Provision	Cost related to factory damages	Sales risks	Restructuring	Legal claims and contingencies	Total
<b>Year ended December 31, 2002</b>						
Values at the beginning of the year	40,279	4,513	3,476	2,550	27,479	78,297
Translation differences	7,349	257	617	84	2,463	10,770
Reversals					(1,064)	(1,064)
Additional provisions	18,923		1,896	146	7,144	28,109
Used	(22,485)	(4,770)	(1,730)	(1,845)	(11,329)	(42,159)
<b>At December 31, 2002</b>	<b>44,066</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>24,693</b>	<b>73,953</b>
<b>Year ended December 31, 2001</b>						
Values at the beginning of the year			3,336	10,020	31,312	44,668
Translation differences	(782)	(97)	(125)	(244)	49	(1,199)
Reversals					(7,165)	(7,165)
Additional provisions	41,061	4,610	2,555	2,292	5,374	55,892
Used			(2,290)	(9,518)	(2,091)	(13,899)
<b>At December 31, 2001</b>	<b>40,279</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>3,476</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>27,479</b>	<b>78,297</b>

**Table of Contents****23 Financial instruments**

Tenaris adopted IAS 39 at the beginning of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001. The total impact on shareholders' equity on that date amounts to a loss of USD1,007 thousand. That impact arises from the remeasurement to fair value of derivatives related to non-qualifying hedges. In accordance with IAS 39, the comparative financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2000 is not restated.

**Net fair values of derivative financial instruments**

The net fair values of derivative financial instruments at the balance sheet date were:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Contracts with positive fair values:		
Interest rate swaps	556	566
Forward foreign exchange contracts	2,867	614
Commodities contracts	639	585
Contracts with negative fair values:		
Interest rate swap contracts	(3,274)	(1,729)
Forward foreign exchange contracts	(777)	(8,114)
Commodities contracts	(3,511)	(2,832)

Derivative financial instruments breakdown are as follows:

**Variable interest rate swaps**

Year ended December 31, 2002

	Notional amount (in thousands)	Swap	Term	Fair value
EURO	11,620	5.68%	2007	(528)
EURO	2,083	5.72%	2009	(101)
EURO	9,485	5.72%	2010	(457)
EURO	50,000	3.40%/4.20%/4.67%	2005	(1,492)
EURO	25,823	3.74%	2007	(376)
EURO	51,646	Euribor 3M + 0.70%	2005	556
EURO	30,987	3.44%	2005	(320)
				(2,718)

Year ended December 31, 2001

	Notional amount (in thousands)	Swap	Term	Fair value
EURO	258,228	From 3.81% to 5.44 %	2002	(409)
EURO	12,911	5.68%	2007	(516)
EURO	2,380	5.72%	2009	(99)
EURO	10,117	5.72%	2010	(444)
EURO	51,646	4.62%	2005	(261)
USD	11,359	From 6.85 % to 11.85 %	2002	566
				(1,163)





**Table of Contents****23 Financial instruments (Cont d)****Exchange rate derivatives**

Year ended December 31, 2002

	Notional amount (in thousands)	Derivatives	Term	Fair value
EURO/USD	(10,824)	Forward sales	2003	(605)
EURO/USD	30,558	Forward purchases	2003	2,283
JPY/USD	1,965,459	Forward purchases	2003	452
CAD/USD	(36,000)	Forward sales	2003	46
GBP/EURO	(2,000)	Forward sales	2003	86
BRL/USD	(35,077)	Forward sales	2003	(172)
				<u>2,090</u>

Year ended December 31, 2001

	Notional amount (in thousands)	Derivatives	Term	Fair value
CAD/USD	(21,850)	Forward sales	2002	259
EURO/USD	(13,800)	Forward sales	2002	15
GBP/EURO	(12,000)	Forward sales	2002	(175)
JPY/CAD	1,235,856	Forward purchases	2002	(1,004)
JPY/USD	4,779,936	Forward purchases	2002	(2,728)
USD/EURO	(100,000)	Forward sales	2002	(3,106)
USD/EURO	10,000	Knock-in forward option	2002	(100)
USD/JPY	6,900	Forward purchases	2002	(491)
USD/JPY	523,000	Call option	2002	170
USD/MXP	5,000	Forward purchases	2002	170
USD/BRS	6,382	Swap	2002	(510)
				<u>(7,500)</u>

**Commodities price derivatives**

Year ended December 31, 2002

	Notional amount (in thousands)	Derivatives	Term	Fair value
MM BTU	3,840,000	Gas call option	2003	(2,749)
MM BTU	3,840,000	Gas put option	2003	611
MM BTU	7,680,000	Gas put option	2005	(762)
MM BTU	480,000	Gas cap option	2003	28
				<u>(2,872)</u>

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Notional amount (in thousands)		Derivatives	Term	Fair value
Tons	1,650	Zinc forwards purchases	2002	(342)
Barrels	1,800	Oil call option	2002	585
Barrels	1,200	Oil put option	2002	(2,490)
				(2,247)

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**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits**

Tenaris is involved in litigation arising from time to time in the ordinary course of business (exception made of the litigation with the consortium led by BHP – see (i) below). Based on management’s assessment and the advice of legal counsel, it is not anticipated that the ultimate resolution of existing litigation will result in amounts in excess of recorded provisions (Notes 21 and 22) that would be material to the Tenaris’s consolidated combined financial position or income statement.

**(i) Claim against Dalmine**

In June 1998, British Steel plc (British Steel) and Dalmine were sued by a consortium led by BHP Petroleum Ltd. (BHP) before the Commercial Court of the High Court of Justice Queen’s Bench Division of London. The action concerns the failure of an underwater pipeline built in 1994 in the Bay of Liverpool. Dalmine, at that time a subsidiary of Ilva S.p.A. (Ilva), supplied pipe products to British Steel, which, in turn, resold them to BHP for use in constructing the Bay of Liverpool pipeline. BHP claimed that British Steel breached the contract of sale relating to the pipe and that the pipe was defectively manufactured by Dalmine.

The products sold were valued at 1.9 million British pounds (GBP) and consisted of pipe for use in maritime applications. Dalmine received court notice of the action more than two years after the contractual warranty covering the pipe had expired and four years after the pipe was delivered and placed into operation. British Steel and Dalmine denied the claim on the basis that the warranty period had expired and, in the alternative, that the amount claimed exceeded the contractual limitation of liability (equal to GBP300 thousand, or approximately 15% of the value of the products supplied).

The Commercial Court dismissed the contract claim against British Steel. The decision was subsequently confirmed by the Court of Appeals in a ruling issued on April 7, 2000, as a result of which the claim against British Steel was definitively dismissed. BHP’s product liability claim against Dalmine remained outstanding.

On November 24, 2000, the Commercial Court granted BHP permission to amend its pleading against Dalmine to include a deceit tort claim under English law based on inconsistencies between the results of internal chemical tests performed by Dalmine on the pipe and the results shown in the quality certificates issued to BHP by Dalmine. In May 2002, the trial court issued a judgment in favor of BHP, holding that the products supplied by Dalmine were the cause for the failure of the gas pipeline and that Dalmine was liable for damages to BHP. The court’s judgment was limited to the issue of liability, and the amount of damages to be awarded to BHP is being determined in a separate proceeding. Dalmine’s petition to the trial court for leave to appeal its judgment was denied, but subsequently granted by the Court of Appeals. However, on February 5, 2003, the Court of Appeals dismissed Dalmine’s appeal, closing the dispute on the issue of liability.

BHP has indicated in court proceedings that it will seek damages of approximately GBP35 million to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline, GBP70 million to compensate for consequential damages, GBP73 million to cover loss or deferred revenues, GBP31 million to compensate for increased income tax resulting from a change in law plus interest and costs for unspecified amounts. Subsequent to the court’s judgment in favor of BHP on the issue of liability, BHP petitioned the court for an interim judgment of damages in the amount of approximately GBP37 million to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline. On July 31, 2002, Dalmine agreed to pay BHP GBP 15 million (approximately USD22.5 million) in interim damages. The court is now expected to hear arguments regarding, and issue its final judgment on, total damages during the first half of 2004.

**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(i) Claim against Dalmine (Cont d)**

Based on the information provided so far by BHP, Dalmine considers that the compensation requested to cover the cost of replacing the pipeline exceeds the cost actually incurred for such purpose. Taking into consideration such information and the preliminary views expressed by independent experts, Dalmine believes that certain of the other claims fail to show an appropriate connection with the events for which Dalmine was found responsible, while others appear to exceed the damage actually incurred.

Dalmine created a provision in the amount of EUR45 million (USD41.3 million) in its results for 2001 to account for potential losses as a result of BHP's lawsuit. In light of the practical difficulties to come to a precise estimate of the liability in view of the complexity and diversity of the elements brought to the proceedings by BHP, Dalmine has decided to increase the amount of the provision by EUR20 million (USD18.9 million), inclusive of interest accrued and legal expenses incurred in connection with such proceedings. Dalmine has stated that the provision was created and increased as a prudent way of complying with applicable accounting principles, and should therefore not be regarded as an admission of indemnification payable to the plaintiffs.

The pipe that is the subject of this lawsuit was manufactured and sold, and the tort alleged by BHP took place, prior to the privatization of Dalmine, and Techint Investments Netherlands BV ( Tenet ) the Siderca subsidiary party to the contract pursuant to which Dalmine was privatized believes that, under the Dalmine privatization contract, Tenet should be entitled to recover from Fintecna S.p.A. ( Fintecna ) on behalf of Dalmine (as a third party beneficiary under the Dalmine privatization contract) 84.08% of any damages it may be required to pay BHP. Tenet has commenced arbitration proceedings against Fintecna to compel it to indemnify Dalmine for any amounts Dalmine may be required to pay BHP. Fintecna has denied that it has any contractual obligation to indemnify Dalmine, asserting that the indemnification claim is time-barred under the terms of the privatization contract and, in any event, subject to a cap of EUR13 million. Tenet disputes this assertion. The arbitration proceedings were suspended at a preliminary stage pending a decision by the British trial court in BHP's lawsuit against Dalmine. Tenet and Dalmine intend to petition the arbitration panel to resume the proceedings in light of the court of appeal's recent decision to dismiss Dalmine's appeal against the judgment of liability in favor of BHP.

**(ii) Consorcio Siderurgia Amazonia, Ltd.**

In January 1998, Amazonia purchased a 70% equity interest in CVG Siderúrgica del Orinoco C.A. ( Sidor ) from the Venezuelan government. Tamsider, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tamsa had an initial 12.50% equity interest in Amazonia, which increased to 14.11% in March 2000 as a result of additional investments as described below. As of December 31, 2002, Tamsider's equity interest in Amazonia remained at 14.11%. The Venezuelan government continues to own a 30% equity interest in Sidor.

Sidor, located in the city of Guayana in southeast Venezuela, is the largest integrated steel producer in Venezuela and the sixth largest integrated steel producer in Latin America, with an installed capacity of more than 3.5 million tons of liquid steel per year. In 2001, Sidor shipped 2.9 million tons of steel.

**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(ii) Consorcio Siderurgia Amazonia, Ltd. (Cont d)**

Sidor has experienced significant financial losses and other problems since the acquisition by Amazonia in January 1998, despite a significant reduction in Sidor's workforce and management's efforts to improve the production process and reduce operating costs. In 1999, due to negative conditions in the international steel market, a sustained and intensifying domestic recession in Venezuela, deteriorating conditions in the credit markets, an increase in the value of the Venezuelan currency relative to the U.S. Dollar and other adverse factors, Sidor and Amazonia incurred substantial losses and were unable to make payments due under loan agreements with their respective creditors. In 2000, these loan agreements were restructured. Despite continued efforts by Sidor's management to improve technology and optimize production levels, in late 2001 Sidor and Amazonia were again unable to make payments due under the restructured loan agreements, following a continuation and aggravation of the same negative factors described above accompanied by increased competition from steel imports in Venezuela. Sidor and Amazonia are currently involved in discussions with their creditors and the Venezuelan government regarding a possible restructuring of their loan agreements. As of December 31, 2002, Sidor had approximately USD1.58 billion of indebtedness (secured in part by fixed assets valued at USD827.0 million as determined at the time Sidor's loans were restructured in March 2000) and Amazonia had approximately USD313 million of indebtedness. We cannot give you any assurance as to whether Sidor or Amazonia will succeed in restructuring their existing indebtedness, or that their lenders will not accelerate any defaulted indebtedness in accordance with the terms of the applicable loan agreements or foreclose on any of the assets of Sidor or Amazonia pledged as collateral.

As a result of the adverse trends discussed above, Tamsider made additional capital contributions to Amazonia, resulting from the restructuring concluded in 2000, while recording significant losses in the value of its investment. In addition to its initial capital contribution of USD87.8 million, Tamsider was required to make capital contributions in the amount of USD36.1 million (of which USD18.0 million took the form of a convertible subordinated loan to Amazonia, as described below) in connection with the restructuring of Amazonia's loan agreements in 2000. The value of Tamsider's investments (as recorded in Tamsa's consolidated combined financial statements) has decreased significantly since 1998, from USD94.2 million as of December 31, 1998, to USD13.2 million as of December 31, 2002. Further losses and provisions may be recorded in respect of Tamsider's investment in Amazonia. Subject to various conditions it is currently contemplated that Tamsider would make additional capital contributions as a part of a restructuring of Sidor's and Amazonia's existing indebtedness.

In addition to the risk of further losses in the equity value of its investment, Tamsider has significant exposure in respect of its investment in Amazonia under several agreements and guarantees. Below is a description of the nature and extent of this exposure. We cannot predict whether Tamsider will be required to make payments or will otherwise incur losses under these agreements and guarantees.

The Sidor purchase agreement between Amazonia and the Venezuelan government requires the shareholders of Amazonia, including Tamsider, to indemnify the government for breaches by Amazonia of the Purchase Agreement up to a maximum amount of USD150.0 million for five years from the acquisition date. In connection with this indemnity, the shareholders of Amazonia are required to maintain a performance bond (which Tamsa has guaranteed directly) for five years, beginning in 1998, in the amount of USD150.0 million during the first three years, USD125 million in the fourth year and USD75.0 million in the fifth year. Tamsider's maximum liability under the indemnity would be USD18.8 million, as its obligations with respect to the indemnity are proportional to its initial 12.50% equity interest in Amazonia.

**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(ii) Consorcio Siderurgia Amazonia, Ltd. (Cont d)**

The Sidor purchase agreement further requires the shareholders of Amazonia to guarantee, also on a proportional basis, the principal and a portion of the interest payable under a loan made to Sidor by the Venezuelan government. Tamsider's maximum liability under this guarantee, which continues to apply to the loan as restructured in 2000, is USD92.2 million.

The loan agreement between Amazonia and a group of private lenders (the proceeds of which were used by Amazonia to finance the acquisition of its equity interest in Sidor) required the shareholders of Amazonia, including Tamsider, to pledge their shares in Amazonia as security and also required Amazonia to pledge its shares in Sidor as security. These pledges continue to apply to the loan as restructured in 2000.

As discussed above, in connection with the restructuring of Amazonia's loan agreements in 2000, the shareholders of Amazonia, including Tamsider, were required to make additional capital contributions in part by making subordinated loans convertible into additional shares of Amazonia. Tamsider made a subordinated loan of USD18 million to Amazonia as a result of this requirement.

Also in connection with the restructuring of Amazonia's loan agreements in 2000, the parent companies of several shareholders of Amazonia, including Tamsider, were required to enter into a put agreement pursuant to which they agreed to purchase, upon certain conditions and in no case prior to December 31, 2007, up to USD25 million in loans payable by Amazonia to its private lenders. The shareholders of Amazonia also delivered a letter to these lenders contemplating the possibility of additional capital contributions of up to USD20 million in the event of extreme financial distress at Sidor. Tamsa's obligations under the put agreement, and Tamsider's share of any capital contribution under the letter, are limited in proportion to its interest in Amazonia when the put is exercised or the contribution is made. Based on Tamsider's current 14.1% equity interest in Amazonia, Tamsa's aggregate liability under the put agreement would be limited to a maximum of USD3.5 million and Tamsider's share of any capital contribution under the letter would be limited to a maximum of USD2.8 million.

**(iii) Tax claims****(a) Siderca**

On December 18, 2000, the Argentine tax authorities notified Siderca of an income tax assessment related to the conversion of tax loss carry-forwards into Debt Consolidation Bonds under Argentine Law No. 24,073. The adjustments proposed by the tax authorities represent an estimated contingency of ARP41.7 million (approximately USD12.8 million) at December 31, 2002 in tax and penalties. On the basis of information from Siderca's tax advisors, Tenaris believes that the ultimate resolution of the matter will not result in a material obligation. Accordingly, no provision was recorded in the financial statements.

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**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(iii) Tax claims (Cont d)****(b) Dalmine**

For the tax years from 1996 and the years thereafter, Dalmine was subject to an audit conducted by the regional tax police of Milan. Their report, issued in July 1999, disallowed certain costs and expenses while also alleging that goods-in-transit were not accounted for on the accrual basis. Dalmine believes that, with regard to in-transit inventory items, the tax effect is negligible, and with regards to non-deductible costs, any additional tax amounts that may be due would be compensated for with existing net operating losses. Dalmine has been informed by the Department of Revenue that no further action regarding goods-in-transit will be pursued.

During 2001, Dalmine reached a settlement with the local Department of Revenue in Bergamo as far as fiscal years from 1994 to 1998 are concerned.

The settlement mandated payment of approximately EUR1.1 million (USD1.2 million) in taxes, interest and fines. Of this, Fintecna (in liquidation) paid approximately EUR0.5 million (USD0.5 million), on the basis of the risk assumed under the contract for the sale of its previous controlling interest in Dalmine.

As for the litigation pending with the Italian tax authorities for assessments received or still to be received from the VAT or direct tax offices of Milan and Bergamo based on the reports made by the Revenue Guard Corps in December 1995, a provision has been created that is considered sufficient to meet any eventual tax expenses (net of the portion of the risk attributable to Fintecna). Such provision has also been calculated considering the largely favourable outcomes of the appeals filed by Dalmine and examined to date by the Tax Commissions.

**(iv) European Antitrust Commission**

On December 8, 1999 the Commission of the European Union imposed fines on Dalmine and several others manufactures of seamless pipes in Europe for alleged violations of fair trade practices under the EEC treaty. The fine imposed on Dalmine was EUR10.8 million (USD11.4 million) and related to pre-1996 activity. As such, Dalmine accrued this amount in provisions and the 84.08% to be reimbursed by Fintecna in other receivables at December 31, 1999. In March 2000, Dalmine filed an appeal against the ruling.

**(v) Other Proceedings**

Dalmine is currently subject to a criminal proceeding before the Court of Bergamo, Italy, and two civil proceedings for work-related injuries arising from its use of asbestos in its manufacturing processes from 1960 to 1980. In addition, some other asbestos related out-of-court claims have been forwarded to Dalmine. Of the 39 claims (inclusive of the out-of-court claims), 13 incidents have already been settled or are to be covered by Dalmine's insurer. Dalmine estimates that its potential liability in connection with the remaining cases not yet settled or covered by insurance is approximately EUR7.0 million (USD7.4 million). This amount was recognized as a provision for liabilities and expenses as of December 31, 2002.

**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(vi) Contingent liabilities**

Tenaris had the following contingent liabilities at each year end:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
Third party assets held in custody by Tenaris	17,603	3,860	512
Discounted documents		1,210	1,210
Deposit guarantees and other guarantees	179,924	119,088	122,526
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	197,527	124,158	124,248
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**(vii) Commitments**

The following are the main off-balance sheet commitments:

- (a) Tamsa entered into an off-take contract with Complejo Siderúrgico de Guayana C.A. ( Comsigua ) to purchase on a take-and-pay basis 75,000 tons of hot briquette iron, or HBI, annually for twenty years beginning in April 1998 with an option to terminate the contract at any time after the tenth year upon one year's notice. Pursuant to this off-take contract, Tamsa would be required to purchase the HBI at a formula price reflecting Comsigua's production costs during the first eight contract years; thereafter, it would purchase the HBI at a slight discount to market price.

The agreements among the joint venture parties provide that, if during the eight-year period the average market price is lower than the formula price paid during such period, Tamsa would be entitled to a reimbursement of the difference plus interest, payable after the project financing and other specific credits are repaid. In addition, under the joint venture arrangements, Tamsa has the option to purchase on an annual basis up to a further 80,000 tons of HBI produced by Comsigua at market prices. Under its off-take contract with Comsigua, as a result of weak market prices for HBI, Tamsa has paid higher-than-market prices for its HBI and accumulated a credit that, at December 31, 2001, amounted to approximately USD9.8 million. This credit, however, is offset by a provision for an equal amount recorded as a result of Comsigua's weak financial condition.

In connection with Tamsa's original 6.9% equity interest in the joint venture company, Tamsa paid USD8.0 million and agreed to cover its proportional (7.5%) share of Comsigua's cash operating and debt service shortfalls. In addition, Tamsa pledged its shares in Comsigua and provided a proportional guarantee in support of the USD156 million (USD100.1 million outstanding as of March 31, 2002) project financing loan made by the International Finance Corporation, or IFC, to Comsigua. In February 2002, Tamsa was required to pay USD1.3 million, representing its share of a shortfall of USD14.7 million payable by Comsigua under the IFC loan and additional operating shortfalls of USD2.8 million. Comsigua's financial condition has been adversely affected by the consistently weak international market conditions for HBI since its start-up in 1998 and, unless market conditions improve substantially, Tamsa may be required to make additional proportional payments in respect of its participation in the Comsigua joint venture and continue to pay higher-than-market prices for its HBI pursuant to its off-take contract.



**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(vii) Commitments (Cont d)**

- (b) Tamsa purchases from Pemex, at prevailing international prices, natural gas used for the furnaces that reheat steel ingots in the pipe making process. Natural gas rates increased approximately 74% in 2000 and 4% in 2001. In February, 2001, Tamsa signed an agreement with Pemex, for the supply of 296,600 million BTUs (British Thermal Units) of natural gas from January 1, 2001 until December 31, 2003, at a fixed price of USD4.00 per million of BTUs. In order to cover a decrease in natural gas prices, in March 2001, Tamsa entered into a forward contract with Enron North America Corp. ( Enron ), with the option to sell up to 200,000 million BTUs per month of natural gas, at a minimum base price of USD4.05 per million of BTUs, from March 2002, through December 2003.

As a result of Enron's bankruptcy in late 2001, no reasonable prospect exists of exercising Tamsa's option under this contract. The premium paid to Enron of USD1.7 million for this put option was fully amortized during the fourth quarter of 2001. In order to reduce its exposure to above-market prices under the natural gas supply agreement with Pemex, Tamsa entered into agreements with Citibank, N.A., New York ( Citibank ) and JPMorgan Chase Bank ( JPMorgan Chase ), in March 2002 and April 2002. The economic effect of the agreements with Citibank and JPMorgan Chase is to permit Tamsa to purchase 320,000 million BTUs per month at market price instead of at the USD4.00 per million BTU rate charged by Pemex, resulting in a more favourable price to Tamsa for natural gas so long as the market price remains below USD4.00.

Under the agreements, Tamsa must continue to make its purchase of natural gas at market price even if the market price rise above USD4.00 per million BTUs, thereby exposing Tamsa to a later risk of above-market prices. Also, under the agreements, Tamsa must continue to make purchases at the USD4.00 per million BTU rate if the market price of natural gas falls to USD2.00 per million BTUs or lower (during the period from May 1, 2002 to February 28, 2003) or to USD2.25 per million BTUs or lower (during the period from March 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003). In addition, under each of the agreements with Citibank and JPMorgan Chase, Tamsa is required to purchase 160,000 million BTUs of natural gas per month from January 1, 2004, to December 31, 2005, at price of USD2.7 per million BTUs.

- (c) In August 2001, Dalmine Energie S.p.A. signed an agreement for the purchase of natural gas with certain take or pay conditions. The agreement began on October 1, 2001, and will expire 10 years later on October 1, 2011. Total volume of natural gas still to be purchased as at December 31, 2001 is estimated to be 5,800 million cubic meters equal to approximately EUR900 million (USD806 million at December 31, 2001, based on natural gas prices at the end of 2001). At the date, Dalmine Energie S.p.A. has not contracted all the transportation capacity for selling the gas within the Italian market for the period October 2003 to September 2011.
- (d) Under a lease agreement between Gade Srl (Italy) and Dalmine, executed in 2001, relating to a building site in Sabbio Bergamasco used by Dalmine's former subsidiary Tad Commerciale, Dalmine is obligated to bid in the auction for the purchase of a building from Gade for a minimum amount of EUR8.3 million (USD7.4 million at December 31, 2001). The notice of the auction, according to the contract, was not to take place before January 1, 2003. Up to the date of these financial statements, the auction was not yet announced.

**Table of Contents****24 Contingencies, commitments and restrictions on the distribution of profits (Cont d)****(viii) Restrictions on the distribution of profits**

Under Luxembourg law, at least 5% of the net income per year calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations must be allocated to the creation of a reserve until such reserve has reached to an amount equal to 10% of the share capital. At December 31, 2002 the Company has created this reserve in full.

Dividends may be paid by Tenaris to the extent distributable retained earnings and distributable reserves calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations exist. Therefore, retained earnings included in the consolidated combined financial statements may not be wholly distributable.

Shareholders' equity under Luxembourg law and regulations comprises the following captions (amounts in USD):

Share capital	1,160,700,794
Legal reserve	116,070,080
Share premium	587,492,789
Other distributable reserves	206,744,261
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Total shareholders equity under Luxembourg GAAP	2,071,007,924
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**25 Ordinary shares and share premium**

	<b>Number of Ordinary shares</b>
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At January 1, 2002	30,107
Net issue of shares of October 18, 2002	710,717,080
Net issue of shares of December 13, 2002	449,953,607
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At December 31, 2002	1,160,700,794
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The total of issued and outstanding ordinary shares as of December 31, 2002 is 1,160,700,794 with a par value of USD1 per share.

**26 Minority interest**

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>		
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	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
At beginning of year	918,981	919,710	979,067
Currency translations differences	(62,816)	(11,167)	(3,411)
Effect of adopting IAS 39		(408)	
Share of net loss (profit) of subsidiaries	142,403	74,557	47,401
Acquisition		17,042	15,610
Exchange of shares of Siderca, Dalmine and Tamsa	(768,577)		
Sales	(2,020)	(22,262)	(57,367)
Dividends paid	(41,188)	(58,491)	(61,590)
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At end of year	186,783	918,981	919,710
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**Table of Contents****27 Acquisitions**

All the acquisitions were accounted under the purchase method, in accordance with IAS 22.

On December 13, 2002 the Company acquired 27.94% of the Siderca shares or ADSs, 43.73% of the Tamsa shares or ADSs and 41.19% of the Dalmine shares through the exchange of shares of the Company.

Details of net assets acquired and goodwill are as follows:

	<b>2002</b>			
	<b>Siderca</b>	<b>Tamsa</b>	<b>Dalmine</b>	<b>Total</b>
Purchase consideration	457,259	278,894	75,052	811,205
Fair value of minority interest acquired	357,150	345,980	113,287	816,417
Goodwill (Negative Goodwill)	100,109	(67,086)	(38,235)	(5,212)

The assets and liabilities arising from the acquisition are as follows:

	<b>2002</b>			
	<b>Siderca</b>	<b>Tamsa</b>	<b>Dalmine</b>	<b>Total</b>
Property, plant and equipment	47,972	(4,228)	21,975	65,719
Goodwill	100,109	(67,086)	(38,235)	(5,212)
Other non-current assets		1,480		1,480
Current assets	320	9,335		9,655
Total assets acquired	148,401	(60,499)	(16,260)	71,642
Minority interest in Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine	325,760	342,660	100,157	768,577
Total non-current liabilities	(16,902)	(3,267)	(8,845)	(29,014)
Total liabilities assumed	(16,902)	(3,267)	(8,845)	(29,014)
Purchase consideration	457,259	278,894	75,052	811,205

During 2002 the Company acquired 0.26% of shares of Tamsa from minority shareholders for USD1.7 million.

During 2001 the Company acquired 4.34% of shares of Tamsa from minority shareholders for USD31.0 million. The fair value of net assets acquired was USD31.2 million giving rise to negative goodwill of USD0.2 million.

Minor acquisitions of Empresas Riga S.A. (by Tamsa) during 2001 did not give rise to any significant goodwill due to the purchase method of accounting.

During 2000 the Company acquired 6.90% of shares of Tamsa from minority shareholders for USD63.8 million. The fair value of net assets acquired was USD51.6 million giving rise to goodwill of USD12.2 million.

**Table of Contents****28 Related party transactions**

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
<b>(i) Transactions</b>			
<b>(a) Sales of goods and services</b>			
Sales of goods	258,083	74,145	66,785
Sales of services	6,934	3,444	4,577
	<u>265,017</u>	<u>77,589</u>	<u>71,362</u>
<b>(b) Purchases of goods and services</b>			
Purchases of goods	160,792	46,202	30,779
Purchases of services	103,858	95,216	74,300
	<u>264,650</u>	<u>141,418</u>	<u>105,079</u>
<b>At December 31,</b>			
	2002	2001	2000
<b>(ii) Year-end balances</b>			
<b>(a) Arising from sales/purchases of goods/services</b>			
Receivables from related parties	59,490	34,439	31,753
Payables to related parties	(92,133)	(43,957)	(26,325)
	<u>(32,643)</u>	<u>(9,518)</u>	<u>5,428</u>
<b>(b) Cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Time deposits	24,658	67,975	10,974
<b>(c) Other balances</b>			
Trust fund	115,787	103,438	
<b>(d) Financial debt</b>			
Borrowings and overdrafts	49,452	55,331	45,461
<b>(e) Deposit guarantees and other guarantees</b>			
Guarantees receipt	6,000		

**(iii) Officers and directors compensations**

The aggregate compensation of the directors and executive officers accrued during 2002 amount USD 739 thousand.

**Table of Contents****29 Principal subsidiaries**

Detailed below are the companies whose consolidated financial statements have been included in these consolidated financial statements, and the percentage of ownership and voting rights held, directly or indirectly, by Tenaris in these companies at the end of 2002. For years 2001 and 2000, the percentages of ownership and voting rights considered in the preparation of those consolidated financial statements correspond to those of ultimate parent company at each year end.

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership voting rights at and December 31,		
			2002	2001	2000
Siderca	Argentina	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	99.11%	71.17%	72.61%
Tamsa	Mexico	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	94.50%	50.51%	46.18%
Dalmine	Italy	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	88.41%	47.22%	47.22%
Tenaris Global Services (and predecessors)	Uruguay	Holding of investments in steel pipe distributing companies	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Invertub	Argentina	Holding of investments	100.00%	100.00%	

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**Table of Contents****29 Principal subsidiaries (Cont d)**

The consolidated financial statements of Siderca include the financial statements of Siderca and its subsidiaries, which are shown below:

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership and voting rights at December 31,		
			2002	2001	2000
NKK Tubes K.K	Japan	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	51.00%	51.00%	51.00%
Algoma Tubes Inc. (a)	Canada	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
Confab Industrial S.A. and subsidiaries (b)	Brazil	Manufacturing of welded steel pipes and capital goods	38.99%	38.99%	38.99%
Siat S.A. (c)	Argentina	Manufacturing of welded steel pipes	70.00%	70.00%	70.00%
Metalmecánica S.A. (d)	Argentina	Manufacturing steel products for oil extraction	73.00%	73.00%	73.00%
Scrapservice S.A.	Argentina	Processing of scrap	74.84%	74.84%	74.84%
Texas Pipe Threaders Co.	U.S.A.	Finishing and marketing of steel pipes	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Socover S.A.	Mexico	Sale of seamless steel pipe	-	-	99.33%
Siderca International A.p.S. (e)	Denmark	Holding company	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Techint Investment Netherlands B.V	Netherlands	Holding company	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Sidtam Limited LLC (f)	U.S.A.	Holding company	51.00%	51.00%	51.00%

- (a) Tamsa holds the remaining 20.00% of Algoma Tubes Inc. s ( Algoma ) capital stock and voting rights which is also consolidated in these combined consolidated financial statements.
- (b) The percentage shown in this line corresponds to the participation in capital stock. Siderca owns 99.22% of the voting shares.
- (c) Confab Industrial S.A. ( Confab ) holds the remaining 30.00% of Siat S.A. s ( Siat ) capital stock and voting rights.
- (d) Invertub holds the remaining 27.00% of Metalmecánica s capital stock and voting rights.
- (e) On January 31, 2002 Siderca International A.p.S. and Siderca Denmark A.p.S. were merged.
- (f) Tamsa holds the remaining 49.00% of Sidtam Limited LLC s ( Sidtam ) capital stock and voting rights.

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**Table of Contents****29 Principal subsidiaries (Cont d)**

The consolidated financial statements of Tamsa include the financial statements of Tamsa and its subsidiaries, which are shown below:

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership and voting rights at December 31,		
			2002	2001	2000
Tamsider S.A. and subsidiaries	Mexico	Promotion and organization of steel-related companies	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Inmobiliaria Tamsa S.A.	Mexico	Leasing of real estate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tubos de Acero de Venezuela S.A. (Tavsá)	Venezuela	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	70.00%	70.00%	70.00%
Corporación Tamsa S.A. (a)	Mexico	Sale of seamless steel pipe	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tamtrade S.A.	Mexico	Sale of seamless steel pipe	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Empresas Riga S.A. (b)	Mexico	Manufacturing of welded fittings for seamless steel pipes	100.00%	100.00%-	
Socover S.A. (c)	Mexico	Sale of seamless steel pipe	100.00%	100.00%	
Algoma Tubes Inc. (d)	Canada	Manufacturing of seamless steel pipes	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%

(a) Ceased operations during 2002. In process of liquidation.

(b) Company acquired during 2001.

(c) Shares acquired from Siderca during 2001.

(d) Siderca holds the remaining 80.00% of Algoma Tubes capital stock and voting rights.

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**Table of Contents****29 Principal subsidiaries (Cont d)**

The consolidated financial statements of Dalmine include the financial statements of Dalmine and its subsidiaries, which are shown below:

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership and voting rights at December 31,		
			2002	2001	2000
Dalmine Energie S.p.A	Italy	Marketing of electricity and gas	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
i-Dalmine S.p.A	Italy	Network information and telematic systems	100.00%	85.00%	85.00%
SO.PAR.FI. Dalmine Holding S.A.	Luxembourg	Holding company	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Dalmine Holding B.V	Netherlands	Holding company	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Dalmine France Sarl	France	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Dalmine Benelux B.V. (a)	Netherlands	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Quality Tubes Ltd.	United Kingdom	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Eurotube Ltd. (b)	United Kingdom	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Quickflo Services Ltd. (a) (g)	United Kingdom	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Dalmine Deutschland GmbH	Germany	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	70.00%	70.00%
Tad Chacin S.A. (c)	Venezuela	Marketing of steel products			80.00%
Socominter Far East Ltd. (previously Tad Far East Ltd.)	Singapore	Marketing of steel products	-	-	55.00%
Metal Tad Venezuela (d)	Venezuela	Marketing of steel products		100.00%	100.00%
Dalmine Canada Ltd. (e)	Canada	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tad USA Inc. (d)	U.S.A.	Marketing of steel products		100.00%	100.00%
Tad Metal Iberica S.R.L. (f)	Spain	Marketing of steel products			100.00%

(a) In process of liquidation.

(b) In process of reorganization.

(c) Socominter S.A. and Tad Chacin C.A, were merged during 2002.

(d) Ceased operations during 2001. Liquidated during 2002.

(e) Ceased operations during 2001. In process of liquidation.

(f) Liquidated during 2001.

(g) During 2002, shares in Quickflo Services Ltd. ( Quickflo ) (33.33%) were purchased from third parties.

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**Table of Contents****29 Principal subsidiaries (Cont d)**

The consolidated financial statements of Tenaris Global Services include the financial statements of Tenaris Global Services and its subsidiaries, which are shown below:

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership and voting rights at December 31,		
			2002	2001	2000
DST Europe Ltd.	United Kingdom	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	
Tenaris Global Services B.V	Netherlands	Sales agent of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	
Tenaris Global Services LLC (a)	U.S.A.	Sales agent of steel products	100.00%		
Tenaris Global Services Ltd.	B.V.I	Holding company	100.00%	100.00%	
Siderca Corporation	U.S.A.	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
DST Japan K.K	Japan	Marketing of steel products	99.83%	99.83%	99.83%
Techintrade Canada Inc. (previously DST Tubulars Inc.)	Canada	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Techintrade Norway AS	Norway	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Socominter Trading Inc.	Panama	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Socominter de Bolivia S.R.L	Bolivia	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Socominter Soc. Com. Internacional Ltda. (b)	Chile	Marketing of steel products	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Socominter S.A.	Venezuela	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Siderca Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tubular DST Nigeria Ltd.	Nigeria	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tad Chacin C.A. (c)	Venezuela	Marketing of steel products		100.00%	
Socominter Far East Ltd. (previously Tad Far East Ltd.)	Singapore	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	

(a) Created during 2002.

(b) Ceased operations during 2002.

(c) Socominter S.A. and Tad Chacin C.A. were merged during 2002.

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**Table of Contents****29 Principal subsidiaries (Cont d)**

The combined consolidated financial statements of Tenaris also include the financial statements of the following companies:

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership and voting rights at December 31,		
			2002	2001	2000
Metalcentro S.A.	Argentina	Manufacturing of pipe-end protectors and lateral impact tubes	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Siderestiba	Argentina		99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Tenaris Connections A.G. and subsidiary	Liechtenstein	Ownership and licensing of steel technology	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Lomond Holdings B.V. and subsidiaries	Netherlands	Procurement services for industrial companies	75.00%	75.00%	
Information Systems and Technologies B.V. and subsidiaries	Netherlands	Software development and maintenance	75.00%	75.00%	

**30 Post balance sheet events**

On February 19, 2003 Siderca has acquired Reliant Energy Cayman Holdings, Ltd, a company whose principal asset is an electric power generating facility located in San Nicolás, 300 kms to the west of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The price paid was USD23.1 million.

The power plant in San Nicolás is a fully modern gas turbine facility which came on stream in 1998 and has a power generation capacity of 160MW and steam production capacity of 250 tons per hour. As a result of the purchase, Tenaris's operations at Siderca, which consume around 160MW at peak production and an average of 90MW, will become self-sufficient in electric power requirements. Power which is excess to Siderca's requirements will be sold on the open market and steam will continue to be sold to Siderca's affiliate, Siderar, which operates a steel production facility in San Nicolás.

This acquisition will enable Tenaris to further consolidate the competitive position of its operations at Siderca through an even deeper integration.

As explained in Note A (1) on February 21, 2003, Tenaris announced a plan for the acquisition of remaining minority interests (0.89%) in Siderca for six Argentine pesos (ARP6.00) per Siderca share or sixty Argentine pesos (ARP60.00) per Siderca ADS.

**Table of Contents****31 Reconciliation of net income and shareholders' equity to US GAAP**

- (a) The following is a summary of the significant adjustments to net income for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 and to shareholders' equity at December 31, 2002 and 2001, which would be required if the consolidated combined financial statements had been prepared in accordance with US GAAP instead of IAS.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Net income in accordance with IAS	94,304	81,346	76,706
US GAAP adjustments – income (expense)			
Purchase accounting difference affecting the acquisition of Tavsá amortization (Note U(a))	4,102	1,465	
Purchase accounting difference affecting the acquisition of Amazonia amortization (Note U(a))		10,378	
Deferred income tax (Note U(b))	25,266	109,882	2,011
Equity in investments in associated companies (Note U(c))	(561)	(196)	(300)
Unrecognized prior service costs (Note U(d))	(2,047)	(263)	(640)
Available-for-sale financial assets – changes in fair value (Note U(g))	(1,527)		
Goodwill (Note U(h))	2,175		
Minority interest in above reconciling items	(11,663)	(38,691)	(444)
Income (loss) before cumulative effect of accounting changes	110,049	163,921	77,333
Cumulative effect of accounting changes (Note U(e) and Note U(h))	(17,417)	(1,007)	
Net income in accordance with US GAAP	92,632	162,914	77,333
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (See Note 8) (thousands)	732,936	710,747	710,747
Consolidated combined earnings per share before cumulative effect of accounting changes	0.15	0.23	0.11
Cumulative effect of accounting changes per share	(0.02)	(0.00)	
Consolidated combined earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP	0.13	0.23	0.11

**Table of Contents****31. Reconciliation of net income and shareholders' equity to US GAAP (Cont'd)**

	December 31,	
	2002	2001
Shareholders' equity in accordance with IAS	1,694,054	875,401
US GAAP adjustments - increase (decrease):		
Purchase accounting difference affecting the acquisition of Tavsra Note U(a)) - Original Value		(6,343)
Purchase accounting difference affecting the acquisition of Tavsra Note U(a)) - Accumulated amortization		2,005
Deferred income tax (Note U(b))	83,542	89,560
Equity in investments in associated companies (Note U(c))		561
Unrecognized prior service costs (Note U(d))	2,173	5,062
Goodwill (Note U(h))	(16,067)	
Cost of the exchange offer (Note U (i))	(14,787)	
Minority interest in above reconciling items	(3,032)	(24,320)
	<u>1,745,883</u>	<u>941,926</u>
Shareholders' equity in accordance with US GAAP	1,745,883	941,926

(b) Changes in shareholders' equity under US GAAP are as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2002	2001
Shareholders' equity at the beginning of the year in accordance with US GAAP	941,926	908,872
Net income for the year in accordance with US GAAP	92,632	162,914
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(34,267)	(10,043)
Change in ownership of Exchange Companies	1,724	(10,532)
Effect of the Exchange transaction	781,631	
Available-for-sale financial assets - changes in fair value	1,527	
Dividends paid	(39,290)	(109,285)
	<u>1,745,883</u>	<u>941,926</u>
Shareholders' equity at the end of the year in accordance with US GAAP	1,745,883	941,926

**Table of Contents****31. Reconciliation of net income and shareholders' equity to US GAAP (Cont'd)**

- (c) The following tables present Tenaris's condensed combined consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2001 and the consolidated combined statement of income and of cash flow for the years ended December 2001 and 2000, without consolidating Dalmine as of December 31, 2001 and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 and Tamsa for the year ended December 31, 2000 (See Note U (f)) and reflecting US GAAP adjustments:

**Condensed combined consolidated balance sheets**

	<b>At December 31, 2001</b>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	204,319
Trade receivable	357,456
Inventories	594,959
Other assets	60,319
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Total current assets	1,217,053
Property, plant and equipment	1,530,026
Other assets	328,376
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Total assets	3,075,455
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Liabilities	
Short term borrowings	266,264
Trade Payables	279,389
Other	167,648
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Total current liabilities	713,301
Long term borrowings	190,163
Payroll and social security payable	96,380
Deferred tax liabilities	223,506
Other	70,291
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Total non-current liabilities	580,340
Total liabilities	1,293,641
Minority interest	839,888
Shareholders' equity	941,926
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	3,075,455
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**Table of Contents****31. Reconciliation of net income and shareholders' equity to US GAAP (Cont'd)****Condensed combined consolidated income statements**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2001	2000
Net sales	2,313,162	1,166,293
Cost of sales	(1,551,124)	(932,632)
Gross profit	762,038	233,661
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(350,369)	(164,083)
Other operating income (expenses), net	10,345	33,162
Operating profit	422,014	102,740
Financial income (expenses) net	207	(12,372)
Equity in (losses) earnings of associated companies	(38,272)	23,991
Income before income tax and minority interest	383,949	114,359
Income tax	(104,740)	(13,205)
Minority interest	(115,288)	(23,821)
Net income before effect of accounting changes	163,921	77,333
Effect of accounting changes	(1,007)	
Net income	162,914	77,333
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (See Note 8) (thousands)	710,747	710,747
Combined earnings per share before cumulative effect of accounting changes	0.23	0.11
Cumulative effect of accounting changes per share	(0.00)	
Combined earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP	0.23	0.11

**Condensed combined consolidated cash flow**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2001	2000
Net cash provided by operating activities	502,809	151,207
Net cash used in investing activities	(252,626)	(160,623)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(106,328)	10,481
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	143,855	1,065
Non-cash financing activity:		
Dividends of shares of Siderar	43,195	

**Table of Contents****32. Other significant US GAAP disclosure requirements**

The following is a summary of additional financial statement disclosures required under US GAAP:

## (a) Income taxes

The tax loss carryforwards at December 31, 2002, expire as follows:

	Expiration date	Amount
December 31, 2008		1,150
December 31, 2010		568
December 31, 2011		257
December 31, 2012		436
Not subject to expiration		3,662
		<u>          </u>
Total		6,073
		<u>          </u>

## (b) Statement of consolidated comprehensive income under US GAAP

Tenaris uses SFAS No. 130, Reporting Comprehensive Income ( SFAS No. 130 ), which requires that an enterprise (i) classify items of other comprehensive income (loss) by their nature in a financial statement and (ii) display the accumulated balance of other comprehensive income (loss) separately from retained earnings and additional paid-in capital in the equity section of a statement of financial position.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Net income	92,632	162,914	77,333
Other comprehensive income			
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(34,267)	(10,043)	(6,592)
Available-for-sale financial assets changes in fair value	1,527		
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total other comprehensive loss	(32,740)	(10,043)	(6,592)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Comprehensive income	59,892	152,871	70,741
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>



**Table of Contents****32 Other significant US GAAP disclosure requirements (Cont d)**

## (b) Statement of consolidated comprehensive income under US GAAP (Cont d)

The accumulated balances related to each component of other comprehensive income were as follows:

	Foreign currencies translation adjustment at December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Balance at the beginning of the year	122,534	132,577	139,169
Adjustment of the year	(34,267)	(10,043)	(6,592)
Balance at the end of the year	88,267	122,534	132,577

	Available-for-sale financial assets' changes in fair value at December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Balance at the beginning of the year			
Adjustment of the year	1,527	-	-
Balance at the end of the year	1,527	-	-

## (c) Interest expense

	Year ended December 31,		
	2002	2001	2000
Total interest expense	34,480	20,959	7,679
Interest capitalization	4,284	2,903	
Total interest	38,764	23,862	7,679

## (d) Summarized financial information of significant associated companies in accordance with IAS

**Tamsa**

	Year ended December 31, 2000
Net sales	563,571
Gross profit	192,556
Net ordinary income for the year	73,039
Net income	40,986

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As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, Tamsa was consolidated as Tenaris holds 94.50% and 50.51% respectively of this company.  
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**Table of Contents****32 Other significant US GAAP disclosure requirements (Cont d)**

(d) Summarized financial information of significant associated companies in accordance with IAS (Cont d)

**Dalmine**

	<u>At December 31, 2001</u>
Current assets	446,482
Non-current assets	425,023
	<u>871,505</u>
Current liabilities	420,162
Non-current liabilities	254,759
Minority interest	522
Shareholders' equity	196,062
	<u>871,505</u>

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Net sales	864,558	801,625
Gross profit	169,357	140,649
Net ordinary income for the year	1,033	23,815
Net (loss) income	(2,584)	6,598

As of December 31, 2002, Dalmine was consolidated as Tenaris holds 88.41% of this company.

The exchange rate used for:

The Mexican peso average exchange rate was 9.46 for December 31, 2000.

The Euro exchange rate was 0.8951 for December 31, 2001, and the average exchange rate was 0.8909.

The Italian Lira exchange rate was 2,088 for December 31, 2000.

(e) Adoption of SFAS No. 142

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 142. This statement changes the accounting for goodwill and intangible assets.

Under SFAS No. 142, goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are no longer amortized but are reviewed annually, or more frequently if impairment indicators arise, for impairment. Separable intangible assets that have finite lives will continue to be amortized over their useful lives, with no maximum life. In addition, SFAS No. 142 changes the test for goodwill impairment.

**Table of Contents****32 Other significant US GAAP disclosure requirements (Cont d)**

## (e) Adoption of SFAS No. 142 (Cont d)

The new impairment test for goodwill is a two step process. The first step is a comparison of the fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If this step reflects impairment, then the loss would be measured as the excess of recorded goodwill over its implied fair value. Implied fair value is the excess of the fair value of the reporting unit over the fair value of all recognized and unrecognized assets and liabilities. The amortization provisions of SFAS 142 apply to goodwill and intangible assets acquired after June 30, 2001. With respect to goodwill and intangible assets acquired prior to July 1, 2001, companies are required to adopt SFAS 142 in their fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2001.

Goodwill at December 31, 2001 related to the seamless tubes segment in Mexico was approximately USD24,472 thousands. The Company has evaluated whether goodwill was impaired at January 1, 2002. As a consequence of that assessment, a non-cash after-tax charge has been recorded for the amount of the impairment. This initial impairment charge is shown in the quantitative reconciliation to US GAAP recorded as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in the Company's results for the year ended December 31, 2002. Effective January 1, 2002, in accordance with this pronouncement, the Company ceased the amortization of goodwill under US GAAP.

The effect of the adoption of SFAS No. 142 as of January 1, 2002 is summarized in the following table:

	<b>January 1, 2002</b>			
	<b>Gross carrying amount</b>	<b>Accumulated amortization</b>	<b>Minority interest</b>	<b>Net carrying amount</b>
Goodwill	30,389	(5,917)	(7,055)	17,417

As required by SFAS No. 142 the results for the prior years have not been restated. A reconciliation of net income as if SFAS No. 142 had been adopted for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 is presented below without considering the effects of the impairment charge:

	<b>Year ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	
Net income before adoption of SFAS 142	162,914	77,333
Add back: Goodwill amortization	2,789	2,175
Adjusted net income	165,703	79,508
Combined earnings per share	0.23	0.11

## (f) Pro forma financial information (unaudited)

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated information presents the adjustments for the exchange transaction accounted for by the purchase method in the year ended December 31, 2002 so as to give pro forma recognition to Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine results of operations as if it had been acquired on January 1, 2001. The pro forma adjustments give effect to the exchange transaction as if it had taken place as of January 1, 2001.

**Table of Contents****32 Other significant US GAAP disclosure requirements (Cont d)**

(f) Pro forma financial information (unaudited)

	Year ended December 31, 2002		
	US GAAP actual	Pro forma adjustments	Pro forma
Net sales	3,219,384		3,219,384
Income before cumulative effect of accounting changes	110,049	113,470	223,519
<b>Net income</b>	<b>92,632</b>	<b>89,216</b>	<b>181,848</b>
Consolidated combined earnings per share before cumulative effect of accounting changes	0.15		0.19
Consolidated combined earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP	0.13		0.16
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	732,936		1,160,701

	Year ended December 31, 2002		
	US GAAP actual	Pro forma adjustments	Pro forma
Net sales	2,313,162	861,137	3,174,299
Income before cumulative effect of accounting changes	163,921	94,333	258,254
Net income	162,914	92,931	255,845
Consolidated combined earnings per share before cumulative effect of accounting changes	0.23		0.22
Consolidated combined earnings per share in accordance with US GAAP	0.23		0.22
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	710,747		1,160,701

Pro forma earnings per share was computed considering that the shares issued in connection with the exchange transaction were issued and outstanding as of January 1, 2001.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the Company's financial position and results of operations that would have occurred if the acquisition in 2002 of Siderca, Tamsa and Dalmine minority interest had occurred on January 1, 2001, nor it is necessarily indicative of the Company's future results of operations.

**33 Impact of new U.S. GAAP accounting standards not yet adopted**

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations (SFAS No. 143), which addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated retirement costs. The standard applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction,

development or normal use of the asset. SFAS No. 143 requires that the fair  
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value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset and this additional carrying amount is depreciated over the life of the asset. The liability is accreted at the end of each period through charges to operating expense. If the obligation is settled for other than the carrying amount of the liability, the Company will recognize a gain or loss on settlement. SFAS No. 143 is required to be adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2003. Management is currently evaluating the impact on Tenaris' consolidated financial statements of the adoption of this new standard.

In April 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 145, Rescission of SFAS Nos. 4, 44, and 64, Amendment of SFAS 13, and Technical Corrections as of April 2002. SFAS 145 rescinds SFAS No. 4, Reporting Gains and Losses from Extinguishment of Debt, SFAS No. 44, Accounting for Intangible Assets of Motor Carriers, and SFAS 64, Extinguishments of Debt Made to Satisfy Sinking-Fund Requirements. As a result, gains and losses from extinguishment of debt will no longer be classified as extraordinary items unless they meet the criteria of unusual or infrequent as described in Accounting Principles Boards Opinion 30, Reporting the Results of Operations Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions ( SFAS No. 145 ). In addition, SFAS 145 amends SFAS No. 13, Accounting for Leases, to eliminate an inconsistency between the required accounting for sale-leaseback transactions and the required accounting for certain lease modifications that have economic effects that are similar to sale-leaseback transactions. SFAS 145 also amends other existing authoritative pronouncements to make various technical corrections, clarify meanings, or describe their applicability under changed conditions. SFAS 145 is effective for fiscal years beginning after May 15, 2002. Management is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of SFAS 145 will have on the consolidated financial statements.

In June 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities ( SFAS 146 ). The issuance of SFAS 146 nullifies the former guidance provided by the Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Issue No. 94-3, Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring) ( EITF 94-3 ). SFAS 146 requires the recognition of a liability for costs associated with exit or disposal activity when the liability is incurred, rather than on the date commitment to an exit or disposal plan. SFAS 146 is effective for liabilities, related to exit or disposal activities, which are incurred after December 31, 2002, while earlier application is encouraged. Management is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of SFAS 146 will have on the consolidated financial statements.

In November 2002, the FASB issued FIN No. 45, Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others ( FIN 45 ). FIN 45 prescribes that a guarantor is required to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. The initial recognition and initial measurement provisions of FIN 45 are applicable on a prospective basis to guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. Management is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FIN 45 will have on the consolidated financial statements.

Paolo Rocca  
President

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**SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

June 27, 2003

TENARIS S.A.

By /s/ Carlos Condorelli

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Name: Carlos Condorelli  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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**CERTIFICATIONS**

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer**

I, Paolo Rocca, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Tenaris S.A.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - (c) Presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: June 27, 2003

/s/ Paolo Rocca

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Name: Paolo Rocca  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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**Certification of Chief Financial Officer**

I, Carlos Condorelli, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Tenaris S.A.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - (c) Presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: June 27, 2003

/s/ Carlos Condorelli

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Name: Carlos Condorelli  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
1.1.	<i>Statuts</i> (Articles of Association) of Tenaris S.A.*
2.1.	Deposit Agreement entered into between Tenaris S.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank*
4.1.	Amended and Restated Export Agency Agreement, dated September 29, 2000, between Siderca S.A.I.C. and Techint Engineering Company B.V.*
4.2.	Amended and Restated Export Agency Agreement, dated October 4, 2000, between Tubos de Acero de México S.A. and Techint Engineering L.L.C.*
4.3.	Amended and Restated Export Agency Agreement, dated September 27, 2000, between Dalmine S.p.A. and Techint Engineering S.A.*
4.4.	Shareholders Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between Siderca, S.A. and NKK Corporation*
4.5.	Investment Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, among Siderca, S.A., NKK Corporation and NKKTUBES*
4.6.	Steel Manufacturing Technology Transfer Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.7.	Seamless Steel Pipe Manufacturing Technology and Trademark License Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.8.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark License Agreement, dated August 1, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.9.	Premium Connections (Antares) Technology and Trademark License Agreement dated August 1, 2000, between NKKTUBES and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.10.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark License Agreement, dated August 1, 2000, between NKK Corporation and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.11.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 2, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and Siderca S.A.I.C.*
4.12.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 2, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and Tubos de Acero de México, S.A.*
4.13.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 2, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and Algoma Seamless Tubulars*
4.14.	NKK Premium Connections Technology and Trademark Sublicense Agreement, dated October 9, 2000, between DST Connection Systems BV and DST Distributors of Steel Tubes, Ltd.*
4.15.	Agreement relating to the contribution of the shares of the Argentine company Santa María S.A.I.F., dated May 23, 2002, between Sidertubes S.A. and Tenaris Holding S.A. (later renamed Tenaris S.A.)*
4.16.	Excerpts from deed relating to spin-off of Santa María S.A.I.F.'s assets to Invertub S.A., dated July 10, 2002 (English translation)*
4.17.	Assignment Agreement, dated October 15, 2002, between Techint Engineering Company B.V. and Tenaris Global Services B.V. relating to the assignment of export agency agreements*

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- 4.18 Assignment Agreement, dated October 15, 2002, between Techint Engineering LLC and Tenaris Global Services LLC relating to the assignment of export agency agreements\*
  - 4.19 Assignment Agreement, dated October 15, 2002, between Techint Engineering Company S.A. and Tenaris Global Services S.A. relating to the assignment of export agency agreements\*
  - 4.20 Corporate Reorganization Agreement, dated September 13, 2002, between Sidertubes S.A. and Tenaris S.A.\*
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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.21	Agreement, dated September 25, 2002, among NKK Corporation, Siderca S.A., NKKTUBES, DST Distributors of Steel Tubes Ltd., DST Japan K.K. and Tenaris Global Services, amending provisions of the Investment Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, among Siderca, S.A., NKK Corporation and NKKTUBES and replacing the Shareholders Agreement, dated May 24, 2000, between Siderca, S.A. and NKK Corporation*
4.22	Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement, dated September 25, 2002, between Siderca, S.A. and NKK Corporation (included in Exhibit 10.21)*
7.1	Calculation of ratios included in annual report
8.1	List of subsidiaries of Tenaris S.A.*

\* Incorporated by reference to the Registration Statement on Form F-4 by Tenaris S.A. File No. 333-99769.