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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

OR

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

Commission file number: 1-8120

BAIRNCO CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

<u> </u>	<u> 13-3057520</u>		
(State or other jurisdiction of	(IRS Employer		
incorporation or organization)	Identification No.)		

_	300 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary, Florida	32746
	(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)
	Registrant's telephone number, including area	code: (407) 875-2222
	Securities registered pursuant to Section	12(b) of the Act:
Name of each Exchai	nge on	
Title of e	ach class	
which registered	1	
Common Stock, par va New York Stock Exch	-	
Securities registered pu	ursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None	
herein, and will not be	k if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge ace in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment	e, in definitive proxy or information statements
the Securities Exchang	k whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports ge Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months ch reports), and (2) has been subject to such fil	(or for such shorter period that the Registrant
Indicate by check mark No <u>X</u>	k whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer	(as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes

On July 3, 2004, the aggregate market value of the Registrant's voting stock held by non-affiliates was \$62,146,742.

On March 1, 2005, there were 7,535,063 shares of Common Stock outstanding, exclusive of treasury shares or shares held by subsidiaries of the Registrant.

Parts I, II and IV incorporate information by reference from the Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. Part III incorporates information by reference from the Proxy Statement dated March 14, 2005 in connection with the Registrant's Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on April 21, 2005.

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PART I

Item 1.

BUSINESS

a.

Recent Developments and Description

Bairnco Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on April 9, 1981. Effective September 24, 1991, Bairnco Corporation changed its state of incorporation from New York to Delaware. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the terms "Bairnco" and the "Corporation" refer to Bairnco Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Bairnco operates two core businesses Arlon and Kasco. Arlon businesses design, manufacture, and sell engineered materials and components for the electronic, industrial and commercial markets. These products are based on common technologies in coating, laminating, polymers, and dispersion chemistry. Kasco is a leading provider of meat-room products and maintenance services for the meat and deli departments of supermarkets; restaurants; meat, poultry and fish processing plants; and manufacturers and distributors of electrical saws and cutting equipment throughout North America, Europe, Asia and South America.

In February of 2000 Bairnco purchased certain assets of the materials business (Signtech) of Signtech USA, Ltd., a manufacturer of laminated vinyl fabrics designated for use in the commercial graphics market. In January 2001, Bairnco purchased selected net assets ("Viscor") of Viscor, Inc. Viscor's engineered, coated products include transfer adhesives, single and double-coated foam and film tapes, and other custom coated products. The acquisitions complemented Arlon's graphic and industrial products with product line extensions, additional brand recognition, and penetration into new customer segments and markets. The acquisitions also expanded Arlon's coating and converting capacity.

To improve productivity, reduce costs and improve product development focus, Arlon's Northbrook, Illinois facility was closed on December 31, 2001 and production was transferred to Arlon's Santa Ana, California and East Providence, Rhode Island plants.

In 2003 the Board of Directors approved a plan for the consolidation of its industrial engineered coated product s businesses in a new leased facility in San Antonio, Texas. The goal was to create a critical business size with a focused management, development, engineering and production team in one location which is more responsive to our customers requirements and to the development of new products, and is more cost effective. The consolidation project was substantially completed at the end of 2004. Total inception to date consolidation expenses were approximately \$2,992,000 plus \$3,600,000 of capital expenditures in connection with the plan. In addition, Arlon s East Providence, Rhode Island facility was sold for \$2.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2004 which resulted in a gain of \$1.2 million.

During the second quarter of 2003, Arlon, Inc. purchased the MOX-Tape® brand of products, including inventory and related equipment, from Flexfab Horizons International, Inc., of Hastings, Michigan. The business was moved to Arlon s Bear, Delaware plant. MOX-Tape® products consist of un-reinforced and reinforced silicone, self-fusing tapes used in a broad range of applications and markets, including high temperature electrical and mechanical insulation for the military, aerospace, automotive, utility, and power generation markets. The acquisition expanded Arlon s self-fusing silicone tapes product line with the addition of the reinforced tapes. Arlon is a leader in semi-cured and uncured precision-calendered silicone, silicone-coated fabrics, and silicone self-fusing tapes.

At December 31, 2004, Bairnco employed 783 persons including 18 headquarters personnel. Bairnco's operations occupy approximately 861,000 square feet of factory and office space at its principal locations. There is an additional 25,000 square feet of leased space used as field warehouses throughout North America.

b. & c.

Financial Information about Industry Segments and Narrative Description of Business

Bairnco Corporation is a diversified multinational company that operates two businesses. Arlon s two segments are Electronic Materials and Coated Materials, which design, manufacture and sell products under the Arlon brand identity to electronic, industrial and commercial markets. Arlon products are based on common technologies in

coating, laminating, polymers and dispersion chemistry. Replacement Products and Services are manufactured and distributed under the Kasco brand identity principally to supermarkets, meat and deli operations, and meat, poultry and fish processing plants throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Kasco also manufactures small band saw blades for cutting metal and wood, and large band saw blades for use at lumber mills. In Canada and France, in addition to providing its replacement products, Kasco also sells equipment to the supermarket and food processing industries.

Financial data and other information about the Corporation's segments is set forth in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 38 through 40 and on pages 4 through 7 of Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders which is incorporated herein by reference. This information should be read in conjunction with the "Financial History" set forth under Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA of this filing, and "Management's Discussion and Analysis" set forth on pages 10 through 18 of Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The principal facilities utilized by each segment are detailed under "Item 2. PROPERTIES" of this filing.

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ARLON ELECTRONIC MATERIALS SEGMENT

Description of Business

Arlon Electronic Materials principal products include high performance materials for the printed circuit board industry and silicone rubber-based insulation materials used in a broad range of industrial, military/aerospace, consumer and commercial markets.

Arlon is known worldwide as a premier supplier of high technology materials to the printed circuit board (PCB) industry. Arlon products are marketed principally to original equipment manufacturers (OEM s) and PCB manufacturers by a direct technical sales force, as well as, distributors in the US, and through distributors and manufacturer s representatives in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia-Pacific, supported by direct technical sales specialists. Arlon s conventional laminates product line includes a wide variety of specialty polyimide and epoxy laminates and bonding films, as well as, other high performance thermoset laminates. These materials are used in demanding commercial and military market applications including high density interconnect (HDI), surface mount

technology (SMT), heat sink bonding, semiconductor testing, wireless communications and microvia PCB's. The microwave and RF product area offers fluoropolymers (i.e. PTFE), ceramic-filled fluoropolymers, and other non-PTFE laminates that deliver the electrical performance needed in frequency-dependent circuit applications such as analog, digital and personal communication systems (PCS), high frequency military electronics, microwave antennas and base stations. These products are supplied as copper-clad laminates with bonding plies or prepregs for production of multi-layer printed circuits.

Arlon also manufactures a line of silicone rubber materials used in a broad range of military, consumer, industrial and commercial products. Typical applications and products include: silicone bagging materials for producing composite parts; silicone insulating tapes for electric traction motor coil windings; insulation materials for industrial and commercial flexible heaters; silicone materials for high temperature hose and duct markets; insulating tape for medium and high voltage electrical splices and self-fusing tapes for a variety of industrial and commercial applications; as well as compliant, thermally or electrically conductive silicone film adhesives known as ThermabondTM for heat sink-bonding to printed circuit boards.

Competition

There are numerous competitors ranging in size from small, sole proprietorships to units of very large, multinational corporations that in certain instances have far greater market positions and financial resources than the Corporation s.

Competition for Arlon's products varies by product line and type of customer. Competition for established lines is usually based on one or more elements such as specification position, lead time, price, product performance, or technical support and customer service. It may also be based on the ability to service emerging technologies through the custom design of new products, or redesign of existing products, as well as the development of materials for new applications. As an example, for some high performance materials sold to the printed circuit board industry, the consistent technical performance of the materials supplied in excess of specified standards can be the critical competitive element. In addition, Arlon sells a significant portion of its circuit board materials into the Far East and European markets where local producers of similar materials have a competitive advantage related to their geographic location.

Distribution

Arlon products are marketed by company sales personnel, as well as outside sales representatives and distributors in North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific, and other international markets.

Raw Materials and Purchased Parts

The essential raw materials used in Arlon Electronic Materials are silicone rubber, fiberglass cloth, pigments, copper foil, aluminum and Alloy 600 foil, polyethylene foam and various plastic films, special papers and release liners, vinyl resins, various adhesives and solvents, TeflonTM or polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin, polyimide resin, epoxy resins, other thermoset resins, as well as, various chemicals. Generally, these materials are each available from several qualified suppliers. There are, however, several raw materials used in Arlon Electronic Materials products that are purchased from chemical companies that are proprietary in nature. Other raw materials are purchased from a single approved vendor on a "sole source" basis, although alternative sources could be developed in the future if necessary. However, the qualification procedure can take several months or longer and could therefore interrupt production if the primary raw material source became unexpectedly unavailable. Current suppliers are located in the United States, Asia, and Europe.

Patents and Trademarks

The Corporation owns patents and several registered trademarks under which certain Arlon Electronic Materials products are sold. The Corporation does not believe that the loss of any or all of these trademarks would have a material adverse effect on this segment.

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ARLON COATED MATERIALS SEGMENT

Description of Business

Arlon Coated Materials principal products include adhesive coated cast and calendered vinyl films, cast vinyl fabric, custom-engineered laminates, and coated and laminated films, foils, foams and papers used in a broad range of industrial, consumer and commercial products.

Arlon specialty graphic films are marketed under the Arlon, CalonÒ and MIITM brand names and include cast and calendered vinyl films that are manufactured in a wide variety of colors, face stocks and adhesive systems. These vinyl films are used in commercial and electrical signage, point of purchase displays, highway signage, fleet markings, and other commercial advertising applications. Arlon also manufactures laminated vinyl fabrics for corporate identity programs. These products are marketed under the Signtechâ brand name and complement the CalonÒ specialty graphic films.

Arlon manufactures and markets custom-engineered laminates and coated products. Typical applications include insulating foam tapes for thermopane windows, specialty flexible circuit materials, electrical insulation materials for motors and transformers, thermal insulation panels for appliances and cars, durable printing stock, transfer adhesives used in industrial assembly, and single and double-coated foam and film tapes and other custom engineered laminates for specific industrial applications.

Competition

There are numerous competitors ranging in size from small, sole proprietorships to units of very large, multinational corporations that in certain instances have far greater market positions and financial resources than the Corporation s.

Competition varies by product line and type of customer. While competition for established lines is usually based on one or more of lead time, price, product performance, or technical support and customer service, it may also be based on the ability to service emerging technologies through the custom design of new products, or redesign of existing products, and materials for the new applications.

Distribution

Arlon Coated Materials products are marketed by company sales personnel, outside sales representatives and distributors in North and South America, Europe, Australia, the Far East and several other international markets.

Raw Materials and Purchased Parts

The essential raw materials used by Arlon Coated Materials include pigments, copper foil, aluminum foil, polyethylene foam and various plastic films, calendered vinyl, special papers and release liners, vinyl resins, various adhesives and solvents, and various chemicals. Generally, these materials are each available from several qualified suppliers. There are, however, several raw materials used in Arlon Coated Material's products that are purchased from chemical companies and are proprietary in nature. Other raw materials are purchased from a single approved vendor on a "sole source" basis, although alternative sources could be developed in the future if necessary. However, the qualification procedure can take from several months to an extended period of time and could therefore interrupt production if the primary raw material source was lost unexpectedly. Current suppliers are located in the United States, Asia, and Europe.

Patents and Trademarks

The Corporation owns several registered trademarks under which certain Arlon Coated Materials products are sold. The Corporation does not believe that the loss of any or all of these trademarks would have a material adverse effect on this segment.

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KASCO REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SEGMENT

Description of Business

Kasco is a leading provider of meat-room products and repair services for the meat, deli, and seafood departments of supermarkets; for restaurants; for meat, poultry and fish processing plants; and for manufacturers and distributors of electrical saws and cutting equipment throughout North America, Europe, Asia, and South America. These products and services include band saw blades for cutting meat and fish, band saw blades for cutting wood and metal, grinder plates and knives for grinding meat, repair and maintenance services for food equipment in retail grocery and restaurant operations, electrical saws and cutting machines, seasoning products, and other related butcher supply products.

Kasco s products and services are sold under a number of brand names including Kasco in the United States and Canada, Atlantic Service Co. in the United Kingdom and Canada, Bertram & Graf in Germany, and Biro France and EuroKasco in France.

Competition and Marketing

Kasco competes with several large and medium-sized national and regional companies, as well as numerous small local companies. The principal methods of competition are product quality, geographic coverage capability to service customers, equipment repair service capability, and product price.

Kasco has a significant distribution network that reaches over 20,000 retail grocery stores, restaurants, delis, and processing plants in the US, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Asia. Kasco s distribution network is made up of corporate-direct salesmen, route salesmen, repair service technicians, and distributors who have in-depth knowledge of the local markets and each customer s needs. Kasco s geographic reach also includes product sourcing. Kasco manufactures or sources high quality and competitively priced meat room cutting blades, butcher supplies, and repair parts, from factories and suppliers around the world.

During 2003 and 2004, Kasco completed major investments in facilities and manufacturing productivity projects, which boosted Kasco s competitive cost structure and improved product quality and distribution capability. Revenue, earnings, and cash flow all improved solidly in 2004 versus 2003.

Since 2000, the market environment for Kasco has been difficult due to market contraction through retail consolidation and the industry s shift to Case Ready product offerings. Kasco has responded by successfully diversifying into repair and maintenance services for the retail grocery industry, and by globally sourcing and effectively distributing high quality and competitively priced butcher supplies and equipment. During 2005, Kasco will continue to diversify and expand its repair services business and butcher supplies distribution business. Kasco will expand meat band capacity in 2005 with investment in new Normac and Alo Teknik equipment at the Matamoros, Mexico plant. Kasco will also make investments in new productivity projects during 2005, to further improve our cost position, product quality, and distribution capability.

Raw Materials and Purchased Supplies

High quality carbon steel and stainless steel are the principal raw materials used in the manufacture of band saw blades; they are purchased from multiple domestic and international suppliers. Tool steel is utilized in manufacturing meat grinder plates and knives and is purchased from qualified suppliers located in the United States, Europe and Japan. Equipment, replacement parts, and supplies are purchased from a number of manufacturers and distributors in Asia, the United States, and Europe. In France and Canada, certain specialty equipment and other items used in the supermarket industry and in the food processing industry are purchased and resold under exclusive distributorship agreements with the equipment manufacturers. All of the raw materials and purchased products utilized by this segment have been readily available throughout this last year.

Patents and Trademarks

The Corporation has a number of US and foreign mechanical patents related to several of the products manufactured and sold by Kasco, as well as a number of design patents and registered trademarks. The Corporation does not believe, however, that the loss of any or all of those patents would have a material adverse effect on this segment.
FOREIGN OPERATIONS
TORDION OF ENTITIONS
The Corporation has foreign operations located in Canada, Mexico, China, the United Kingdom, France and Germany. Information on the Corporation's operations by geographical area for the last three fiscal years is set forth in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements on pages 38 through 40 of Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders which is incorporated herein by reference.
In addition, export sales from the Corporation's US based operations for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 were approximately \$43,557,000, \$37,668,000 and \$38,720,000, respectively. Export sales to any particular country or geographic area did not exceed 10% of consolidated sales during any of these years.
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Item 2.
<u>PROPERTIES</u>
The following chart lists for the Corporation as a whole, and by each of its segments, the principal locations of the Corporation's facilities and indicates whether the property is owned or leased and if leased, the lease expiration date.

LOCATION	SQUARE FEET	LEASED OR OWNED (LEASE EXPIRATION)
CORPORATION TOTAL	861,000	
<u>Headquarters</u>		
Lake Mary, FL	11,000	Leased (Expires 2009)
Arlon Electronic Materials		
Bear, DE	135,000	Owned
Rancho Cucamonga, CA	80,000	Owned
Suzhou New District, PRC	16,000	Leased (Expires 2005)
Arlon Coated Materials		
Dallas, TX	75,000	Leased (Expires 2005)
San Antonio, TX	87,000	Leased (Expires 2008)
San Antonio, TX	16,000	Leased (Expires 2008)
Santa Ana, CA	124,000	Leased (Expires 2008)
San Antonio, TX	138,000	Leased (Expires 2012)
Kasco Replacement Products and Services		
Gwent, Wales, UK	25,000	Owned
Montreal, Canada	11,000	Leased (Expires 2006)
Pansdorf, Germany	18,000	Owned
Paris, France	22,000	Leased (Expires 2009)
St. Louis, MO	78,000	Owned
Field Warehouses:		
42 locations in North America	25,000	Leased

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As discussed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis" set forth on pages 10 through 18 of Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders, which is incorporated herein by reference, in the third quarter Bairnco obtained final resolutions of three long-pending lawsuits.

In one of these lawsuits (the Transactions Lawsuit), trustees representing asbestos claimants brought claims of over \$700 million against Bairnco, its subsidiaries, and other defendants. A judgment in favor of the defendants was affirmed in May 2004 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Plaintiffs time to seek review by the United States Supreme Court of the Court of Appeals decision expired in August 2004.

A second lawsuit by these trustees against Bairnco (the NOL Lawsuit), involving a dispute over federal income tax refunds that had been held in escrow since the 1990s, was settled in September 2004. Pursuant to a settlement agreement dated September 10, 2004, Bairnco received \$24,695,000 (about 70 percent of the escrowed funds), and the NOL Lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice.

The final resolution of the Transactions Lawsuit in favor of Bairnco resulted in the final resolution of a third lawsuit brought by these trustees (the Properties Lawsuit), involving a dispute over the title to certain real and personal property. In 2001, when the Properties Lawsuit was dismissed, without prejudice, against Bairnco and its Arlon subsidiary, the parties agreed that this dispute would be determined in accordance with the final resolution of the Transactions Lawsuit.

Bairnco Corporation and its subsidiaries are defendants in a number of other pending actions. Management of Bairnco believes that the disposition of these other actions will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated results of operations or the financial position of Bairnco and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2004.

Item 4.

SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matter was submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of 2004.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information required with respect to executive officers of the Corporation is as follows:

Name & Age of Executive Officers	Data Pertaining to Executive Officers
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Luke E. Fichthorn III (63) Mr. Fichthorn has served as Chairman of Bairnco since May 23,

> 1990, and on December 18, 1991, became Chief Executive Officer of Bairnco. For over twenty-five years, Mr. Fichthorn has been a private investment banker and partner of Twain Associates, a private investment banking and consulting firm. Mr. Fichthorn served as a director of Keene Corporation, a former subsidiary of Bairnco Corporation from August 1969 until May 1981, and became a director of Bairnco in January 1981. Mr. Fichthorn is also a director of Florida Rock Industries, Inc. and Patriot Transportation Holding, Inc., neither of which is affiliated with

Bairnco.

Larry D. Smith (55) Mr. Smith was elected Vice President - Administration and

> Secretary of Bairnco in April 1999. Prior to joining Bairnco, Mr. Smith was employed for over 14 years with Emerson Electric Company in various human resource managerial capacities. Most recently, Mr. Smith was Vice President Human Resources for

Emerson s Therm-O-Disc, Inc. division in Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. Maingot was appointed Corporate Controller of Bairnco in Lawrence C. Maingot (45) December 1999. From May 1997 to December 1999, Mr. Maingot

was Bairnco s Assistant Controller. From April 1992 to May 1997,

Mr. Maingot was Bairnco s Accounting Manager. Prior to joining

Bairnco, Mr. Maingot was employed with Arthur Andersen LLP.

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PART II

Item 5.

MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANTS COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

a. & c. Data regarding market prices of Bairnco's common stock is included in the "Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited)" on page 19 of Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders which is incorporated herein by reference. Bairnco's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BZ. Data on dividends paid is included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations on page 21 of Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders, which is incorporated herein by reference. In November the Board of Directors increased the quarterly cash dividend to \$.06 per share from \$.05 per share. The total dividend for 2004 was \$0.21 per share. The Board continues to review the dividend on a quarterly basis.

b. The approximate number of registered holders of Bairnco common stock (par value \$.01 per share) as of December 31, 2004 was 944.

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Item 6.

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table contains certain financial and operating data and is qualified by the more detailed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders which is incorporated herein by reference. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2004 and the statement of operations data for the fiscal year then ended, were derived from the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto that have been audited by Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accounting firm. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and the statement of operations data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 were derived from the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto that were audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2001 and 2000 and the statement of operations data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 were derived from the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto that were audited by Arthur Andersen LLP. The financial data shown below should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in Bairnco's 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders which is incorporated herein by reference.

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FINANCIAL HISTORY

		<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Summary of Operations (\$ in thousands)						
Net sales	\$	165,496	152,696	154,354	160,369	187,513
Gross profit	\$	47,884	42,871	44,991	46,535	60,556
Earnings before provision for litigation costs, inter and taxes (a)	rest					
	\$	8,057	4,623	6,802	7,395	16,544
Provision for litigation costs	\$			4,000	6,200	1,000
Operating profit	\$	8,057	4,623	2,802	1,195	15,544
Interest expense, net	\$	566	768	1,005	2,486	3,481
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$	7,491	3,855	1,797	(1,291)	12,063
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	\$	2,372	1,206	436	(983)	3,830
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	5,119	2,649	1,361	(308)	8,233
Income from spun off subsidiary	\$	25,710				
Net income (loss)	\$	30,829	2,649	1,361		