

ARRHYTHMIA RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D. C. 20549**

**FORM 10-KSB**

- Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005
- Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**001-9731**

*(Commission file number)*

**ARRHYTHMIA RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY, INC.**

*(Name of small business issuer in its charter)*

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation of organization)*

**25 Sawyer Passway, Fitchburg, MA**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**72-0925679**

*(IRS Employer Identification Number)*

**01420**

*(Zip Code)*

**(978) 345-5000**

*(Issuer's telephone number)*

**Securities Registered under Section 12 (b) of the Act:**

**Common Stock, \$.01 par value**

*(Title of Each Class)*

**American Stock Exchange**

*(Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered)*

**Securities Registered under Section 12 (g) of the Act:**

None

Check whether the issuer is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 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

Check if there is no disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

State issuer's revenues for its most recent fiscal year. \$12,894,993

Securities Registered under Section 12 (b) of the Act:

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State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the closing price of such stock as of February 28, 2006. \$23,963,740

On February 28, 2006 there were 2,666,194 shares of the issuer's common stock, par value \$.01, outstanding, which is the only class of common or voting stock of the issuer.

### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The registrant intends to file a definitive proxy statement pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days of the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. Portions of such proxy statement are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-KSB.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (Check one): Yes  No

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**PART I**

**Item 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS.**

**OVERVIEW**

Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc. ( ART ) was incorporated under the laws of the State of Louisiana in 1981 and reincorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1987. ART is engaged in the development and licensing of medical software, which acquires data and analyzes electrical impulses of the heart to detect and aid in the treatment of potentially lethal arrhythmias. ART 's patented products consist of signal-averaging electrocardiographic (SAECG) software. In 2002, ART completed an update to a Windows based version of its proprietary Predictor® series. Rather than restore a direct sales force, the intent is to market ART 's product through licensing with original equipment manufacturers. No sales of the software were recorded in 2004 or 2005. We continue to seek to establish contracts with original equipment manufacturers for this product.

Sudden cardiac death afflicts over 400,000 individuals in the United States each year. These occurrences are due to sustained ventricular tachycardia (abnormally rapid heartbeat) or ventricular fibrillation (very fast, completely irregular heartbeat), which severely affect the capability of the heart 's pumping chambers or ventricles. The electric signals that emanate from the heart are used to detect the presence of late potentials, which indicate the risk of life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias. The SAECG processes enable Late Potentials to be amplified and enhanced, while eliminating undesired electrical noise in these tests.

ART 's wholly owned subsidiary, Micron Products, Inc. ( Micron ), was incorporated in the State of Massachusetts in 1972, and is located in the same facility with ART in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Micron is a manufacturer and distributor of silver plated and non-silver plated conductive resin sensors ( sensors ) used in the manufacture of disposable integrated electrodes constituting a part of electrocardiographic diagnostic and monitoring instruments. Micron also acts as a distributor of metal snap fasteners ( snaps ), another component used in the manufacture of disposable electrodes. In 1997, Micron acquired the rights to an assembly machine, which it manufactures and sells or leases to its sensor and snap customers. The sensors are a critical component of the signal pathway in many different types of disposable electrodes. For example, the disposable electrodes used to capture the electric impulses of the heart and enable the analysis of Late Potentials require sensors which provide for an accurate, low noise signal to be transmitted to the monitoring device.

Micron is the largest of a few companies providing silver / silver-chloride sensors to the medical device industry. Micron 's customers manufacture monitoring and transmitting electrodes which are utilized in a variety of bio-feedback and bio-stimulation applications including, among many others, electrocardiograms (ECG s), electroencephalograms (EEG s), electro-muscular stimulation (EMS), and thermo-electrical neural stimulation (TENS). The Company believes that because of its history of producing high volume precision plastic products, Micron was able in 2004, to secure supply agreements to produce several products. These high volume products provide diversification for Micron, and reduce its dependence on a single product line.

On May 7, 2004, Micron completed the purchase of substantially all of the operating assets of privately held Shrewsbury Molders Inc. formerly known as New England Molders, Inc. ( NEM ) of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. The Company completed the move of the division into its newly renovated molding facility located at the Company 's Fitchburg complex in the fourth quarter of 2004. The relocation provides operational synergies and cost savings in manufacturing and administration. The NEM division is a custom thermoplastic injection molder that produces a wide variety of consumable medical products, medical device and equipment components, and other products for the consumer, electronic, and aerospace industries.

On January 3, 2006, Micron announced the creation of Micron Integrated Technologies, a division of Micron Products. This division specializes in the production of metal and plastic components for the medical and defense industries. Leveraging the high quality manufacturing of the NEM division 's plastic production capacity with a comprehensive portfolio of value-added manufacturing, design and engineering services, this new division provides complete product life cycle management: from concept, product development, prototyping, volume production, and assembly.

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**PRODUCTS**

The following table sets forth for the periods specified, the revenue derived from the products of ART and its subsidiary Micron (collectively the Company ):

**Year Ended December 31,**

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2005	%	2004	%
Sensors	\$ 9,349,874	73	\$ 8,881,813	80
Other Molded Products	2,488,581	19	1,473,214	13
Snaps & Snap Machines	404,396	3	527,993	5
Other Products	652,142	5	227,523	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,894,993</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 11,110,543</b>	<b>100</b>

## Sensors

Micron is a manufacturer and distributor of silver-plated and non-silver plated conductive resin sensors for use in the manufacture of disposable electrodes for ECG diagnostic, monitoring and related instrumentation. The disposable electrode has proven to be more reliable than the reusable electrodes available in the market. Additionally, disposable electrodes are easier and less expensive to use than reusable electrodes, which require cleaning after each use. The type of sensor manufactured by Micron consists of a molded plastic substrate plated with a silver / silver chloride surface, which is a highly sensitive conductor of electrical signals. Silver / silver chloride-plated disposable electrodes are utilized in coronary care units, telemetry units, and for other monitoring purposes. In addition to the traditional ECG tests, disposable electrodes incorporating Micron's sensor are used in connection with stress tests and Holter monitoring.

Micron also manufactures sensors and conductive plastic studs used in the manufacture of radiotranslucent electrodes. The radiotranslucent electrodes are virtually invisible to X-rays and are preferred in some applications such as nuclear medicine, cath labs, ICU/CCU, and certain stress and Holter procedures. The radiotranslucent conductive plastic studs are manufactured with uniquely engineered resin to enable electrical conductivity between the sensor and the electrophysiological instrumentation without the use of a metal snap. Micron also manufactures the mating conductive resin snaps, which replace traditional metal snap fasteners, used in the radiotranslucent application.

Other custom designed sensors are manufactured for specific unique applications in the EEG, EMG or TENS markets. Recent growth in the volume of highly engineered EEG sensors reflects demand for noninvasive measuring of neurological impulses. Micron's strength in design and low cost manufacturing support enables our customers to grow into unique niche medical applications and electrophysiological monitoring with custom designed sensors.

## Other Molded Components

In 2004, Micron began selling high volume precision custom molded component parts. The Company added sales in these high volume molded products, which diversify our existing product lines while utilizing previously unused manufacturing capacity. The Company began shipping product and realizing sales of such high volume molded products in the fourth quarter of 2004. To defray the customer's upfront tooling costs and remain competitive with global competition, some high volume customers require the financing of a customer specific tool over several years. The cost of the tool is guaranteed by the customer and repaid over time as the molded product is shipped.

The incorporation of the NEM division into the Micron molding facility increased production flexibility for both entities, and dramatically expanded the size and shape of products produced. From consumable medical products to medical equipment components, the recently acquired division will decrease our dependence on sensor production for manufacturing growth.

## Snaps and Snap Machines

### *Metal Snap Fasteners*

Metal snap fasteners are used as an attachment and conductive connection between the disposable electrode and the lead wires of an ECG machine. Micron purchases the metal snap fasteners for resale from multiple suppliers and performs additional quality assurance tests, repackages and stocks product for its customers who may or may not purchase the snaps in addition to Micron's sensors.

### ***High Speed Electrode Assembly Machine***

Manufacturers of disposable medical electrodes use the Company's attaching machines in the assembly of sensors and snaps into disposable electrodes. Manufacturing, leasing, selling, and providing replacement parts to medical sensor and snap application machines provide Micron with a complimentary product to sell to existing sensor and snap customers. As a value added service, a technician can be dispatched to troubleshoot and improve the performance of our customer's fully automated electrode assembly production lines.

### **Other Products**

#### ***Injection Molding Tooling***

The design, manufacture, and rehabilitation of injection molding tools for our customers is part of the service package provided by the NEM division. While some of this product category's revenue will reside in Micron Products or with the new Micron Integrated Technologies division, this revenue directly correlates to future production driving the NEM division's growth. Engineering and mold designers work with our customer's product development engineers to design and produce unique tooling for their products. The Company's expertise in cost effective manufacturing creates a sustainable partnership with our customers as prototyped parts move to full scale production.

#### ***Signal-Averaging Electrocardiographic (SAECG) Products Predicto<sup>®</sup> 7***

The Predictor<sup>®</sup> 7 software is a Windows<sup>®</sup> compatible version of Arrhythmia Research Technology's analytical program for the detection of Late Potentials. Predictor<sup>®</sup> 7 utilizes the unique, patented Bi-directional, Four-Pole Butterworth Filtering technique defined as the Standard by the joint AHA/ACC/ESC task force on Signal-Averaging Electrocardiography<sup>(1)</sup>. All clinically accepted measurement criteria are provided: total QRS duration, duration of the QRS under 40  $\mu$ V, the RMS voltage of the last 40 msec of the QRS and the noise level. Graphical output of the analysis is presented both on screen and in hard copy. Predictor<sup>®</sup> 7 also incorporates additional signal processing capabilities for clinical research. The IntraSpect module permits detection of ventricular late potentials in patients with Bundle Branch Block. P-wave signal averaging helps predict patients at risk for atrial fibrillation and flutter. A Heart Rate Variability module can be incorporated on the Predictor platform.

## **GENERAL**

### **Customers and Sales**

During the year ended December 31, 2005, each of two major customers accounted for over 10% of the Company's sales and a loss of this base would have a material adverse effect on results. These customers accounted for 34% and 11% of sales in 2005 as compared to 31% and 12% of sales for year ended December 31, 2004. The growth in new customers, in addition to the acquisition of New England Molders, decreased the concentration below 10% of total sales on a previously disclosed 14% customer from 2004. The largest customer outpaced the Company's growth by adding 3 percentage points to its concentration.

Micron manufactures its sensors against purchase orders with electrode manufacturers. There are approximately 30 significant manufacturers of disposable snap type, radiotranslucent and pre-wired electrodes worldwide. Micron sells its sensors to most of these manufacturers. Sales backlog is not material to Micron's business due to the method of ordering employed by its customer base in this competitive industry. Customers generally purchase on a single purchase order basis without long-term commitments.

The majority of the NEM division's customers for injection molded thermoplastic products are from the medical equipment and device industries. From single use medical consumable products to equipment components, the engineered production services provide quality design and production capacity to exceed our customer's manufacturing requirements. Certain customers require an inventory of their products be maintained at all times to enable just in time delivery schedules. A commitment from the customers is required by NEM to maintain the higher level of finished goods inventory and raw material required for their products. These agreements allow for a more flexible manufacturing schedule with longer more cost effective production cycles. NEM's primary target customer is a medical manufacturer or development company with a need for complex custom injection molded components.

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Windows<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation

<sup>1</sup> AHA/ACC/ESC Policy Statement: "Standards for the Analysis of Ventricular Late Potentials Using High Resolution or Signal-Averaged Electrocardiography: A Statement by a Task Force Committee of the European Society of Cardiology, the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology, JACC Vol. 17, No.5, April 1991:999-1006

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the approximate consolidated revenues and percentages of revenues derived from the sales of the Company's products in its geographic markets:

	Revenues for the Years Ended December 31,			
	2005	%	2004	%
Canada	\$ 4,894,956	38	\$ 3,813,151	34
Europe	2,938,868	23	3,490,910	31
United States	4,438,000	34	3,326,697	30
Pacific Rim	345,975	3	273,105	3
Other	277,194	2	206,680	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,894,993</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 11,110,543</b>	<b>100</b>

While some risks exist in foreign markets, the vast majority of the Company's customers are based in historically stable markets. To reduce the risks associated with foreign shipment and currency exchange fluctuations, most of our products are the responsibility of our customers when shipped, and payment is required in US Dollars.

To offset the risk from fluctuations in the market price of silver, customers are subject to a silver surcharge or discount based on the market price of silver at the time of shipment. The silver surcharge has become a greater component of our product pricing as the price of silver has nearly doubled over the last three years. The Company is sensitive to the impact of recent increases in silver cost, and continues to explore options with our customers to help mitigate the resulting increases in surcharges.

## Marketing and Competition

Micron sells its sensors to manufacturers of disposable snap type and radiotranslucent ECG electrodes. The Company has one major domestic competitor and several minor competitors worldwide for sensors, and believes that its sales of sensors exceed those of its competition in the aggregate. The competition in the sensor and snap market is extremely price sensitive. In an effort to ensure higher volume without a firm long term purchase order, Micron offers a rebate program to customers. The rebates are typically paid to the customer after the end of the calendar year if certain volume thresholds are attained. These rebates are accrued and recorded with each sale as a reduction of gross sales. The rebates for the calendar year 2005 and 2004 were \$56,459 and \$122,034 respectively.

The Company markets Micron and its NEM division as a highly specialized custom injection thermoplastic molder to new and existing customers. The Company believes it competes effectively based on its expertise in low cost manufacturing of high volume precision products. The complex medical products produced by the NEM division has expanded our existing customer base and extensively diversified the product mix. It is our intention to continue these efforts to market to the expanded customer base and further diversify our product offerings. Global competition creates a competitive environment. To meet this challenge, the NEM division focuses its product development efforts on complex close tolerance products not readily outsourced to offshore manufacturing.

Management is pursuing licensing of the SAECG products to original equipment manufacturers for integration into existing cardio diagnostic equipment. The reemergence of research to support SAECG as a method to stratify risk for patients being considered for implantation of cardiac defibrillators is significant to the Company's marketing efforts. The Company sponsored a well attended satellite session on SAECG featuring a presentation by Wojciech Zareba, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine (Cardiology) at the University of Rochester at a major scientific conference held in June 2005 in Gdansk, Poland.

## Product Suppliers and Manufacturing

Micron manufactures its sensors at its Fitchburg, Massachusetts facility employing a proprietary non-patented multi-step process. All employees reaffirm confidentiality agreements annually to protect this proprietary process. The raw materials used by Micron are plastic resins used to mold the substrates and silver / silver chloride chemical solutions for plating the molded plastic substrates. Both the resins and the chemicals involved in the silver / silver chloride process are in adequate supply from multiple commodity sources. Fluctuations in the price of silver are contractually passed to customers in the form of a surcharge. As an insulation against unanticipated price increases, some resins and chemicals used in the production of sensors are purchased in large quantity to lower or stabilize prices.

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Resins used by the custom molding division are purchased for an individual customer order, with most increases in resin costs passed on to the customer as orders are acknowledged. Because the customer order determines the quantity of material required, customers may, and have, guaranteed the purchase of specific large quantities of product which allows the division to purchase raw material at a more favorable cost thereby lowering the final cost to the customer.

Micron distributes medical grade nickel plated brass and stainless steel snap fasteners purchased from multiple domestic and international sources. Micron buys these snaps in bulk, performs additional quality assurance tests, and stocks inventory to facilitate just in time shipments to its customers.

### **Inventory Requirements**

Our larger customers benefit from our ability to maintain an inventory of standard sensors and snaps. This inventory policy allows for predictable and planned production resulting in cost efficiencies that have been passed on to our customers. The rebate program discussed in the marketing and competition section above ensures that volume based discounts to our customers are granted for targeted volume shipped.

While inventory quantities required to sustain the current manufacturing forecast have not changed, the significant increase in cost of silver, brass and a specific specialty engineered resin used for sensor production has caused a large increase in the value of our raw material inventories. Some of these increases are absorbed by our customers in the form of surcharges and temporary price increases.

Custom molded product is manufactured on an order by order basis. Finished goods inventory is product made in advance of an acknowledged sales order, part of an annual blanket order quantity, or for a specific safety stock requested by the customer.

### **Research and Development**

ART's research and development efforts focus primarily in maintaining the software library in the SAECG product lines in a Windows compatible platform. Our primary focus in 2005 and 2004 was to verify the integrity of the analytical algorithms, and prepare the software to facilitate integration with original equipment manufacturer's cardiac monitoring equipment. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005, and 2004, ART had research and development expenses of approximately \$40,900 and \$51,600, respectively, which consisted principally of payments to its programming consultants.

In 2005 and 2004, Micron's research and development efforts resulted in \$7,300 and \$32,000 of expense. Included in these efforts was a unique process improvement to eliminate certain hazardous materials from our manufacturing processes.

### **Patents and Proprietary Technology**

As part of the purchase of substantially all the assets of Corazonix Corporation in 1993, ART acquired three patents related to time and frequency domain analysis of electrocardiogram signals. The Corazonix technologies are utilized in the current version of Predictor<sup>®</sup> 7. ART acquired U.S. Patent No. 5,117,833 entitled *Bi-Spectral Filtering of Electrocardiogram Signals to Determine Selected QRS Potentials*, (the Bi-Spec Patent) which expires in 2009. ART also acquired three additional patents, which cover the spectral-temporal, mapping post-processing software packages sold by ART. In March 1997, the U.S. Patent Office granted United States Patent No. 5,609,158 entitled *Apparatus and Method for Predicting Cardiac Arrhythmia, by Detection of Micropotentials and Analysis of all ECG Segments and Intervals* which covers a frequency domain analysis technique for SAECG data.

The Company believes that ART's products do not and will not infringe on patents or violate proprietary rights of others. In the event that ART's products infringe patents or proprietary rights of others, ART may be required to modify the design of its products or obtain a license. There can be no assurance that ART will be able to do so in a timely manner upon acceptable terms and conditions. In addition, there can be no assurance that ART will have the financial or other resources necessary to enforce or defend a patent infringement or proprietary rights violation action. Moreover, if ART's products infringe patents or proprietary rights of others, ART could, under certain circumstances, become liable for damages, which could have a material adverse effect on earnings.

Micron employs a highly complex, proprietary non-patented multi-step manufacturing process for its silver/silver chloride-plated sensors. To maintain our trade secrets associated with the manufacture of disposable electrode sensors key employees are required to sign non-disclosure and/or non-competition agreements. Micron uses a patented material in the production of some sensors. Micron paid \$7,000 in 2005 and \$4,970 in 2004 in royalties associated with this patent.

## **Government Regulation**

ART's software products are subject to, and ART believes currently comply with material clearance and distribution requirements from governmental regulatory authorities, principally the U.S. FDA and the European Union (EU) equivalent agency. These agencies promulgate quality system requirements under which a medical device is to be developed, validated and manufactured. Continued development of the product line is managed in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Micron's sensor elements are components used in medical devices designed and manufactured by original equipment manufacturers. As such, these elements are not required to be listed with regulatory agencies and do not require regulatory clearance for distribution. However, because Micron primarily distributes sensors to manufacturers for use in finished medical devices, Micron exercises as stringent controls over its manufacturing processes and finished products as would be required if the sensors were considered medical devices.

The NEM division manufactures parts for invasive medical devices, components for medical equipment, and patented disposable medical laboratory products. Our customers own the product designs and are, therefore, subject to FDA and EU regulations. While such products are a part of a medical device or other regulated equipment, our customers are the regulated entity for the clearance of those products. NEM exercises stringent controls over all its manufacturing operations and complies with any special controls required by its customers.

## **Environmental Regulation**

Micron's operations involve use of hazardous and toxic materials and generate hazardous, toxic and other wastes. We are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the use, storage, handling and disposal of such materials and certain waste products. Although we believe that our safety procedures for using, handling, storing and disposing of such materials comply with these standards required by state and federal laws and regulations, we cannot completely eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. A specific insurance policy has been purchased to mitigate this risk to the Company and the environment.

Since its inception, Micron has expended significant funds to train its personnel, install waste treatment and recovery equipment and to retain an independent environmental consulting firm to regularly review, monitor and upgrade its air and waste water treatment activities. Management continues to evaluate and test many possible technological advances that reduce or eliminate the need for and use of hazardous materials in our processes. The recent acquisition of proprietary equipment to eliminate a hazardous chemical from the process further emphasizes the commitment to the reduction and elimination of certain hazardous processes. In 2004 and 2005, the related expenditures for waste treatment were approximately \$50,000. The operational costs are expected to be similar in 2006. Micron believes that the operation of its manufacturing facility is in compliance with currently applicable safety, health and environmental laws and regulations.

## **Employees**

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had 75 full-time and 1 part-time employee including 23 administrative, sales and supervisory personnel, 13 quality control personnel and 40 production personnel. The employees of the Company are not represented by a union, and the Company believes its relationship with the employees is satisfactory. From time to time, the Company consults with medical advisors who report on advances in technology and on developments in their respective fields. During 2005 and 2004, the Company used medical consultants on a specific project basis, and amounts paid were \$1,050 and \$9,617, respectively.

## **Item 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**

The manufacturing facility and offices of the Company are located in two buildings in an industrial area in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The first building, which was purchased in April 1994, consists of a 22,000 square foot, six story building. The second building, which was purchased in September 1996, is over 94,000 square feet, including an antique brick three story mill building. Commencing in 2003, the 40,000 square foot portion of the second building underwent major renovations to preserve and create functional space from a previously unusable section of the facility. The renovations in the Mill building created space partially occupied in 2004 by the New England Molders division. A total investment of \$1,172,202 through the end of 2005 was made to this property of which \$213,000 was related to equipment specific to the climate control and processing requirements of an injection molding facility. The NEM division only occupies a portion of the renovated space. Since the end of 2005, the new Micron Integrated Technologies division has occupied the remaining renovated space. Further renovations are expected in 2006, as the final exterior improvements are completed. We believe our current facilities are sufficient to meet our current and future production needs through fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

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**Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

The Company is from time to time subject to legal proceedings, threats of legal action and claims which arise in the ordinary course of our business. Management believes the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

**Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

The results of the Company's 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders were reported in the Company's Form 10-QSB for the quarter ending June 30, 2005.

**PART II**

**Item 5. MARKET FOR COMMON EQUITY RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND SMALL BUSINESS ISSUER STOCK PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.**

ART's Common Stock has been listed on the American Stock Exchange since March 3, 1992 and trades under the ticker symbol HRT.

The following table sets forth, for the period indicated, the high and low sale prices per share for ART's Common Stock as quoted by the American Stock Exchange.

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Year Ended December 31, 2005		
1st Quarter	\$ 21.70	\$ 12.60
2nd Quarter	22.29	14.30
3rd Quarter	17.20	10.25
4th Quarter	12.95	8.80
Year Ended December 31, 2004		
1st Quarter	\$ 48.15	\$ 16.68
2nd Quarter	23.75	9.35
3rd Quarter	34.10	7.50
4th Quarter	33.88	19.00

As of February 28, 2006 the number of record holders of ART's common stock is estimated to be 450.

**Dividend Policy**

In February of 2004, the Company declared a dividend of \$.05 per share payable on March 24, 2004 to holders of record on March 10, 2004 payable from the Company's cash reserves. In August of 2004, the Company declared a dividend of \$.06 per share payable on September 17, 2004 to holders of record on August 27, 2004, a 20% increase over the previous rate, which dividend was also paid from cash reserves.

In April of 2005, the Company declared a dividend of \$.06 per share payable on May 5, 2005 to holders of record on April 28, 2005 payable from the Company's cash reserves. In August of 2005, the Company declared a dividend of \$.06 per share payable on September 23, 2005 to holders of record on September 13, 2005 payable from the Company's cash reserves.

Future determination as to the payment of cash dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will be dependent upon the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, potential acquisitions, and other such factors as the Board of Directors may deem relevant, including any restrictions under any credit facilities in place now or in the future. The Company's demand line of credit agreement contains conditions including restrictions with regard to prior notification of the payment of dividends.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information, as of December 31, 2005, with respect to our equity compensation plans:

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	138,000	\$ 7.93	150,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	--	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,000</b>	<b>\$ 7.93</b>	<b>150,000<sup>(1)</sup></b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes 50,000 shares available under the 2001 Stock Option Plan and 100,000 shares available under the 2005 Stock Award Plan.

**Item 6. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION.**

The following discussions of the Company's results of operations and financial condition should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes pertaining to them that appear elsewhere in this Form 10-KSB.

*Any forward looking statements made herein are based on current expectations of the Company that involve a number of risks and uncertainties and should not be considered as guarantees of future performance. These statements are made under the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as expect, anticipate, believe, intend, plans, predict, or will. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include: impact of competition, products and pricing, product demand and market acceptance risks, the presence of competitors with greater financial resources than the Company, product development and commercialization risks, changing economic conditions in developing countries, and an inability to arrange additional debt or equity financing.*

*Although the Company believes that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that our expectations will materialize. Many factors could cause actual results to differ materially from our forward looking statements. Several of these factors include, in addition to those contained in Factors that may affect future operating results, without limitation:*

*our ability to finance our business;*  
*our ability to maintain our current pricing model and/or decrease our cost of sales;*  
*a stable interest rate market and/or a stable currency rate environment in the world, and specifically the countries we are doing business in or plan to do business in;*  
*continued availability of supplies or materials used in manufacturing at the current prices;*  
*adverse regulatory developments in the United States or any other country we plan to do business in;*  
*entrance of competitive products in our markets;*  
*the ability of management to execute plans and motivate personnel in the execution of those plans;*  
*no adverse publicity related to our products or the Company itself;*  
*no adverse claims relating to our intellectual property;*  
*the adoption of new, or changes in, accounting principles;*  
*the passage of new, or changes in, regulations; legal proceedings;*  
*our ability to maintain compliance with the American Stock Exchange requirements for continued listing of our common stock;*  
*the costs inherent with complying with new statutes and regulations applicable to public reporting companies, such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;*  
*our ability to efficiently integrate future acquisitions and other new lines of business that the Company may enter in the future, if any; and*

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*other risks referenced from time to time elsewhere in this report and in our filings with the SEC.*

*The Company is under no obligation and does not intend to update, revise or otherwise publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of any unanticipated events.*

### **Results of Operations**

The Company's products are primarily devices that aid in the detection and analysis of cardiac arrhythmias. The primary source of revenue relates to the production and sale of disposable electrode sensors used as a component part in the manufacture of integrated disposable electrophysiological sensors. These disposable medical devices are used world wide in the monitoring of electric signals in various medical applications. In an effort to leverage current skills, the Company has expanded into custom thermoplastic injection molded products. This sector includes revenues from both high volume precision injection molding and custom injection molding. Management continues to identify complementary and/or synergistic products, technologies and lines of business in an effort to broaden the Company's offerings.

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated, the percentages of the net sales represented by certain items reflected in the Company's statements of operations.

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	64.3	61.8
Gross profit	35.7	38.2
Selling and marketing	3.9	3.1
General and administrative	12.4	12.6
Research and development	0.4	0.8
Other (income), net	-	(0.3)
Income before income tax provision	19.0	22.0
Income tax provision	6.8	7.4
Net income	12.2%	14.6%

### **Revenue**

Net sales for 2005 were \$12,894,993, an increase of \$1,784,450, or 16%, when compared to the total net sales of \$11,110,543 in 2004. The increase in net sales was a result of several factors. The average per unit sensor price, net of silver surcharge, increased 7%. The silver surcharge collected from customers increased by nearly \$400,000 as the price of silver continues to rise. The Company's ability to creatively assist with and respond to our customer's product development and design needs has contributed to the growth in overall sales dollars in a competitive price sensitive market. The operations of the NEM division acquired in May 2004 accounted for 38% of the increase in revenues. Non-recurring engineering and tooling revenue accounted for over \$585,000 of the revenues in 2005 as compared to \$175,000 in 2004. Engineering and tooling revenues typically occur at the beginning of a product life cycle or when a customer changes their manufacturing source. After the design and manufacture of the prototype and/or production tooling, the Company should benefit from product sales as it begins to operate the customer owned tooling. There were no sales of SAECG software in either 2004 or 2005.

### **Cost of Sales**

Cost of sales was \$8,295,399 (64.3% of net sales) in 2005 compared to \$6,865,972 (61.8% of net sales) in 2004. The increase in silver cost accounted for over one percentage point of the increase in the cost of sales. The NEM division sells the majority of the production and prototype molding tools that are designed and qualified for production of plastic components. These tools have a significantly lower margin than the product the tool produces. Material and energy cost increases also contributed to the increase in cost of sales. Not all material costs can be passed on in the form of a surcharge or a price increase. Although management has been successful in stabilizing a portion of the electricity costs by negotiating a long-term purchase agreement, natural gas and resin costs continue to rise. Management continues to investigate strategies to increase the overall gross margin without sacrificing product quality.

***Selling and Marketing***

Selling and marketing expenses increased to \$508,422 (3.9% of net sales) in 2005 from \$349,586 (3.1% of net sales) in 2004 an increase of \$158,836, or 45%. This increase in selling and marketing expense is mainly attributable to additional personnel in sales and business development along with increased travel and trade show costs incurred as business development and marketing efforts were expanded. Management believes this increase to be nominal and expects the amount as a percentage of sales to decrease as the Company begins to see positive results from the business development efforts.

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At this time, no significant cost is associated with the effort to license the ART SAECG software products. The efforts to license this software are primarily those of executives and key managers, whose roles include responsibilities at Micron. Management supported presentations with respect to SAECG at a conference held in Gdansk, Poland in June 2005.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses were \$1,608,623 (12.4% of net sales) in 2005 as compared to \$1,399,302 (12.6% of net sales) in 2004, an increase of \$209,321 or 15%. The increased cost involves a one time \$190,000 administrative charge of the NEM division in the third quarter of 2005. No fees associated with the internal control documentation required to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act were expended in 2004 or 2005. Due to the extension of the implementation date relating to the internal control documentation, costs we expected to be incurring beginning in the second quarter of 2005 will not be incurred until some time in late 2006.

***Research and Development***

Research and development costs decreased to \$48,150 (0.4% of net sales) in 2005 from \$83,582 (0.8% of net sales) in 2004, a decrease of \$35,432, or 42%. In 2004, \$32,000 of the expenditure was related to Micron's development of a unique process to reduce the use of hazardous materials. The remaining expense related to further development of the SAECG Software.

***Interest Expense***

There was no interest expense in 2005 compared to \$198 in 2004. The Company does not incur an unused borrowing base fee under our unsecured credit facility.

***Other Income (Expense)***

Other income was \$17,741 in 2005 compared to \$29,280 in 2004, a decrease of \$11,539, or 39%. The majority of other income was bank interest of \$22,682 and \$21,916, in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The rising interest rates and the use of higher yielding certificates of deposits are expected to increase the rate of return on cash in 2006. The remainder of other income was from miscellaneous items including a gain in the disposal of assets in 2004, and a loss of \$5,641 on the disposal of non-producing machinery in 2005.

***Income Taxes***

The Company's combined federal and state effective income tax rate was 36% and 34% in 2005 and 2004, respectively. The effective rates are lower than the statutory rates primarily due to the reductions in tax from tax credits in 2005 and 2004. The Company's federal net operating loss carryforwards are approximately \$217,000 at December 31, 2005 and expire in 2006.

***Goodwill***

As of December 31, 2005, the Company's goodwill of \$1,479,727 is related to two reporting units, \$1,244,000 associated with the acquisition of Micron Products, Inc. in 1992, and \$235,727 associated with the acquisition of Shrewsbury Molders, Inc. in 2004. There was no impairment to the goodwill associated with either acquisition based on the first quarter annual impairment test in 2005. The goodwill is subject to its formal impairment tests in the first quarter of 2006.

### *Earnings Per Share*

The basic earnings per share was \$0.59 in 2005 as compared to \$0.61 in 2004 a decrease of \$0.02, or 3.3%. The decrease in earnings per share reflects the effect of a 16% increase in sales less the impact of the one time \$190,000 restructuring charge for the NEM division in the third quarter of 2005.

### *Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements*

The Company does not have any off balance sheet arrangements.

### *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

Working capital was \$5,386,899 as of December 31, 2005 as compared to \$3,726,950 as of December 31, 2004. Operating results produced positive cash flows of \$1,190,691, of which \$711,087 and \$319,943 was spent on capital asset investment and a cash dividend respectively. Cash and cash equivalents were \$1,931,823 and \$1,772,162 at December 31, 2005, and 2004, respectively. Substantially all of these funds are invested in fixed rate bank instruments that are highly liquid.

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The Company reauthorized its most recent Stock Buy Back Program on June 26, 2003 authorizing an additional \$650,000 worth of stock to be purchased from time to time as determined by management in accordance with parameters set by the Board of Directors based upon market conditions. There were no shares repurchased in 2005 and 2004.

Inventories increased by \$713,401 at the end of 2005 compared to an increase of \$78,991 at the end of 2004. The increased inventory was the result of raw material requirements, the rising cost of silver and higher unit cost of resins purchased. The quantity of inventory maintained to assure adequate supply for production has not changed, but the cost of silver has increased over 50% since the beginning of 2004. In addition, some specialty highly engineered sensor resins have nearly doubled in price over the last 12 months. The \$440,971 increase in finished goods inventory was a result of two factors. First, the NEM division builds product upon receipt of a firm customer order. This ability to produce in longer runs lowers the per unit cost of the product while increasing the finished goods inventory. Second, upon the request of a Micron sensor customer, larger inventories of particular sensors are held in finished goods in an effort to decrease delivery time.

Capital equipment expenditures were \$471,000 in 2005 as compared to \$656,000 in 2004. The majority was related to the manufacturing operations at Micron. In 2005, the equipment purchased included \$295,000 for two new injection molding machines and two high production sensor molds, as well as \$80,000 in quality control optical measuring equipment and furniture for new sales and production offices. The remaining expenditure was in deposits for equipment to be delivered in 2006, and for a sales department vehicle. In 2004, the capital expenditures included \$121,000 from the 2003 process improvement project, \$443,000 for other molding related upgrades and increased capacity, and \$91,000 for technology enhancements and a new company truck. The disposal of the fully depreciated company truck resulted in a small gain from the sale.

Also in 2004 and 2005, a total of approximately \$1,170,000 was spent on property and building improvements with the renovation of the previously unused 40,000 square feet of space. The building improvements included \$210,000 in process equipment specific to plastic injection molding. The NEM division only occupies a portion of the renovated space. Since the end of 2005, the new Micron Integrated Technologies division has occupied the remaining renovated space. Further renovations are expected in 2006, as the final exterior improvements are completed. The ongoing cost of the space occupied by the NEM division is less than the rental cost of its previously occupied Shrewsbury location.

An unsecured \$1,000,000 credit facility was available in 2005 and 2004. The agreement provides for borrowings up to 80% of eligible accounts receivable plus 50% of raw material and finished goods inventories up to a \$300,000 maximum. This facility has no borrowing base charge. There were no outstanding borrowings on our lines of credit as of December 31, 2005 and 2004. The agreement contains covenants that apply upon drawing on the line. The covenants relate to various matters including notice prior to executing further borrowings and security interests, merger or consolidation, acquisitions, guarantees, sales of assets other than in the normal course of business, leasing, changes in ownership and payment of dividends.

Funding for future research and development is expected to come from cash provided by ongoing operations and at this time there are no plans for projects that would require outside funding.

During 2004, the Company filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission which was declared effective in September of 2004. The registration statement covers 500,000 shares of the Company's common stock. There are no immediate plans to offer and sell the registered shares. The Company believes that the shelf registration statement will provide greater flexibility in accessing

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capital markets when market conditions are conducive to an offering. Proceeds from such a sale will be used for product development and general corporate purposes or to pursue complementary new opportunities affording accretive earnings and increasing shareholder value.

On May 7, 2004, the Company reported on its Current Report on Form 8-K that it had announced that Micron consummated the purchase of substantially all of the operating assets of Shrewsbury Molders, Inc. formerly known as New England Molders, Inc. of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. The purchase price included \$1,146,355 from working capital, and ART common stock with a market value of \$400,000 issued in 2004 and 2005. The NEM division provides custom thermoplastic injection molding and specializes in the manufacture of intricately designed disposable products primarily for the medical and electronics industries.

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### ***Inflation***

The Company does not believe that inflation in the United States or international markets in recent years has had a significant effect on its results of operations with one exception, the cost of silver. Silver pricing has been passed onto our customers in the form of a surcharge, but this does not preclude the Company from being pressured as the price continues to climb. Silver surcharge collected from our customers is less than 11% and 9% of total net sales for years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In December 2004, the FASB revised SFAS No. 123, *Share Based Payment*, (SFAS No. 123R). SFAS No. 123R supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and amends Statement No. 95, *Statement of Cash Flows*. Under SFAS No. 123R, companies must calculate and record in the income statement the cost of equity instruments, such as stock options, awarded to employees for services received. The cost of the equity instruments is to be measured based on the fair value of the instruments on the date they are granted and is required to be recognized over the period during which the employees are required to provide services in exchange for the equity instruments. SFAS No. 123R is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2006, at which time the Company will adopt the modified prospective transition method.

SFAS No. 123R is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements at the time of adoption. However, the impact of adopting SFAS No. 123R on future periods cannot be accurately estimated at this time, as it will depend on the market value and the amount of share-based awards granted in future periods.

In March 2005, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 ( *SAB 107* ) regarding the SEC's interpretation of SFAS 123R and the valuation of share-based payments for public companies. In accordance with this rule, the Company will adopt SFAS 123R in the first quarter of fiscal 2006 with the methods required by SAB 107.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, *Inventory Costs* ( *SFAS 151* ), an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin ( *ARB* ) No. 43, Chapter 4, *Inventory Pricing*. SFAS 151 amends previous guidance regarding treatment of abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs and spoilage. This Statement requires that those items be recognized as current period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of *so abnormal* which was the criterion specified in ARB No. 43. In addition, this Statement requires that the allocation of fixed production overheads to the cost of the production be based on normal capacity of the production facilities. This pronouncement is effective for the Company for fiscal periods beginning October 1, 2005. The Company is currently reviewing the impact of implementing SFAS 151 on our consolidated balance sheet, statement of income and statement of cash flows and does not expect the adoption to have a material impact.

In May 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( *FASB* ) issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* ( *SFAS 154* ), which replaces APB Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes* and SFAS No. 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements - An Amendment of APB Opinion No. 28*. SFAS 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections. It establishes retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements, as the required method for reporting a change in accounting principle and the reporting of a correction of an error unless it is not practical to do so. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and a correction of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005, is required to be adopted by the Company in the first quarter of fiscal 2006 and is not expected to have a material impact.

### ***Risk factors that may affect future operating results***

In addition to the other information in this Form 10-KSB, the following factors should be considered in evaluating the Company and its business. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks and uncertainties that the Company does not presently know or currently deems immaterial may also impair the Company's business, results of operations and financial

condition.

*The Company's operating results may fluctuate significantly as a result of a variety of factors.*

Our operating results may fluctuate significantly in the future as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. These factors include our ability to maintain our current pricing model and/or decrease our cost of sales; the level of demand for the products that we may develop; our ability to attract and retain personnel with the necessary strategic, technical and creative skills required for effective operations; the amount and timing of expenditures by customers; continued availability of supplies or materials used in manufacturing at current prices; the amount and timing of capital expenditures and other costs relating to the expansion of our operations; government regulation and general economic conditions. As a strategic response to changes in the competitive environment, we may from time to time make certain pricing, service, technology or marketing decisions or business or technology acquisitions that could have a material adverse effect on our quarterly results. Due to all of these factors, our operating results may fall below the expectations of securities analysts, stockholders and investors in any future period.

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*If trade secrets are not kept confidential, the secrets may be used by others to compete against us.*

Micron relies on unpatented trade secrets to protect its proprietary process. There are no assurances that others will not independently develop or acquire substantially equivalent technologies or otherwise gain access to our proprietary process. Ultimately the meaningful protection of such unpatented proprietary technology cannot be guaranteed. The Company relies on confidentiality agreements with its employees. Remedies for any breach by a party of these confidentiality agreements may not be adequate to prevent such actions. Failure to maintain trade secret protection, for any reason, could have a material adverse effect on us.

*Dependence on a limited number of customers.*

In the fiscal years 2005 and 2004, 45% and 57%, respectively of the Company's revenues were derived from individual customers with 10% or more of the total sales. The loss of any one or more of these customers would have an immediate significant adverse effect on our financial results. In an effort to maintain this customer base, more favorable terms than might otherwise be agreed to could be granted. Currently, the Company generally does not receive purchase volume commitments extending beyond several months. Large corporations can shift focus away from a need for our product with little or no warning.

*The vast majority of revenues are derived from the sale of a single product.*

In fiscal years 2005 and 2004, the Company derived 73% and 80%, respectively, of its income from medical electrode sensors for use in disposable electrodes. While the technology in electrode sensors has been used for many years, there is no assurance that a new patented or unpatented technology might not replace the existing market for disposable electrode sensors. Any substantial technological advance that eliminates our product will have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

*The Company is subject to stringent environmental regulations.*

The Company is subject to a variety of Federal, state and local requirements governing the protection of the environment. These environmental regulations include those related to the use, storage, handling, discharge and disposal of toxic or otherwise hazardous materials used in or resulting from the Company's manufacturing processes. Failure to comply with environmental law could subject the Company to substantial liability or force us to significantly change our manufacturing operations. In addition, under some of these laws and regulations, the Company could be held financially responsible for remedial measures if its properties are contaminated, even if it did not cause the contamination.

*The Company may make acquisitions of companies, products or technologies that may disrupt the business and divert management's attention, adversely impacting our results of operations and financial condition.*

The Company may make acquisitions of complementary companies, products or technologies from time to time. Any acquisitions will require the assimilation of the operations, products and personnel of the acquired businesses and the training and motivation of these individuals. Management may be unable to maintain and improve upon the uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies if we fail in this integration. Acquisitions may cause disruptions in operations and divert management's attention from day-to-day operations, which could impair our relationships with current employees, customers and strategic partners. We also may have to, or choose to, incur debt or issue equity securities to pay for any future acquisitions. The issuance of equity securities for an acquisition could be substantially dilutive to our stockholders' holdings. In addition, our profitability may suffer because of such acquisition-related costs or amortization costs for other intangible assets. If management is unable to fully integrate acquired businesses, products, technologies or personnel with existing operations, we may not receive the intended

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benefits of such acquisitions. The Company is not currently party to any agreements, written or oral, for the acquisition of any company, product or technology.

*If the Company is unable to keep up with rapid technological changes, our processes, products or services may become obsolete and unmarketable.*

The medical device and medical software industries are characterized by technological change over time. Although we attempt to expand our technological capabilities in order to remain competitive, discoveries by others may make our processes or products obsolete. If we cannot compete effectively in the marketplace, our potential for profitability and financial position will suffer.

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*The Company could become involved in litigation over intellectual property rights.*

The medical device industry has been characterized by extensive litigation regarding patents and other intellectual property rights. Litigation, which would likely result in substantial cost to us, may be necessary to enforce any patents issued or licensed to us and/or to determine the scope and validity of others' proprietary rights. In particular, our competitors and other third parties hold issued patents and are assumed to hold pending patent applications, which may result in claims of infringement against us or other patent litigation. The Company also may have to participate in interference proceedings declared by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which could result in substantial cost, to determine the priority of inventions.

*A product liability suit could adversely affect our operating results.*

The testing, manufacture, marketing and sale of medical devices of our customers entail the inherent risk of liability claims or product recalls. If our customers are involved in a lawsuit, it is foreseeable that the Company would also be named. Although the Company maintains product liability insurance, coverage may not be adequate. Product liability insurance is expensive, and in the future may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all. A successful product liability claim or product recall could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and ability to market product in the future.

*We may be exposed to potential risks relating to our internal control over financial reporting and our ability to have those controls attested to by our independent registered public accounting firm.*

As directed by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ( SOX 404 ), the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted rules requiring public companies to include a report of management on the company's internal control over financial reporting in their annual reports, including Form 10-KSB. In addition, the independent registered public accounting firm auditing a company's financial statements must also attest to and report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as well as the operating effectiveness of the company's internal controls. We were not subject to these requirements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. We are evaluating our internal control systems in order to allow our management to report on, and our independent auditors attest to, our internal controls, as a required part of our Annual Report on Form 10-KSB beginning with our report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

While we expect to expend significant resources beginning in the latter part of 2006 to develop the necessary documentation and testing procedures required by SOX 404, there is a risk that we will not comply with all of the requirements imposed thereby. At present, there is no precedent available with which to measure compliance adequacy. Accordingly, there can be no positive assurance that we will receive a positive attestation from our independent auditors. In the event we identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in our internal controls that we cannot remediate in a timely manner or we are unable to receive a positive attestation from our independent auditors with respect to our internal controls, investors and others may lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements and our ability to obtain equity or debt financing could suffer.

### ***Critical Accounting Policies***

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make judgments, assumptions and estimates that affect the amounts reported. Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements describe the significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements. Certain of these significant accounting policies are considered to be critical accounting policies, as defined below.

A critical accounting policy is defined as one that is both material to the presentation of the Company's financial statements and requires management to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments that could have a material effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations. Specifically, critical accounting estimates have the following attributes: 1) the Company is required to make assumptions



about matters that are highly uncertain at the time of the estimate; and 2) different estimates the Company could reasonably have used, or changes in the estimate that are reasonably likely to occur, would have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Estimates and assumptions about future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions believed to be applicable and reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates may change as new events occur, as additional information is obtained and as the Company's operating environment changes. These changes have historically been minor and have been included in the consolidated financial statements as soon as they became known. In addition, management is periodically faced with uncertainties, the outcomes of which are not within its control and will not be known for prolonged periods of time. These uncertainties are discussed in the section above entitled *Factors that may affect future operating results*. Based on a critical assessment of its accounting policies and the underlying judgments and uncertainties affecting the application of those policies, management believes that the Company's consolidated financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and present a meaningful presentation of the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

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Management believes that the following are critical accounting policies:

#### *Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable*

The Company recognizes revenue upon product shipment, provided that there exists persuasive evidence of an arrangement, the fee is fixed or determinable, and collectability of the related receivable is reasonably assured.

The financing of customer purchased tooling utilizes the direct financing method of revenue recognition. This requires the gain or loss on the sale of the tooling to be recorded at the time the tool is put into service while the customer's stream of payments is reflected as a lease receivable.

Based on management's on-going analysis of accounts receivable balances, and after the initial recognition of the revenue, any event that adversely affects the ultimate ability to collect the related receivable, management will record an allowance for bad debts. Bad debts have not had a significant impact on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

#### *Inventory and Inventory Reserves*

The Company values its inventory at the lower of average cost or market. The Company reviews its inventory for quantities in excess of production requirements, obsolescence and for compliance with internal quality specifications. Any adjustments to inventory would be equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated net market value based upon assumptions about future demand, market conditions and expected cost to distribute those products to market.

The Company maintains a reserve for excess, slow moving, and obsolete inventory as well as inventory with a carrying value in excess of its net realizable value. A review of inventory on hand is made at least annually and any provision for excess and obsolete inventory is recorded. The review is based on several factors including a current assessment of future product demand, historical experience, and product expiration.

#### *Deferred Tax Assets*

The Company assesses its deferred tax assets based upon a more likely than not to be realized criteria. The Company considers future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for the valuation allowance.

#### *Asset Impairment Goodwill*

The Company reviews the valuation of goodwill and intangible assets to assess potential impairments. Management reassesses the useful lives of other intangible assets with identifiable useful lives in accordance with the guidelines set forth in FASB Statement No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. The value assigned to intangible assets is determined by a valuation based on estimates and judgment regarding expectations for the success and life cycle of products previously acquired or others likely to be acquired in the future. If the actual sale of product and market acceptance differs significantly from the estimates, management may be required to record an impairment charge to write down the asset to its realizable value. To test for impairment, a present value of an estimate of future cash flows related to goodwill or intangible assets with indefinite lives are calculated and compared to the value of the intangible asset during the first quarter annually. When impairment

exists it could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

*Asset Impairment Long Lived Assets*

The Company assesses the impairment of long-lived assets and intangible assets with finite lives whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be fully recoverable. When we determine that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable, we generally measure any impairment on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined by our management to be commensurate with the risk inherent in our current business model.

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**Item 7. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

The information required by this item may be found on pages F-1 through F-20 of this Annual Report on Form 10-KSB.

**Item 8. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.**

As reported on a Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed February 13, 2006, BDO Seidman, LLP resigned on February 3, 2006, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. On that same date, the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors engaged Carlin, Charron & Rosen, LLP to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. There have been no disagreements with accountants on accounting or financial disclosure matters.

**Item 8A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

As of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report the Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (the Certifying Officers), conducted evaluations of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. As defined under Sections 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), the term disclosure controls and procedures means controls and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, included the Certifying Officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on this evaluation, the Certifying Officers have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information is recorded, processed, summarized and reported by management of the Company on a timely basis in order to comply with the Company's disclosure obligations under the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Further, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fourth fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 8B. OTHER INFORMATION.**

None.

**PART III**

**Item 9. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, PROMOTERS AND CONTROL PERSONS; COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT.**

The information with respect to directors and executive officers required under this item is incorporated by reference to the applicable information set forth in our Proxy Statement for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Item 9. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, PROMOTERS AND CONTROL PERSONS;

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**Item 10. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.**

The information required under this item is incorporated by reference to the applicable information in our Proxy Statement for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**Item 11. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.**

The information required under this item is incorporated by reference to the applicable information in our Proxy Statement for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**Item 12. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS.**

The information required under this item is incorporated by reference to the applicable information in our Proxy Statement for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**Item 13. EXHIBITS.**

The Company hereby furnishes the exhibits listed on the attached exhibit index. Exhibits, which are incorporated herein by reference, may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such material may be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC at the address <http://www.sec.gov>.

**Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.**

The information required under this item is incorporated by reference to the applicable information in our Proxy Statement for our 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ARRHYTHMIA RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY, INC.

By: /s/ James E Rouse  
James E. Rouse,  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
March 31, 2006

In accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ James E. Rouse</u> James E. Rouse	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 31, 2006

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Signature	Capacity	Date
<u>/s/ David A. Garrison</u> David A. Garrison	Executive Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 31, 2006
<u>/s/ E. P. Marinos</u> E. P. Marinos	Chairman of the Board	March 31, 2006
<u>/s/ Julius Tabin</u> Julius Tabin	Director	March 31, 2006
<u>/s/ Paul F. Walter</u> Paul F. Walter	Director	March 31, 2006
<u>/s/ James E. Rouse</u> James E. Rouse	Director	March 31, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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3.0	Articles of Incorporation	(a)
3.1	By-laws	(c)
4.0	Form of Certificate evidencing shares of the Company's Common Stock	(a)
4.6*	2001 Stock Option Plan	(b)
4.7*	2003 Stock Bonus Plan	(f)
4.8*	2005 Stock Award Plan	(h)
10.40*	Employment agreement between James E. Rouse and the Company dated October 5th, 2001	(d)
10.41	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated May 7, 2004, between Micron Products, Inc. and Shrewsbury Molders, Inc.	(g)
21.0	Subsidiaries	(e)
23.1	<u>Consent of Carlin, Charron &amp; Rosen, LLP</u>	
23.2	<u>Consent of BDO Seidman, LLP</u>	
31.1	<u>Certification of the CEO pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15(d)-14(a)</u>	
31.2	<u>Certification of the CFO pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15(d)-14(a)</u>	
32.1	<u>Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C.ss.1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>	
32.2	<u>Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C.ss.1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>	

\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan required to be filed as an exhibit.

- (a) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-18 as filed with the Commission in April 1988, Registration Statement No. 33-20945-FW.
- (b) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 as filed with the Commission in March 2002.
- (c) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Form 10-O for period ended September 30, 2002 as filed with the Commission in November 2002.
- (d) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Form 10-O as exhibit 10.10 for period ended September 30, 2002 as filed with the Commission in November 2002.

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- (e) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 as filed with the Commission in March 2003.
  - (f) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 as filed with the Commission in November 2004, Registration Statement No. 333-120329.
  - (g) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Form 8-K as filed with the Commission on May 21, 2004.
  - (h) Incorporated by reference from the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 as filed with the Commission in December 2005, Registration Statement No. 333-130678.
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#### And Subsidiary

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#### **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and the Shareholders of  
Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. 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 audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also 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, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2005, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Carlin, Charron, & Rosen LLP  
Westborough, Massachusetts

March 22, 2006

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and the Shareholders of  
Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended. 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 audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards 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 consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also 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, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2004, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP  
Gardner, Massachusetts  
March 4, 2005

**Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc.  
and Subsidiary**

**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

*December 31,* 2005 2004

**Assets****Current assets:**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,931,823	\$ 1,772,162
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$18,600 and \$20,700	2,069,551	1,918,207
Inventories (Note 3)	1,732,356	1,018,955
Deferred income taxes, net (Note 6)	113,000	-
Deposits, prepaid expenses and other current assets	343,200	160,604
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>6,189,930</b>	<b>4,869,928</b>
<b>Property, plant and equipment, net</b> (Note 4)	<b>4,695,946</b>	<b>4,693,500</b>
<b>Goodwill</b> (Note 2)	<b>1,479,727</b>	<b>1,433,641</b>

Other intangible assets, net (Note 2)	225,383	307,538
Deferred income taxes, net (Note 6)	67,000	237,960
Other assets	162,662	126,759
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Total assets	\$ 12,820,648	\$ 11,669,326

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc.**  
**and Subsidiary**

**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

December 31,	2005	2004
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<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 490,774	\$ 358,491
Accrued expenses	312,257	684,487
Acquisition price payable (Note 2)	-	100,000
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Total current liabilities	803,031	1,142,978
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<b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 8):</b>		
<b>Shareholders' equity (Notes 7 and 11):</b>		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 3,926,491 issued, 2,666,194 outstanding in 2005 and 2,659,869 in 2004	39,265	39,265
Additional paid-in-capital	9,731,469	9,515,717
Treasury stock at cost, 1,260,297 shares in 2005 and 1,266,622 in 2004	(3,451,120)	(3,468,440)
Retained earnings	5,698,003	4,439,806
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Total shareholders' equity	12,017,617	10,526,348
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 12,820,648	\$ 11,669,326

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Arrhythmia Research Technology, Inc.****and Subsidiary****Consolidated Statements of Income**

<i>Years ended December 31,</i>	2005	2004
<b>Net sales</b> (Note 12)	\$ 12,894,993	\$ 11,110,543
<b>Cost of sales</b>	8,295,399	6,865,972
<b>Gross profit</b>	4,599,594	4,244,571
<b>Selling and marketing</b>	508,422	349,586
<b>General and administrative</b>	1,608,623	1,399,302
<b>Research and development</b>	48,150	83,582
<b>Income from operations</b>	2,434,399	2,412,101
<b>Other income (expense):</b>		
Interest expense	-	(198)
Other income	17,741	29,280