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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended April 2, 2005

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-24690

**CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**91-1407411**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**38 W. Fulton, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip Code)

**(616) 454-0055**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

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

The number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock was 45,406,367 as of May 17, 2005.

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## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | First Quarter Ended |                |
|--|---------------------|----------------|
|  | April 2, 2005       | March 27, 2004 |
| Net sales  | \$ 32,274           | \$ 29,594      |
| Cost of sales  | 32,150              | 25,849         |
|  | 124                 | 3,745          |
| Gross profit   |                     |                |
| Operating expenses:  |                     |                |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses                           | 1,676               | 1,815          |
|  | (1,552)             | 1,930          |
| Operating income (loss)  |                     |                |
| Interest expense   | (1,307)             | (1,120)        |
| Other income, net  | 10                  | 1              |
|  | (2,849)             | 811            |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                                      |                     |                |
| Provision for income taxes   | -                   | -              |
|  | -                   | -              |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (2,849)          | \$ 811         |
| Basic and Diluted EPS calculation:                                     |                     |                |
| Numerator:   |                     |                |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (2,849)          | \$ 811         |
| Preferred stock dividends declared                                     | (2,779)             | (2,281)        |
| Accretion of preferred stock to mandatory redemption value             | (250)               | (224)          |
|  | \$ (5,878)          | \$ (1,694)     |
| Net loss attributable to common shareholders                           |                     |                |
| Denominator:   |                     |                |
| Average common shares outstanding (basic and diluted)                  | 45,296              | 45,101         |
| Loss per share attributable to common shareholders (basic and diluted) | \$ (0.13)           | \$ (0.04)      |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(In thousands)

|  | April 2, 2005 | December 25,<br>2004 |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
|  | (UNAUDITED)   | (AUDITED)            |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |               |                      |
| Current assets:  |               |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 29         | \$ 109               |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$162 and \$160                     | 18,612        | 13,960               |
| Inventories  | 6,435         | 4,909                |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                    | 967           | 798                  |
| Assets held for sale   | -             | 1,479                |
|  | 26,043        | 21,255               |
| Total current assets   |               |                      |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | 24,762        | 24,461               |
| Other assets:  |               |                      |
| Goodwill   | 24,521        | 24,521               |
| Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$667 and \$640 | 235           | 263                  |
| Other long-term assets   | 65            | 122                  |
|  | 24,821        | 24,906               |
|  | \$ 75,626     | \$ 70,622            |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>                                 |               |                      |
| Current liabilities:   |               |                      |
| Revolving line of credit   | \$ 10,000     | \$ 6,850             |
| Accounts payable   | 20,690        | 16,467               |
| Accrued liabilities  | 2,520         | 2,162                |
| Mandatorily redeemable common stock  | 2,550         | -                    |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | 8,312         | 7,115                |
|  | 44,072        | 32,594               |
| Total current liabilities  |               |                      |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion                                       | 18,640        | 20,527               |
| Mandatorily redeemable common stock  | -             | 2,550                |
| Accrued dividends  | 25,139        | 22,360               |
| Other liabilities  | 5,596         | 4,618                |
|  | 93,447        | 82,649               |
| Total liabilities  |               |                      |
| Redeemable Series A preferred stock  | 36,590        | 36,366               |
| Redeemable Series B preferred stock  | 19,177        | 19,150               |
| Shareholders' deficit:   |               |                      |
| Common stock   | 45            | 45                   |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 33,200        | 33,416               |
| Accumulated deficit  | (106,603)     | (100,949)            |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss   | (230)         | (55)                 |
|  | (73,588)      | (67,543)             |
| Total shareholders' deficit  |               |                      |

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|  | <b>April 2, 2005</b> | <b>December 25,<br/>2004</b> |
|--|----------------------|------------------------------|
|  | \$ 75,626            | \$ 70,622                    |
|  | <u>75,626</u>        | <u>70,622</u>                |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**  
(In thousands)

|   | Three Months Ended |                |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
|   | April 2, 2005      | March 27, 2004 |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>                        |                    |                |
| Net income (loss)                                   | \$ (2,849)         | \$ 811         |
| Depreciation and amortization                       | 946                | 1,054          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities         | (972)              | (2,166)        |
| Gain on sale of property, plant, and equipment      | (7)                | -              |
| Other, net  | -                  | 1              |
|   | (2,882)            | (300)          |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>                        |                    |                |
| Capital expenditures                                | (1,086)            | (587)          |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 1,486              | -              |
|   | 400                | (587)          |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                        |                    |                |
| Net change in revolving credit borrowings           | 3,150              | 1,609          |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt            | 1,593              | 58             |
| Repayments of long-term debt                        | (2,349)            | (877)          |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock              | 8                  | 11             |
|   | 2,402              | 801            |
| <b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>    | (80)               | (86)           |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b> | 109                | 107            |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD</b>     | \$ 29              | \$ 21          |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**

**1. OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Clarion Technologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries (collectively referred to as Clarion or the Company) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals and other adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2004.

Due to fiscal 2005 being comprised of a 53 week year, the first quarter of fiscal 2005 included 14 weeks of activity, compared to 13 weeks in the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

The Company has classified checks disbursed but not yet presented for payment as accounts payable. The amounts at April 2, 2005, and December 25, 2004, were approximately \$2,500,000 and \$1,559,000, respectively.

The Company operates in a single geographic location, North America, and in a single reportable business segment, plastic injection molding. The accounting policies of this reportable business segment are described in the summary of significant accounting policies in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2004.

**New Accounting Standards**

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS 123(R), *Share-Based Payment*, to revise SFAS 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, in several areas. SFAS 123(R) requires companies to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of an equity instrument based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The cost is recognized over the requisite service period (usually the vesting period) for the estimated number of instruments where service is expected to be rendered. SFAS 123(R) will be effective beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2006. The Company does not expect the consolidated financial statements to be materially impacted from adopting SFAS 123(R).

**Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for stock-based employee and non-employee Director compensation using the intrinsic value method under APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and interpretations. Accordingly, no compensation expense is recorded if the current market price of the underlying stock does not exceed the exercise price at the date of grant.

The following table (in thousands, except per share data) illustrates the effect on net loss and net loss per share attributable to common shareholders as if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* (SFAS 123), to stock-based employee compensation and non-employee Director compensation.

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|  | <b>First Quarter Ended</b> |                       |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>April 2, 2005</b>       | <b>March 27, 2004</b> |
| Net loss attributable to common shareholders   | \$ (5,878)                 | \$ (1,694)            |
| Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards | 11                         | 58                    |
| Pro forma net loss attributable to common shareholders   | <u>\$ (5,889)</u>          | <u>\$ (1,752)</u>     |
| Loss per share:  |                            |                       |
| Basic and diluted, as reported   | <u>\$ (0.13)</u>           | <u>\$ (0.04)</u>      |
| Basic and diluted, pro forma   | <u>\$ (0.13)</u>           | <u>\$ (0.04)</u>      |

For purposes of the SFAS 123 pro forma disclosures, the fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes model with the following assumptions:

|   | <b>2005</b>  | <b>2004</b> |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Dividend yield                              | 0.0%         | 0.0%        |
| Volatility, as a percent                    | 69% to 71%   | 64%         |
| Risk-free interest rate                     | 4.9% to 5.0% | 5.0%        |
| Expected life in years after vest           | 9            | 9           |
| Forfeitures are accounted for as they occur |              |             |



**Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The Company's total comprehensive income (loss) is comprised of all changes in shareholders' deficit during the period other than from transactions with shareholders. Comprehensive income (loss) consists of the following (in thousands):

|   | <b>First Quarter Ended</b> |                       |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>April 2, 2005</b>       | <b>March 27, 2004</b> |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ (2,849)                 | \$ 811                |
| Other comprehensive loss:                                     |                            |                       |
| Market valuation adjustment of interest rate swap, net of tax | (175)                      | (112)                 |
| Comprehensive income (loss)                                   | <u>\$ (3,024)</u>          | <u>\$ 699</u>         |

**Interest Rate Swap Agreement**

The Company is exposed to various market risks, which include changes in interest rates. In accordance with the terms of the Senior Credit Agreement discussed in Note 4, the Company has entered into an interest rate swap agreement to reduce the impact of changes in interest rates on its variable rate long-term borrowings. Interest rate swap agreements are contracts to exchange floating rates for fixed rate interest payments over the life of the agreements without the exchange of the underlying notional amounts. The notional amounts of interest rate swap agreements are used to measure interest to be paid or received and do not represent the amount of exposure to credit loss. The differential paid or received on interest rate swap agreements is recognized as an adjustment to interest expense. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The interest rate swap agreement essentially fixes the interest rate on a notional amount of principal (\$12,876,000 at April 2, 2005), which decreases with each monthly settlement at a rate corresponding to the Company's actual principal payments on the term debt. The interest rate swap agreement expires in 2008 and management currently has no intent to renew the agreement or enter into similar agreements in the near future. The fair value of the swap agreement at April 2, 2005 was approximately \$(230,000) and is recorded as other long-term liability on the balance sheet. Changes in the fair value of the swap agreement are reported as a component of other comprehensive income.

The counterparty to the Company's interest rate swap agreement is a commercial bank with which the Company has other financial relationships. While the Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparty, the Company does not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparty, and no material loss would be expected from such nonperformance. Fluctuations in interest rates are similarly not expected to have a material impact on the Company's future operating results.

The Company has formally documented the relationship between the interest rate swap and the variable rate long-term borrowings, as well as its risk-management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge transaction. This process includes linking the derivative that has been designated as a cash flow hedge to the specific liability on the balance sheet. The Company also assesses, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative used in the hedging transaction is highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged item. If the Company determines that the derivative is not highly effective as a hedge or that it has ceased to be a highly effective hedge, the Company will discontinue hedge accounting prospectively.

**2. INVENTORIES**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The components of inventories are as follows (in thousands):

|                 | <b>April 2, 2005</b> | <b>December 25,<br/>2004</b> |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Raw materials   | \$ 2,907             | \$ 2,185                     |
| Work in process | 1,775                | 1,163                        |
| Finished goods  | 1,753                | 1,561                        |
|                 | <hr/>                | <hr/>                        |
| Total           | \$ 6,435             | \$ 4,909                     |
|                 | <hr/>                | <hr/>                        |

**3. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE**

On January 31, 2005, the Company sold its manufacturing facility in South Haven, Michigan, which had been recorded as an asset held for sale. The Company sold the facility for \$1,600,000. The Company is currently leasing this facility under a short-term lease arrangement with the purchaser.

**4. DEBT**

Debt consists of the following obligations (in thousands):

|   | <b>April 2, 2005</b> | <b>December 25,<br/>2004</b> |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Senior credit facility:   |                      |                              |
| Revolving credit facility   | \$ 10,000            | \$ 6,850                     |
| Term debt   | 9,254                | 11,133                       |
| Capital expenditure line of credit  | 2,862                | 1,271                        |
| Senior and other subordinated term notes, net of unaccreted discount of \$560 and \$622 | 9,440                | 9,378                        |
| Other subordinated promissory notes   | 4,713                | 5,109                        |
| Capital lease obligations   | 683                  | 751                          |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                        |
|   | 36,952               | 34,492                       |
| Less current portion  | 18,312               | 13,965                       |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                        |
| Long term portion   | \$ 18,640            | \$ 20,527                    |
|   | <hr/>                | <hr/>                        |

The Company amended its senior credit facility on April 29, 2005. As amended, the revolving credit facility is scheduled to mature on July 29, 2005, and allows for aggregate borrowings of \$10,000,000 at the prime rate plus 0.75% or, at the Company's option, one, two, three or six-month LIBOR plus 3.50%, subject to certain borrowing base limitations related to accounts receivable and inventory. In addition, an unused facility fee of 0.375% per annum is payable on the unused portion of the credit line. The term debt matures on April 15, 2007 and bears interest at the prime rate plus 0.75% or, at the Company's option, one, two, three or six month LIBOR plus 3.5% plus an applicable margin. The senior credit facility also permits draws to be made on a capital expenditure line of credit in the maximum amount of \$3,000,000 at one-month LIBOR. All tangible and intangible assets of the Company are collateralized under the senior credit facility.

The Company's senior subordinated term notes currently bear interest at an annual rate of 15%. Payments of interest are currently deferred and capitalized. On June 30, 2005, the interest rate is scheduled to be reduced to 12%, and the Company is required to begin remitting quarterly interest payments to the holders of the notes.

Other subordinated promissory notes are comprised primarily of a note due to Electrolux Home Products, a division of White Consolidated Industries, Inc. (Electrolux), and certain notes payable to the Company's senior subordinated lender and certain affiliates (A&M Notes). The Electrolux note was outstanding in the amount of \$800,000 as of April 2, 2005, and is paid in equal monthly installments. The Electrolux note matures on September 30, 2005. The A&M Notes were outstanding in the amount of \$2,758,000 as of April 2, 2005, and the payment of interest is currently deferred and capitalized. The A&M Notes mature on September 30, 2005.

**4. DEBT**



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The senior credit facility requires the Company's subordinated debt holders and preferred shareholders to forego interest and dividend payments, respectively, unless approved by the bank. The senior credit facility and senior subordinated term notes also prohibit the payment of dividends on common stock.

Based on the contractual terms of all debt agreements (as amended), principal maturities and capital lease obligations for the twelve-month period ended April 2 are as follows: 2006 \$18,312,000; 2007 \$1,874,000; 2008 \$17,320,000; 2009 \$6,000

The Company was in compliance with the covenants under the terms of the Senior Credit Facility and Senior subordinated debt agreement, as amended on March 25, 2005, for the period ended April 2, 2005. Covenants related to targets for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA), fixed charge coverage ratios, senior and total debt to EBITDA ratios, total liabilities to tangible capital fund ratios, working capital levels, and limits on capital expenditures and operating leases.

### 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved in certain claims and litigation arising in the normal course of business, including certain other litigation involving claims alleging damages under various contractual arrangements. After taking into consideration legal counsel's evaluation of these claims and actions, the Company is currently of the opinion that their outcome will not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or future results of operations and cash flows.

### 6. OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT PLANS

As shown in the financial statements, the Company incurred a significant net loss in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and is highly leveraged. The Company is also experiencing liquidity constraints and has a deficit position in working capital and shareholders' equity.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2005, the Company's key customer was unable to order products from our Greenville facility for approximately five weeks. This was due to a fire at the manufacturing location of one of that customer's suppliers. This caused an immediate decrease in sales for the Company that negatively impacted profits in the first quarter. As of the beginning of March, this customer was running normal production volumes.

The Company has been proactively addressing its current liquidity and operational issues in an effort to improve cash flows. On April 14, 2003, the Company refinanced its senior debt and modified the terms of certain portions of its subordinated debt. The term debt portion of the Senior Credit Facility matures in two years and the line of credit matures on July 29, 2005. The terms of the Senior Credit Facility allow the Company to make payments on its subordinated debt, subject to certain limitations. In addition, since fiscal 2001, subordinated debt holders and preferred shareholders have agreed to defer interest and dividend payments through the maturity date of the senior debt, unless approved by the Company's senior lender. The Company's senior lender is allowing payments on the Company's Electrolux note and one other subordinated note.

The Company has implemented several operating initiatives and has successfully reduced costs. The Company continues to position itself to increase sales and profitability, including the successful completion of a supplier agreement that was entered into in May 2002, which increases sales each year through 2005. Also, the Company has been successful in obtaining additional business from other customers and expects to have increased growth in 2005. The increase in business coupled with the changes in cost structure are expected to have a positive impact on profitability for the remainder of 2005.

**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.****OVERVIEW**

The following information should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2004.

We are primarily a company that provides our customers with plastic injection molding, post-molding assembly and finishing operations. Through the outsourcing of certain services, we also provide our customers with complex rapid prototyping, design and engineering services. We also provide certain of these services directly. By outsourcing certain services, we can cost effectively provide the ability to produce concept models, appearance models, engineering prototypes and pre-production samples. We believe, therefore, that we provide our customers with full service solutions, including access to modern design and machining equipment, including CAD/CAM systems, translators and plotters, electrical discharge machining equipment and miscellaneous support equipment.

We have six manufacturing facilities located in the United States that are full service custom injection molding plants with post-molding secondary operations. Our current facilities collectively house 174 horizontal injection-molding machines with capacities ranging from 55 tons to 1,500 tons of clamping force. Each machine utilizes a computerized process controller that continuously monitors key process parameters on a real time basis and signals the operator if any parameter falls outside predetermined statistical limits. The injection molding process is supported by automated systems for raw material drying, conveying and regrinding. All of our plants have received TS 16949 certification with the exception of our Ames, Iowa facility, which began production in the first quarter of 2005.

We offer our customers value added post-molding secondary services, including ultrasonic inserting and welding, heat staking, solvent bonding, finishing, machining, assembly and on-line packaging. These important services support customers' requirements for subassembled components, which provide cost savings and manufacturing efficiencies.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The table below summarizes the components of the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as a percentage of net sales:

|  | <b>First Quarter Ended</b> |                       |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <b>April 2, 2005</b>       | <b>March 27, 2004</b> |
| Net sales                                    | 100.0%                     | 100.0%                |
| Cost of sales                                | 99.6%                      | 87.4%                 |
| Gross profit                                 | 0.4%                       | 12.6%                 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 5.2%                       | 6.1%                  |
| Operating income (loss)                      | (4.8%)                     | 6.5%                  |
| Interest expense                             | (4.0%)                     | (3.8%)                |
| Income (loss) before income taxes            | (8.8%)                     | 2.7%                  |
| Provision for income taxes                   | -                          | -                     |
| Net income (loss)                            | (8.8%)                     | 2.7%                  |

*Net sales*

Net sales of \$32,274,000 in the first quarter of 2005 were \$2,680,000 (9.1%) higher than net sales of \$29,594,000 in the first quarter of 2004. The increase is primarily driven by new business from a major consumer goods customer (\$1,920,000) along with business from a new customer (\$690,000). These increases in sales include the impacts of the Company having a key customer forced into a no build situation for approximately five weeks caused by a fire at the manufacturing location of one of their suppliers; this caused an immediate decrease in sales for the Company (\$6,500,000) and an additional week in the first quarter of 2005 (\$750,000). We also obtained new business in the automotive market during the fourth quarter of 2004 that generated \$690,000 of revenue in the first quarter of 2005. In addition, \$2,639,000 of revenue in the first quarter of 2005 was from tooling for new customer programs versus \$2,015,000 in the same period of 2004. The tooling revenue represents production tools for new programs produced for our customers. We outsource all production of tooling so this revenue results in minimal, if any, gross profit. Tooling projects will continue based on customer needs. We expect total revenue levels to continue to increase for the balance of fiscal 2005 due to our long-term supply agreement with a major consumer goods customer and opportunities in our other core markets for new business that we are currently pursuing.

*Gross profit*

Gross profit was 0.4% for the first quarter of 2005, compared to 12.6% for the corresponding period of 2004. This decrease can primarily be attributed to the impact of reduced sales caused the fire at our customer's supplier as noted above (7.3%) and continued start-up expenses as we prepared the Ames, Iowa facility for the new program launch that began in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 (3.4%). As the largest impact on our first quarter gross profit decrease was a one time event, we expect gross profit to increase for the remainder of fiscal 2005 to levels slightly less than fiscal 2004. The expected decrease is due to continued start-up expenses for Ames, Iowa and for Mexico.

*Selling, general and administrative expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) for the first quarter of 2005 decreased \$132,000 or 7.3% to \$1,676,000 from \$1,815,000 for the same period in the prior year. This decrease is due to commissions expense incurred in 2004 for business that ended production in the second quarter of 2004, decreased Michigan Single Business Tax expense resulting from the decrease in income, and an overall decrease in remaining expenses attributable to maintaining staffing and spending levels that align with our business needs. Our near-term objective is to decrease SG&A as a percent of sales, even if the total expense increases to accommodate additional business.

*Interest expense*

Interest expense for the first quarter of 2005 was \$1,307,000, an increase of \$187,000 (16.7%) from the first quarter of 2004. This increase is mainly due to the continued accrual and compounding of interest on subordinated debt. In addition, 2005 includes one additional week of interest expense as it is comprised of a 14 week period.

*Net income (loss)*

We recorded net loss of \$(2,849,000) for the first quarter of 2005, compared to net income of \$811,000 in the corresponding period of 2004. This decrease is a result of lower gross profit from the increased cost of sales, loss on sale of property, plant and equipment, and our slightly higher interest expense.

**TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

As a result of available NOL carryforwards, the Company does not anticipate incurring any federal income tax liability in 2005.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

At April 2, 2005, we had negative working capital of \$18,029,000 compared to negative \$11,339,000 at December 25, 2004. The decrease in working capital is mainly attributable to the increase in current portion of long term debt, the mandatorily redeemable common stock becoming a current liability, and the sale of the assets held for sale in January, 2005. The decrease in cash used in operations in 2005 relative to 2004 was primarily due to the decrease in net income.

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Our capital expenditures in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 were made to obtain additional machinery to accommodate new business and for building improvements for our new facility in Ames, Iowa. The proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment are primarily from the sale of the South Haven, Michigan facility (\$1,479,000).

Financing activities included the proceeds from the capital line of credit and from the revolving line of credit. Repayments of long term debt represent the scheduled payments on term debt with additional amounts paid on the term debt from the proceeds received on the sale of the South Haven facility.

### **INFLATION**

We do not believe that sales of our products are affected materially by inflation, although there can be no assurance that inflation will not affect sales in the future. We believe that our financial performance could be adversely affected by inflation in the plastic resin market. The primary plastic resins we use are produced from petrochemical feedstock mostly derived from natural gas liquids. Supply and demand cycles in the petrochemical industry, which are often impacted by OPEC policies, can cause substantial price fluctuations. Consequently, plastic resin prices may increase as a result of changes in natural gas liquid prices and the capacity, supply and demand for resin and petrochemical feedstock from which they are produced.

In many instances we have been able to pass through changes in the cost of our raw materials to customers in the form of price increases. However, there is no assurance that we will be able to continue such pass throughs, or that the timing of such pass throughs will coincide with our increased costs. To the extent that increases in the cost of plastic resin cannot be passed on to customers, or that the duration of time lags associated with a pass through becomes significant, such increases may have an adverse impact on gross profit margins and our overall profitability.

### **CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS FOR FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

The statements contained in this document or incorporated by reference that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations or beliefs and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. In particular, any statement contained herein regarding the consummation and benefits of future acquisitions, as well as expectations with respect to future sales, operating efficiencies, and product expansion are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those described in the forward looking statements. Factors which may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements, include, among other things: overall economic and business conditions; the demand for our goods and services; competitive factors in the industries in which we compete; increases in production or material costs that cannot be recouped in product pricing; changes in government regulations; changes in tax requirements (including tax rate changes, new tax laws and revised tax law interpretations); interest rate fluctuations and other capital market conditions; the ability to achieve anticipated synergies and other cost savings in connection with acquisitions; and the timing, impact and other uncertainties of future acquisitions. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

We have entered into an interest rate swap agreement to effectively fix the interest rate on all of our term debt under the Senior Credit Agreement and a portion of our revolving credit facility. Accordingly, our primary market risk exposure is to changes in interest rates in connection with our outstanding variable rate short-term and long-term debt not affected by the swap agreement. Based on the balances and debt agreements in effect at April 2, 2005, an increase in interest rates of 1% could result in us incurring an additional \$94,000 in annual interest expense. Conversely, a decrease in interest rates of 1% could result in savings of \$94,000 in annual interest expense. We do not expect this market risk exposure to have a material adverse effect on us. We do not enter into market risk sensitive instruments for trading purposes.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15d, and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act), have concluded that as of April 2, 2005, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and effective to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries would be made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q was being prepared.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting: There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter covered by this report, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Company is involved in certain claims and litigation arising in the normal course of business, including litigation involving claims alleging damages under various contractual arrangements. After taking into consideration legal counsel's evaluation of these claims and actions, the Company is currently of the opinion that their outcome will not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or future results of operations.

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

During the first quarter ended April 2, 2005, the Company did not issue any unregistered shares of its Common Stock.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

None.

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

None.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

None.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits (listed by number corresponding to the Exhibit Table as Item 601 in Regulation S-K) are filed with this report:

- 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc. pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc. pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc. pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).
- 32.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc. pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350).

**SIGNATURES**

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

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: May 17, 2005

/s/ Edmund Walsh

Edmund Walsh, Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT 31.1

CERTIFICATION OF THE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

I, William Beckman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Clarion Technologies, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting; and

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: May 17, 2005

/s/ William Beckman

William Beckman  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT 31.2

CERTIFICATION OF THE  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF  
CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

I, Edmund Walsh, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Clarion Technologies, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting; and

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: May 17, 2005

/s/ Edmund Walsh

Edmund Walsh  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 32.1

CERTIFICATION OF THE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350):

I, William Beckman Chief Executive Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc., certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350) that:

(1) The quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 2, 2005, which this statement accompanies, fully complies with requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and;

(2) The information contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 2, 2005, fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Clarion Technologies, Inc.

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: May 17, 2005

/s/ William Beckman

William Beckman  
Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Clarion Technologies, Inc. and will be retained by Clarion Technologies, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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EXHIBIT 32.2

CERTIFICATION OF THE  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF  
CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350):

I, Edmund Walsh, Chief Financial Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc., certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. 1350) that:

(1) The quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 2, 2005, which this statement accompanies, fully complies with requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and;

(2) The information contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 2, 2005, fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Clarion Technologies, Inc.

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: May 17, 2005

/s/ Edmund Walsh

Edmund Walsh  
Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Clarion Technologies, Inc. and will be retained by Clarion Technologies, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.