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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2002

Commission File Number 1-5426.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

61-0505332

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4360 Brownsboro Road, Louisville, Kentucky

40207

(Address of principal executive office)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 502/893-4600

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 twelve 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 [X] No []

The number of shares outstanding of issuer's Common Stock, \$1 par value, as of October 26, 2002, was 17,100,695 shares.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)
(In Thousands Except Amounts Per Share)

| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2002 ---- | 2001 ---- | 2002 ---- | 2001 ---- |
| Net sales | \$ 59,241 | \$ 44,008 | \$155,226 | \$140,619 |
| Cost of products sold | 38,065 | 28,613 | 99,146 | 90,170 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Gross profit | 21,176 | 15,395 | 56,080 | 50,449 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 15,036 | 10,733 | 37,283 | 32,720 |
| Equity income from GTG | 7,498 | 6,508 | 21,022 | 17,681 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Operating income | 13,638 | 11,170 | 39,819 | 35,410 |
| Interest expense | 912 | 914 | 2,091 | 2,800 |
| Interest income and other | (128) | 312 | 157 | 1,331 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Income before income taxes | 12,598 | 10,568 | 37,885 | 33,941 |
| Income taxes | 4,599 | 3,963 | 13,829 | 12,728 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Net income before minority interest | 7,999 | 6,605 | 24,056 | 21,213 |
| Minority interest, net of tax | 14 | -- | 14 | -- |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Net income | \$ 7,985 | \$ 6,605 | \$ 24,042 | \$ 21,213 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Net income per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$.50 | \$.43 | \$ 1.55 | \$ 1.40 |
| Diluted | \$.49 | \$.42 | \$ 1.50 | \$ 1.35 |
| Dividends declared per share: | \$.085 | \$.085 | \$.255 | \$.255 |
| Weighted average number of shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 15,894 | 15,184 | 15,471 | 15,155 |
| Diluted | 16,375 | 15,721 | 16,005 | 15,674 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in Thousands)

| | (Unaudited) September 30 2002 ---- | December 31 2001* ---- |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 16,150 | \$ 29,500 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance (2002--\$2,485; 2001--\$1,103) | 50,261 | 21,026 |
| Inventories: | | |
| Finished products | 24,189 | 6,311 |
| Raw materials | 16,498 | 10,882 |
| Work in process | 10,859 | 3,503 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Deferred income taxes | 51,546 | 20,696 |
| Other current assets | 2,876 | 2,497 |
| | 5,856 | 2,442 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total current assets | 126,689 | 76,161 |
| Investment in GTG | 194,046 | 179,219 |
| Property, plant, and equipment | 148,599 | 92,378 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (60,725) | (52,608) |
| | 87,874 | 39,770 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Goodwill | 46,759 | 9,244 |
| Other intangible assets--less accumulated amortization | 22,916 | 427 |
| Other assets | 4,118 | 1,893 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total assets | \$482,402 ===== | \$306,714 ===== |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Notes payable | \$ 3,046 | \$ -- |
| Accounts payable | 16,796 | 6,861 |
| Accrued Expenses and other current liabilities | 20,227 | 11,738 |
| Dividends payable | 1,452 | 1,295 |
| Income taxes payable | 31 | 2,501 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 8,686 | 7,788 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total current liabilities | 50,238 | 30,183 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,851 | 5,349 |
| Long-term debt (less current portion) | 104,336 | 24,938 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 13,660 | 8,531 |

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|--|-----------|-----------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total liabilities | 174,085 | 69,001 |
| Minority Interest | 742 | -- |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Preferred Stock, \$1 par value, 3,000,000 shares authorized--none issued | -- | -- |
| Common Stock, \$1 par value, shares authorized: 60,000,000; Shares issued: 2002--17,904,661 2001--17,855,511 | 17,905 | 17,856 |
| Capital surplus | 133,548 | 114,342 |
| Deferred compensation | 823 | 739 |
| Treasury stock held for deferred compensation | (823) | (739) |
| Retained earnings | 178,157 | 158,161 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) | (9,976) | (14,189) |
| Less cost of treasury shares: (2002 - 822,339; 2001 - 2,622,339) | (12,059) | (38,457) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total shareholders' equity | 307,575 | 237,713 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$482,402 | \$306,714 |
| | ===== | ===== |

*Derived from the audited December 31, 2001, consolidated balance sheet. See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in Thousands)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ---- | ---- |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$24,042 | \$21,213 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 6,813 | 5,937 |
| Amortization | - | 363 |
| Deferred income taxes | 448 | (221) |
| Equity income from GTG | (21,022) | (19,268) |
| Amortization of excess investment in GTG | - | 1,587 |
| Distributions from GTG | 6,485 | 6,092 |
| Other items | 500 | 81 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |

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| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Accounts receivable | (3,287) | (1,349) |
| Inventories | 940 | 12 |
| Accounts payable | 417 | (810) |
| Income taxes payable | (1,780) | 1,706 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 708 | (2,799) |
| Other | 22 | (200) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 14,286 | 12,344 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (4,910) | (7,033) |
| Sale of property, plant and equipment | 163 | 26 |
| Purchase of company (net of cash acquired) | (83,533) | - |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (88,280) | (7,007) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from notes payable to banks, net | 1,369 | 350 |
| Payments on long-term debt | (18,630) | (7,772) |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 80,000 | 2,000 |
| Treasury stock purchased | - | (67) |
| Dividends paid | (3,889) | (3,706) |
| Stock options exercised | 478 | 1,220 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 59,328 | (7,975) |
| Effect of exchange rate change | 1,316 | (341) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (13,350) | (2,979) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 29,500 | 13,941 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$16,150 | \$10,962 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | |
| Non-cash items: Issuance of treasury shares | \$44,755 | \$ - |
| | ===== | ===== |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Note A - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial reporting and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and

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footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements.

The results of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2002, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2002. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Note B - Acquisition

On August 29, 2002, the Company purchased substantially all the assets and liabilities of Werner Rietschle Holding GmbH ("Rietschle"), a privately held company based in Schopfheim, Germany. Rietschle has been a world leader in vacuum and pressure technology, which includes dry-running and oil-lubricated pumps, blowers, compressors, and pressure/vacuum pumps utilizing rotary vane, screw, roots and claw technologies. With the strong Rietschle brand, Thomas wants to pursue further opportunities through cross branding of products, and through growth in markets such as printing, packaging, woodworking and many other applications that fit Rietschle technologies, including fuel cells. The purchase price consisted of \$83.3 million in cash and 1,800,000 treasury shares of the Company's common stock. The Company negotiated a \$120.0 million revolving credit facility with a group of banks to finance the cash portion of the purchase price, of which \$80.0 million was used and outstanding as of September 30, 2002. Results of Rietschle for the period after August 29, 2002 through September 30, 2002 are included in the Company's third quarter and nine-month year-to-date periods.

A tentative purchase price allocation was made and reflected in the September 30, 2002 financial statements. This allocation is preliminary as the Company gathers additional information about the fair value of assets and liabilities acquired, including appraisals. Accordingly, the amounts recorded will change as the allocation is finalized.

Supplemental pro forma information below is presented as though the business combination had been completed as of the beginning of the period being reported on.

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| (In Thousands) | Three months Ended September 30 ----- | | Nine Months Ended September 30 ----- | |
|----------------------------|--|----------|---|-----------|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Net Sales | \$83,975 | \$93,657 | \$247,995 | \$261,587 |
| Net income | \$ 8,993 | \$ 9,445 | \$ 26,931 | \$ 28,733 |
| Earnings per share-diluted | \$.51 | \$.54 | \$ 1.53 | \$ 1.64 |

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Note C - Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to legal proceedings and claims. When costs can be reasonably estimated, appropriate liabilities for such matters are recorded. While management currently believes the amount of ultimate liability, if any, with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position, results of operations, or liquidity of the Company, the ultimate outcome of any litigation is uncertain. Were an unfavorable outcome to occur, the impact could be material to the Company.

Note D - Comprehensive Income

Reconciliation of net income to comprehensive income for the periods indicated follows.

(In Thousands)

| For the three months ended September 30: | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | ---- | ---- |
| Net income | \$7,985 | \$6,605 |
| Foreign currency translation | (931) | 1,177 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Comprehensive income | \$7,054 | \$7,782 |
| | ===== | ===== |

For the nine months ended September 30:

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Net income | \$24,042 | \$21,213 |
| Foreign currency translation | 4,213 | (2,086) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Comprehensive income | \$28,255 | \$19,127 |
| | ===== | ===== |

Note E - Net Income Per Share

The computation of the numerator and denominator in computing basic and diluted net income per share follows:

| (In Thousands) | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
|----------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| | Ended Sept. 30 | | Ended Sept. 30 | |
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 7,985 | \$ 6,605 | \$24,042 | \$21,213 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

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Denominator:

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 15,894 | 15,184 | 15,471 | 15,155 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

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| | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | | |
| Director and employee stock options | 443 | 513 | 496 | 494 |
| Employee performance shares | 38 | 24 | 38 | 25 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Dilutive potential common shares | 481 | 537 | 534 | 519 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share--adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions | | | | |
| | 16,375 | 15,721 | 16,005 | 15,674 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

Note F - Segment Disclosures

| | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
| (In Thousands) | Ended Sept. 30 | | Ended Sept. 30 | |
| | ----- | | ----- | |
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Total net sales including intercompany sales | | | | |
| Pump and Compressor | \$69,640 | \$49,878 | \$177,858 | \$158,783 |
| Intercompany sales | | | | |
| Pump and Compressor | \$ (10,399) | \$ (5,870) | \$ (22,632) | \$ (18,164) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Net sales to unaffiliated customers | | | | |
| Pump and Compressor | \$59,241 | \$44,008 | \$155,226 | \$140,619 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Operating income | | | | |
| Pump and Compressor | \$ 7,742 | \$ 5,909 | \$23,303 | \$22,018 |
| Lighting* | 7,498 | 6,508 | 21,022 | 17,681 |
| Corporate | (1,602) | (1,247) | (4,506) | (4,289) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| | \$13,638 | \$11,170 | \$39,819 | \$35,410 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

*Three months ended September 30 consists of equity income of \$7,547 in 2002 and \$7,090 in 2001 from our 32% interest in the joint venture, Genlyte Thomas Group LLC (GTG), less \$529 of amortization in 2001 of Thomas' excess investment and less \$49 in 2002 and \$53 in 2001, related to expense recorded for Thomas Industries stock options issued to GTG employees. Nine months ended September 30 consists of equity income of \$21,172 in 2002 and \$19,424 in 2001 from our 32% interest in GTG, less \$1,587 of amortization in 2001 of Thomas' excess investment and less \$150 in 2002 and \$156 in 2001, related to expense recorded for Thomas Industries stock options issued to GTG employees.

Note G - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141, "Business Combinations" (SFAS 141) and SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" (SFAS 142). These statements established new accounting and reporting standards for business combinations and associated goodwill and intangible assets. SFAS 141, effective July 1, 2001, eliminates the pooling of interest method of accounting for business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. SFAS 142, effective January

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1, 2002, requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives no longer be amortized, but instead be tested for impairment at least annually. During the first phase of implementing SFAS 142, the Company was required to identify its reporting units and to determine the carrying value of each reporting unit by assigning the assets and liabilities, including the

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existing goodwill and intangible assets, to those reporting units as of December 31, 2001. Based upon a discounted cash flow analysis, the Company concluded that the fair value of its reporting units containing goodwill exceeded the carrying value. As a result, no impairment loss was recorded or recognized as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. The Company is required to perform additional impairment tests on an annual basis prior to the issuance of the annual financial statements.

The following table provides comparative earnings and earnings per share had the non-amortization provisions of SFAS 142 been adopted for all periods presented:

| | For Three Months Ended Sept. 30 | | For Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| (Thousands of dollars, except per share data) | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Reported net income | \$7,985 | \$6,605 | \$24,042 | \$21,213 |
| Add back: Pump and Compressor (P & C) goodwill amortization, net of tax | -- | 95 | -- | 284 |
| Add back: Amortization of excess investment in GTG, net of tax | -- | 415 | -- | 1,246 |
| Add back: Amortization for GTG, net of tax | -- | 327 | -- | 981 |
| Adjusted net income | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Adjusted net income | \$7,985 | \$7,442 | \$24,042 | \$23,724 |
| Basic earnings per share: | | | | |
| Reported net income | \$.50 | \$.43 | \$1.55 | \$1.40 |
| P & C goodwill amortization | -- | .01 | -- | .02 |
| Amortization of excess investment in GTG | -- | .03 | -- | .08 |
| GTG amortization | -- | .02 | -- | .07 |
| Adjusted net income | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Adjusted net income | \$.50 | \$.49 | \$1.55 | \$1.57 |
| Diluted earnings per share: | | | | |
| Reported net income | \$.49 | \$.42 | \$1.50 | \$1.35 |
| P & C goodwill amortization | -- | .01 | -- | .02 |
| Amortization of excess investment in GTG | -- | .03 | -- | .08 |
| GTG amortization | -- | .02 | -- | .06 |
| Adjusted net income | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Adjusted net income | \$.49 | \$.47 | \$1.50 | \$1.51 |

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Certain intangible assets have definite lives and are being amortized. In accordance with SFAS 142, the Company evaluated the remaining useful lives of intangible assets as of January 1, 2002, and where appropriate, revisions to the remaining period of amortization were made. Balances at September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001 are stated in thousands of dollars on the following table. The September 30, 2002 gross carrying amount includes \$8.8 million related to the Rietschle acquisition, which was the portion of the estimated purchase price allocated to patents. The accumulated amortization balance at September 30, 2002 includes \$71,000 related to the Rietschle patents.

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| | September 30, 2002 | | | December 31, 2001 | | |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Life | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Life | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization |
| Licenses | 18-19 | \$454 | \$ 57 | 5-20 | \$437 | \$38 |
| Patents | 10-20 | 8,910 | 146 | 5-20 | 23 | 16 |
| Other | 10 | 35 | 14 | 40 | 31 | 10 |
| | | ---- | --- | | ---- | --- |
| Total | | \$9,399 | \$217 | | \$491 | \$64 |
| | | ===== | ===== | | ===== | ===== |

The total intangible amortization expense for the quarters ended September 30, 2002 and 2001 was \$129 and \$2, respectively. The total amortization expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2001 was \$141 and \$18, respectively.

The estimated amortization expense stated in thousands of dollars for the next five fiscal years beginning January 1, 2002 is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| For the year ended December 31, 2002: | \$276 |
| For the year ended December 31, 2003: | \$756 |
| For the year ended December 31, 2004: | \$756 |
| For the year ended December 31, 2005: | \$756 |
| For the year ended December 31, 2006: | \$756 |

Approximately \$13.7 million of Rietschle purchase price was tentatively allocated to non-amortizable intangible in the form of trademarks, as a result of the estimated purchase price allocation.

The goodwill included in the balance sheets is related to the Pump and Compressor Segment. Goodwill increased by \$37.3 million due to the estimated purchase price allocation of the Rietschle acquisition. Any other change in goodwill from December 31, 2001 to September 30, 2002, was related to exchange rate fluctuation.

Note H - Genlyte Thomas Group LLC

The following table contains certain unaudited financial information for the Joint Venture.

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Genlyte Thomas Group LLC Condensed Financial Information (Dollars in Thousands)

| | (Unaudited) | |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | September 30, | December 31, |
| | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ---- | ---- |
| GTG balance sheets: | | |
| Current assets | \$406,033 | \$343,044 |
| Long-term assets | 271,249 | 276,077 |
| Current liabilities | 187,342 | 170,545 |
| Long-term liabilities | 57,607 | 62,573 |

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| | Three Months | | Nine Months | |
|---|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| | Ended Sept. 30 | | Ended Sept. 30 | |
| | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ---- | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| GTG income statements (unaudited): | | | | |
| Net sales | \$248,268 | \$252,631 | \$728,061 | \$753,856 |
| Gross profit | 86,325 | 89,808 | 254,114 | 264,398 |
| Earnings before interest and taxes | 26,332 | 24,976 | 73,202 | 68,591 |
| Net income (1) | \$ 23,583 | \$ 22,153 | \$ 66,163 | \$ 60,699 |
| Amounts recorded by Thomas Industries Inc.: | | | | |
| Equity income from GTG (2) | \$7,547 | \$7,090 | \$21,172 | \$19,424 |
| Stock option expense | (49) | (53) | (150) | (156) |
| Amortization of excess investment (3) | - | (529) | - | (1,587) |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Equity income reported by Thomas | \$7,498 | \$6,508 | \$21,022 | \$17,681 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

- (1) The quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2002 include a favorable impact from the non-amortization provisions of SFAS 142 of \$1.3 million and \$3.9 million, respectively.
- (2) The quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2002 include a favorable impact from the non-amortization provisions of SFAS 142 of \$.4 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.
- (3) The quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2002 include a favorable impact from the non-amortization provisions of SFAS 142 of \$.5 million and \$1.6 million, respectively.

Note I - New Accounting Pronouncements

FASB No. 141 and 142 are discussed in Note G above.

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The SFAS issued SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" (SFAS 144), dated August 2001. This statement supercedes SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of," and the accounting and reporting provisions of Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 30, "Reporting Results of Operations - Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions." SFAS 144 requires that one accounting model be used for long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale, whether previously held and used or newly acquired, and it broadens the presentation of discontinued operations to include more disposal transactions. The Company adopted the provisions of SFAS 144, as of January 1, 2002, which did not have an impact on our financial position and results of operations.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Thomas' discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based upon Thomas' consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. When preparing these consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. The Company

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis - Continued

evaluates its estimates, including, but not limited to, those related to product warranties, bad debts, inventories, equity investments, income taxes, pensions and other post-retirement benefits, contingencies, and litigation. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

In response to the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Release No. 33-8040, "Cautionary Advice Regarding Disclosure About Critical Accounting Policies", the Company identified the following critical accounting policies which affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. Based on the SEC's suggestions, included with the accounting policies are potential adverse results which could occur if different assumptions or conditions were to prevail.

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. If the financial condition of Thomas' customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. Thomas provides for the estimated cost of product warranties. While the Company engages in extensive product quality programs and processes, should actual product failure rates differ from estimates, revisions to the estimated warranty liability would be required. Thomas writes down its inventory for estimated obsolescence or unmarketable inventory equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value based upon assumptions

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about future demand and market conditions. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

Thomas holds a 32 percent minority interest in the Genlyte Thomas Group LLC (GTG) joint venture, which comprises Thomas' lighting segment and is accounted for using the equity method. If future adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of GTG occurred, it could result in losses or an inability to recover the carrying value of the Company's investment, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge in the future. GTG's critical accounting policies are determined separately by The Genlyte Group Incorporated, which owns 68 percent of GTG and consolidates the GTG results.

Results of Operations

On August 29, 2002, the Company purchased substantially all the assets and liabilities of Werner Rietschle Holding GmbH ("Rietschle"), a privately held company based in Schopfheim, Germany. See Note B in the notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. Results of Rietschle for the period after August 29, 2002 through September 30, 2002 are included in the Company's third quarter and nine-month year-to-date periods.

The Company's net income was \$8.0 million in the third quarter ended September 30, 2002, compared to \$6.6 million in the third quarter ended September 30, 2001. The third quarter of 2002 was positively impacted by the change in accounting for goodwill required by SFAS No. 142, which was effective January 1, 2002, and eliminated the recording of goodwill.

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amortization. Compared to the previous year's third quarter, this change in accounting increased net income by \$.8 million, or 5 cents per share. Excluding this impact for the accounting change, net income in the quarter ended September 30, 2002, would have increased 7.3% from the previous year's third quarter, primarily due to improvements in both operating segments.

Nine month year-to-date net income was \$24.0 million for the period ended September 30, 2002, compared to \$21.2 million in the comparable 2001 period. The change in accounting increased net income by \$2.5 million, or 16 cents per share in the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Excluding this impact for the accounting change, net income in the nine months ended September 30, 2002 would have increased 1.3% from the 2001 comparable period.

PUMP AND COMPRESSOR SEGMENT

Net sales during the third quarter ended September 30, 2002, increased 34.6% to \$59.2 million compared to \$44.0 million for the third quarter of 2001. Included in the 2002 third quarter were \$11.6 million related to Rietschle net sales after August 29, 2002. Excluding the Rietschle net sales, the third quarter net sales would have increased 8.3%. The North American, European and Asia Pacific operations reported increases for the third quarter of 2002 compared to 2001, when excluding Rietschle net sales. Overall, the third quarter sales increase of 8.3%, excluding the impact of Rietschle, would have been reduced to 5.8%, if measured in constant exchange rates. This exchange rate impact on net sales was primarily related to the European operation due to the strengthening of the euro and British pound sterling. Year-to-date net sales for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2002, increased 10.4% to \$155.2 million compared to \$140.6

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million for the comparable period in 2001. Included in the 2002 nine-month period were \$11.6 million of Rietschle net sales. Excluding Rietschle, net sales for the nine-month period would have increased 2.1%. Excluding the impact of Rietschle, the Asia Pacific and European operations reported increases of 21.1% and 4.6%, respectively. The North American operations reported a slight decrease in net sales, primarily due to a very weak start early in the first quarter of 2002. Overall, the nine-month period net sales increase of 2.1%, excluding the impact of Rietschle, would have been reduced to 1.5%, if measured in constant exchange rates.

Operating income for the third quarter ended September 30, 2002, was \$7.7 million or 31.0% higher than the prior year amount of \$5.9 million. Included in the 2002 third quarter were \$.5 million related to Rietschle operating income from activity after August 29, 2002, which included estimated purchase accounting adjustments. Excluding Rietschle, the third quarter operating income would have increased 21.8%. The 2002 results were positively impacted by \$.1 million, due to the accounting change for goodwill amortization. The increase in operating income was primarily due to the sales volume increases, favorable sales mix and favorable exchange rate impacts. Excluding the impact of the accounting change for goodwill amortization, gross margins increased to 35.5% compared to 35.0%, for the third quarter 2002 versus 2001. Excluding the impact of Rietschle and purchase price adjustments, gross margins in the 2002 third quarter would have increased to 35.6%. SG&A expenses increased to 22.7% of net sales for the third quarter of 2002, compared to 21.6% for the comparable period in 2001. Excluding Rietschle and purchase price related adjustments, SG&A expenses would have decreased to 20.7% of net sales. Year-to-date operating income for the Pump and Compressor Segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, was \$23.3 million or 5.8% higher than the prior year amount of \$22.0 million. Rietschle's operating income of \$.5 million was included in the nine-month

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2002 period. Excluding Rietschle, the nine-month period operating income would have increased 3.4%. The 2002 results were positively impacted by \$.4 million, due to the accounting change for goodwill amortization. The increase was primarily due to sales volume increases. Excluding the impact of the accounting change for goodwill amortization, gross margins were constant at 35.9% for the nine-month periods in 2002 and 2001. Excluding the impact of Rietschle and purchase price allocation adjustments, gross margins in the 2002 nine-month period would have stayed at 35.9%. SG&A expenses increased to 21.1% of net sales for the nine-month period in 2002, compared to 20.2% for the comparable period in 2001. Excluding Rietschle and purchase price related adjustments, SG&A expenses would have decreased to 20.4% of net sales in 2002.

LIGHTING SEGMENT

The Lighting Segment (GTG Joint Venture) earnings increased 15.2% to \$7.5 million in the third quarter of 2002, compared to \$6.5 million in the same period in 2001. The 2002 results were positively impacted by \$.9 million, due to the accounting change for goodwill amortization. This \$.9 million impact includes \$.5 million related to amortization of Thomas' excess investment and \$.4 million, which represents Thomas' 32% interest in GTG's \$1.3 million of goodwill amortization in 2001. Therefore, excluding the impact from the accounting change, GTG's earnings increased .7% in 2002 compared to the 2001 third quarter. GTG's sales during the 2002 third quarter decreased 1.7% compared to the third quarter of 2001. The sales shortfall was primarily due to softness in the commercial and industrial markets while earnings improved due to

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aggressive cost control measures in the SG&A area. Year-to-date GTG earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2002, increased 18.9% to \$21.0 million, compared to \$17.7 million in the 2001 first nine months. The 2002 results were positively impacted by \$2.8 million, due to the accounting change for goodwill amortization. This \$2.8 million impact includes \$1.6 million related to amortization of Thomas' excess investment and \$1.2 million, which represents Thomas' 32% interest in GTG's \$3.9 million of goodwill amortization in 2001. Therefore, excluding the impact from the accounting change, GTG's earnings increased 2.8% in 2002 compared to the 2001 first nine months. GTG's sales during the 2002 first nine months decreased 3.4% compared to the first nine months of 2001.

At any time on or after January 31, 2002, Thomas has the right (a "put right"), but not the obligation, to require the Joint Venture (GTG) to purchase all, but not less than all, of Thomas' ownership interest in GTG at the applicable purchase price. The purchase price shall be equal to the "Fair Market Value" of GTG multiplied by Thomas' ownership percentage in GTG. The "Fair Market Value" means the value of the total interests in GTG computed as a going concern, including the control premium. Further explanation can be found in our Joint Proxy Statement dated July 23, 1998, which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company will continue to review alternatives with respect to the GTG put right.

CORPORATE

As noted in the Segment Disclosure footnote, consolidated operating income includes corporate expenses. Corporate expenses were \$1.6 million for the third quarter of 2002, compared to \$1.2 million for the comparable period in 2001. The 2002 amount included some increases for incentive and professional fee accruals, which were partially offset by savings from cost reductions implemented during the second half of 2001. Year-to-date corporate expenses for the nine month period ended September 30, 2002, were \$4.5 million compared to \$4.3 million in the comparable 2001 period.

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Interest expense for the 2002 third quarter was \$.9 million compared to \$.9 million for the third quarter of 2001. Year-to-date interest expense for the nine month period ended September 30, 2002 was \$2.1 million compared to \$2.8 million for comparable 2001 period. The 2002 third quarter and nine month year-to-date interest expense amounts included \$.2 million of interest expense associated with the Rietschle acquisition. The reduction in 2002 was primarily related to the \$7.7 million payment of long-term debt on January 31, 2002, which carried a 9.36% annual interest rate, as well as higher short-term and other long-term borrowing levels in 2001.

Interest income and other for the 2002 third quarter was an expense of \$.1 million compared to income of \$.3 million for the third quarter of 2001. The nine month total for 2002 was \$.2 million compared to \$1.3 million for the comparable 2001 period. The 2002 third quarter and nine month year-to-date included charges of \$.2 million associated with Rietschle foreign currency losses. The decrease for the third quarter and September year-to-date periods also related to a \$22.3 million note receivable with GTG, from which the Company received interest income during 2001. GTG paid off this \$22.3 million note in November 2001 and the Company used some of these proceeds to partially pay down long-term debt.

Income tax provisions were \$4.6 million and \$4.0 million for the third quarter 2002 and 2001, respectively. The September year-to-date income tax provisions were \$13.8 million and \$12.7 million for 2002 and 2001, respectively. Effective

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tax rates were 36.5% in the 2002 periods and 37.5% for the 2001 periods. The decline in the effective tax rate was primarily due to the accounting change related to goodwill amortization.

Liquidity and Sources of Capital

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$13.3 million to \$16.2 million at September 30, 2002, compared to \$29.5 million at December 31, 2001. This decrease was primarily related to the \$7.7 million long-term debt payment on January 31, 2002, as well as \$10.9 million used to pay down Rietschle bank debt on August 29, 2002. Cash flows provided by operations in the first nine months of 2002 were \$14.3 million compared to \$12.3 million provided by operations in the same period of 2001.

Dividends paid in the first nine months of 2002 were \$3.9 million or \$.255 per share. The 2001 dividends paid in the first nine months were \$3.7 million or \$.245 per share. The Company increased its quarterly dividend per share from \$.075 to \$.085, effective with the April 1, 2001 dividend.

As of September 30, 2002, the Company had standby letters of credit totaling \$4.5 million with expiration dates during 2002. The Company anticipates that these letters of credit will be renewed at their expiration dates.

The Company announced in December 1999 that it planned to repurchase, from time to time depending on market conditions and other factors, up to 15 percent, or 2,373,000 shares, of its outstanding Common Stock in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions at the prevailing market prices. During the first nine months of 2002, no purchases were made. Through September 30, 2002, the Company has purchased, on a cumulative basis, 879,189 shares at a cost of \$17.3 million under this plan, or an average cost of \$19.72 per share. The Company plans to fund any purchase of Company common stock through a combination of cash flows generated from operating activities and uncommitted borrowing arrangements.

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Working capital increased from \$46.0 million at December 31, 2001, to \$76.5 million at September 30, 2002, primarily due to the Rietschle acquisition on August 29, 2002.

| | Sept. 30 | December 31 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| Dollars in Thousands | 2002 | 2001 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Working capital | \$ 76,451 | \$45,978 |
| Current ratio | 2.52 | 2.52 |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | \$104,336 | \$24,938 |
| Long-term debt to total capital | 25.3% | 9.5% |

Certain loan agreements of the Company include restrictions on working capital, operating leases, tangible net worth, and the payment of cash dividends and stock distributions. Under the most restrictive of these arrangements, retained earnings of \$97.2 million are not restricted at September 30, 2002. Thomas is in compliance with all covenants or other requirements set forth in its borrowing agreements. In the event of non-compliance or if Thomas prepays the debt, then

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Thomas would incur a penalty. At September 30, 2002, the prepayment penalty would have been approximately \$2.1 million on a pre-tax basis.

As of September 30, 2002, the Company had short-term borrowing arrangements. Thomas currently expects to fund expenditures for capital requirements as well as liquidity needs from a combination of available cash balances, internally generated funds, and, if necessary, short-term financing arrangements. As of September 30, 2002, the Company had available credit of \$120.0 million with banks under a revolving credit facility, of which \$40.0 million was unused. Cash in excess of operating requirements will continue to be invested in high grade, short-term securities.

As disclosed in the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements, the Company does have a 32 percent interest in the GTG joint venture, which is accounted for using the equity method, and therefore, is an unconsolidated entity. At September 30, 2002 and December 31, 2001, except as described above, management was aware of no relationships with any other unconsolidated entities, financial partnerships, structured finance entities, or special purpose entities which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes.

Forward-Looking Statements

The Company makes forward-looking statements from time to time and desires to take advantage of the "safe harbor" which is afforded such statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 when they are accompanied by meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The statements contained in the foregoing "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," as well as other statements contained in this Form 10-Q and statements contained in future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and publicly disseminated press releases, and statements which may be made from time to time in the future by management of the Company in presentations to shareholders, prospective investors, and others interested in the business and financial

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affairs of the Company, which are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Any projections of financial performances or statements concerning expectations as to future developments should not be construed in any manner as a guarantee that such results or developments will, in fact, occur. There can be no assurance that any forward-looking statement will be realized or that actual results will not be significantly different from that set forth in such forward-looking statement. In addition to the risks and uncertainties of ordinary business operations, the forward-looking statements of the Company referred to above are also subject to the following risks and uncertainties:

- o The Company operates in a highly competitive business environment, and its sales could be negatively affected by its inability to maintain or increase prices, changes in geographic or product mix, or the decision of its customers to purchase competitive products instead of the Company's

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products. Sales could also be affected by pricing, purchasing, financing, operational, advertising, or promotional decisions made by purchasers of the Company's products.

- o The Pump and Compressor Segment operates in a market where technology improvements and the introduction of products for new applications are necessary for future growth. The Company could experience difficulties or delays in the development, production, testing, and marketing of new products. As an original equipment supplier, the Company's results of operations are directly affected by the success of its customers' products.
- o The Pump and Compressor Segment has several key customers, none of which are 10% or more of our consolidated sales. However, the loss of any of these key customers could have a negative affect on the Company's results.
- o On an annual basis, the Company negotiates renewals for property, casualty, workers compensation, general liability, product liability, and health insurance coverages. Due to conditions within these insurance markets and other factors beyond the Company's control, future coverages and the amount of the related premiums could have a negative affect on the Company's results.
- o The Pump and Compressor Segment has the leading market share in the oxygen concentrator Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) market worldwide. The Company's market share could be reduced significantly due to a competitor, the vertical integration by our customers, or new technology replacing compressed air in oxygen concentrators. The loss of market share in the oxygen concentrator OEM market could have a significant affect on the Company's results.
- o GTG, which comprises the Company's Lighting Segment, participates in a highly competitive market that is dependent on the level of residential, commercial, and industrial construction activity in North America. Changes in interest rates, consumer preferences, office and plant occupancy rates, and acceptance of new products affect the Lighting Segment.

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- o As the Company's business continues to expand outside the United States, the Company could experience changes in its ability to obtain or hedge against currency exchange rates and fluctuations in those rates. The Company could also be affected by nationalizations; unstable governments, economies, or legal systems; terrorist attacks; tariffs; or inter-governmental disputes. These currency, economic, and political uncertainties may affect the Company's results.
- o With the August 29, 2002 acquisition of Rietschle, the Company is in the process of integrating the Rietschle business. There can be no assurance that the integration will occur in a timely fashion or in a manner which will allow the Company to realize the full benefit of its strategies. As part of the integration process, the Company plans on achieving certain synergies. There can be no assurance that the synergies will be realized in a timely manner, if at all.
- o With the August 29, 2002 acquisition of Rietschle, the Company has a larger

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percentage of its net assets exposed to foreign currency risks, when these foreign currency risks may adversely affect the Company's results.

The forward-looking statements made by the Company are based on estimates that the Company believes are reasonable. This means that the Company's actual results could differ materially from such estimates and expectations as a result of being positively or negatively affected by the factors as described above, as well as other unexpected, unanticipated, or unforeseen factors.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

The Company's long-term debt bears interest at fixed rates, with the exception of the \$1.25 million Industrial Revenue Bond and the \$80.0 million revolving credit facility that accrue interest at variable rates. Short-term borrowings are priced at variable interest rates. The Company's results of operations and cash flows, therefore, would only be affected by interest rate changes to the extent of variable rate debt. At September 30, 2002, \$81.25 million was outstanding. A 100 basis point movement in the interest rate on the variable rate debt of \$81.25 million would result in an \$812,500 annualized effect on interest expense and cash flows.

The Company also has short-term investments, included in cash equivalents, of \$8.9 million as of September 30, 2002 that bear interest at variable rates. Therefore, a 100 basis point movement in the interest rate would result in an approximate \$89,000 annualized effect on interest income and cash flows.

The fair value of the Company's long-term debt is estimated based on current interest rates offered to the Company for similar instruments. A 100 basis point movement in the interest rate would result in an approximate \$320,000 annualized effect on the fair value of long-term debt.

The Company has significant operations consisting of sales and manufacturing activities in foreign countries. As a result, the Company's financial results could be significantly affected by factors such as changes in foreign currency exchange rates or changing economic conditions in the foreign markets in which the Company manufactures or distributes its products. Currency exposures for our Pump and Compressor Segment are concentrated in

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Germany but exist to a lesser extent in other parts of Europe, Asia and South America. The Lighting Segment currency exposure is primarily in Canada.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded, based on their evaluation within 90 days of the filing date of this report, that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. There have been no significant changes in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of the previous mentioned evaluation.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

In connection with the Rietschle acquisition, described in Note B to the financial statements, on August 29, 2002, the Company issued 1,800,000 treasury shares of its common stock to Werner Rietschle Holding GmbH. This issuance was made in reliance on Regulation S, promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits

3(a) Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended.

10.1 Credit Agreement dated August 28, 2002 among Thomas Industries Inc., Bank One, Kentucky, N.A., National City Bank of Kentucky, Sun Trust Bank, HVB Banque Luxembourg Societe Anonyme, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Lenders (the "Lenders"); Bank One, Kentucky, N.A., as Administrative Agent for itself and the other Lenders; National City Bank of Kentucky as Syndication Agent; Sun Trust Bank and HVB Banque Luxembourg Societe Anonyme as Co-Documentation Agents; and Banc One Capital Markets, Inc., as Lead Arranger and Sole Book Runner.

99.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes - Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.

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(b) A Form 8-K was filed on August 29, 2002, announcing the acquisition of Werner Rietschle GmbH & Co. KG ("Rietschle").

A Form 8-K was filed September 12, 2002, related to the Rietschle acquisition, which included the purchase agreement and credit agreement as exhibits.

A form 8-K/A was filed November 12, 2002 related to the Rietschle acquisition, which amended the Form 8-K filed September 12, 2002 to include financial statements of Rietschle and certain pro forma financial information.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.

Registrant

/s/ Phillip J. Stuecker

Phillip J. Stuecker, Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Date November 12, 2002

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, Timothy C. Brown, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Thomas Industries Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly 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-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:

a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;

b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and

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c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: November 12, 2002

/s/ Timothy C. Brown

Timothy C. Brown, Chairman,
President and CEO

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, Phillip J. Stuecker, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Thomas Industries Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly 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-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:

a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure

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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 as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and

c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):

a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

6. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: November 12, 2002

/s/ Phillip J. Stuecker

Phillip J. Stuecker, Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer