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**FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

For the quarterly period ended September 25, 2004

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)

Issuer's telephone number: **(616) 454-0055**

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 45,270,204 as of November 11, 2004.

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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)

	Third Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003
Net sales	\$ 30,592	\$ 26,136	\$ 88,313	\$ 73,800
Cost of sales	27,677	22,867	78,245	63,754
Gross profit	2,915	3,269	10,068	10,046
Operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,658	1,756	5,350	5,424
Restructuring and impairment (credits) expense	887	-	770	(207)
	2,545	1,756	6,120	5,217
Operating income	370	1,513	3,948	4,829
Interest expense	(1,119)	(1,041)	(3,359)	(3,023)
Stock issued for services rendered	-	(373)	-	(373)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	-	332	-	332
Other income (expense), net	2	(7)	(31)	15
Income (loss) before income taxes	(747)	424	558	1,780
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	\$ (747)	\$ 424	\$ 558	\$ 1,780
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (3,436)	\$ (1,659)	\$ (6,639)	\$ (4,293)
Average shares outstanding (basic and diluted)	45,242	44,869	45,184	44,506
Loss per share attributable to common shareholders (basic and diluted)	\$ (.08)	\$ (.04)	\$ (.15)	\$ (.10)

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

	September 25, 2004	December 27, 2003
	(UNAUDITED)	(AUDITED)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62	\$ 107
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$145 and \$160	14,235	10,090
Inventories	4,228	4,553
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	285	668
	18,810	15,418
Property, plant and equipment, net	24,766	26,699
Other assets:		
Goodwill	24,521	24,521
Deferred program costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,447 and \$2,065	181	736
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$612 and \$535	291	315
Other long-term assets	14	14
	25,007	25,586
	\$ 68,583	\$ 67,703
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Revolving line of credit	\$ 5,400	\$ 7,051
Accounts payable	15,639	10,876
Accrued liabilities	1,963	3,653
Mandatorily redeemable common stock	2,550	2,550
Current portion of long-term debt	5,988	4,292
	31,540	28,422
Long-term debt, net of current portion	20,581	25,307
Accrued dividends	19,816	13,297
Accrued interest	3,764	1,947
Other liabilities	80	52
	75,781	69,025
Redeemable Series A preferred stock	36,161	35,556
Redeemable Series B preferred stock	19,126	19,052
Shareholders' deficit:		
Common stock	45	45
Additional paid-in capital	33,613	34,107
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(42)	(16)
Accumulated deficit	(96,101)	(90,066)
	(62,485)	(55,930)
	\$ 68,583	\$ 67,703

**September 25, 2004**

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**December 27, 2003**

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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 558	\$ 1,780
Depreciation and amortization	3,026	3,356
Restructuring and impairment (credits) expense	770	(207)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	1,661	(295)
Stock issued for services rendered	-	373
Other, net	166	13
	6,181	5,020
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(2,302)	(2,466)
Proceeds from sale of building	1,006	-
Proceeds from note receivable	-	739
Other	-	19
	(1,296)	(1,708)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net change in revolving credit borrowings	(1,651)	(1,039)
Payment of deferred financing costs	(53)	(331)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	1,560	13,314
Repayments of long-term debt	(4,819)	(15,198)
Proceeds from issuance of capital stock	33	21
	(4,930)	(3,233)
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(45)</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 62</b>	<b>\$ 120</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,118
Income taxes paid	-	-
Capital lease obligations incurred	30	9

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 27, 2003.

The Company has classified checks disbursed but not yet presented for payment as accounts payable. The amounts at September 25, 2004, and December 27, 2003, were \$2,031,000 and \$1,032,000, 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 27, 2003.

**Earnings Per Share (EPS)**

The following table reconciles the numerator and denominator used in the calculation of basic and diluted EPS:

	<u>Third Quarter Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003
Numerator (in thousands):				
Net income	\$ (747)	\$ 424	\$ 558	\$ 1,780
Preferred stock dividends accrued	(2,461)	(1,876)	(6,519)	(5,462)
Accretion of preferred stock to mandatory redemption value	(228)	(207)	(678)	(611)
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (3,436)	\$ (1,659)	\$ (6,639)	\$ (4,293)
Denominator:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding for basic and diluted EPS	45,242,498	44,868,743	45,183,912	44,506,024

The denominator for computation of diluted EPS is the same as basic EPS for all periods presented because the assumed exercise of all common stock equivalents is antidilutive as a result of the net loss attributable to common shareholders incurred during each period.

**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.

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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.

	<u>Third Quarter Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003	September 25, 2004	September 27, 2003
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (3,436)	\$ (1,659)	\$ (6,639)	\$ (4,293)
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for allawards	23	84	104	292
Pro forma net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ (3,459)	\$ (1,743)	\$ (6,743)	\$ (4,585)
<b>Earnings per share:</b>				
Basic and diluted, as reported	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.10)
Basic and diluted, pro forma	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.10)

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:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Dividend yield	0.0	0.0
Volatility, as a percent	54% to 64%	83% to 124%
Risk-free interest rate	4.7% to 5.3%	4.5% to 4.9%
Expected life in years after vest	9	9
Forfeitures are accounted for as they occur		



**Comprehensive Income**

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

	<u>Third Quarter Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	<u>September 25, 2004</u>	<u>September 27, 2003</u>	<u>September 25, 2004</u>	<u>September 27, 2003</u>
Net income	\$ (747)	\$ 424	\$ 558	\$ 1,780
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Market valuation adjustment of interest rate swap, net of tax	(118)	98	(26)	(95)
Comprehensive income	\$ (865)	\$ 522	\$ 532	\$ 1,685

**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 5, the Company has entered into an interest rate swap agreement to reduce the impact of changes in interest rates on its term note and revolving credit facility. 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.

As amended, the interest rate swap agreement essentially fixes the interest rate on an initial notional amount of principal of \$14,000,000, which decreases with each monthly settlement at a rate corresponding to the Company's actual principal payments on the term debt (a notional amount of \$13,530,000 at September 25, 2004). 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 September 25, 2004 was approximately \$(42,000) and is recorded as a 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.

**Reclassifications**

Certain amounts previously reported in prior fiscal years in the condensed consolidated balance sheets of the Company have been reclassified to conform with the presentation of the current quarter. In particular, interest on the Company's senior subordinated debt, as well as dividends on the Company's preferred stock, which, in each case, are accrued and compounded and become payable upon maturity of the debt and preferred stock, respectively, have been reclassified as long-term liabilities rather than short-term liabilities.

**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):

	September 25, 2004	December 27, 2003
Raw materials	\$ 2,059	\$ 2,098
Work in process	654	708
Finished goods	1,515	1,747
Total	\$ 4,228	\$ 4,553

**3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

In June 2004, the Company sold one of its Greenville, Michigan facilities for \$1,000,000 and subsequently leased it back for a term of two years. The sale resulted in a loss of \$164,000, which was recognized in the second quarter of 2004. The subsequent lease is classified as an operating lease. Accordingly, rent expense will be recognized over the life of the lease agreement.

In September 2004, the Company entered into a ten-year operating lease for an additional manufacturing location in Ames, Iowa. The facility contains approximately 124,000 of industrial manufacturing square footage, and will accommodate additional business obtained from customers in the consumer goods and appliance market. The additional business is expected to begin production over the next several months. The lease includes optional renewal terms extending through September 2024.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under capital and operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancellable lease terms in excess of one year as of September 25, 2004 (in thousands):

Fiscal year ended	Capital	Operating
2005	\$ 153	\$ 928
2006	147	965
2007	41	971
2008	7	883
2009	4	820
2010 and thereafter	-	4,665
Total minimum lease payments	352	\$ 9,232
Less amounts representing interest	(36)	
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 316	

**4. RESTRUCTURING AND IMPAIRMENT CREDITS**

In March 2003, management determined that the Company's Greenville, Michigan facility would not be closed as planned due to the need for additional manufacturing capacity to accommodate increased orders from a significant customer. Accordingly, the remaining reserve of \$207,000 associated with this anticipated sale was reversed in the first quarter of 2003. In June 2004, management determined that two leases related to machines at the former Montpelier, Ohio facility would not result in any additional expense for the Company. Accordingly, the related liability of \$117,000 for these expected termination expenses was reversed in the second quarter of 2004.



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As part of the Company's consolidation efforts, the Company is considering reducing the number of facilities within Michigan and has entered negotiations with a potential buyer for one of its facilities. As a result of those negotiations, it is reasonably possible that the Company could dispose of one of its facilities. During this process, it was determined that an asset impairment charge in the amount of \$887,000 was required in the third quarter of 2004 to adjust the net carrying value of this manufacturing facility to its estimated fair value.

### 5. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following obligations (in thousands):

	September 25, 2004	December 27, 2003
Senior credit facility:		
Revolving credit facility	\$ 5,400	\$ 7,051
Term debt	11,533	12,133
Capital expenditure line of credit	-	1,442
Senior and other subordinated term notes, net of unaccreted discount of \$685 and \$871	9,315	9,129
Other subordinated promissory notes	5,405	6,490
Capital lease obligations	316	405
	31,969	36,650
Less current portion	11,388	11,343
	\$ 20,581	\$ 25,307

The Company amended its senior credit facility on April 23, 2004. As amended, the revolving credit facility is scheduled to mature on April 30, 2005, and allows for aggregate borrowings of \$10,000,000 at the prime rate plus 0.50% or, at the Company's option, one, two, three or six-month LIBOR plus 3.25%, 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 month LIBOR plus 3.5% plus an applicable margin. 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 \$1,500,000 as of September 25, 2004, and is paid in equal monthly installments. The Electrolux note will mature no later than September 30, 2005. The A&M Notes were outstanding in the amount of \$2,758,000 as of September 25, 2004, and the payment of interest is currently deferred and capitalized. The A&M Notes mature on June 30, 2005.

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.

On July 30, 2004, the Company amended its senior credit facility and obtained a \$3,000,000 line of credit for capital expenditures. On June 30, 2005, the line converts to a term loan which matures on April 15, 2007.

Based on the contractual terms of all debt agreements (as amended), principal maturities and capital lease obligations for the twelve-month period ended September 25 are as follows: 2005 \$11,388,000; 2006 \$1,737,000; 2007 \$19,519,000; 2008 \$7,000; 2009 \$3,000.

Our Senior Credit Agreement and Senior Subordinated Debt Agreement contain numerous restrictive covenants, including 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. At September 25, 2004, the Company was in technical default with respect to one of these covenants and, therefore, the Company has obtained a waiver of that default. The Company expects to be in compliance going forward.

## 6. INCOME TAXES

At December 27, 2003, the Company had NOL carryforwards for federal income tax reporting purposes of approximately \$55,800,000. The amount that can be utilized each year is fixed; however, annual limitation amounts not previously utilized carry over to subsequent years and can be utilized to the extent of the total unexpired NOL carryforward amount. The maximum amount that can be utilized in fiscal 2004 is limited to approximately \$987,000. The \$53,000,000 of pre-change of control net operating loss carryforwards expire as follows, if not previously utilized: \$100,000 in 2019, \$12,700,000 in 2020, \$28,000,000 in 2021 and \$12,200,000 in 2022. The remaining net operating loss carryforwards of \$2,800,000 expire in 2023, if not previously utilized. As a result of these NOL carryforwards, the Company does not anticipate incurring any federal income tax liability in 2004.

## 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is involved in certain claims and litigation arising in the normal course of business, including certain 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.

## 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 27, 2003.

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. By outsourcing certain services, we can cost effectively provide the ability to produce concept models, appearance models, engineering prototypes and pre-production samples. We also provide certain of these services directly. 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 seven 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 170 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 Iowa facilities, which began production in December 2003.

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:

	<u>Third Quarter Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	<u>September 25, 2004</u>	<u>September 27, 2003</u>	<u>September 25, 2004</u>	<u>September 27, 2003</u>
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	90.5%	87.5%	88.6%	86.4%
Gross profit	9.5%	12.5%	11.4%	13.6%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5.4%	6.7%	6.1%	7.3%
Restructuring and impairment (credits) expense	2.9%	-	(0.9%)	(0.2%)
Operating income	1.2%	5.8%	4.4%	6.5%
Interest expense	(3.7%)	(5.4%)	(3.8%)	(4.6%)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	1.3%	0.4%	-	-
Other income, net	-	-	-	-
Income before income taxes	(2.5%)	1.7%	0.6%	2.3%
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	(2.5%)	1.7%	0.6%	2.3%

*Net sales*

Net sales of \$30,592,000 in the third quarter of 2004 were \$4,456,000 (17.0%) higher than net sales of \$26,136,000 in the third quarter of 2003. Net sales of \$88,313,000 for the first nine months of 2004 were \$14,513,000 (19.7%) higher than the comparable period of 2003. The increase is primarily driven by additional and new business from an existing major consumer goods customer (\$10,470,000) along with business from a new consumer goods customer (\$2,108,000). Netted against these increases was an overall net decrease in the automotive market (\$3,483,000). In addition, \$6,668,000 of revenue in the first nine months of 2004 was from tooling purchased by customers for new programs versus \$1,091,000 in the same period of 2003. 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 due to a 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, as a percentage of 2004 net sales, was 9.5% for the third quarter and 11.4% for the first nine months, compared to 12.5% and 13.6% in the corresponding periods of 2003. This decrease can primarily be attributed to additional tooling revenue in 2004, which generates minimal, if any, gross profit as a percent of net sales. For the remainder of 2004, we expect gross margins to remain level.

*Selling, general and administrative expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) for the third quarter of 2004 decreased \$98,000 or 0.7% to \$1,658,000 from \$1,756,000 for the same period in the prior year. SG&A decreased \$73,000 or 1.3% to \$5,350,000 for the first nine months of 2004, from \$5,424,000 for the same period in 2003. SG&A decreased as a percentage of sales in the third quarter of 2004 as compared with the same period in 2003 and for the first nine months of 2004 as compared with the same period in 2003. We were able to decrease staffing and spending levels to better align with our business needs. Offsetting the decreases was commissions expense incurred in 2004 for business that was obtained in fourth quarter of 2003. Our near-term objective is to decrease SG&A as a percent of sales, even if the total expense increases to accommodate additional business.

*Restructuring and impairment (credits) expense*

In June 2004, the Company was informed that it would not incur any expenses for the termination of two leases of equipment associated with the former Montpelier, Ohio facility that was sold in May 2002. Accordingly, the related liability of \$117,000 for these expected termination expenses was reversed in the second quarter of 2004.

In March 2003, management determined that our Greenville, Michigan facility would not be sold and would be returned to active use to provide additional manufacturing space to accommodate increased orders from a significant consumer goods customer. Accordingly, the remaining reserve of \$207,000 associated with this anticipated sale was reversed in the first quarter of 2003.

As part of our consolidation efforts, we are considering reducing the number of facilities within Michigan and have entered negotiations with a potential buyer for one of our facilities. As a result of those negotiations, it is reasonably possible that we could dispose of one of our facilities. During this process, it was determined that an asset impairment charge in the amount of \$887,000 was required in the third quarter of 2004 to adjust the net carrying value of this manufacturing facility to its estimated fair value.

*Interest expense*

Interest expense for the third quarter of 2004 was \$1,119,000, an increase of \$78,000 (7.5%) from the third quarter of 2003. Interest expense for the first nine months of 2004 was \$3,359,000, an increase of \$336,000 (11.1%) from the corresponding period of 2003. These increases are mainly due to the continued accrual and compounding of interest on subordinated debt.

*Net income (loss)*

We recorded net loss of \$747,000 for the third quarter of 2004 and net income of \$558,000 for the first nine months of 2004, compared to net income of \$424,000 and \$1,780,000 in the corresponding periods of 2003. The decrease in the third quarter and the first nine months of 2004 is primarily a result of decreased gross profit, increased interest expense, and impairment expense.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

At September 25, 2004, we had negative working capital of \$12,730,000 compared to negative \$13,004,000 at December 27, 2003. The increase in working capital is mainly attributable to the increase in accounts receivable, a decrease in accrued liabilities and a decrease current portion of long-term debt resulting from the reclassification of accrued interest and dividends.

Our capital expenditures in the first nine months of 2004 were made to obtain additional machinery to accommodate new business.

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In September 2004, the Company entered into a ten-year operating lease for an additional manufacturing location in Ames, Iowa. This lease increased the Company's operating lease obligation as follows (in thousands):

### Payments due by period

	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
<b>Operating lease obligations</b>	9,232	928	1,936	1,703	\$ 4,665

On July 30, 2004, the Company amended its senior credit facility and obtained a \$3,000,000 line of credit for capital expenditures. On June 30, 2005, the line converts to a term loan which matures on April 15, 2007.

### TAX CONSIDERATIONS

As discussed in Note 6 to the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company's ability to utilize NOL carryforwards has been limited due to a change in ownership. Due to this change in ownership, the Company's ability to offset future tax liabilities with NOL carryforwards has been limited. Nevertheless, as a result of these NOL carryforwards, the Company does not anticipate incurring any federal income tax liability in 2004.

### 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 approximately 77% of our term debt under the Senior Credit Agreement. 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 September 25, 2004, an increase in interest rates of 1% could result in us incurring an additional \$169,000 in annual interest expense. Conversely, a decrease in interest rates of 1% could result in savings of \$169,000 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-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act), have concluded that as of September 25, 2004, 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 Controls. During the period covered by this report, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting 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**

None.

**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:

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|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10(gg) | Seventh Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated November 9, 2004.                                                                     |
| 10(hh) | Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Senior Subordinated Loan Agreement dated November 9, 2004.                                                    |
| 31.1   | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Clarion Technologies, Inc. pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.                  |
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**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: November 12, 2004

/s/ Edmund Walsh

Edmund Walsh, Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT LIST

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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: November 12, 2004

By: /s/ William Beckman

William Beckman  
Its: 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: November 12, 2004

By: /s/ Edmund Walsh

Edmund Walsh  
Its: Chief Financial Officer

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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 September 25, 2004, 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 September 25, 2004, fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Clarion Technologies, Inc.

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: November 12, 2004

By: /s/ William Beckman

William Beckman  
Its: 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 September 25, 2004, 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 September 25, 2004, fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Clarion Technologies, Inc.

CLARION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: November 12, 2004

By: /s/ Edmund Walsh

Edmund Walsh  
Its: 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.