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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A  
(AMENDMENT NO. 1)

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 23, 2002  
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CANDIE'S, INC  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-10593 ----- (Commission File Number)	11-2481903 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
400 Columbus Avenue, Valhalla, New York ----- (Address of principal executive offices)		10595-1335 ----- (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (914) 769-8600  
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None  
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Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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SIGNATURES

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

CANDIE'S, INC.

By: /s/ Richard Danderline

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Name: Richard Danderline

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Title: Executive Vice President, Finance  
and Operations

Date: July 8, 2002

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(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired

UNZIPPED APPAREL LLC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
Unzipped Apparel LLC  
Three years ended January 31, 2002  
with Report of Independent Auditors

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Unzipped Apparel LLC

Financial Statements

Three years ended January 31, 2002

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Report of Independent Auditors

Board of Directors  
Unzipped Apparel LLC

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Unzipped Apparel LLC as of January 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related statements of operations, members' (deficit) equity and cash flows for each of the three years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Unzipped Apparel LLC as of January 31, 2002 and 2001, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California  
April 10, 2002

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Unzipped Apparel LLC

Balance Sheets

	January 31	
	2002	2001
	-----	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 11,168	\$
Due from factor, net of allowance for customer credits and returns of \$300,000 in 2002 and \$459,837 in 2001	5,436,603	4,
Due from related party	93,527	

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Inventories	8,359,212	9,
Prepaid expenses	11,665	
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Total current assets	13,912,175	14,
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	167,742	
Other assets	12,099	
	-----	
Total assets	\$ 14,092,016	\$ 14,
	=====	
Liabilities and members' (deficit) equity Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 80,097	\$
Accrued expenses	147,798	
Revolving credit agreement	6,896,694	9,
Due to related parties	4,816,701	6,
	-----	
Total current liabilities	11,941,290	15,
Due to related party - subordinated	5,000,000	3,
Members' (deficit) equity:		
Contributions	2,192,048	2,
Retained deficit	(5,041,322)	(6,
	-----	
Total members' (deficit) equity	(2,849,274)	(4,
	-----	
Total liabilities and members' (deficit) equity	\$ 14,092,016	\$ 14,
	=====	

See accompanying notes.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC  
Statements of Operations

	Year ended January 31		
	2002	2001	20
	-----	-----	
Net sales	\$ 40,152,379	\$ 41,578,213	\$ 32
Cost of goods sold	30,948,857	34,894,590	28
	-----	-----	
Gross profit	9,203,522	6,683,623	4
Operating expenses	6,136,651	7,024,403	7
	-----	-----	
Income (loss) from operations	3,066,871	(340,780)	(3
Interest expense - net	(1,192,104)	(1,239,770)	

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Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,874,767	\$ (1,580,550)	\$ (4,000,000)

See accompanying notes.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC  
Statements of Members' (Deficit) Equity

	Sweet Sportswear, LLC	Michael Caruso and Company, Incorporated	Total Equity
Balance at February 1, 1999	\$ 51,242	\$ 51,242	\$ 102,484
Capital contributions	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Allocation of net loss	(2,122,987)	(2,122,988)	(4,245,975)
Balance at January 31, 2000	(1,571,745)	(1,571,746)	(3,143,491)
Allocation of net loss	(790,275)	(790,275)	(1,580,550)
Balance at January 31, 2001	(2,362,020)	(2,362,021)	(4,724,041)
Allocation of net income	937,383	937,384	1,874,767
Balance at January 31, 2002	\$ (1,424,637)	\$ (1,424,637)	\$ (2,849,274)

See accompanying notes.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC  
Statements of Cash Flows

	2002	Year ended January 31 2001	2000
Operating activities			
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,874,767	\$ (1,580,550)	\$ (4,000,000)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to			

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net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation	62,167	55,109	
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	
Allowance for customer credits and returns	159,837	(181,055)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Due from factor	(616,409)	(629,933)	(3,
Accounts receivable	-	36,698	
Other assets	300	(1,500)	
Inventories	900,726	(2,540,679)	(5,
Due to related parties	66,679	4,033,452	1,
Accounts payable	(9,275)	39,854	
Accrued expenses	(218,550)	261,077	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	2,220,242	(507,527)	(9,
Investing activities			
Acquisition of property and equipment	(20,072)	(31,307)	(
Other assets	-	11,779	
Net cash used in investing activities	(20,072)	(19,528)	(
Financing activities			
Payments under revolving credit agreement	(38,168,970)	(38,208,735)	(26,
Borrowings under revolving credit agreement	35,960,106	38,694,155	33,
Borrowing under subordinated loan from related party	-	-	3,
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(2,208,864)	485,420	10,
(Decrease) increase in cash	(8,695)	(41,635)	
Cash at beginning of year	19,863	61,498	
Cash at end of year	\$ 11,168	\$ 19,863	\$
Schedule of non-cash financing activities			
Non-cash equity contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 811,134	\$ 918,182	\$

See accompanying notes.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC

Notes to Financial Statements

January 31, 2002

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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### Organization and Basis of Presentation

Unzipped Apparel LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the Company), was formed on September 17, 1998, between Sweet Sportswear, LLC (Sweet) and Michael Caruso & Co., Inc. (Caruso), a subsidiary of Candie's, Inc. (Candie's), both owning 50% interest, to contract, produce, distribute and market products with the Candie's and Bongo trademarks. The Company entered into an agreement (the Operating Agreement) with Sweet and Caruso, and obtained an exclusive license to use the trademarks effective September 17, 1998. The Company is dependent upon Azteca Production International (Azteca) to provide working capital funding, certain management services as well as the production of substantially all of its goods. The Company's LLC agreement specifies that the Company will terminate on December 31, 2020, unless terminated earlier based on provisions in the Operating Agreement. The Company's Operating Agreement provides for a mandatory sale of Sweet's interest in the Company to Candie's on January 31, 2003. Under the Company's LLC agreement, profits and losses are allocated and cash is distributed equally according to each member's ownership interest in the Company.

During the year ended January 31, 2000, the Company terminated its Candie's apparel division as well as the Caruso license for Candie's apparel products.

### Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recorded, net of anticipated returns, allowances and discounts, at the time of shipment of merchandise.

### Shipping and Handling Costs

The Company outsources distribution services to a related party. Costs relating to shipping and handling of approximately \$1,873,000, \$2,043,000 and \$2,194,000 for the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively, have been recorded as a component of operating expenses.

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### Unzipped Apparel LLC

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. The amount charged to advertising expense during the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 was approximately \$1,247,000, \$1,287,000 and \$1,054,000, respectively.



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### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market and consist exclusively of finished goods.

### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation of property and equipment is being provided by use of the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets which range from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of their estimated useful lives or the term of the lease. Property and equipment includes capital lease obligations which are by their terms equivalent to purchase agreements.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

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## Unzipped Apparel LLC

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Income Taxes

No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for federal, state or local taxes of the members. The members are individually responsible for reporting their share of each item of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit.

##### Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, nonfactored accounts receivable and amounts due from the factor. In order to minimize the risk of loss, the Company assigns substantially all accounts receivable to a factor who assumes all credit risk with respect to collections on nonrecourse receivables. The Company generally does not require collateral from its customers.

##### Significant Customers

One customer accounted for 11%, 16% and 16% of gross sales for the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Two other customers accounted for 11% and 10% of gross sales for the year ended January 31, 2000.

##### Long-Lived Assets

In March 1995, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of" (SFAS 121), which requires impairment losses to be recorded on long-lived assets used in operations when indications of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amount. In such cases, the amount of

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the impairment is to be determined based on the relative fair value of the impaired assets. SFAS 121 also addresses the accounting for long-lived assets to be disposed of. At January 31, 2002, the Company believes there has been no impairment of the value of such assets.

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### Unzipped Apparel LLC

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 2. Due from Factor

The Company has a factoring agreement with CIT Group/Commercial Services, Inc. (CIT). The Company assigns to CIT, without recourse for the financial inability of the customer to pay at maturity, all trade receivables of the Company acceptable to CIT at their net invoice price less a commission of approximately 0.4% of the gross amount of each receivable for the first 60-day term. Extended terms approved by CIT beyond 60 days require an additional 25% increase on the factor commission for each additional 30 days or portion thereof of extended terms or additional dating. The Company bears the entire risk of collection for nonapproved receivables and accounts receivable returned by the factor to the Company for disputed items. The factor agreement had an initial term of two years, renewable annually unless terminated by either party.

#### 3. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following:

	January 31,	
	2002	2001
Machinery and equipment	\$ 1,104	\$ 1,104
Computer equipment	93,655	73,581
Furniture and fixtures	213,409	213,409
Leasehold improvements	8,434	8,434
	-----	
	316,602	296,528
Less accumulated depreciation	(148,860)	(86,691)
	-----	
	\$ 167,742	\$ 209,837
	=====	

#### 4. Debt

##### Revolving Credit Agreement

The Company has a credit facility with Congress Financial Corporation (Congress) which expires on September 30, 2002. Under the facility as amended, the Company may borrow up to \$15,000,000 under revolving loans. Borrowings are limited by advance rates against eligible accounts receivable and inventory balances, as defined. Under the facility, the Company may also arrange for letters of credit. The borrowings bear interest at the lender's prime rate or at a rate of 2.25% per annum in excess of the Eurodollar rate.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## 4. Debt (continued)

### Revolving Credit Agreement (continued)

Borrowings under the facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company and are guaranteed by the Chairman/Manager of the Company and his family trust, with such guarantee being limited to \$500,000.

At January 31, 2002, no additional funds were available to be borrowed under the revolving credit agreement.

The facility requires the Company to be in compliance with certain financial and nonfinancial covenants. At January 31, 2002, the Company was required to have a minimum members' equity balance of \$750,000. The Company obtained an amendment to the facility dated March 15, 2002, under which the minimum members' equity balance was waived for the period from November 1, 2001 through February 28, 2002. In consideration for the amendment, Azteca agreed to increase the amount of the subordinated loan from \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000. For covenant purposes, the subordinated note payable is considered to be a component of members' equity.

## 5. Commitments and Contingencies

### Leases

The Company occupies its office and showroom facilities in New York City in a location leased by Caruso. The Company pays monthly rent pursuant to the terms of the Caruso lease and remits payments directly to the lessor. The lease expires on July 31, 2003.

In addition to the lease referred to above, in April 1999, the Company and an affiliated company of Candie's entered into a noncancelable lease for additional office and showroom space which expires March 2003 (see Note 6). The Company also occupies space leased to Azteca and receives an allocated charge related to such space.

Total rent expense charged to operations for the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 aggregated approximately \$150,000, \$155,000 and \$273,000, respectively.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

## 5. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

### Leases (continued)

Future minimum payments for noncancelable operating leases referred to above consisted of the following at January 31, 2002:

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	Operating Leases
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2003	\$ 160,624
2004	160,624
2005	160,624
	-----
Total minimum lease payments	\$ 481,872
	=====

6. Related Party Transactions

The Company has a supply agreement with Azteca for the exclusive development, manufacturing, and supply of certain products bearing the Bongo trademark. As consideration for the development of the products, the Company pays Azteca pursuant to a separate pricing schedule. The Company purchases products from Azteca at a price which generally approximates Azteca's cost plus 7%. The supply agreement was consummated upon the Company's formation and extends through January 31, 2003. Purchases for the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 approximated \$30,800,000, \$37,600,000 and \$33,100,000, respectively.

Azteca also allocated expenses to the Company for the Company's use of a portion of Azteca's office space, design and production team and support personnel. Expenses allocated to the Company by Azteca approximated \$433,000, \$542,000 and \$837,000 for the periods ended January 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The Company also receives executive management services from employees of Azteca and Candie's. Such services, provided for the benefit of Sweet and Caruso, are performed without a charge to the Company. Candie's and Caruso also permitted the Company to use the Bongo trademark for apparel products without charge to the Company.

At January 31, 2002, Azteca agreed to subordinate \$5,000,000 of amounts due to Azteca by the Company. The subordinated balance bears interest at the prime rate plus 4% per annum and is repayable after borrowings from Congress have been repaid in full.

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Unzipped Apparel LLC

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

6. Related Party Transactions (continued)

Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the Company recorded advertising expense of approximately \$1,238,000, \$1,257,000 and \$990,000 for the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively. The expense, which is paid to Candie's, is equal to 3% of defined net sales intended for the advertising and promotion of the Company's products primarily by Candie's.

The Company has a distribution agreement with Apparel Distribution Services (ADS), an entity controlled by the shareholder of Sweet and Azteca. The agreement provides for a \$0.35 per unit fee for warehousing and distribution functions and \$0.15 per unit fee for processing and invoicing orders. The agreement also provides for reimbursement for certain operating costs incurred by ADS and charges for special handling fees at hourly rates approved by management. These rates can be adjusted annually by the parties to reflect

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changes in economic factors. The distribution agreement was consummated upon the Company's formation and extends through December 31, 2002.

For the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, distribution expenses under the agreement were approximately \$1,873,000, \$2,043,000 and 2,194,000, respectively. The amounts due to ADS below represent unpaid distribution fees at January 31, 2002 and 2001.

The Company occupies office space in a building rented by ADS and Commerce Clothing Company, LLC (Commerce), a related party. Rent expense allocated to the Company from ADS and Commerce for the years ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 was approximately \$45,100, \$44,400 and \$42,500, respectively.

Amounts due to/from related parties consist of the following:

	January 31,	
	2002	2001
Due to:		
Current:		
Azteca	\$ 641,077	\$ 3,054,680
Candie's	183,268	131,045
ADS	3,992,356	2,924,297
Commerce	-	46,473
	4,816,701	6,156,495

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### Unzipped Apparel LLC

#### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

#### 6. Related Party Transactions (continued)

	January 31,	
	2002	2001
Noncurrent:		
Azteca	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,500,000
	\$ 9,816,701	\$ 9,656,495
Due from:		
Current:		
Commerce	\$ 93,527	\$ -
	\$ 93,527	\$ -

#### 7. Termination of Candie's Apparel Division

During the year ended January 31, 2000, the Company's members committed to close its Candie's apparel division. In connection with the closure, the Company wrote-off approximately \$368,000 of leasehold improvements and other equipment which was abandoned when the Company ceased using its showroom.

Candie's has taken title to the leasehold improvements and assumed the

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obligation of the showroom and various office equipment contained therein.

Additionally, in connection with the termination of the Candie's division, the Company recorded a reserve for obsolete and discontinued inventory of approximately \$458,000 and an allowance for customer credits and returns of approximately \$245,000. These amounts are included in the cost of goods and net sales components of the statement of operations, respectively, for the year ended January 31, 2000.

### 8. Events Subsequent to Date of Report of Independent Auditors (Unaudited)

On April 23, 2002, Candies purchased Sweet's 50% interest in the Company in exchange for 3,000,000 shares of Candies' common stock and \$11.0 million of Candies redeemable preferred stock.

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### (b). Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Introduction

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements give effect to the acquisition by Candie's Inc. ("Candie's") in April 2002 of the remaining 50% of Unzipped Apparel LLC ("Unzipped") that it did not own, under the purchase method of accounting. These pro forma statements are presented for illustrative purpose only. The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and certain assumptions that management believes are reasonable. The pro forma consolidated financial statements do not purport to represent what the results of operations of Candie's would actually have been if the acquisition had in fact occurred on such date, nor do they purport to project the results of operations of Candie's for any future period.

Under the purchase method of accounting, tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their estimated fair values. The excess of the purchase price, including estimated fees and expenses related to the acquisition, over the net assets acquired has been classified as goodwill. The estimated fair values and useful lives of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are based on a preliminary valuation and are subject to final valuation adjustments which may cause certain identified intangibles to be amortized as opposed to goodwill, which has not been amortized in accordance with FAS 142.

The unaudited pro forma statements of operations for the quarter ended April 30, 2002 and the year ended January 31, 2002 were prepared by combining Candie's and Unzipped's statements of operations for the periods then ended, giving effect to the acquisition as though it had occurred on February 1, 2001.

The consolidated historical financial statements of Candie's are derived from the consolidated financial statements included in Candie's Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2002 and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 30, 2002. The historical financial statement of Unzipped for the year ended January 31, 2002 is derived from Unzipped's financial statements included herein and the historical financial statement of Unzipped for the quarter ended April 30, 2002 is derived from unaudited financial statements not included herein.

A pro forma balance sheet has not been presented herein since the effects of the acquisition have been included in Candie's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 30, 2002.

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Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations  
 Quarter ended April 30, 2002  
 ('000 omitted, except per share information)

	Candie's	Unzipped	Pro Adjus
	-----	-----	-----
Net sales	\$ 24,190	\$ 13,625	\$
Licensing income	1,427	-	
Net revenue	-----	-----	
	25,617	13,625	
Cost of goods sold	17,587	10,863	
Gross profit	-----	-----	
	8,030	2,762	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7,062	2,087	
Special charges	15	-	
Operating income	-----	-----	
	953	675	
Other expenses:			
Interest expense - net	277	260	
Equity income in joint venture	(250)	-	
	-----	-----	
	27	260	
Income (loss) before income taxes	-----	-----	
	926	415	
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(139)	13	
Net income (loss)	-----	-----	
	1,065	402	
Dividends	-	-	
	-----	-----	

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Net income (loss) available to common stockholders	\$	1,065	\$	402	\$
=====					
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	0.05			
=====					
Diluted	\$	0.05			
=====					
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:					
Basic		20,642		-	
=====					
Diluted		23,104		-	
=====					

See accompanying notes.

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Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations  
Year ended January 31, 2002  
('000 omitted, except per share information)

	Candie's	Unzipped	Pro Adjus
	-----	-----	-----
Net sales	\$ 96,327	\$ 40,152	\$
Licensing income	5,075	-	
Net revenue	101,402	40,152	
Cost of goods sold	72,642	30,949	
Gross profit	28,760	9,203	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	28,514	6,136	
Special charges	1,791	-	
Operating (loss) income	(1,545)	3,067	



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Other expenses:

Interest expense - net	1,175	1,192	
Equity income in joint venture	(500)	-	
	-----	-----	
	675	1,192	
	-----	-----	
(Loss) income before income taxes	(2,220)	1,875	
Provision for income taxes	62	-	
	-----	-----	
Net (loss) income	(2,282)	1,875	
Dividends	-	-	
	-----	-----	
Net (loss) income available to common stockholders	\$ (2,282)	\$ 1,875	\$
	=====	=====	=====
Loss per share:			
Basic	\$ (0.12)		
	=====		
Diluted	\$ (0.12)		
	=====		
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic	19,647	-	
	=====	=====	=====
Diluted	19,647	-	
	=====	=====	=====

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations

- (a) Represents the elimination of sales by Unzipped to Candie's.
- (b) Represents the elimination of licensing income and expenses historically received and incurred, respectively, relating to the license of Bongo jeanswear by Candie's to Unzipped.
- (c) Represents the elimination of equity income in joint venture by Candie's resulting from a reduction in its liability relating to Unzipped.

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- (d) Represents dividends that would have been payable under the terms of the acquisition agreement.
- (e) Represents the shares of Candie's common stock that were issued as part of the acquisition.

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