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UNITED STATES
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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002

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

Commission File Number 0-25844

TAITRON COMPONENTS INCORPORATED
(Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

95-4249240
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

28040 West Harrison Parkway
Valencia, California 91355-4162
(Address Of Principal Executive Offices)

(661) 257-6060
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NONE
(Former Name, Address and Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check 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 (X) NO ()

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class	Outstanding on March 31, 2002
Class A Common Stock, \$.001 par value	4,964,107
Class B Common Stock, \$.001 par value	762,612

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

TAITRON COMPONENTS INCORPORATED

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Dollars in Thousands)

	March 31, 2002	Decem
Assets	(Unaudited)	-----
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 154	\$
Trade accounts receivable, net	2,320	
Income tax receivable	773	
Inventory, net	27,413	
Prepaid expenses	246	
Deferred income taxes	498	
Other current assets	289	
	-----	-----
Total current assets	31,693	
Property and equipment, net	6,640	
Other assets	312	
	-----	-----
Total assets	\$ 38,645	\$
	=====	=====
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Revolving line of credit	\$ 10,765	\$
Current portion of long term debt	24	
Trade accounts payable	1,983	
Accrued liabilities and other	478	
	-----	-----
Total current liabilities	13,250	
Long-term debt, less current portion	381	
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Total liabilities	13,631	
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Commitments and contingencies	-	
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value. Authorized 5,000,000 shares. None issued or outstanding.	-	
Class A common stock, \$.001 par value. Authorized 20,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 4,964,107 and 4,880,682 shares as of March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively.	5	
Class B common stock, \$.001 par value. Authorized, issued and outstanding 762,612, shares as of March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001.	1	
Additional paid-in capital	10,894	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(55)	
Retained earnings	14,169	
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Total shareholders' equity	25,014	-----
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 38,645	=====

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net sales	\$ 3,706	\$ 5,524
Cost of goods sold	2,683	3,887
	-----	-----
Gross profit	1,023	1,637
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,196	1,535
	-----	-----
Operating (loss) earnings	(173)	102
Interest expense, net	124	247
Other income, net	(89)	(47)
	-----	-----
Loss before income taxes	(208)	(98)
Income tax benefit	(15)	(24)
	-----	-----
Net loss	\$ (193)	\$ (74)
	=====	=====
Loss Per Share:		
Basic	\$ (.03)	\$ (.01)
	=====	=====
Diluted	\$ (.03)	\$ (.01)
	=====	=====
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	5,653,468	5,722,573
	=====	=====
Diluted	5,653,468	5,722,573
	=====	=====

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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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TAITRON COMPONENTS INCORPORATED Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Dollars in thousands)

	Three months ended Ma	
	2002	2
	(Unaudited)	(Una
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (193)	\$
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	134	
Provision for inventory reserves	75	
Provision for sales returns and doubtful accounts	117	
Gain on sale of assets	-	
Deferred income taxes	30	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivable	(413)	
Income tax receivable	8	
Inventory	407	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(184)	
Other assets	(7)	
Trade accounts payable	812	
Accrued liabilities and other	29	
Total adjustments	1,008	
Net cash provided by operating activities	815	
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisitions of property and equipment	(7)	
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	
Net cash used in investing activities	(7)	
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on revolving line of credit and note payable	625	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options and issuance of stock	119	
Payments on revolving line of credit and notes payable	(1,552)	
Repurchase of common stock	(26)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(834)	
Impact of exchange rates changes on cash	(2)	

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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(28)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	182	-----
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 154	=====
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 79	\$ -----
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 1	\$ =====

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

As of and for the quarterly period ending March 31, 2002
 (All amounts are unaudited, except for the balance sheet as of
 December 31, 2001)

(1) Basis of Presentation

The condensed consolidated financial information furnished herein is unaudited and, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and accruals) in conformity with the accounting principles reflected in the financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended December 31, 2001. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be achieved for full fiscal years.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all information and footnotes necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes should therefore, be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its majority-owned subsidiary. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized upon shipment of the merchandise. Reserves for sales allowances and customer returns are established based upon historical

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experience and management's estimates as shipments are made. Sales returns for the quarters ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 aggregated to \$94,000 and \$112,000, respectively.

Allowance for Sales Returns and Doubtful Accounts

The allowance for sales returns and doubtful accounts at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001 aggregated \$131,000 and \$110,000, respectively.

Inventory

Inventory consists principally of products for resale and is stated at the lower of cost, using the first-in, first-out method, or market. Inventory is presented net of valuation allowances of \$1,384,000 and \$1,309,000 at March 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, respectively.

Net Loss Per Share

Common equivalent shares of 433,470 and 644,800 for the three month periods ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively, are excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share as their effect is anti-dilutive.

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the 2001 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the current 2002 financial statement presentation.

Use Of Estimates

The Company's management has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These estimates have a significant impact on the Company's valuation and reserve accounts relating to the allowance for sales returns, doubtful accounts and inventory reserves. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(3) Revolving Line of Credit

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On March 21, 2002, the Company signed a commitment letter which allows the Company to renew its \$15 million revolving line of credit to a new maturity date of May 18, 2004. The agreement governing the renewed credit facility contains security agreements covering essentially all assets of the Company and covenants that require the Company to be in compliance with certain financial ratios. Borrowings under the renewed revolving line of credit bears interest at the bank's prime rate (4.75% at March 31, 2002) or at the option of the Company, at LIBOR (weighted average of 2.37% at March 31, 2002) plus 2.35% (if the Company meets certain financial results, the interest may change to LIBOR plus 2.00%). Borrowing under the renewed credit facility is limited to a certain formula, essentially consisting of a portion of the Company's account receivables, inventory and fixed assets.

(4) Changes in Securities

On March 31, 2002, the Company issued one hundred thousand (100,000)

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unregistered shares of it's Class A Common Stock for an amount of \$118,670 to an unrelated company of which the proceeds of \$118,670 from the issuance are for general working capital purposes.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain amounts and ratios, as a percentage of net sales, included in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

	Three Months Period Ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
	(Dollars in Thousands)	
Net sales	\$ 3,706	\$ 5,524
Cost of goods sold	2,683	3,887
% of net sales	72.4%	70.4%
Gross profit	1,023	1,637
% of net sales	27.6%	29.6%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,196	1,535
% of net sales	32.3%	27.8%
Operating (loss)earnings	(173)	102
% of net sales	(4.7)%	1.8%
Interest expense, net	124	247
% of net sales	3.3%	4.5%
Net loss	(193)	(74)
% of net sales	(5.2)%	(1.3)%

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Three month Period Ended March 31, 2002 Compared To The Three month Period Ended March 31, 2001.

Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2002 were \$3,706,000, compared with net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2001 of \$5,524,000, a decrease of \$1,818,000 or 32.9%. The decrease is primarily due to an industry wide decrease in demand for discrete semiconductors. Discrete component sales decreased by \$1,501,000 during the quarter ended March 31, 2002 and export sales decreased by \$292,000 compared to prior year. The average unit selling price decreased to 2.0 cents for the current period from 2.1 cents during the same period last year. The decrease was primarily attributable to selling more passive components which have a lower average per unit sales price.

Cost of goods sold for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 decreased to \$2,683,000 from \$3,887,000 for the same period last year, a decrease of 31% or \$1,204,000. Consistent with the decrease in net sales, cost of goods sold declined, however at a slower rate, resulting in gross profits decreasing as a percentage of net sales to 27.6% for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 from 29.6%

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for the same period last year. Gross profits decreased by \$614,000 to \$1,023,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 from \$1,637,000 for the same period in 2001. Also contributing the decrease in gross profit was a provision for inventory reserves of \$75,000 and \$30,000 during the quarters ended March 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses decreased by \$339,000 or 22.1% for the quarter period ended March 31, 2002 compared to the same period of 2001. The decrease is primarily attributable to reducing personnel-related expenses and commissions paid to independent sales representatives resulting from lower net sales and cost reduction programs. These costs, as a percentage of net sales, increased to 32.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2002 as compared to 27.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2001, which was primarily attributable to the overall decrease in net sales.

Operating loss was \$173,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 as compared to operating earnings of \$102,000 for the same period ended March 31, 2001. Operating earnings decreased primarily due to the decrease in net sales, as discussed above.

Interest expense, net of interest income for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 decreased by \$123,000 compared to the same period last year. The decrease is primarily due to decreased borrowing levels and lower effective average borrowing rates incurred during the current quarter at 4.3%, when compared to 7.1% for the same period last year.

Income tax benefit was \$15,000 in the current period ended March 31, 2002, representing an effective tax benefit rate of 9.3% (net of provision for deferred tax asset reserve in the amount of \$30,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002) of US domestic pre-tax income, as compared to income tax benefit of \$24,000 for the same period in 2001, an effective tax rate of 40% of US domestic pre-tax income.

Net loss was \$193,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002 as compared with net loss of \$74,000 for the same period last year, resulting from the reasons discussed above.

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Supply and Demand Issues

Background

In 1996, suppliers increased capacity and the weak demand left suppliers with large amounts of uncommitted products. During 1996 and continuing into 1997, the Company decided to take advantage of this situation by intensifying its long standing purchasing strategy by making opportunistic purchases of suppliers' uncommitted capacity, at favorable pricing. The Company believed this strategy of opportunistic purchasing postured the Company to be price competitive, while still maintaining acceptable profit margins for the prior periods.

The demand for discrete semiconductors in the U.S. market decreased from 1996 through the middle of 1999. From 1999 throughout 2000, demand had increased as a result of industry wide shortages. Since then, the industry wide shortage began to diminish towards the end of 2000 and demand through the end of 2001 has drastically declined resulting from an overall economic slowdown and excess product availability.

Current Issues

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The Company's core strategy is to maintain a substantial inventory of discrete semiconductors purchased at prices generally lower than those commonly available to its competitors. This strategy allows the Company to fill customer orders immediately from stock held in inventory. Since demand remains weak resulting from an overall economic slowdown and excess product availability, the Company continued to focus on lowering its inventory balances. As such, inventory levels decreased throughout the quarter from \$27,895,000 to \$27,413,000 as of December 31, 2001 and March 31, 2002, respectively, including a non-cash provision of approximately \$75,000 during the quarter ended March 31, 2002 to increase the Company's inventory reserves. Since demand continued to be weak towards the end of the quarter, the Company expects to continue to lower inventory balances throughout 2002. There are no assurances that demand in the discrete semiconductor market will increase and that market conditions will improve in 2002.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing statements are forward looking and are necessarily speculative. There can be no guarantee that a recovery in the discrete semiconductor market will take place. Also, if prices of components held in our inventory decline or if new technology is developed that displaces products distributed by us and held in inventory, our business could be materially adversely affected. See "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Information".

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company historically has satisfied its liquidity requirements principally through cash generated from operations, short-term commercial loans and sale of equity securities. A summary of cash flows resulting from the operating, investing and financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2002 and 2001 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three months ended March 31,	
	2002	2001
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Operating activities	\$ 815	\$ 525
Investing activities	(7)	(65)
Financing activities	(834)	(481)

Cash flows provided by operating activities increased to \$815,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2002, as compared to \$525,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2001. The change is primarily due to an increase in accounts payable and accrued and other liabilities of \$841,000 during the period ended March 31, 2002, as compared to a decrease of \$1,010,000 during the same period last year.

Also, inventory declined by \$407,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2002, as compared to a decrease of \$102,000 during the same period last year, again contributing to the overall increase in operating cash flow. Conversely, the overall increase in operating cash flow was partially offset by a increase in accounts receivable of \$413,000 as compared to a decrease of \$1,357,000 during the first three months of 2001.

Cash flows used in investing activities was \$7,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2002 compared to \$65,000 during the three months ended March 31,

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2001. The decrease is primarily due to the reduction in purchases of equipment.

Cash flows used in financing activities increased to \$834,000 from \$481,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001, primarily due to increased net re-payments to our bank revolving line of credit during the current period in 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001. Also, offsetting the increase is the issuance of common shares in the aggregate amount of \$119,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2002, where as in the same period last year the company repurchased common shares in the aggregate amount of \$178,000.

Inventory is included in current assets. However, if all or a substantial portion of the inventory was required to be immediately liquidated, the inventory would not be as readily marketable or liquid as other items included in current assets, such as cash.

On March 21, 2002, the Company signed a commitment letter which allows the Company to renew its \$15 million revolving line of credit to a new maturity date of May 18, 2004. The agreement governing the renewed credit facility contains security agreements covering essentially all assets of the Company and covenants that require the Company to be in compliance with certain financial ratios. Borrowings under the renewed revolving line of credit bears interest at the bank's prime rate (4.75% at March 31, 2002) or at the option of the Company, at LIBOR (weighted average of 2.37% at March 31, 2002) plus 2.35% (if the Company meets certain financial results, the interest may change to LIBOR plus 2.00%). Borrowing under the renewed credit facility will be limited to a certain formula, essentially consisting of a portion of the Company's account receivables, inventory and fixed assets.

The Company believes that funds generated from operations, our bank revolving line of credit and sale of equity securities should be sufficient to finance our working capital and capital expenditure requirements for the foreseeable future.

As of the date of this Report, we had no commitments for other equity or debt financing or other capital expenditures.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Information

Several of the matters discussed in this document contain forward looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward looking statements are usually denoted by words or phrases such as "believes," "expects," "projects," "estimates," "anticipates," "will likely result," or similar expressions. We wish to caution readers that all forward looking statements are necessarily speculative and not to place undue reliance on such forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date made, and to advise readers that actual results could vary due to a variety of risks and uncertainties. Factors associated with the forward looking statements that could cause the forward looking statements to be inaccurate and could otherwise impact our future results are set forth in detail in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K. In addition to the other information contained in this document, readers should carefully consider the information contained in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 under the heading "Cautionary Statements and Risk Factors."

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Not applicable

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Item 2. Changes In Securities And Use Of Proceeds

On March 31, 2002, the Company issued one hundred thousand (100,000) unregistered shares of it's Class A Common Stock for an amount of \$118,670 to an unrelated company of which the proceeds of \$118,670 from the issuance are for general working capital purposes.

Item 3. through Item 5. Not applicable

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits:

None

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

None

SIGNATURES

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

TAITRON COMPONENTS INCORPORATED

Date: May 14, 2002

By: /s/ Stewart Wang

Stewart Wang
Chief Executive Officer
and Director

Date: May 14, 2002

By: /s/ Steven H. Dong

Steven H. Dong
Chief Financial Officer

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