

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

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 27, 2004

LIBBEY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

1-12084
(Commission File Number)

34-1559357
(IRS Employer
identification No.)

300 Madison Avenue
Toledo, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

43604
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (419) 325-2100

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

The information in this Item is furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission solely under Item 12 of Form 8-K, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On April 27, 2004, Libbey Inc. issued a press release announcing financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

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

**LIBBEY INC.
Registrant**

Date: *April 27, 2004*

By: */s/ Scott M. Sellick*

Scott M. Sellick
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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EXHIBIT 99.1

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NEWS RELEASE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004**

**LIBBEY INC. ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER DILUTED EPS OF 4
CENTS, SALES UP 10 PERCENT, INCOME FROM OPERATIONS
UP 8.5 PERCENT**

TOLEDO, OHIO, APRIL 27, 2004--LIBBEY INC. (NYSE: LBY) announced that its diluted earnings per share for the first quarter ended March 31, 2004, were 4 cents on sales of \$123.1 million. The Company reported increased sales and higher income from operations, which were offset by a pretax equity loss of \$1.4 million at its joint venture in Mexico, Vitrocrisa, and the continuing impact of higher pension expense and higher interest expense.

FIRST-QUARTER RESULTS

For the quarter-ended March 31, 2004, sales increased 10.0 percent to \$123.1 million from \$111.9 million in the year-ago quarter. The increase in sales was largely attributable to solid growth in sales to foodservice customers. Shipments of Libbey glassware, Syracuse China dinnerware and World Tableware products to foodservice customers were all at least 10 percent higher than the year-ago period. Sales to retail customers increased approximately 5 percent as compared to the year-ago first quarter, sales of Royal Leerdam brand glassware were also up over 10 percent, while sales to industrial customers were up more than 15 percent.

The Company recorded income from operations of \$6.0 million during the quarter. This compares with income from operations of \$5.5 million in the year-ago quarter. Factors contributing to the 8.5 percent increase were higher sales to foodservice customers, improved mix of sales partially offset by additional costs (mostly non-cash) for pension and postretirement medical benefits of \$0.6 million, and higher distribution costs of \$1.3

million related to the increased sales. Planned furnace and machine rebuilds during the quarter also impacted income from operations.

Earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT) were \$4.4 million compared with \$5.5 million in the year-ago quarter. Pretax equity loss from Vitrocrisa, the Company's joint venture in Mexico, was \$1.4 million on a pretax basis, as compared with a pretax loss of \$0.2 million in the first quarter of 2003, as the result of higher natural gas costs, increased repair expenses, and an unfavorable translation loss.

For the quarter, Libbey recorded net income of \$0.6 million, or 4 cents per diluted share, compared with net income of \$2.0 million, or 14 cents per diluted share, in the year-ago period. Interest expense increased \$1.0 million as a result of higher average debt during the quarter and higher interest rates compared with the year-ago period. The effective tax rate increased to 34.0 percent for the quarter from 32.8 percent in the year-ago period as the result of lower federal and state income tax credits.

WORKING CAPITAL

Trade working capital, defined as inventories and accounts receivable less accounts payable, increased as compared with year-end 2003. Total inventories increased \$3.2 million during the quarter to \$128.9 million, primarily as a result of seasonal demands.

OUTLOOK FOR 2004

John F. Meier, chairman and chief executive officer, commenting on the quarter and the company's outlook for 2004 said, "We are pleased that we were able to exceed the first quarter expectations for sales and earnings announced by the Company in February. The solid increase in sales to our foodservice customers, in addition to the ongoing positive contributions made by Royal Leerdam and Traex, allows us to be cautiously optimistic about the balance of 2004. Generally, we expect sales growth to continue in 2004 as economic conditions continue to improve." He added, "For the second quarter of 2004, diluted earnings per share are expected to be in the range of \$0.71 to \$0.76, compared to \$0.59 in the second quarter of 2003. We continue to expect this strong second quarter to be driven by increased sales, higher capacity utilization, and improved mix."

WEBCAST INFORMATION

Libbey will hold a conference call for investors on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 11 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The conference call will be simulcast live on the Internet on both www.libbey.com and www.firstcallevts.com/service/ajwz404152017gf12.html. To listen to the call, please go to the website at least 10 minutes early to register, download and install any necessary software. A replay will be available for 7 days after the conclusion of the call.

The above information includes "forward-looking" statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements only reflect the Company's

best assessment at this time and are indicated by words or phrases such as "goal," "expects," "believes," "will," "estimates," "anticipates," or similar phrases. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainty, that actual results may differ materially from such statements, and that investors should not place undue reliance on such statements.

Important factors potentially affecting performance include but are not limited to: increased competition from foreign suppliers endeavoring to sell glass tableware in the United States and Mexico, including the impact of lower duties for imported products; major slowdowns in the retail, travel or entertainment industries in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Western Europe, caused by terrorist attacks or otherwise; significant increases in per unit costs for natural gas, electricity, corrugated packaging, and other purchased materials; higher interest rates that increase the Company's borrowing costs; protracted work stoppages related to collective bargaining agreements; increases in expense associated with higher medical costs, increased pension expense associated with lower returns on pension investments and increased pension obligations; devaluations and other major currency fluctuations relative to the U.S. dollar and the Euro that could reduce the cost competitiveness of the Company's products compared to foreign competition; the effect of high inflation in Mexico and exchange rate changes to the value of the Mexican peso and the earnings and cash flow of the Company's joint venture in Mexico, Vitrocrisa, expressed under U.S. GAAP; the inability to achieve savings and profit improvements at targeted levels in the Company's operations or within the intended time periods; whether the Company completes any significant acquisition, and whether such acquisitions can operate profitably.

Libbey Inc.:

- is a leading producer of glass tableware in North America;
- is a leading producer of tabletop products for the foodservice industry;
- exports to more than 75 countries; and,
- provides technical assistance to glass tableware manufacturers around the world.

Based in Toledo, Ohio, the Company operates glass tableware manufacturing plants in the United States in California, Louisiana, and Ohio and in the Netherlands. Its Royal Leerdam subsidiary, located in Leerdam, Netherlands, is among the world leaders in producing and selling glass stemware to retail, foodservice and industrial clients. In addition, Libbey is a joint venture partner in the largest glass tableware company in Mexico. Its Syracuse China subsidiary designs, manufactures and distributes an extensive line of high-quality ceramic dinnerware, principally for foodservice establishments in the United States. Its World Tableware subsidiary imports and sells a full-line of metal flatware and holloware and an assortment of ceramic dinnerware and other tabletop items principally for foodservice establishments in the United States. Its Traex subsidiary, located in Wisconsin, designs, manufactures and distributes an extensive line of plastic items for the foodservice industry. In 2003, Libbey Inc.'s net sales totaled \$513.6 million.

LIBBEY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts)

(unaudited)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED		Percent Change
	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003	
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Net sales	\$123,123	\$111,903	10.0%
Freight billed to customers	491	434	
Royalties and net technical assistance	692	750	
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Total revenues	124,306	113,087	9.9%
Cost of sales	101,298	90,779	
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Gross profit (1)	22,316	21,558	3.5%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	16,993	16,766	
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Income from operations	6,015	5,542	8.5%
Equity earnings (loss) -- pretax	(1,389)	(150)	
Other (expense) income	(193)	126	
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Earnings before interest and income taxes	4,433	5,518	(19.7%)
Interest expense -- net	3,576	2,541	
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Income before income taxes	857	2,977	(71.2%)
Provision for income taxes	292	976	
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Net income	\$565	\$2,001	(71.8%)
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Net income per share:			
Basic	\$0.04	\$0.14	
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Diluted	\$0.04	\$0.14	(71.4%)
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Weighted average shares:			
Outstanding	13,629	14,470	
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Diluted	13,677	14,599	
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(1) Gross profit is net sales plus freight billed to customers less cost of sales.

LIBBEY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003	March 31, 2003
	----- (unaudited)	----- (unaudited)	----- (unaudited)
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,750	\$ 5,459
Accounts receivable	56,275	57,122	53,413
Inventories	128,865	125,696	116,501
Other current assets	11,424	10,610	12,657
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Total current assets	197,814	196,178	188,030
Investments	86,782	87,574	87,924
Other assets	39,929	40,745	39,114
Goodwill	52,977	53,133	60,412
Net property, plant and equipment	173,818	173,486	162,656
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Total assets	\$551,320	\$551,116	\$538,136
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Notes payable	\$ 7,779	\$ 611	\$ 2,325
Accounts payable	34,842	40,280	29,328
Accrued liabilities	33,645	33,555	38,898
Other current liabilities	12,074	14,281	13,321
Long-term debt due within one year	115	115	115
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Total current liabilities	88,455	88,842	83,987
Long-term debt	229,123	230,207	248,476
Deferred taxes and other liabilities	27,615	27,873	25,821
Pension liability	17,626	17,092	29,388
Nonpension postretirement benefits	47,558	47,245	47,459
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Total liabilities	410,377	411,259	435,131
Total shareholders' equity	140,943	139,857	103,005
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$551,320	\$551,116	\$538,136
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LIBBEY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOW
(Dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED	
	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003
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OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 565	\$ 2,001
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	7,812	6,907
Other non-cash charges	148	217
Net equity (earnings) loss	931	(8)
Net change in components of working capital and other assets/liabilities	(9,003)	(18,220)
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	453	(9,103)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(7,966)	(4,633)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(7,966)	(4,633)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Net bank credit facility activity	--	(41,872)
Senior notes	--	100,000
Payment of financing fees	--	(663)
Other net borrowings	7,136	(365)
Stock options exercised	240	76
Treasury shares purchased	--	(38,248)
Dividends	(1,362)	(1,463)
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Net cash provided by financing activities	6,014	17,465
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash	(1)	47
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(Decrease) increase in cash	(1,500)	3,776
Cash at beginning of year	2,750	1,683
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Cash at end of period	\$ 1,250	\$ 5,459
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LIBBEY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURE STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED	
	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003
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Net sales	\$ 42,478	\$ 38,287
Cost of sales	38,318	32,999
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Gross profit	4,160	5,288
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5,366	4,856
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Income (loss) from operations	(1,206)	432
Translation (loss) gain	(181)	647
Other (expense) income	(101)	8
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Earnings (loss) before interest and taxes	(1,488)	1,087
Interest expense	1,347	1,394
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Income (loss) before income taxes	(2,835)	(307)
Income taxes	(934)	(325)
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Net (loss) income	\$ (1,901)	\$ 18
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The Company is a 49% equity owner in Vitrocrisa Holding, S. de R.L. de C.V. and related Mexican companies (Vidrocrisa), which manufacture, market and sell glass tableware (beverageware, plates, bowls, serveware and accessories) and industrial glassware (coffee pots, blender jars, meter covers, glass covers for cooking ware and lighting fixtures sold to original equipment manufacturers) and a 49% equity owner in Crisa Industrial, L.L.C., a domestic distributor of industrial glassware for Vitrocrisa in the U.S. and Canada. Summarized combined statements of income for the Company's investments, accounted for by the equity method under U.S. GAAP, is shown above.