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

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2002

OR

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

For the transition period from_ to _

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Astro-Med, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Rhode Island
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

05-0318215

600 East Greenwich Avenue, West Warwick, Rhode Island (Address of principal executive offices) 02893 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 828-4000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of each exchange
Title of each class on which registered
None None

None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock, \$.05 Par Value

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

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 [X] No [_]

State the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of March 22, 2002. Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value: \$11,190,674

Indicate the number of shares outstanding (excluding treasury shares) of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of March 22, 2002.

Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value: 4,267,373 shares

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

General

Astro-Med, Inc., (the Company) is a diversified enterprise that is strategically organized into three product groups: Test & Measurement (T&M), QuickLabel(R) Systems (QLS), and Grass-Telefactor (G-T). T&M develops and manufactures data acquisition instruments that serve the test and measurement market. QLS develops and manufactures digital printers and consumable products that serve the product identification market. Grass-Telefactor develops and manufactures clinical neurophysiology (EEG and epilepsy monitoring), polysomnography (PSG - Sleep monitoring), biomedical research instrumentation and supplies that serve the life sciences market. The Company's products are distributed both in North America and internationally through its direct sales force and authorized distributors and agents located in approximately forty countries. Approximately 28% of the Company's sales were made outside of the United States.

The Company and its subsidiaries and their representatives may from time to time make written or oral statements, including statements contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and in its reports to shareholders, including this annual report, which constitute or contain "forward-looking statements" as is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 or by the SEC in its rules, regulations and releases.

All statements, other than statements of historical facts included in this annual report regarding the Company's financial position and operating and strategic initiatives and addressing industry developments are forward-looking statements. Where, in any forward-looking statement, the Company or its management expresses an expectation or belief as to future results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis, but there can be no assurance that the statement of expectation or belief will result or be achieved or accomplished. Factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated include, but are not limited to, general economic, financial and business conditions; declining demand in the test and measurement markets, especially defense and aerospace; competition in the specialty printer industry; ability to develop market acceptance of the QLS color printer products and effective design of customer required features; competition in the data acquisition industry; competition in the neurophysiology industry; the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on the results of operations; the ability to successfully integrate acquisitions; the business abilities and judgment of personnel and changes in business strategy.

Narrative Description of Business

Products

Overview

The Company develops and manufactures systems that have the ability to acquire electronic data, process, analyze, store and present the data in a variety of useable forms. The T&M data acquisition systems record scientific signals and print the output onto charts or electronic media. The QLS digital printer systems and media products create product and packaging labels and tags in one or many colors. The Grass-Telefactor products electronically record signals that reflect the physiological status of living creatures for digital or analog access. The Company supplies a range of products that include the hardware, software, and supplies to customers who are in a variety of industries.

T&M Products

The Company's T&M products are a comprehensive line of data recording instruments for the aerospace, automotive, pulp and paper, metal mill, transportation and manufacturing industries. These recording solutions provide customers with a complete record of their data, whether they are troubleshooting a process, performing preventative maintenance or gathering mission critical data. Using contemporary technologies, T&M products are designed to handle customers ever-changing requirements now and into the future.

Telemetry Recorders

The Everest Telemetry-Recorder Workstation is the flagship product of T&M's line of telemetry recorders. Designed for the unique requirements of the aerospace and defense industries, the Everest provides engineers with vital data on test products during pre-flight checkout and flight tests. Intended to seamlessly integrate into off-the-shelf telemetry systems, the Everest is used to test fighter planes, missiles, helicopters, satellites and commercial aircraft.

During flight test, the Everest provides engineers with real-time access to data to allow them to make split second decisions and prevent costly retesting. After flight test, data from the Everest is available in both paper and digital formats, allowing engineers to analyze data faster than ever before.

Dash Series Data Acquisition Recorders

The Company's Dash Series recorders are used as maintenance and troubleshooting tools for pulp and paper mills, power plants, transportation test centers, steel mills, automotive R&D centers and manufacturing plants. With downtime costing these facilities tens of thousands of dollars per day, the Dash Series data acquisition recorders can pay for themselves by preventing a single outage. Completely self-contained in rugged aluminum cases, the Dash Series data acquisition recorders are ideally suited for use in harsh environments where computer-based or other systems will not perform.

Six data acquisition recorders form the Dash series line: the Dash 2, Dash 4u, Dash 8n, Dash 8u, Dash 16u and Dash 18. Priced from \$5,000 to \$23,000, the company offers a product for any budget. The Dash 18 is the latest portable data acquisition recorder to be introduced. With such leading edge technology as a touchscreen display, waveform, audio and video data input, integral Web browser and network interface, the Dash 18 is an important troubleshooting tool for virtually any environment.

QLS Products

The Company's QLS product line is composed of an array of high-technology digital color label printers, automatic labelers, and print and apply systems, as well as labeling software and consumables. Innovative QLS products continue to change the way companies do business by providing just-in-time, in-plant label production capabilities and labeling automation through the Company's advanced digital thermal transfer printing technologies. QLS's packaging, barcoding and labeling solutions are used throughout the world.

Digital Color Label Printers

QLS digital color labels printers are designed to print multiple colors, text and barcodes in a single pass on labels, tags and tickets of all kinds. Using Astro-Med's proprietary MicroCell(TM) color halftoning technology, these printers create near lithographic quality labels that can be generated on and printed directly from a customer's personal computer, mainframe or AS/400 midrange computing platform.

In January of 2002, the Company introduced a new and advanced four color digital label printer, the QLS-4100X. The QLS-4100X, priced at \$17,995, is the Company's fourth-generation process color printer, which

incorporates new features deriving from the Company's research and development, thermal printing experience, and feedback from users around the world. With the Company's patented Ribbon Ration(TM) technology for economizing thermal transfer ribbon, enhanced mechanical design for precise color registration, robust performance for long runs, and more user-friendly operation, the QLS-4100X is QLS's flagship.

QLS's digital color label printer offering also includes the following models: the QLS-2000, QLS-2001, QLS-3000, QLS-3001. With either two or three print stations, the QLS-2000 and QLS-3000 printers represent the Company's value line of color printers, providing color-labeling solutions for general product identification applications at price points of \$6,550 and \$10,995 respectively. The QLS-2001 and QLS-3001 models, priced at \$6,995 and \$9,995, are used in specialty and niche applications, including the printing of Tyvek pouches used in the packaging of surgical instruments. These models also comprise the core of QLS's Apparel Printing Systems, designed to print apparel care tags, hang tags and price tickets in manufacturing environments, retail applications, and service bureau operations worldwide.

Marketing of the QLS printers expanded in fiscal year-end 2002 to target applications such as the private labeling of foods and beverages, chemicals and cleaning supplies, pharmaceutical and medical products, personal care products, and others.

Barcode Label Printers

QLS has a new family of barcode label printers: the Pronto series. This new line of low-cost, feature-rich barcode printers includes the Pronto 442 at \$757, Pronto 472 at \$995, both with 203 dpi resolution; the high-resolution 400 dpi Pronto 474 at \$2,195; and the 8.6" wide Pronto 843 at \$2,195. These competitively-priced Pronto models mark the Company's re-entry into mainline barcode printing applications and serve as important vehicles for the sale of QLS's thermal transfer ribbon and label products.

QLS's barcode printer line also includes the robust, industrial monochrome barcode printer, the Top Hand(TM) QLS-500 printer. With a rugged design for harsh environment applications, the \$2,995 Top Hand printer produces labels up to 5 inches wide at speeds of up to 10 inches per second.

QuickLabel Software

An important component of the Company's digital printing systems is the software that produces the label formatting and the printing functionality required for successful in-plant printing. This software, marketed under the brand name Color QuickLabel(TM), allows customers to tap the true power inherent in the QuickLabel printers. CQL99, a 32-bit Windows(R)-based label creation and printing suite, supports high-color imaging, MicroCell(TM) image halftoning, full network printing, and multiple database compatibility. CQL99 software further advances integration of the QuickLabel Systems printers within today's high-technology production environments.

QuickLabel Automatic Label Applicators and Print & Apply Systems

To complement the QLS printers, the Company manufactures a complete line of automatic labelers that can apply labels to all types of products, from cartons to primary product packaging to cylindrical containers. Applicator models include the AD-2800 and AD-2600 roll-on label applicators. In Fiscal 2001, the Company introduced a new high-speed bottle labeling system utilizing its AD-2800 label applicator. The CPA-350, the Company's ruggedized print and apply system, offers companies the ability to print a label on-demand and apply it to a product as it passes on a conveyor. The CPA-350 can be configured with air tamp, air blast, dual apply or corner wrap applicator heads to apply a label to two sides of the same carton or pallet.

Consumables: Thermal Transfer Ribbon and Labels

Rounding out the QLS products is a wide array of printer consumables including thermal transfer ribbons in many colors and formulations, and both paper and synthetic labels and tags. A full line of high quality materials,

developed and qualified by the Company, is available to guarantee a finished label that meets almost any requirements from single-use paper labels to garment labels, to outdoor signage and product labels.

Grass-Telefactor Products

The Grass-Telefactor product group offers a range of instrumentation and supplies for clinical and biomedical research applications.

Grass-Telefactor enjoys a reputation built on decades of innovative technology and thoughtful design. The clinical product line includes in-lab or in-hospital integrated systems for clinical EEG, epilepsy diagnosis and surgery, critical care and intraoperative neuromonitoring and features networking, database and report generation capabilities in addition to powerful data acquisitions and analysis tools. The clinical product line also includes portable laptop-based systems for EEG or PSG (Polysomnography) systems that allow patients to be recorded in out-of-lab settings. Grass-Telefactor utilizes a Windows(R)-based product line which includes the Beehive(TM) Millennium used for long term epilepsy monitoring, the Aurora(TM) digital EEG system and the recently introduced Aurora(TM) digital PSG system. The products and services offered by Grass-Telefactor are used worldwide by universities, medical centers, and companies engaged in a variety of clinical and research activities.

On the research side, Grass-Telefactor offers hardware and software for data acquisition and analysis of signals in biomedical research. The research product line builds on a strong foundation with world-renowned Grass amplifiers, such as the 15RX modular, computer-controlled biomedical amplifier system.

Grass-Telefactor offers a complete line of clinical and research supplies, including stimulators, transducers, electrodes and consumables. The supplies and accessories product line now uses e-commerce to reach an even wider market through the Grass-Telefactor Online Store, www.grass-telefactor.com.

Technology

The core technologies of the Company relate to (1) acquiring data, (2) conditioning the data, (3) displaying the data on hard copy, monitor, or electronic storage media, and finally (4) analyzing the data. All three-product groups of the Company--T&M, QLS and G-T use these technologies.

These core technologies are constantly being developed to the level of cutting edge performance and enable the Company to lead the competition with innovative industry-level products.

Patents and Copyrights

The Company holds a number of product patents in the United States and in foreign countries. It has filed applications for other patents that are pending. The Company has patents covering its T&M recording products as well as several patents for its QLS dual sided label printers and four-color label printers. In addition, the Company has two other patents pending on its multi-color printing technology. The Company considers its patents to be important but does not believe that its business is materially dependent on them. The Company copyrights its extensive software and registers its trademarks.

Manufacturing and Supplies

The Company designs its products and manufactures many of the component parts. The balance of the parts is produced to the Company's specifications by suppliers. Raw materials required for the manufacture of products, including parts produced to the Company's specifications, are generally available from numerous suppliers.

Product Development

The Company has maintained an active program of product research and development since its inception. During fiscal 2002, 2001 and 2000, the Company incurred costs of \$3.7 million, \$4.3 million, and \$3.4 million,

respectively, on Company-sponsored product development. The Company is committed to product development as a requisite to its growth and expects to continue its focus on research and development efforts in fiscal 2003.

Marketing and Competition

The Company competes worldwide in many markets including clinical and research medicine, aerospace, automotive and general manufacturing. The Company retains a competitive position in its respective markets by virtue of proprietary technology, product reputation, delivery, technical assistance and service to customers.

The products of the Company are marketed worldwide by advertising and promotion using major national and international trade journals, scientific meetings and trade shows, direct mailing campaigns, and the internet.

The products are sold by direct field sales persons as well as independent dealers and representatives. In the United States, the Company has twenty-two direct field sales people located in major cities from coast to coast specializing in either T&M's Recorders and Data Acquisitions systems, QLS's Color Label printers and media systems, or G-T Neurological Instrumentation products. Additionally, the Company has direct field sales and service centers in Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, and Holland. In the remaining parts of the world, the Company utilitizes approximately 80 independent dealers and representatives selling and marketing its products in 40 countries. In fiscal 2002, 28% of the Company's revenues were from international sales.

The Company has a number of competitors in each of the three products groups and markets that it serves. In the T&M area, the Company feels that it leads the field in Data Acquisition Recorders. It competes with the Gould Instrument Division of Nicolet, a Thermo Electron company and Western Graphtec, the US subsidiary of Graphtec, a Japanese company.

In the Color Label Printer product group, the Company feels it leads the world in color printing using the thermal transfer printing technology. The Company introduced the very first thermal transfer color printers late in 1995 and to this date faces only one competitor, TEC.

The Grass-Telefactor products of the Company are devoted to clinical applications in EEG, Polysomnography (PSG), and Long Term Epilepsy Monitoring (LTM). There are about fourteen companies that compete in one or more of the three modalities (EEG, PSG, LTM) but none are the clear leader. The Company feels it offers superior products based upon its long history and pioneering the field since 1935. The Company, unlike most of its competitors, designs, manufactures, and produces complete systems including transducers, amplifiers, sensors, and Windows based application software. Additionally, the Company produces a range of life science products for the research market. Many of the latter products eventually find their way into clinical applications.

No single customer accounted for 10% of the Company's net sales in any of the last three fiscal years. The Company's products were sold to approximately 4,100 customers.

International Sales

The Company had a Foreign Sales Corporation subsidiary that qualified for certain tax benefits on its exports. Effective December 31, 2001, the Company dissolved this subsidiary as a result of rule changes made by the World Trade Organization and tax authorities.

In fiscal 2002, 2001 and 2000, net sales to customers in various geographic areas outside the United States, primarily in Canada and Western Europe, amounted to \$13.8 million, \$13.9 million, and \$12.5 million, respectively.

Order Backlog

The backlog fluctuates regularly. It consists of a blend of orders for end user customers as well as original equipment manufacturer customers. Manufacturing is geared to forecasted demands and applies a rapid turn

cycle to meet customer expectations. Accordingly, the amount of order backlog does not indicate future sales trends and the Company does not normally carry any material backlog.

Other Information

The Company's business is not seasonal in nature.

Most of the Company's products are generally warranted for one year against defects in materials or workmanship. Warranty expenses have generally averaged approximately \$200,000 a year for the Company's last five fiscal years.

As of March 22, 2002 the Company employed approximately 370 persons. The Company is generally able to satisfy its employment requirements. No employees are represented by a union. The Company believes that employee relations are good.

Item 2. Properties

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company's principal owned properties, all of which are included in the consolidated balance sheet appearing elsewhere in this report.

Location	Approximate Square Footage	Principal Use
West Warwick, RI	116,000	Corporate headquarters, research and development, manufacturing
Braintree, MA	91,000	Manufacturing
Slough, England.	1,700	Sales and service

The Company also leases facilities in eight locations. The following information pertains to each location:

Location	Approximate Square Footage	Principal Use
West Conshohocken, PA	10,000	Research & development and sales and service
Longueuil, Quebec, Canada	3,800	Sales and service
Rodgau, Germany	3,014	Manufacturing, sales and service
Trappes, France	2,164	Sales and service
Zwolle, Netherlands	1,300	Sales and service
Schaumburg, IL	1,131	Sales and service
Costa Mesa, CA	980	Sales and service
Milano, Italy	753	Sales and service

The Company believes its facilities are well maintained, in good operating condition and generally adequate to meet its needs for the foreseeable future.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

There are no pending or threatened legal proceedings against the Company believed to be material to the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's security holders, through solicitation of proxies or otherwise, during the last quarter of the period covered by this report.

PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Stock and Related Stockholder Matters

The Company's common stock trades on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol ALOT. The following table sets forth dividend data and the range of high and low closing prices, as furnished by NASDAQ, for the periods indicated.

Years Ended January 31, High Low	Dividends Per Share
2002	
First Quarter \$5.00 \$3.8	37 \$0.04
Second Quarter \$4.94 \$4.1	0 \$0.04
Third Quarter \$4.40 \$3.4	10 \$0.04
Fourth Quarter \$4.48 \$3.5	\$0.04
2001	
First Quarter \$7.50 \$5.1	9 \$0.04
Second Quarter \$6.63 \$5.0	00 \$0.04
Third Quarter \$6.00 \$4.7	75 \$0.04
Fourth Quarter \$4.93 \$3.0	9 \$0.04

The Company had approximately 400 shareholders of record on March 22, 2002, which does not reflect shareholders with beneficial ownership in shares held in nominee name.

Shareholder Services

Shareholders of Astro-Med, Inc. who desire information about the Company are invited to contact the Investor Relations Department, Astro-Med, Inc., 600 East Greenwich Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893 or call (401) 828-4000. Visit our Investor Relations website at www.astro-med.com.

Dividend Policy

The Company began a program of paying quarterly cash dividends in the second quarter of fiscal 1992. Previously, no cash dividends had been declared or paid by the Company since inception. The Company anticipates that it will continue to pay cash dividends on a quarterly basis.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Results of Operations:					
Net Sales	\$49,391	\$51,688	\$46,143	\$42,166	\$44,377
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (233)	\$ 302	\$ 937	\$ 496	\$ 1,041
Net Income (Loss) per Common ShareBasic					
and Diluted	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.21
Dividends Declared per Common Share	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16
Financial Condition:					
Working Capital	\$21,455	\$21,908	\$22,453	\$25,507	\$27,111
Total Assets	\$38,404	\$41,059	\$45,385	\$41,754	\$42,814
Long-Term Debt, less Current Maturities	\$	\$ 25	\$ 72	\$ 17	\$ 228

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Results of Operations

Fiscal 2002 compared to Fiscal 2001

The Company's sales in fiscal 2002 decreased \$2.3 million to \$49.4 million, a 4.7% decrease over fiscal 2001 sales of \$51.7 million. Domestic sales declined \$2.2 million to \$35.6 million a 6.6% decrease over fiscal 2001, while international sales declined less than \$0.1 million to \$13.8 million. With the decline in sales, the Company incurred a net loss in fiscal 2002 of \$0.2 million versus net income of \$0.3 million in fiscal 2001. Net loss per share on a diluted basis was \$0.05 in fiscal 2002 as compared with \$0.07 net income per diluted share in fiscal 2001.

Gross profit decreased 8.2% to \$19.1 million in fiscal 2002 from \$20.8 million in fiscal 2001. The Company's gross profit margin declined to 38.7% from 40.2%. The decline in gross profit can be attributed primarily to the decline in sales, lower margins on T&M's new products and lower margins on QLS products.

Selling, general and administrative spending (SG&A) declined 2.4% to \$16.1 million from \$16.5 million. The Research & Development (R&D) expenses declined to \$3.7 million in fiscal 2002 from \$4.3 million in fiscal 2001. R&D as a percentage of sales declined to 7.6% in this fiscal year as compared 8.2% in the prior year. The decline in both the SG&A and R&D expenses can be attributed to the workforce reductions undertaken over the past two years and certain temporary lay-offs at the end of fiscal 2002.

Interest and dividend income declined in fiscal 2002 to \$248,000 from \$458,000 in fiscal 2001. The decrease is due to lower investment levels and lower yields on investments. Other income for fiscal 2002 was \$192,000 as compared to last fiscal year's expense of \$126,000. The favorable \$318,000 change in other income/expense, net is attributed primarily to the following; a \$165,000 gain on the settlement of litigation, \$68,000 of grant income relating to research performed for the National Institute of Health, and a \$94,000 improvement in foreign exchange losses. In the prior year, the net foreign exchange loss was \$116,000 as compared to a net foreign exchange loss for the current year of \$22,000.

The Company has redefined its reporting segments into segments that mirror the Company's sales product groups (i.e., T&M, QLS and G-T). As a result, the Company has restated its prior years' segment data to present all periods on a comparable basis. The company evaluates segment performance based on the operating segment's profit before corporate and financial administration expenses.

T&M's sales decreased to \$12.1 million in fiscal 2002 from \$13.9 million, a 12.9% decrease from the previous year. Both T&M's domestic and international sales were lower as a result of the delays in the introduction of the new Dash 18 recorder. The decline in T&M sales can also be attributed to the 34% decrease in international sales. T&M's segment profit margin declined to 5.6% in fiscal 2002 from 11.8% in the previous year. The decline in T&M's margin is attributed to higher material costs and manufacturing inefficiencies associated with its new state-of-the-art products.

QLS's sales increased to \$20.9 million in fiscal 2002 from \$19.9 million, a 5.0% increase over the previous year. Fiscal 2002 domestic sales were essentially flat with the previous year and fiscal 2002 international sales were 17.8% higher than the previous year. QLS's fiscal 2002 segment profit margin declined to 4.1% down from 6.5% in the previous year. The decline in margin is attributed to higher international sales with lower margins.

G-T's sales decreased to \$16.4 million in fiscal 2002 from \$17.9 million, a 8.4% decrease over the previous year. The decline in G-T's sales is attributed to the lower domestic clinical sales resulting from the delay in the introduction of the new PSG (sleep) software application and high turnover in the clinical sales force. The G-T segment operating margin improved to 5.0% in fiscal 2002 from 3.0% in the previous year. The margin improvement can be attributed to the workforce reduction undertaken over the last two years.

Changes in the effective income tax rate from year to year are explained in Note 6 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere herein.

Fiscal 2001 compared to Fiscal 2000

The Company's sales in fiscal 2001 increased \$5.6 million to \$51.7 million, a 12.1% increase over fiscal 2000 sales of \$46.1 million. The \$5.6 million sales increase is due primarily to the sales growth for the QLS and G-T product lines as well as the incremental sales derived from the Telefactor acquisition. The Company's net income in fiscal 2001 was \$0.3 million versus net income of \$0.9 million in fiscal 2000. Net income per share on a diluted basis was \$0.07 in fiscal 2001 as compared with \$0.21 net income per diluted share in fiscal 2000.

Gross profit increased 10.1% to \$20.8 million in fiscal 2001 from \$18.9 million in fiscal 2000. The Company's gross profit margin declined to 40.2% from 40.9% primarily as a result of the Telefactor acquisition and lower margins on T&M products. In the third quarter of fiscal 2001, the Telefactor manufacturing facility in Pennsylvania was closed and the manufacturing was transferred to the Grass manufacturing facility in Braintree, Massachusetts.

Selling, general and administrative spending rose 12.2% to \$16.5 million from \$14.7 million. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses is attributable to the Telefactor acquisition and the increase in use of outside services. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales remained flat at 32% fiscal year 2001 as compared to the prior year.

Research & development expenses rose to \$4.3 million in fiscal 2001 from \$3.4 million in fiscal 2000. The increase is a result of the additions of engineering personnel from Telefactor as well as salaries and product development related research projects. Research & development as a percentage of sales rose to 8.2% in this fiscal year as compared to 7.3% in the prior year.

Interest and dividend income declined in fiscal 2001 to \$458,000 from \$666,000 in fiscal 2000. The decrease is due to lower investment levels resulting from the Telefactor acquisition and Company's stock buyback program. Other expense for fiscal 2001 was \$126,000, down from last fiscal year's expense of \$190,000. These expenses consist primarily of net losses on foreign currency exchange with our European branches. These foreign currency exchange losses declined as the U.S. dollar weakened.

T&M's sales declined to \$13.9 million in fiscal year 2001, down 6.1% from \$14.8 million from the previous year. T&M's sales declined as a result of the new Everest Telemetry Recorder Workstation product taking longer than anticipated to gain acceptance in the marketplace. T&M's segment operating margin declined to 11.8% in fiscal 2001 from 13.5% the previous year. The decline in T&M's margin is attributed to higher material costs and manufacturing inefficiencies associated with the new Everest.

QLS's sales increased to \$19.9 million in fiscal year 2001, up 11.2% from \$17.9 million in the prior year. QLS's segment operating margin improved to 6.4% from 3.8% in the prior year as a result of the overall increase in sales volume and a higher level of sales to original equipment manufacturers which generally yields higher margins.

G-T's sales increased to \$17.9 million in fiscal year 2001, up 33.6% from \$13.4 million in the prior year. Excluding the impact of Telefactor sales, Grass sales increased 9.0%. This sales growth is attributable primarily to the EEG and PSG products in the high growth sleep monitoring device market. G-T's segment operating profit margin declined to 3.0% in fiscal 2001 from 10.1% in fiscal 2000 as a result of additional costs incurred with the Telefactor acquisition.

Changes in the effective income tax rate from year to year are explained in Note 6 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere herein.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company expects to finance its future working capital needs, capital expenditures and acquisition requirements through internal funds. To the extent the Company's capital and liquidity requirements are not satisfied internally, the Company may utilize a \$3.5 million unsecured bank line of credit, all of which is currently available. Borrowings under this line of credit bear interest at the bank's prime rate.

The Company's Statements of Cash Flows for the three years ending January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 are included on page 25. Net cash flow provided by operating activities was \$1.3 million in fiscal 2002 versus net cash flow used by operating activities of \$2.6 million in fiscal 2001 and net cash flow provided by operating activities of \$4.7 million in fiscal 2000. The increase in net cash flow from operations in fiscal 2002 is attributed primarily to the lower accounts receivable and inventory balances; timing of payments to vendors; and the decrease in income tax payments. Working capital balances at January 31, 2002 were \$21.5 million, a 2% reduction from the \$21.9 million at January 31, 2001. The composition of fiscal 2002 year-end working capital balance includes cash and marketable securities of \$5.9 million as compared to \$6.2 million of cash and marketable securities at the end of last year. The Company's cash collection cycle decreased to 60 days sales outstanding from the prior year's 66 days.

Net cash flow provided by investing activities was \$1.2 million and \$0.9 million, respectively in fiscal 2002 and 2001 versus net cash flow used by investing activities of \$4.2 million in fiscal 2000. The significant use of cash in fiscal 2000 is attributed to the acquisition of Telefactor. Capital expenditures were \$911,000, \$1,204,000 and \$975,000 in fiscal 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Net cash used by financing activities was \$0.7 million in fiscal 2002, \$1.5 million in fiscal 2001 and \$1.4 million in fiscal 2000. This category includes dividends paid to shareholders and the cost of repurchasing the Company's common stock. Dividends paid for the three-years ended fiscal 2002, 2001, and 2000 were \$681,000, \$700,000 and \$709,000, respectively. The Company's annual dividend per share was \$0.16 in all three years. In fiscal 2001 and 2000 the Company repurchased common stock at a cost of \$807,900 and \$451,000, respectively. Since the inception of the stock buy back program in fiscal 1997, the Company has repurchased 867,824 shares of its common stock. At January 31, 2002, the Company has Board of Directors' authorization to purchase an additional 290,000 shares of the Company's common stock in the future.

Other

The Company has a contingent obligation relating to the Telefactor acquisition that requires the Company to pay additional consideration to the sellers if certain sales amounts are achieved during the seventy-two months following the closing of the transaction. At January 31, 2002, no additional consideration was owed to the sellers.

Critical accounting policies are defined as those that are reflective of significant judgments and uncertainties, and could potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. We believe that our most critical accounting policies upon which our financial condition depends, and which involve the most complex or subjective decisions or assessments as follows:

Revenue Recognition: The majority of the Company's product sales are recorded at the time of shipment and when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the seller's price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Provisions are made at the time the related revenue is recognized for the cost of any installation obligations. When other significant obligations remain after products are delivered, revenue is recognized only after such obligation are fulfilled.

Warranty Claims and Bad Debts: Provisions for the estimated costs for future product warranty claims and bad debts are recorded in cost of sales and selling, general and administrative expense, respectively, at the time a sale is recorded. The amounts recorded are generally based upon historically derived percentages while also factoring in any new business conditions that might impact the historical analysis such as new product introduction for warranty and bankruptcies of particular customers for bad debts. The Company also periodically evaluates the adequacy of its reserves for warranty and bad debts recorded in its consolidated balance sheet as a further test to ensure the adequacy of the recorded provisions. Warranty claims can extend far into the future and bad debt analysis often involves subjective analysis of a particular customer's ability to pay. As a result, significant judgment is required by the Company in determining the appropriate amounts to record and such judgments may prove to be incorrect in the future. The Company believes that its procedures for estimating such amounts are reasonable and historically have not resulted in material adjustments in subsequent periods when the estimates are adjusted to the actual amounts.

Customer Returns: Customer returns are recorded on an actual basis throughout the year and also include an estimate at the end of each reporting period for future customer returns related to sales recorded prior to the end of the period. The Company generally estimates customer returns based upon its historical experience while making adjustments for any changes in business conditions.

Inventories: Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. The Company records provisions to write-down obsolete and excess inventory at its estimated net realizable value. The process for evaluating obsolete and excess inventory consists of the Company analyzing the inventory supply on hand and estimating the net realizable value of the inventory based on historical experience, current business conditions and anticipated future sales.

Income taxes: The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This SFAS requires that deferred income taxes be determined based on estimated future tax effects of differences between the tax and book bases of assets and liabilities considering the provisions of enacted tax laws. The Company has historically had prepaid income tax assets due principally to the unfavorable tax consequences of recording expenses for required book reserves for such things as, bad debts, inventory valuation, and warranty that cannot be deducted for income tax purposes until such expenses are actually paid. The Company's deferred tax liabilities consist primarily of favorable tax consequences associated with accelerated depreciation methods for tax purposes. The Company believes that the amounts recorded as prepaid income tax assets will be recoverable either through future taxable income generated by the Company or by the fact that the Company has deferred tax liabilities that can be used to offset the amount of the prepaid income tax assets; however, there can be no absolute assurance that all recognized prepaid income tax assets will be fully recovered.

Long-Lived Assets: The Company evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets, including goodwill whenever events or changes in circumstances, such as a decline in sales, earnings or cashflow or material adverse changes in the business climate indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company performs the impairment review in accordance with SFAS No. 121 "Accounting for the Impairment of

Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of" ("SFAS No. 121"). Subsequent to January 31, 2002, the Company will account for acquired goodwill and goodwill impairment in accordance with SFAS No.141, "Business Combinations" and SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" which are more fully described in Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. These new pronouncements will require considerable judgment. The Company has not yet determined the impact (if any) of the adoption of these new accounting standards.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company's financial results are affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates or weak economic conditions in the foreign markets in which products are sold. The Company's primary currency exposures are European Common Currency (Euro), British Pound, and Canadian Dollar. At January 31, 2002, the Company's investment in foreign assets was \$2.9 million. An overall unfavorable change in foreign exchange rates of 10% would have resulted in an additional net loss of approximately \$26,000 and a \$260,000 reduction in shareholders' equity as a result of the impact on the cumulative translation adjustment.

The Company utilizes foreign exchange option contracts to minimize its exposure associated with unfavorable changes in foreign exchanges rates on certain foreign denominated receivables. At January 31, 2002, the Company did not have open contracts.

The functional currencies of the Company's foreign affiliates are their respective local operating currencies, which are translated for consolidated financial reporting purposes into U.S. dollars.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The consolidated financial statements required under this item are submitted as a separate section of this report on the pages indicated at Item 14(a)(1). The supplementary data regarding quarterly results of operations is set forth in the following table.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (Unaudited)

(Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

	Quarters Ended			
	May 5, 2001	August 4, 2001	November 3,	January 31, 2002
Net Sales	\$ 5,052 \$ 150	\$12,132 \$ 4,766 \$ (194) \$ (0.05)	, ,	\$12,424 \$ 4,847 \$ 41 \$ 0.01
	2000	2000	October 28, 2000	2001
Net Sales Gross Profit Net Income (Loss) Net Income (Loss) Per Common ShareBasic and Diluted	\$12,530 \$ 5,170 \$ 158	\$13,384 \$ 5,403 \$ 268 \$ 0.06	\$11,881 \$ 4,233 \$ (698) \$ (0.16)	\$13,893

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of shareholders.

The following is a list of the names and ages of, and the positions and offices presently held by, all executive officers of the Company. All officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Name	Age	Position
Albert W. Ondis	76	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Everett V. Pizzuti.	65	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director
Terence J. Jones	55	Senior Vice President
Joseph P. O'Connell	58	Vice President and Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer
John B. Chatten	74	President, GrassTelefactor Product Group
Elias G. Deeb	59	Vice PresidentMedia Manufacturing
Michael J. Sullivan	51	Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Stephen M. Petrarca	39	Vice PresidentInstrument Manufacturing
Michael F. Silveira	36	Corporate Controller

All of the persons named above have held the positions identified since January 31, 1985, except as indicated below.

Mr. Ondis has been a Director and Chief Executive Officer since 1969. He was previously President and the Chief Financial Officer (Treasurer) of the Company from 1969 to 1985.

Mr. Pizzuti was previously a Vice President of the Company functioning as Chief Operating Officer since 1971.

Mr. Jones joined the Company in 2000. He previously held various senior management positions with the Avery Dennison Corporation including President Worldwide Fasteners from 1989 to 1991, Vice President and General Manager Avery Dennison from 1991 to 1998, and Vice President, General Manager Fasson Roll North America from 1998 to 2000 and most recently serving as Vice President of Business Development and Process Improvement at Fasson Roll Worldwide.

Mr. O'Connell joined the Company in 1996. He previously held senior financial management positions with Cherry Tree Products Inc., IBI Corporation and Dennison Manufacturing Company. Mr. O'Connell is also Assistant Secretary of the Company.

Mr. Chatten joined the Company in December 1999 as President of Grass-Telefactor Product Group. Prior to that, Mr. Chatten was founder and President of Telefactor Corporation which was acquired by Astro-Med in December 1999.

Mr. Deeb has held the position identified since 1987. In 1985, he was named General Manager--Media Products after having been Vice President and General Manager since 1981 of a business sold by the Company in 1984.

Mr. Sullivan was appointed Vice President and Chief Technology Officer in 2000. He is an electronic engineer and has been with the Company for eighteen years.

Mr. Petrarca was appointed Vice President of Instrument Manufacturing in November 1998. He has previously held positions as General Manager of Manufacturing, Manager of Grass Operations and Manager of Grass Sales. He has been with the Company since 1980.

Mr. Silveira joined the Company in 2000. He previously held financial management positions with Textron Inc., most recently serving in the Industrial Products, Mergers & Acquisitions group and with KPMG Peat Marwick LLP. He is a certified public accountant.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of shareholders.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of shareholders.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of shareholders.

PART IV

Item 14. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K

(a)(1) Financial Statements:

The following consolidated financial statements of Astro-Med, Inc. and subsidiaries are incorporated by reference in Item 8:

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(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

Schedule II--Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves--Years Ended January 31, 2002, 2001, and 2000................ 36

All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable, and therefore, have been omitted.

(a)(3) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number

- (3A) Articles of Incorporation of the Company and all amendments thereto (filed as Exhibit No. 3A to the Company's report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 1, 1992 and by this reference incorporated herein).
- (3B) By-laws of the Company and all amendments thereto (filed as Exhibit No. 3B to the Company's report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 30, 1988 and by this reference incorporated herein).
- (4) Specimen form of common stock certificate of the Company (filed as Exhibit No. 4 to the Company's report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 1985 and by this reference incorporated herein).
- (10.1) Astro-Med, Inc. 1989 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, as amended, filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-32317 and incorporated by reference herein. (a)
- (10.2) Astro-Med, Inc. 1989 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, filed as Exhibit 28 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-43700, and incorporated by reference herein. (a)
- (10.3) Astro-Med, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-24127, and incorporated by reference herein. (a)
- (10.4) Astro-Med, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-24123, and incorporated by reference herein. (a)
- (10.5) Astro-Med, Inc. 1997 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statements on Form S-8, Registration Nos. 333-32315, 333-93565 and 333-44414, and incorporated by reference herein. (a)
- (10.6) Astro-Med, Inc. 1998 Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, as amended, filed as Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration Nos. 333-62431 and 333-63526, and lincorporated by reference herein.
- (10.7) Employment Agreement between Astro-Med, Inc. and John B. Chatten dated as of December 14, 1999(a).
- (21) List of Subsidiaries of the Company. See page 21.
- (23) Consent of Independent Public Accountants. See page 21.
- (99) Letter regarding Arthur Andersen LLP's Quality Control required under Temporary Note 3T to Article 3 of Regulation SX.
- (a) Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K:

None

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of 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.

ASTRO-MED, INC.

(Registrant)

Date: April 10, 2002

By /s/ ALBERT W. ONDIS

(Albert W. Ondis, Chairman)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ ALBERT W. ONDISAlbert W. Ondis	Chairman and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	April 10, 2002
/s/ EVERETT V. PIZZUTI	President and Director (Principal Operating Officer)	April 10, 2002
/s/ JOSEPH P. O'CONNELL Joseph P. O'Connell	Vice President and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	April 10, 2002
/s/ MICHAEL F. SILVEIRA Michael F. Silveira	Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	April 10, 2002
/s/ JACQUES V. HOPKINS	Director	April 10, 2002
Jacques V. Hopkins		

EXHIBIT 21

LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Jurisdiction of Name Organization
--AWO, Inc. Delaware Astro-Med International Inc. Barbados Astro-Med SRL Italy
Astro-Med GMBH Germany

EXHIBIT 23

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation of our report dated March 15, 2002, included in this Form 10-K, into the Company's previously filed Registration Statements on Form S-8: File No. 2-21081 pertaining to the Astro-Med, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, File No. 33-43700 pertaining to the Astro-Med, Inc. 1989 Incentive Stock Option Plan, File No. 333-24127 pertaining to the Astro-Med, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, File Nos. 333-32315, 333-93565 and 333-44414 pertaining to the Astro-Med, Inc. 1997 Incentive Stock Option Plan. File No. 333-32317 pertaining to the 1989 Astro-Med, Inc. Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan as amended May 28, 1991, File Nos. 333-62431 and 333-63526 pertaining to the 1998 Astro-Med, Inc. Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan, as amended June 21, 2001 and File No. 333-24123 pertaining to the Astro-Med, Inc. Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. It should be noted that we have not audited any financial statements of the Company subsequent to January 31, 2002 or performed any audit procedures subsequent to the date of our report.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Boston, Massachusetts April 10, 2002

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Shareholders of Astro-Med, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Astro-Med, Inc. (a Rhode Island Corporation) and subsidiaries as of January 31, 2002 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income and changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2002. These financial statements and schedule referred to below are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule 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 Astro-Med, Inc. and subsidiaries as of January 31, 2002 and 2001, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule listed in the index at Item 14(a)(2) is presented for purposes of complying with the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and is not part of the basic financial statements. This schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, fairly states in all material respects the financial data required to be set forth therein in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Boston, Massachusetts March 15, 2002

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As of January 31, 2002 and 2001

	2002	2001
ASSETS		
CYTDDENIE A CODEC		
CURRENT ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	ė 2 E60 721	\$ 806,069
Securities Available for Sale (Note 2)		5,362,523
respectively	9,173,568	10,663,624
Inventories (Note 3)		10,782,425
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets (Note 6)	2,229,660	2,038,227
Total Current Assets	27,557,005	29,652,868
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and Improvements	398,191	398,191
Buildings and Improvements		7,236,148
Machinery and Equipment		14,912,966
	23,458,303	22,547,305
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(14,259,992)
OTHER ASSETS		8,287,313
Goodwill, net (Note 10)	2,310,798	2,465,494
Amounts Due from Officers.	480,314	480,314
Other	•	172,941
other	70,422	
	2,867,534	3,118,749
	\$ 38,404,229	\$ 41,058,930
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,325,133	\$ 3,711,248
Accrued Compensation.	1,114,490	1,974,223
Accrued Expenses	1,637,826	1,916,597
Income Taxes Payable (Note 6)	1,037,020	96,058
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt (Note 4)		46,832
Total Current Liabilities	6,102,204	7,744,958
LONG-TERM DEBT, Less Current Maturities (Note 4)		24,755
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (Note 6)	876,867	996,157
Preferred Stock, \$10 Par Value, Authorized 100,000 Shares, Issued None. Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value, Authorized 13,000,000 Shares, Issued		
5,165,027 and 5,160,780, respectively	258,251	258,039
Additional Paid-in Capital	5,636,570	5,706,870
Retained Earnings	31,753,694	32,667,859
Treasury Stock, at Cost, 897,895 and 930,895 Shares, respectively	(5,860,609)	(6,076,003)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(362,748)	(263,705)
	31,425,158	32,293,060
	\$ 38,404,229	\$ 41,058,930
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Years Ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000

	2002	2001	2000
Net Sales		30,895,584	\$46,143,206 27,280,835
Gross Profit Costs and Expenses:			18,862,371
Selling, General and Administrative		16,455,696 4,255,434	14,717,092
	19,833,918	20,711,130	18,070,975
Operating Income (Loss)	(727,554)		791,396
Interest and Dividend Income	247,813	458,191	665,687
Interest Expense	(3,903)	(11,051)	(18,239)
Other, net		(125,700)	
	435,747	321,440	457,461
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	(291,807) (58,706)	402,489 100,000	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (233,101)	\$ 302,489	
Net Income (Loss) Per Common ShareBasic and Diluted.		\$ 0.07	
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares OutstandingBasic	4,259,423	4,386,852	4,434,108
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares OutstandingDiluted	4,259,423	4,407,632	4,475,371
Dividends Declared Per Common Share	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.16

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years Ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000

	2002	2001	2000
Comprehensive Income (Loss) Net Income (Loss)	\$ (233,101)		\$ 936,643
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(52,303) 270,558	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net	(99,043)		(336,737)
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ (332,144)		\$ 599,906
Shareholders' Equity Common Stock, \$0.05 Par Value: Balance at beginning of year			
Net proceeds from issuance of Company common stock (Note 5)			226
Balance at end of year	258,251	258,039	257,402
Additional Paid-In Capital: Balance at beginning of year Net proceeds from issuance of Company common stock		5,647,791	
(Note 5)	15,139	59,079	23,714
(Note 5)			(17,240)
Balance at end of year	5,636,570		5,647,791
Retained Earnings: Balance at beginning of year	32,667,859 (233,101)	33,065,454 302,489	32,837,880 936,643
Dividends paid		(700,084)	
Balance at end of year		32,667,859	
Treasury Stock: Balance at beginning of year Purchases of Company common stock			
(Note 5) Shares issued to Employee Stock Ownership Plan			(451,000)
(Note 5)			
		(6,076,003)	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss: Balance at beginning of year Other comprehensive income (loss), net			(145,223) (336,737)
Balance at end of year	(362,748)		(481,960)
Total Shareholders' Equity	\$31,425,158		\$33,220,584

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended January 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000

	2002	2001	2000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Net Income (Loss)	\$ (233,101)	\$ 302,489	\$ 936,643
Depreciation and Amortization(Gain) Loss on Sale of Assets	1,641,971 (25,650)	1,774,764	1,355,513
Deferred Income Taxes Other Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	(160,694) (99,044)	(182,410) 258,807	(212,951) 76,674
Accounts Receivable	1,490,056 253,394	(1,392,810) (419,461)	(986,656) (439,547)
Other Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses Income Taxes Payable	(95,578) (1,394,663) (96,058)		371,381 3,484,198 106,342
Total Adjustments		(2,894,373)	3,757,971
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Proceeds from Sales/Maturities of Securities Available for Sale Purchases of Securities Available for Sale Proceeds from Sales of Assets	25,650	5,170,695 (3,321,296)	2,800
Escrow Returned, (Payment) for Acquisition	(911,030)	225,000 (1,203,592)	(3,657,098) (975,113)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		870,807	(4,237,333)
Payments of Debt Principal Payments on Capital Leases Proceeds from Common Shares Issued Under Employee	(46,832)		(75,000) (156,574)
Benefit Plans Purchases of Treasury Stock Dividends Paid	(681,064)	59,716 (807,900) (700,084)	23,940 (451,000) (709,069)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities			(1,367,703)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	806,069	4,035,867	(910,422) 4,946,289
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 2,569,721		\$ 4,035,867
Supplemental Information: Cash Paid During the Period for:			
Interest Income Taxes Non-Cash Transfers:			
Demonstration Equipment Transferred from Inventory to Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 285,849	\$ 508,000	\$ 261,750

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

January 31, 2002

Note 1--Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Astro-Med, Inc. (the Company) and its subsidiaries. All material intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior year balances have been reclassified to conform to the current-year reporting format.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: Highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less at date of acquisition are considered to be cash equivalents when purchased as part of the Company's cash management activities. Similar investments with original maturities beyond three months are classified as securities available for sale.

Securities Available for Sale: Securities available for sale are carried at market value based on quoted market prices. The difference between cost and market value, net of related tax effects, is recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income of shareholders' equity.

Property, Plant and Equipment: Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets (land improvements--10 to 20 years; buildings and improvements--10 to 45 years; machinery and equipment--3 to 10 years).

Amortization of Intangibles: Goodwill from the acquisition of Telefactor is being amortized over 15 years. All other goodwill is amortized on the straight-line method over 40 years. Accumulated amortization amounted to \$876,643 and \$721,947 as of January 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of, the Company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amounts of such assets may not be recovered.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging: On February 1, 2001, the Company adopted SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended by SFAS No. 137, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities--Deferral of the Effective Date of SFAS No. 133, and as amended in June 2000 by SFAS No. 138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities--an Amendment to SFAS No. 133 (combined SFAS No. 133). The statement requires companies to record derivatives on the balance sheet as assets or liabilities, measured at fair value. Gains or losses resulting from changes in the values of those derivatives would be accounted for depending on the use of the derivative and whether it qualifies for hedge accounting. The adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

Revenue Recognition: The majority of the Company's product sales are recorded at the time of shipment and when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the seller's price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Provisions are made at the time the related revenue is recognized for the cost of any installation obligations. When other significant obligations remain after products are delivered, revenue is recognized only after such obligation are fulfilled.

In July 2000, the Emerging Issues Task Force, a body of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), reached a consensus on Issue No. 00-10, Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs. The consensus requires companies to start reporting amounts billed to customers in a sales transaction related to shipping and handling as revenue in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2001. The Company previously reported these amounts as a reduction of cost of goods sold. All periods presented have been reclassified to conform to the current practice. The amounts reclassed were \$650,295, and \$574,460 for the two years ending January 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

Foreign Currency: The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries are measured using the local currency as the functional currency. The Company translates foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities into U.S. dollars at year-end exchange rates with the translation adjustment reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates during the year.

Long-Lived Assets: In July 2001, FASB released for issuance SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations and SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 141 requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. SFAS No. 142 changes the accounting for goodwill from an amortization method to an impairment-only approach. Under SFAS No. 142, amortization of goodwill to earnings will cease and instead, the carrying value of goodwill will be evaluated for impairment on at least an annual basis. If these new rules were applied to fiscal 2002 the Company would have reported approximately \$155,000 less of amortization expense on a pre-tax basis. The Company is currently determining the impact (if any) of adopting this standard.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations. SFAS No. 143 requires the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation to be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. SFAS No. 143 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. The Company believes the adoption of this Statement will not have a material impact on its financial statements.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, which supersedes SFAS No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of, and the accounting and reporting provisions of Accounting Principles Board (APB) No. 30. SFAS No. 144 addresses the financial and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently reviewing this statement to determine its effect (if any) on the Company's financial statements.

Income Taxes: The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. This SFAS requires that deferred income taxes be determined based on estimated future tax effects of differences between the tax and book bases of assets and liabilities considering the provisions of enacted tax laws.

Net Income (Loss) Per Common Share: Net income (loss) per common share have been computed and presented pursuant to the provisions of SFAS No. 128, Earnings per Share. Net income (loss) per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Net income per share assuming dilution is based on the weighted average number of shares and potential common shares for stock options outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. In accordance with SFAS No. 128, options to purchase 1,653,075, 1,093,825, and 600,325 shares of common stock were outstanding during fiscal 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because their inclusion would be anti-dilutive.

	2002	2001	2000
Weighted Average Common Shares OutstandingBasic	4,259,423	4,386,852	4,434,108
Dilutive Effect of Options Outstanding		20,780	41,263
Weighted Average Common Shares OutstandingDiluted	4,259,423	4,407,632	4,475,371

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Use of Estimates: The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect these financial statements and accompanying notes. Some of the more significant estimates include the allowances for bad debt and credits, inventory valuation, income taxes and warranty reserves. Management's estimates are based on the facts and circumstances available at the time estimates are made, past historical experience, risk of loss, general economic conditions and trends, and management's assessments of the probable future outcome of these matters. Consequently, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments: The Company's financial instruments consist mainly of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and long-term debt. The carrying amounts of these financial instruments as of January 31, 2002 approximate fair value.

Note 2--Securities Available for Sale

Securities available for sale include corporate and governmental obligations with various contractual or anticipated maturity dates. Governmental obligations include U.S. Government, State, Municipal and Federal Agencies securities. The market value, amortized cost and gross unrealized gains and losses of the securities are as follows:

		Gross	Gross	
	Market	Unrealized	Unrealized	Amortized
	Value	Gains	Losses	Cost
January 31, 2002				
Corporate	\$1,218,892	\$22,253	\$	\$1,196,639
Governmental	2,121,982	38,004	(20,235)	2,104,213
	\$3,340,874	\$60,257	\$(20,235)	\$3,300,852
	========	======	======	========
January 31, 2001				
Corporate	\$1,486,495	\$12,801	\$(11,239)	\$1,484,933
Governmental	3,876,028	17,063	(22,014)	3,880,979
	\$5,362,523	\$29,864	\$(33,253)	\$5,365,912
	========	======	======	========

The cost of securities available for sale that were sold was based on specific identification in determining realized gains or losses included in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

The expected maturity dates of these securities are as follows: Less than one year--\$507,876; One to Five Years--\$1,887,726; Six to Ten Years--\$619,010 and greater than Ten Years--\$326,262. Actual maturities may differ as a result of sales or earlier issuer redemptions.

Note 3--Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market and include material, labor and manufacturing overhead. The components of inventories were as follows:

	Januar	ry 31,
	2002	2001
Materials and Supplies Work-in-Progress Finished Goods	\$ 5,850,797 961,279 3,431,106	1,282,466
	\$10,243,182	\$10,782,425

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Note 4--Debt

Debt consists of the following:

		Janua	cy 31,
		2002	2001
Capital Lease	Obligations	\$24,755	\$71,587
Less: Current	Maturities.	24,755	46,832
		\$	\$24,755
		======	======

Note 5--Shareholders' Equity

Common Stock: The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of up to an additional 290,000 shares of the Company's common stock on the open market in the future. The Company repurchased 201,600, and 77,000 shares, of its common stock in fiscal 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The Company maintains the following benefit plans involving the Company's common stock:

Stock Option Plans: As of January 31, 2002, the Company has two incentive stock option plans and one non-qualified stock option plan under which options may be granted to officers and key employees. Options vest over various periods that range from six months to five years. Options for an aggregate of 1,500,000 shares may be granted under the incentive stock option plans at option prices of not less than fair market value at the date of grant. Options for an aggregate of 1,000,000 shares may be granted under the non-qualified plan at option prices of not less than 50% of fair market value at the date of grant.

In addition, the Company has a Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan under which each non-employee director automatically receives an annual grant of options to acquire 1,000 shares of common stock. The options are granted as of the first business day of January of each year at an option price equal to the fair market value at the date of grant. Options for a total of 30,000 shares may be granted under the plan.

Summarized option data for all plans is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Per Share	Weighted Average Option Price Per Share
Options Outstanding, January 31, 1999 Options Granted Options Exercised Options Expired	253,700 (1,000)	\$ 3.33-\$13.00 \$4.94- \$6.25 \$ 4.94	\$8.51 \$5.22 \$4.94
Options Outstanding, January 31, 2000 Options Granted Options Exercised Options Expired	568,500 (9,500)	\$ 3.33-\$13.00 \$ 3.75- \$7.50 \$ 3.33- \$4.94 \$ 3.33-\$10.25	\$6.90 \$4.77
Options Outstanding, January 31, 2001 Options Granted Options Expired	363,000	\$ 3.75- \$4.31	\$4.31
Options Outstanding, January 31, 2002	1,653,075	\$ 3.33-\$13.00	\$6.64
Options Exercisable, January 31, 2002	1,503,033	\$ 3.33-\$13.00	\$6.74
Options Exercisable, January 31, 2001	1,198,450	\$ 3.33-\$13.00	\$7.40

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Set forth below is a summary of options outstanding at January 31, 2002:

Outstanding			Exe	ercisable	
Range of Exercise prices	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Remaining Contractual Life	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$3.33-\$5.00	598,125	\$ 4.51	9 yrs.	556,210	\$ 4.53
\$5.50-\$8.25	725,450	\$ 7.15	7 yrs.	631,448	\$ 7.37
\$8.31-\$8.50	207,500	\$ 8.40	5 yrs.	207,500	\$ 8.40
\$9.25-\$13.00	122,000	\$11.10	2 yrs.	107,875	\$11.21
	1,653,075	\$ 6.64		1,503,033	\$ 6.74

At January 31, 2002, options covering 572,300 shares under the incentive plans, 600,000 shares under the non-qualified plan and 9,000 shares under the Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan were available for future grant.

As permitted by SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," the Company accounts for its stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25 "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees". Had compensation cost for the Company's stock-based compensation plans been determined based on the fair value at the grant dates consistent with the method set forth under SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income and net income per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

	Years Ended January 31		
	2002	2001	2000
Net Income (Loss)			
As reported	\$(233,101)	\$ 302,489	\$936,643
Pro forma			
Net Income (Loss) per share			
As reported	\$ (0.05)	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.21
Pro forma, Basic	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.14
Pro forma, Diluted	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.13

The fair value of each option granted was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions: The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during fiscal 2002, 2001 and 2000 was \$1.11, \$2.22, and \$1.60, respectively.

	Years	Ended Jan	uary 31,
	2002	2001	2000
Risk-free interest rate	4.1%	6.3%	5.5%
Expected life (years)	5	5	5
Expected volatility	36.0%	36.0%	35.5%
Expected dividend yield	4.0%	2.9%	2.8%

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Employee Stock Purchase Plan: The Company has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan allowing eligible employees to purchase shares of common stock at a 10% discount from fair market value on the date of purchase. A total of 180,000 shares were initially reserved for issuance under the Plan. Summarized Plan activity is as follows:

			Years 1	Ended Janı	uary 31,
			2002	2001	2000
Shares	Reserved,	Beginning	91,675	94,920	98,426
Shares	Purchased.		(4,247) (3,245)	(3,506)
Shares	Reserved,	Ending	87,428	91,675	94,920
			=====	=====	=====

Employee Stock Ownership Plan: The Company has an Employee Stock Ownership Plan providing retirement benefits to all eligible employees. Annual contributions in amounts determined by the Company's Board of Directors are invested by the Plan's Trustees in shares of common stock of the Company. Contributions may be in cash or stock. The Company's contributions paid or accrued amounted to \$130,000 in both fiscal 2001 and 2000.No amounts were owed or accrued in fiscal 2002.

Note 6--Income Taxes

The components of domestic and foreign income (loss) before the provision (benefit) for income taxes are as follows:

	Years	Ended Janua	ary 31,
	2002	2001	2000
Domestic.	\$(457,950)	\$ (6,989)	\$1,021,075
Foreign	166,143	409,478	227,782
Total.	\$(291,807)	\$402,489	\$1,248,857
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The components of the provision (benefit) for income taxes were as follows:

	Years 1	Ended Januar	ry 31,
	2002	2001	2000
Current:			
Federal. State Foreign.	\$ 38,689 11,300 51,999	\$ 194,810 (6,600) 94,200	\$ 387,820 53,842 57,000
	101,988	282,410	498,662
		(160,598) (21,812)	(164,143) (22,305)
	(160,694)	(182,410)	(186,448)
	\$ (58,706) ======	\$ 100,000 ======	\$ 312,214 =======

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The provision (benefit) for income taxes differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate (34%) to income before income taxes, due to the following:

	Years Ended January 31,				
	2002	2001	2000		
Income Tax Provision (Benefit) at Statutory Rate State Taxes, Net of Federal Income Tax Benefits. Nontaxable Interest Income	(13,879) (14,654) 12,342 	(18,763) (17,625)	57,697 (19,219) (24,663) (92,048) (133,000)		
	\$(58,706)	\$100,000 ======	\$ 312,214		

The tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards which gave rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets and liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets were as follows:

	January 31,		
	2002		
Deferred Tax Assets:			
Reserves and Accruals Not Yet Deducted for Tax Purposes	\$1,332,827	\$1,319,618	
Unrealized Foreign Currency Losses	65,946	66,950	
Net Operating Loss Carryforwards	105,000	94,485	
Other	427,647	398,448	
Valuation Allowance	(105,000)	(94,485)	
Deferred Tax Liabilities:	1,826,420	1,785,016	
Accumulated Tax Depreciation in Excess of Book Depreciation.	610,157	580,915	
Other	266,710	415,242	
	876,867	996,157	
Net Deferred Tax Assets	\$ 949,553	\$ 788,859	

At January 31, 2002, the valuation allowance relates to the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries, Astro-Med GMBH and Astro-Med SRL, net operating loss carryforward (NOLs) of approximately \$105,000 which can be carryforward indefinitely. The future tax benefits of these NOLs are uncertain because it is limited to future annual taxable income of the subsidiary.

Note 7--Leases

There are both capital and operating lease commitments for the Company's facilities and certain machinery and equipment. Following is an analysis of assets which are under capital leases.

	Januar	ry 31,
	2002	2001
Machinery and Equipment Less: Accumulated Amortization	\$176,020	\$176,020
	146,681	88,008
	\$ 29,339	\$ 88,012
	=======	======

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Minimum lease payments under noncancellable leases at January 31, 2002 were as follows:

Year Ending January 31,	_	Operating Leases
2003	 	163,623 60,111 33,492
Net Minimum Lease Payments	25,296	\$630,880
Less Amount Representing Interest	(541)	
Current Value of Net Minimum Lease Payments	\$24,755 =====	

The Company incurred rent expense in the amount of \$349,940, \$381,560 and \$315,200 for the fiscal years 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Note 8--Nature of Operations, Segment Reporting and Geographical Information

The Company's operations consist of the design, development, manufacture and sale of specialty data recorder and acquisition systems, label printing and applicator systems, neurophysiological instrumentation systems, and consumable printer supplies. The Company organizes and manages its business as a portfolio of products and services designed around a common theme of data acquisition and information output. The Company's operations have historically been aggreagated into a single reporting segment based on certain similarities in the nature and characteristics of the products and services and the lack of the availiability of the financial information at the product group level. The Company has evolved to the point where it can now place additional emphasis on the financial information generated at the product group level, consequently, the Company will report three reporting segments consistent with its sales product groups Test & Measurement (T&M); QuickLabel Systems (QLS) and Grass-Telefactor (G-T). As a result, the Company has restated the prior years segment data to present all periods on a comparable basis.

T&M produces data recording equipment used worldwide for a variety of recording, monitoring and troubleshooting applications for the aerospace, automotive, metal mill, power and telecommunications industries. QLS produces an array of high-technology digital label printers, automatic labelers, print and apply systems, labeling software and consumables for a variety of commerical industries worldwide. Grass-Telefactor produces a range of instrumentation equipment and supplies for clinical neurophysiology (EEG and epilepsy monitoring), polysomnography (PSG - Sleep Monitoring) and biomedical research applications used worldwide by universities, medical centers and companies engaged in a variety of clinical and research activities. The accounting policies of the reporting segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies within the notes to the consolidated financial statements. The Company evaluates segment performance based on the segment profit before corporate and financial administration expenses.

Business is conducted primarily in the United States and through foreign affiliates in Canada and Europe. Substantially all manufacturing activities are conducted in the United States. Sales and service activities outside the United States are conducted primarily through whollyowned entities and, to a lesser extent, through authorized distributors and agents. Transfer prices are intended to produce gross profit margins commensurate with the sales and service effort associated with the product sold.

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The following tables summarize selected financial information by segment:

(in thousands)		Sales		_	Operating		-	_	ofit %
(III thousands)	2002	2001					2002	2001	2000
T&MQLSGrass-Telefactor	20,928	19,891	17,914	863		688 1,350	4.1%	11.8% 6.5% 3.0%	3.8%
Total		\$51,688		•				6.7%	8.8%
Corporate Expenses				3,083		3,253			
Operating Income (Loss) Other Income (Expenses)				(728) 436	81 321	791 458			
<pre>Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes Income Taxes Expense (Benefit)</pre>				(292) (59)		1,249 312			
Net Income (Loss)				\$ (233)		\$ 937			

Presented below is selected information by segment:

(in the		cization preciat:		Capital	Expend	itures
(in thousands)	2002	2001	2000	2002	2001	2000
T&M QLS Grass-Telefactor	\$ 490 572 580	•	582		\$ 321 455 428	\$164 558 253
Total	\$1,642	\$1,775	\$1,356	\$911 ====	\$1,204	\$975

Presented below is selected assets by segment:

	Assets					
(in thousands)						
	2002	2001	2000			
T&M	\$ 7,568	\$ 8,220	\$ 6,934			
QLS	12,891	13,546	14,157			
Grass-Telefactor	9,861	10,625	10,498			
Corporate*	8,084	8,668	13,796			
Total	\$38,404	\$41,059	\$45,385			
	======	======	======			

^{*} Corporate assets consist primarily of cash, investments and income tax accounts.

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Presented below is selected financial information by geographic area:

(in thougands)		Sales		Long-Lived Assets			
(in thousands)	2002	2001	2000	2002	2001	2000	
United States	\$35,657	\$37,893	\$33,866	\$ 9,645	\$10,106	\$10,906	
Europe	7,588	7,994	7,054	558	582	468	
Asia	2,141	1,532	1,296				
Canada	1,853	2,096	1,976	87	65	7	
Central and South America	1,559	1,337	1,216				
Other	593	836	735				
Total	\$49,391	\$51,688	\$46,143	\$10,290	\$10,753	\$11,381	
	======	======	======	======	======	======	

No single customer accounted for 10% of net sales in fiscal 2002, 2001, or 2000.

Note 9--Profit-Sharing Plan

Along with the Employee Stock Ownership Plan described in Note 5, the Company has a non-contributory Profit-Sharing Plan which provides retirement benefits to all eligible employees. In addition, the Plan allows participants to defer a portion of their cash compensation and contribute such deferral to the Plan through payroll deductions. The Company makes matching contributions up to specified levels. The deferrals are made within the limits prescribed by Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

All contributions are deposited into trust funds. It is the policy of the Company to fund any contributions accrued. The Company's annual contribution amounts are determined by the Board of Directors. The Company's contributions paid or accrued amounted to \$165,000 in 2002 and \$230,000 in both 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Note 10--Acquisitions

Effective December 1, 1999, the Company acquired the assets and business of Telefactor Corporation (Telefactor), a privately held corporation, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$3.7 million in cash, including transaction fees. The acquisition was accounted for as a purchase under APB Opinion No. 16, Business Combinations. At the time of closing, \$225,000 was established in an escrow account that was designated to be used to settle any post-closing purchase price adjustments. In the first quarter of fiscal 2001, the Company received \$225,000 from the escrow. The purchase and sales agreement contains a clause which will require the Company to pay additional purchase price of up to \$3,000,000 if certain sales levels are achieved. The earnout provision is effective over a period of 72 months. At January 31, 2002, no additional consideration is owed to the sellers. The purchase price allocation was completed during fiscal 2001 and it resulted in a final goodwill amount of \$1,776,000. Goodwill resulting from the Telefactor acquisition is being amortized over 15 years. However, see Long-Lived Assets under Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting policies with respect to the required changes in the accounting for goodwill.

SCHEDULE II--VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS AND RESERVES

	Balance at				Balance
Description	2 2	Charged to	Deductions(2)	0+hom/2\	at End
Description	or rear	operations	Deductions(2)		or rear
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts(1): Year Ended January 31,					
2002	\$467,882	\$ 30,000	\$145,440		\$352,442
2001	\$405,783	\$193,341	\$131,242		\$467,882
2000	\$212,337	\$167,234	\$ 42,414	\$68,626	\$405,783

⁽¹⁾ The allowance for doubtful accounts has been netted against accounts receivable as of the respective balance sheet dates.

⁽²⁾ Uncollectible accounts written off, net of recoveries.

⁽³⁾ Reserve addition from the acquisition of Telefactor.

Exhibit 99.1

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LETTER TO COMMISSION PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY NOTE 3T

April 10, 2002

Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549-0408

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Temporary Note 3T to Article 3 of Regulation S-X, Astro-Med, Inc. has obtained a letter of representation from Arthur Andersen LLP ("Andersen") stating that the January 31, 2002 audit was subject to their quality control system for the U.S. accounting and auditing practice to provide reasonable assurance that the engagement was conducted in compliance with professional standards and that there was appropriate continuity of Andersen personnel working on the audit, availability of national office consultation and availability of personnel at foreign affiliates of Andersen to conduct the relevant portions of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Astro-Med, Inc.

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