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

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM $\qquad$ TO $\qquad$ .

COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

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(503) 286-3676
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)
NOT APPLICABLE
(FORMER NAME, FORMER ADDRESS AND FORMER FISCAL YEAR, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

## SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT: NONE

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: COMMON STOCK
Indicate by check mark whether registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No [ ]

Indicate 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 $10-\mathrm{K}$ or any amendment to this form $10-\mathrm{K}$. [X]

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of February 28, 2001, was $\$ 411,665,000$ based upon the last reported sale price of the Company's Common Stock as reported by the Nasdaq National Market System.

The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on February 28, 2001, was $25,876,063$.

Part III is incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed with the Commission within 120 days of December 31, 2000.

## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

DECEMBER 31, 2000

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

## GENERAL

Founded in 1938 in Portland, Oregon, Columbia Sportswear Company(R) is a global leader in design, sourcing, marketing and distribution of active outdoor apparel and footwear, with operations in North America, Europe and Asia. As one of the largest outerwear companies in the world and the leading seller of skiwear in the United States, we have developed an international reputation across an expanding product line for quality, performance, functionality and value. We believe our award-winning advertising campaign effectively positions the Columbia(R) brand as active, outdoor, authentic and distinctly American.

Since 1938 we have grown from a small family-owned, regional hat distributor to a global leader in the active outdoor apparel and footwear industries. Known for durability and dependability at a reasonable price, we leveraged Columbia's brand awareness in the 1990s by expanding into related merchandise categories and developing our "head-to-toe" outfitting concept.

During 2000, we distributed our products to approximately 10,000 retailers in over 40 countries.

In September 2000 we added another internationally known brand to our business, acquiring the Sorel trademark and associated intellectual property through a Canadian bankruptcy proceeding for approximately $\$ 8$ million in cash. We believe that $\operatorname{Sorel}(\mathrm{R})$, a brand associated with quality cold weather boots for roughly four decades, complements our existing product offering, enhances our growth opportunities in footwear, and opens the door to distribution channels where we have not previously sold Columbia brand products.

We completed an Initial Public Offering (IPO) of 6,440,000 shares of Common Stock on April 1, 1998. Gross proceeds from the IPO totaled $\$ 115.9$ million and proceeds net of underwriting discounts, commissions, and expenses, totaled approximately $\$ 106.9$ million. Dividends were declared and paid in the amount of $\$ 102.3$ million. The dividends represented our subchapter "S" accumulated adjustments account as of the termination date of our subchapter "S" corporation status, and were paid to shareholders of record on March 23, 1998. The remaining proceeds were used for working capital needs.

Our business is subject to many risks and uncertainties that could materially adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and stock price. For a description of some of these risks and uncertainties, we encourage you to read "Factors That May Affect Our Business" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

## PRODUCTS

We group our merchandise into four principal categories -- (1) outerwear, (2) sportswear, (3) rugged footwear and (4) related accessories. The durability, functionality and affordability of our products make them ideal for use in a wide range of outdoor activities, including skiing, snowboarding, hunting, fishing, hiking and golf, as well as for casual wear. Across all of our product lines, we bring a commitment to innovative, functional product design and a reputation for durable, high quality materials and construction. We believe our broad range of competitively priced merchandise offers consumers one of the best price-value equations in the outdoor apparel and footwear industries.

We believe the Columbia brand represents a differentiated active, outdoor, authentic, value-oriented and distinctly American image. We design our products to reinforce this image. In both the design and production phases, we focus our efforts on the development of popular, higher volume products at moderate price points. Our attention to technical details such as pockets that double as vents, double storm flaps over zippers and "gutters" that facilitate water run-off, as well as the use of special technical materials, contribute to the authenticity and functionality of our entire selection of merchandise.

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The following table shows the approximate percentage of sales attributable to each of our principal product categories during the last three fiscal years.

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## Outerwear

Outerwear is our most established product category. It is designed to protect the wearer from inclement weather in everyday use and in a variety of outdoor activities, including skiing, snowboarding, hiking, hunting and fishing. Many of our jackets incorporate our revolutionary Columbia Interchange System(R), which was introduced in 1983 and features a 3- or 4-jackets-in-1
design. Jackets incorporating the Interchange System typically combine a durable, nylon outershell with a removable, zip-out liner. The outershell and the liner may be worn separately or together. This layering approach provides the wearer with a jacket for all seasons and weather conditions at a reasonable price.

Our skiwear line is the best selling brand of skiwear in the United States and includes products such as parkas, vests, ski pants, ski suits and pullovers.

Our line of snowboard apparel, which carries the Convert( R ) label, is another important component of the outerwear category. We were one of the first companies to identify and react to the rapid emergence of snowboarding as a popular sport, and as a result, our Convert line is now one of the top selling brands of snowboard apparel in the United States.

Hunting and fishing products constitute one of our longest running product lines in the outerwear category. These merchandise offerings include apparel for the serious sportsman engaged in a variety of hunting and fishing activities. All of these products, including parkas, shells, vests, liners, bib pants and rain suits incorporate a variety of specific-purpose, tailored features that enhance our reputation as a leader in this category of outerwear.

We also produce a separate line of youth outerwear products. The market for youth outerwear is significant and we are able to leverage our expertise in outerwear design and sourcing to meet the needs of the youth market.

## Sportswear

In 1993 we targeted sportswear as a growth opportunity. Building on a foundation of authentic fishing and hunting shirts, we expanded our sportswear product offering, which resulted in sportswear sales increasing to $33.0 \%$ of our net sales for 2000.

Our sportswear line is made up of outdoor sportswear, golf apparel, and GRT(R) (Gear for Rugged Trekking, Travel and Training).

The outdoor sportswear product line, consisting primarily of hiking shorts, water sport trunks, fleece and pile products, sweaters, chinos, knit shirts, woven shirts, sweats, and jeans, appeals both to the serious outdoorsman and the more casual wearer who wants to project an outdoor image.

Our golf line includes a variety of products designed specifically for the needs of golfers. It focuses on golf as an outdoor activity that requires specific fabrics and features to enhance performance.

For the consumer interested in training, trekking and adventure travel, our GRT line of active outdoor performance apparel offers a line of lightweight products, many of which incorporate our Omni-Dry(R) system of moisture management.

Sportswear products are designed to be sold alongside our outerwear and rugged footwear products as part of our unified "head-to-toe" outfitting concept. Although the majority of our sportswear sales are to sporting goods and specialty outdoor stores, department stores are becoming an increasingly important part of the distribution chain.

## Rugged Footwear

We introduced rugged footwear in 1993. This category consists primarily of active all-weather, performance outdoor footwear, rugged comfort and youth, featuring innovative technical designs that incorporate waterproof/breathable constructions, thermal insulation, advanced cushioning systems and high abrasion, slip-resistant outsoles. Rugged footwear as a percentage of our consolidated net sales has increased from $2.9 \%$ in 1994 to $11.2 \%$ in 2000 . We believe the market for rugged footwear represents a substantial growth opportunity.

Our acquisition of the $\operatorname{Sorel}(\mathrm{R})$ trademark rights, associated brand names and other related intellectual property rights in September 2000 opens up potential opportunities for us in the footwear category. The prior owner of the Sorel brand, William H. Kaufman, Inc., filed for bankruptcy in 2000 allowing us
the chance to acquire and rejuvenate an existing brand known for cold weather footwear for over forty years. We will be offering classic Sorel styles for fall 2001 as well as a line of special make products for some larger retailers. Sorel styles are being offered to current Columbia customers as well as to dealers who do not presently sell the Columbia footwear line.

## Accessories

We also produce a line of accessories that includes hats, caps, scarves, gloves, mittens and headbands to complement our outerwear and sportswear lines.

## LICENSING

In June of 1999 we developed a strategy to license our trademarks across a range of categories that complement our current offerings and build brand awareness. Since that time we have signed five licensing agreements that will introduce Columbia brand casual and outdoor socks, packs and adventure travel bags, small personal leather goods and thermal tops, bottoms and accessories to North American markets and outdoor performance socks to the Eastern European, Western European and Russian markets. Our United States sock licensee began shipping during fall 2000 in the North American market, and the packs and adventure travel bags and small personal leather goods are available in spring 2001, while the thermal tops, bottoms and accessories will start shipping in spring 2002. In addition, in connection with the Sorel acquisition, we acquired a number of Sorel brand licensing agreements, including a license for shoe care products in North America and for outerwear, bags and other products in Japan.

## ADVERTISING, MARKETING, AND PROMOTION

Our creative and award-winning print and broadcast advertising campaigns have built brand awareness and have helped to highlight the strengths of our product line among consumers. The humorous advertisements feature Chairman Gertrude Boyle as an overbearing taskmaster -- 'one tough mother' -- who demands high quality standards for our products. The advertisements, which often include witty dialogue between "Mother Boyle" and her son Tim, Columbia's President and Chief Executive Officer, remind consumers of our long history of providing authentic outdoor apparel with exceptional value and help to create the image of a distinctly American brand.

One of our growth strategies is to improve the productivity of our existing customers by expanding the number of concept shops, focus areas and brand enhancement systems at customer retail locations. Concept shops and focus areas, which promote a consistent brand image, are located within the stores of our customers and are dedicated exclusively to selling our merchandise on a year-round basis. On a smaller scale, brand enhancement systems which include signage and fixtures that prominently display consolidated groupings of Columbia merchandise offer similar benefits.

## INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

From the time of initial order through production, distribution and delivery, we manage our inventory to reduce risk. Our inventory management systems coupled with our enterprise-wide information system have enhanced our ability to manage our inventories by providing detailed inventory status from the time of initial factory order through shipment to our retail customers.

Additionally, through the use of incentive discounts we encourage early purchases by our customers to promote effective inventory management. We provide our customers with staggered delivery times through the spring and fall seasons, which also permits us and our customers to manage inventories effectively and thereby diminish the likelihood of closeout sales. Through our efforts to match our purchases of inventory to the receipt of customer orders, we believe we are able to reduce the risk of overcommitting to inventory purchases. This helps us avoid significant inventory build-ups and minimizes working capital requirements. This strategy, however, does not eliminate inventory risk entirely because customer orders are subject to cancellation prior to shipment.

## PRODUCT DESIGN

Our experienced in-house merchandising and design teams, working closely with internal sales and production teams as well as with retailers and
consumers, produce products designed primarily for functionality and durability. In addition to new designs, we are continually making innovative changes to existing products such as the Bugaboo(R) Parka, a consistent best seller for more than a decade. By pursuing this strategy we believe we can attract a wider, value-oriented consumer audience than our more technical or fashion-oriented competitors.

In addition, our use of specialized materials, such as
Omni-Tech(TM)(waterproof, breathable) and Bergundtal Cloth (water-resistant, wind protection) substantially enhance the value of our products without adding significant cost.

## SOURCING AND MANUFACTURING

Our apparel and footwear products are produced by independent manufacturers selected, monitored and coordinated by regional Columbia employees to assure conformity to strict quality standards. We believe the use of these independent manufacturers increases production capacity and flexibility and reduces our costs.

Unlike many apparel companies, we use few independent agents in our sourcing activities. We maintain 11 sourcing and quality control offices in the Far East, each staffed by Columbia employees and managed by personnel native to the region. Personnel in these offices direct sourcing activities, help to ensure quality control and assist with the monitoring and coordination of overseas shipments. Final pricing for all orders, however, is approved by personnel from our U.S. headquarters. We believe Columbia personnel in the Far East, who are focused narrowly on our interests, are more responsive to our needs than independent agents would be and are more likely to build long-term relationships with key vendors. We believe these relationships enhance our access to raw materials and factory capacity at more favorable prices.

For 2000 we sourced approximately $92 \%$ (by dollar volume) of our products outside the United States, principally in the Far East. We monitor the selection of independent factories to ensure that no single manufacturer or country is responsible for manufacturing a disproportionate amount of our merchandise.

On September 30, 1999 we announced the closure of our only manufacturing facility in Chaffee, Missouri, a strategic move designed to reduce costs and enhance operating efficiencies. The closure was completed during the first quarter of 2000. By relocating the sourcing of this product to our sourcing office in Los Angeles, California, we will be able to more efficiently and effectively manage product procurement.

We believe the use of independent manufacturers, in conjunction with the use of Columbia sourcing personnel rather than agents, increases our production flexibility and capacity and allows us to maintain control over critical aspects of the sourcing process. Our approach also enables us to substantially limit our capital expenditures and avoid costs associated with managing a large production work force. We do not have

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formal arrangements with most of our contractors or suppliers other than purchase orders. However, we believe our relationships with our contractors and suppliers are excellent and that the long-term, reliable and cooperative relationships that we have with many of our vendors provide us a competitive advantage over other apparel distributors.

By having Columbia employees in regions where we source our products, we enhance our ability to monitor factories to ensure their compliance with Columbia's Standards of Manufacturing Practices. Our policies require every factory to comply with a code of conduct relating to factory working conditions and the treatment of workers involved in the production of Columbia brand products.

Our quality control program is designed to ensure our products meet the highest quality standards. Our employees monitor the quality of fabrics and other components and inspect prototypes of each product before starting production runs. In addition, our employees also perform quality control checks throughout the production process up to and including final shipment to our customers. We believe our attention to the quality control program is an important and effective means of maintaining the quality and reputation of our
products.
Independent manufacturers generally produce our apparel using one of two principal methods. In the first method, the manufacturer purchases the raw materials needed to produce the garment from suppliers we approve, at prices and on terms negotiated by either that manufacturer or ourselves. A substantial portion of our merchandise is manufactured under this arrangement. In the second, sometimes referred to as "cut, make, pack, and quota" and used principally for production in China, we directly purchase the raw materials from suppliers, assure that the independent manufacturers have the necessary availability of import quotas, and ship the materials in a "kit," together with patterns, samples, and most other necessary items, to the independent manufacturer to produce the finished garment. While this second arrangement advances the timing for inventory purchases and exposes us to additional risks before a garment is manufactured, we believe it further increases our manufacturing flexibility and frequently provides us with a cost advantage over other production methods.

We transact business on an order-by-order basis without exclusive commitments or arrangements to purchase from any single vendor. We believe, however, that the long term relationships with our vendors will help to assure adequate sources to produce a sufficient supply of goods in a timely manner and on satisfactory economic terms in the future.

By sourcing the bulk of our products outside the United States, we are subject to risks of doing business abroad. These risks include, but are not limited to, foreign exchange rate fluctuations, governmental restrictions and political or labor disturbances. In particular, we must continually monitor import requirements and transfer production as necessary to lessen the potential impact from increased tariffs or quota restrictions which may be periodically imposed.

We have from time to time experienced difficulty satisfying our raw material and finished goods requirements, and any such future difficulties could adversely affect our business operations. Three major factory groups accounted for approximately $18 \%$ of our total global production for 2000. Another company produces all of the zippers used in our products. However, in both instances these factory groups have multiple factory locations, many of which are in different countries.

## SALES AND DISTRIBUTION

Our products are sold to approximately 10,000 specialty and department store retailers throughout the world. Our strategy for continued growth is to focus on:

- Enhancing the productivity of existing retailers
- Expanding distribution in international markets
- Further developing the existing merchandise categories
- Increasing our penetration into the department store and specialty footwear channels.


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During the last three fiscal years, we recorded the following geographic net sales percentages of our products.

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See Note 14 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for net sales, income before income tax, identifiable assets, interest expense, and depreciation and amortization by geographic segment.

## North America

Approximately $47.6 \%$ of the worldwide retailers that offer our products are located in the United States and Canada. The sales in these two countries amounted to $81.7 \%$ of our total revenues for 2000 . We work with 25 independent sales agencies that work with retail accounts that vary in size from single specialty store operations to the large chains made up of many stores in several locations.

Our flagship store in Portland, Oregon is designed to create a distinctive "Columbia" environment, reinforcing the active and outdoor image of the Columbia brand. In addition, this store provides us with the ability to test new marketing and merchandising techniques. We also operate nine outlet stores in various locations throughout North America. These outlet stores are designed to sell excess inventory without adversely affecting our retail accounts.

We inspect, sort, pack and ship substantially all of our products to United States retailers from our Rivergate Distribution Center located in Portland, Oregon, consisting of approximately 649,000 square feet. Beginning in the first quarter of 2001, construction began on a new addition to the existing automated distribution center. The expansion will adjoin an additional 203,000 square-feet to the existing 649,000 square-feet enabling us to accommodate our growth. The addition will be fully integrated into the existing distribution center in 2002. We handle Canadian distribution from an approximately 103,000 square foot warehouse in Strathroy, Ontario. In some instances, we arrange to have the product shipped directly from the independent manufacturers to a customer-designated facility.

## Other International

We have a European sales and marketing office in Strasbourg, France. We currently sell our products directly to approximately 3,500 Western European retailers. Successful marketing and sales efforts, particularly in France, Spain, The Netherlands and Germany, resulted in net direct sales of our products in Europe of $\$ 59.0$ million in 2000. We distribute products in Europe from an independent logistics company based in The Netherlands. In February 2001 we entered into terms of understanding to acquire land in Cambrai, France for construction of a new distribution facility with approximately 269,000 square feet. We anticipate that the new facility, which is intended to replace the facility in The Netherlands, will be operational in the summer of 2002. This timetable, however, is subject to a number of factors, including our ability to finalize appropriate agreements to complete the land acquisition and construction of the new facility on acceptable terms, our ability to integrate a new facility with existing operations, the availability of labor, raw materials and other inputs on anticipated terms, our ability to obtain any necessary governmental approvals in a timely fashion, and uncertainties associated with doing business abroad.

We have distributed our products through independent distributors in Japan since the mid-1970s. In the fall of 1998, we began distributing our products directly in Japan, and during 2000 we sold our products to approximately 760 Japanese retailers. We believe that our direct sales approach in Japan creates an opportunity for accelerated sales growth in this region as economic conditions improve. In 1997 we began selling our products in South Korea. Our offices in Tokyo and Seoul direct sales and marketing efforts in Asia.

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In several other countries throughout the world, we sell our products to independent exclusive distributors. These distributors service retail customers in locations such as Australia, New Zealand, South America, Eastern Europe and Russia. Distributors also offer Columbia products in Mexico, Norway, Turkey, Switzerland and Greece. In late 1999, we established a subsidiary in the United Kingdom for direct sales in that market beginning with spring 2001.

Company(R)," "Convert(R)," "Sorel(R)," "Bugaboo(R)," "Bugabootoo(R)," "Silent Rain(R)," "Columbia Interchange System(R)," "Tough Mother(R)," the Columbia diamond shaped logo and the Sorel polar bear. Our trademarks, many of which are registered or subject to pending applications in the United States and other nations, are used on a variety of items of apparel, footwear, and other products. We believe that our trademarks are of great value, providing the consumer with an assurance that the product being purchased is high quality and provides a good value. We also place significant value on trade dress (the overall appearance and image of our products) which, as much as trademarks, distinguishes our products in the marketplace. In addition, in connection with the acquisition of the Sorel trademarks we acquired industrial designs and patents protecting some Sorel styles. We are very protective of these proprietary rights and frequently take action to prevent counterfeit reproductions or other infringing activity. In the past we have successfully resolved conflicts over proprietary rights through legal action and negotiated settlements. As we expand in market share, geographic scope and product categories, intellectual property disputes are anticipated to increase as well, making it more difficult to establish and protect our proprietary rights.

## BACKLOG

We typically receive the bulk of our orders for each of the fall and spring seasons a minimum of three months prior to the date the products are shipped to customers. Generally, the orders are subject to cancellation prior to the date of shipment. At December 31, 2000, our backlog was $\$ 321.8$ million, compared to $\$ 272.8$ million at December 31, 1999. For a variety of reasons, including the timing of shipments, product mix of customer orders and the amount of in-season orders, backlog may not be a reliable measure of future sales for any succeeding period.

## SEASONALITY

Our business is affected by the general seasonal trends common to the outdoor apparel industry, with sales and profits highest in the third calendar quarter. Our products are marketed on a seasonal basis, with a product mix weighted substantially toward the fall season. Results of operations in any period should not be considered indicative of the results to be expected for any future period. The sale of our products is subject to substantial cyclical fluctuation or impact from unseasonal weather conditions. Sales tend to decline in periods of recession or uncertainty regarding future economic prospects that affect consumer spending, particularly on discretionary items. This cyclicality and any related fluctuation in consumer demand could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

## COMPETITION

The active outerwear, sportswear and rugged footwear segments of the apparel industry are highly competitive. We encounter substantial competition in the active outerwear and sportswear business from, among others, The North Face, Inc., Marmot Mountain Ltd., Woolrich Woolen Mills, Inc., The Timberland Company ("Timberland"), Patagonia Corporation and Helly-Hansen A/S. In addition, we compete with major sport companies, such as Nike, Inc., Adidas AG and Reebok International Ltd., and with fashion-oriented competitors, such as Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation, Nautica Enterprises, Inc. and Tommy Hilfiger Corporation. Our rugged footwear line competes with, among others, Timberland, Nike ACG, and Salomon S.A. Many of these companies have global operations and compete with us in Europe and Asia. In Europe we also face competition from such brands as Berghaus, Jack Wolfskin and Craft of Sweden and many other lesser-known regional brands. In Asia our competition is from brands such as Mont-Bell and Patagonia

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among others. In addition, we face significant competition from our own retail customers that manufacture and market clothing and footwear under their own labels. Some of our competitors are substantially larger and have substantially greater financial, distribution, marketing and other resources than we do. We believe the primary competitive factors in the market for activewear are functionality, durability, style, price and brand name, and that our product offerings are well positioned within the market.

We extend credit to our customers based on an assessment of a customer's financial circumstances, generally without requiring collateral. To assist in the scheduling of production and the shipping of seasonal products, we offer customers discounts for placing pre-season orders and extended payment terms for taking delivery before the peak shipping season. These extended payment terms increase our exposure to the risk of uncollectible receivables. Some of our significant customers have experienced financial difficulties in the past, and future financial difficulties of customers could have a material adverse effect on our business.

## GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Many of our imports are subject to existing or potential governmental duties, tariffs or quotas that may limit the quantity of certain types of goods which may be imported into the United States and other countries. In addition, these duties often comprise a material portion of the cost of the merchandise. Although we are diligent in the monitoring of these trade restrictions, the United States or other countries could impose new or adjusted quotas, duties, tariffs or other restrictions, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

## EMPLOYEES

At December 31, 2000 we had 1,445 full-time employees. Of these employees, 828 were based in the United States, 85 in Canada, 73 in Europe and 459 in Asia.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Following is a summary of principal properties owned or leased by us. Our leases expire at various dates through 2003.

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| U.S. Administrative Offices: Portland, | U.S. Distribution Facility: Portland, |
| Oregon (2 locations) -- leased | Oregon (1 location) -- owned |
| Canadian Operation: Strathroy, Ontario | Corporate Headquarters(1): Portland, |
| (1 location) - - leased Oregon (1 location) -- owned |  |
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(1) In October of 2000, we purchased an existing building and the associated land to be used as a corporate headquarters. We are currently in the process of remodeling the facility and plan to occupy it by the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2001. Our current U.S. administrative office lease agreements expire in 2002 and will not be renewed.

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is a party to various legal claims, actions and complaints. Although the ultimate resolution of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

## ITEM 4A. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES OF THE REGISTRANT

The following table sets forth our executive officers and certain key
employees.

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Gertrude Boyle...... 77 Chairman of the Board(1)
Timothy P. Boyle..... 51 President, Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer, Secretary and
Director(1)
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Don R. Santorufo..... 54 Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer(1)

| Patrick D. | 43 | Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Secretary(1) |
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| Anderson........... |  |  |
| Carl K. Davis....... | 52 | Vice President and General Counsel, Assistant Secretary(1) |
| Terry J. Brown...... 58 | Vice President of Planning and Chief Information Officer(1) |  |
| Robert G. Masin..... 52 | General Merchandise Manager(1) |  |
| Grant D. Prentice... | 46 | General Manager -- Outerwear Merchandising |
| Mark J. Sandquist.... 41 | General Manager -- Sportswear Merchandising |  |
| Rodney R. | 40 | General Manager -- Footwear Merchandising |
| Gumringer......... |  |  |
| David W. Robinson.... $49 \quad$ General Manager -- Hunting, Fishing and Accessories |  |  |
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(1) These individuals are considered Executive Officers of Columbia.

Gertrude Boyle has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors since 1983.
Columbia was founded by her parents in 1938 and managed by her husband, Neal
Boyle, from 1964 until his death in 1970. Mrs. Boyle also served as our President from 1970 to 1988. Mrs. Boyle is Timothy P. Boyle's mother.

Timothy P. Boyle joined Columbia in 1971 as General Manager and has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since 1988. He has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1978. Mr. Boyle is also a member of the board of directors of Triad Machinery, a heavy equipment retailer, and Widmer Brothers Brewing Company. Mr. Boyle is Gertrude Boyle's son.

Don R. Santorufo joined Columbia in 1979 as Purchasing and Production Manager, and in 1984 he was promoted to Vice President, Manufacturing and oversaw the development of our Asian manufacturing operations. He has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since January 1995. From 1977 to 1979 Mr. Santorufo was Production Manager for Jen-Cel-Lite Corporation, a sleeping bag and insulation manufacturer, and from 1975 to 1977 he was Production and Purchasing Manager for Alpine Designs, a skiwear manufacturer.

Patrick D. Anderson joined Columbia in June 1992 as Manager of Financial Reporting, became Corporate Controller in August 1993 and was appointed Chief Financial Officer in December 1996. From 1985 to 1992, Mr. Anderson was an accountant with Deloitte \& Touche LLP.

Carl K. Davis joined Columbia in October 1997 as Vice President and General Counsel. He was employed by Nike, Inc. from 1981 to October 1997 where he served in a variety of capacities, most recently as Director of International Trade.

Terry J. Brown joined Columbia in January 1983 as Planner, served as Executive Planner starting in November 1995 and in January 2000 was named Vice President of Planning/Chief Information Officer. Prior to joining Columbia, Mr. Brown was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Agoil, Inc., an oil and gas exploration and development company, from 1978 to 1981, and Planner for Jantzen Incorporated, an apparel company, from 1968 to 1978.

Robert G. Masin joined Columbia in May 1989 as National Sales Manager and became General Merchandise Manager in July 1998. From 1976 to 1989 he worked for W.L. Gore and Associates, a polymer technology and manufacturing and service company. From 1982 to 1989 he was National Sales Manager of Gore's Fabric Division.

Grant D. Prentice joined Columbia in May 1984 as General Manager -- Outerwear Merchandising. From 1977 to 1984, Mr. Prentice worked as a sales representative for Gerry Outdoor Products, a skiwear company based in Colorado.

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Mark J. Sandquist joined Columbia in March 1995 as Senior Merchandiser of Men's and Women's Sportswear and in August 2000 was named General Manager -- Sportswear Merchandising. Prior to joining Columbia, Mr. Sandquist worked in various managerial positions for Union Bay from 1985 to 1995.

Rodney R. Gumringer joined Columbia in December 1993 as General Manager -- Footwear Merchandising. From 1988 to 1993, Mr. Gumringer was Product Development Manager for the casual shoe division of Nike, Inc.

David W. Robinson joined Columbia in March 1995 as Senior Merchandiser of Hunting, Fishing and Accessories within Outerwear Merchandising and in December 1999 was named General Manager -- Hunting, Fishing, and Accessories Merchandising. Prior to joining Columbia, Mr. Robinson was Director of Operations for Video Lottery Technologies from 1992 to 1995, and prior to that he was a Vice President of Life Link International.

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## PART II

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Our Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq National Market and trades under the symbol "COLM." At February 28, 2001, there were approximately 169 holders of record and approximately 6,190 beneficial shareholders.

Following are the high and low closing prices for our Common Stock for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999:

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| Third Quarter.. | ....... \$47.75 \$26.75 |
| Fourth Quarter.. | ....... \$54.00 \$34.06 |
| 1999 |  |
| First Quarter.. | ...... \$19.63 \$11.75 |
| Second Quarter. | ......... \$16.88 \$13.38 |
| Third Quarter. | ..... \$19.13 \$14.25 |
| Fourth Quarter.. | .... \$21.50 \$15.13 |
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Since our public offering in March of 1998, we have not declared any dividends for shareholders. We anticipate that all of our earnings in the foreseeable future will be retained for the development and expansion of our business and, therefore, we have no current plans to pay cash dividends. Future dividend policy will depend on our earnings, capital requirements, financial condition, restrictions imposed by our credit agreement, and other factors considered relevant by our Board of Directors. For certain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends, see Note 5 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

## SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected financial data presented below for, and as of the end of, each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2000 have been derived from our audited financial statements. The financial data should be read in conjunction with Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes that appear elsewhere in this Annual Report and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth in Item 7.

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,


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(1) For the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, the Company was an "S" corporation and accordingly not subject to federal and state income taxes during the periods then ended.
(2) The Company completed an Initial Public Offering (IPO) of 6,440,000 shares of Common Stock on April 1, 1998.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

All references to years relate to the fiscal year ended December 31 of such year.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the percentage relationship to net sales of certain items in our consolidated statements of operations:

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(1) Includes a one-time charge of $\$ 1.5$ million related to the closure of the Company's manufacturing facility in Chaffee, Missouri.
(2) Includes a non-recurring, non-cash benefit of approximately $\$ 2.0$ million related to the termination of the Company's "S" corporation status.

## YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,1999

Net sales: Net sales increased $30.7 \%$ to $\$ 614.8$ million in 2000 from $\$ 470.5$ million in 1999. Domestic sales increased $28.5 \%$ to $\$ 438.9$ million in 2000 from $\$ 341.6$ million in 1999. Net international sales, excluding Canada, increased $43.7 \%$ to $\$ 112.8$ million in 2000 from $\$ 78.5$ million in 1999. The increase in net international sales was due primarily to increases in European and Japanese direct sales which increased $\$ 17.6$ million or $42.6 \%$ and $\$ 8.3$ million or $46.0 \%$, respectively. Canadian sales increased $25.2 \%$ to $\$ 63.1$ million in 2000 from $\$ 50.4$ million in 1999. These increases were primarily attributable to increased sales of outerwear units, predominantly in the United States, Canada and Europe, and increased sales of sportswear and footwear units across all regions.

Gross Profit: Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was $45.6 \%$ and $44.8 \%$ for 2000 and 1999, respectively. This increase of 80 basis points in gross margin was due to a combination of factors that may not be replicated. These factors include: (1) decreased sales of carry-over fall close-out products during the three months ended March 31, 2000 when compared to the three months ended March 31, 1999, (2) increased margin on sales of spring sportswear close-out products for the three months ended June 30, 2000 when compared to the three months ended June 30, 1999, and (3) strong domestic and Canadian margins resulting from minimal off price selling during the six months ended December 31,2000 , partially offset by the weakness in the Euro currency.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense: Selling, general, and administrative expense (SG\&A) increased $21.8 \%$ to $\$ 183.7$ million in 2000 from $\$ 150.8$ million in 1999, primarily as a result of an increase in variable selling and operating expenses to support the higher level of sales. As a percentage of sales, SG\&A decreased to $29.9 \%$ for the year ended December 31, 2000 from 32.1\% for the comparable period in 1999. This change was primarily due to strong sales growth in 2000, coupled with minimal additional investment in infrastructure. In addition, the third quarter 1999 results included a $\$ 1.5$ million charge for the closing of our Chaffee, Missouri manufacturing plant. Although we anticipate continued leverage of SG\&A as a percentage of sales for 2001, foreseeable international and current domestic infrastructure expansions will place upward pressure on SG\&A in 2002 as these projects are capitalized and begin to depreciate

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Interest Expense: Interest expense decreased by $12.1 \%$ in 2000 from the comparable period in 1999. The decrease was primarily attributable to our increased cash position during the first, second and fourth quarters of 2000 as compared to the same periods in 1999 and our decreased borrowings during the third quarter of 2000 compared to third quarter of 1999.

Income Tax Expense: The provision for income taxes was $\$ 33.5$ million and $\$ 22.2$ million for 2000 and 1999 , respectively. The provision for income taxes, as a percentage of pre-tax income was $36.4 \%$ and $40.2 \%$ for 2000 and 1999, respectively. The decrease in tax rates, which may not be replicated in future periods, was due primarily to the utilization of foreign tax credits.

## YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,1998

Net sales: Net sales increased $10.1 \%$ to $\$ 470.5$ million in 1999 from $\$ 427.3$ million in 1998. The increase in net sales was due primarily to growth in our international business. Domestic sales increased $1.7 \%$ to $\$ 341.6$ million in 1999 from $\$ 335.9$ million in 1998. Net international sales, excluding Canada, increased $49.2 \%$ to $\$ 78.5$ million in 1999 from $\$ 52.6$ million in 1998. The increase in net international sales was due primarily to increases in European and Japanese direct sales, which increased $\$ 14.2$ million or $52.1 \%$ and $\$ 10.4$ million or $133.8 \%$, respectively. Unit sales generated these increases for both Europe and Japan across all product lines. Canadian sales increased 30.0\% to $\$ 50.4$ million in 1999 from $\$ 38.8$ million in 1998. This Canadian sales growth was due to increased sales unit volume across outerwear, sportswear and footwear
product categories.
Gross Profit: Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was $44.8 \%$ and $43.7 \%$ for 1999 and 1998 respectively. This increase of 110 basis point in gross margin was due to a combination of factors. These include an increase in higher margin international sales, which increased to $16.7 \%$ of net sales in 1999 from $12.3 \%$ in 1998 as a percent of net sales, minimal off-price sales for the year with strong margins on those products which were discounted, and favorable pricing on fall 1999 production. The increase in the gross margin was also attributable to the continued emphasis on inventory management, which resulted to fewer markdowns and closeouts as well as manufacturing efficiencies.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense: Selling, general, and administrative expense increased $15.1 \%$ to $\$ 150.8$ million in 1999 from $\$ 131.0$ million for 1998. As a percentage of sales, selling, general, and administrative expenses increased to $32.1 \%$ in 1999 from $30.7 \%$ in 1998. The increase was primarily due to an additional $\$ 5.0$ million in depreciation expense as capital projects including the new distribution center and enterprise wide information system were capitalized in 1998 and an entire year of depreciation was recorded in 1999. Additionally, we incurred $\$ 1.5$ million in expenses relating to the announced closure of our only manufacturing facility in the third quarter of 1999. Additional drivers of selling, general, and administrative expenses included variable expenses relating to the higher sales for the year and the continued expansion of our other international operations.

Interest Expense: Interest expense increased by $18.3 \%$ in 1999 from the comparable period in 1998. The increase was attributable to financing for capital projects and working capital needed to fund the growth in sales activity for year ended December 31, 1999.

Income Tax Expense: The provision for income taxes increased due to growth in income before income tax and the increase of our effective tax rate from $36.8 \%$ in 1998 to $40.2 \%$ in 1999. The increase in our effective tax rate was due to the recognition of a non-recurring, non-cash benefit of approximately $\$ 2$ million in the first quarter of 1998. This benefit was a result of the termination of our "S" corporation status and was recognized in order to record deferred income taxes for the tax effect of cumulative temporary differences between financial and tax reporting. See Notes 2 and 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We financed our operations in the year ended December 31, 2000 primarily through cash provided by operating activities. At December 31, 2000, we had total cash equivalents of $\$ 35.5$ million compared to

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$\$ 14.6$ million at December 31, 1999. Cash provided by operating activities was $\$ 52.2$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000 compared to $\$ 23.5$ million in 1999.

Our primary capital requirements are for working capital and general corporate needs. Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 28.8$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000 and $\$ 12.6$ million for the comparable period in 1999. During the year ended December 31, 2000, we purchased the Sorel trademark for approximately $\$ 8.0$ million (see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) and a corporate headquarters facility for approximately $\$ 13.0$ million.

Cash used in financing activities was $\$ 1.7$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000 and $\$ 2.8$ million for 1999. In 2000, net cash used in financing activities was primarily due to repayment of our short-term notes payable offset by proceeds from the exercise of employee stock options. Repayment of short-term notes payable was $\$ 6.0$ million in 2000 compared to $\$ 3.1$ million in 1999.

To fund our domestic working capital requirements, we have available unsecured revolving lines of credit with aggregate seasonal limits ranging from $\$ 35$ million to $\$ 75$ million, of which $\$ 10$ million to $\$ 50$ million is committed. Additionally, we maintain unsecured lines of credit with a combined limit of $\$ 135$ million available for issuing letters of credit. Internationally, our subsidiaries have local currency operating lines in place guaranteed by our domestic operations.

We have recently announced capital expenditures to support our continued growth, including the expansion of our United States distribution center, remodeling of our recently purchased corporate headquarters and construction of a European distribution facility. We anticipate the capital expenditures associated with these projects as well as our maintenance capital will be approximately $\$ 40$ million and will be funded by existing cash and cash provided by operations. However, if the need for additional financing arises, our ability to obtain additional credit facilities will depend on prevailing market conditions, our financial condition, and our ability to negotiate favorable terms and conditions.

Our operations are affected by seasonal trends typical in the outdoor apparel industry, which have historically resulted in higher sales and profits in the third calendar quarter. This pattern has resulted primarily from the timing of shipments to wholesale customers for the fall outerwear season. As our sportswear and footwear product lines mature, they will have future impact on seasonal shipments and corresponding working capital requirements. We believe that our liquidity requirements for at least the next 12 months will be adequately covered by existing cash, cash provided by operations and existing short term borrowing arrangements.

## QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risks from fluctuations of foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates due to our international sales, production and funding requirements. It is our policy to utilize financial instruments to reduce market risk where internal netting and other strategies cannot be effectively employed. Foreign currency and interest rate transactions are used only to the extent considered necessary to meet our objectives. We do not enter into foreign currency or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes.

Our foreign currency risk management objective is to protect cash flows resulting from sales, purchases and other costs from the impact of exchange rate movements. This risk is managed by using forward exchange contracts and purchased options to hedge certain firm as well as anticipated commitments and the related receivables and payables, including third party or intercompany transactions. Anticipated, but not yet firmly committed, transactions that we hedge carry a high level of certainty and are expected to be recognized within one year. Cross-currency swaps are used to hedge foreign currency denominated payments related to intercompany loan agreements. Hedged transactions are denominated primarily in the Euro, Japanese yen and Canadian dollars.

The fair value of our hedges was unfavorable by $\$ 1.6$ million and $\$ 0.1$ million as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. A $10 \%$ change in the Euro, Japanese yen and Canadian dollar exchange rates would have resulted in the fair value fluctuating approximately $\$ 5.1$ million at December 31, 2000 and $\$ 3.2$ million at

December 31, 1999. Changes in fair value, resulting from foreign exchange rate fluctuations, would be substantially offset by the change in value of the underlying hedged transactions.

The Company's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relate primarily to the company's debt obligations. The Company has no cash flow exposure due to rate changes on its $\$ 26.0$ million and $\$ 26.7$ million of long-term debt as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. However, the company does have cash flow exposure on its committed and uncommitted bank lines of credit as interest is based on LIBOR and other interest rate indices.

## EURO CURRENCY CONVERSION

On January 1, 1999, the Euro was adopted as the national currency of the participating countries -- Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. Greece adopted the Euro on January 1, 2001. Initially, the Euro will be used for non-cash transactions. Legacy currencies of the participating member states will remain legal tender until January 1, 2002. On this date, Euro-denominated bills and coins will be issued for use in cash transactions.
implications for our existing operations within the participating countries. As such, we have committed resources to conduct risk assessments and to take corrective actions, where required, to ensure that we are prepared for the introduction of the Euro. Progress regarding Euro implementation is reported periodically to management.

We have not experienced any significant operational disruptions to date and do not expect the continued implementation of the Euro to cause any significant operational disruptions. In addition, we have not incurred and do not expect to incur any significant costs from the continued implementation of the Euro, including any additional currency risk, which could materially affect our liquidity or capital resources.

## RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements." The effective date of the bulletin was delayed by the issuance of SAB No. 101A and SAB No. 101B and was effective for the Company's fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000. The adoption of this bulletin did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Item 1 of Part 1 and Items 7 and 7(a) of Part II of this Annual Report (as well as statements made from time to time by management) contain forward-looking statements that are subject to many risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include any related to our expectations regarding future performance or conditions, including but not limited to potential growth in domestic and international markets, growth in merchandise categories, increased sales to department stores and footwear specialty shops, implementation and performance of new management information systems and distribution facilities, access to raw materials and factory capacity, Euro currency conversion, financing and working capital requirements and resources, and expected expenses as a percentage of net sales. Many factors could have an adverse impact on our business and may cause actual results to differ materially from information included in such forward-looking statements. Some of the risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from those projected in forward-looking statements are described below, under the heading "Factors That May Affect Our Business". We do not undertake any duty to update any forward-looking statements after the date they are made, to conform them to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

## FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS

## OUR SALES MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN OR ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Sales of our products, particularly skiwear, are subject to substantial cyclical fluctuation. Consumer demand for our apparel and footwear, or our licensed products, may not reach our growth targets, or may
decline, when there is an economic downturn or economic uncertainty in our key markets, particularly markets in North America and Europe. Continuing weakness in the Japanese economy, for example, has limited growth opportunities in recent years, and a slowing economy in the United States in 2001 has created additional uncertainties for our business. Our sensitivity to economic cyclicality and any related fluctuation in consumer demand could have a material adverse affect on our results of operations and financial condition.

## WE ARE AFFECTED BY THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF RETAILERS

We extend credit to our customers based on an assessment of a customer's financial circumstances, generally without requiring collateral. To assist in the scheduling of production and the shipping of seasonal products, we offer customers discounts for placing pre-season orders and extended payment terms for taking delivery before the peak shipping season. These extended payment terms increase our exposure to the risk of uncollectible receivables. In addition, we face increased risk of order reduction or cancellation when dealing with financially ailing retailers. Some of our significant customers have experienced financial difficulties in the past, which in turn have had an adverse affect on
our business. A slowing economy in our key markets could have an adverse affect on the financial health of our customers, and therefore create additional risks for our business.

## WE OPERATE IN VERY COMPETITIVE MARKETS

The markets for outerwear, sportswear and rugged footwear are highly competitive. In each of our geographic markets, we face significant competition from global and regional branded apparel and footwear companies. In many instances, retailers who are our customers pose a significant competitive threat by marketing apparel and footwear under their own labels. We also compete with other apparel and footwear companies for the production capacity of independent manufacturers that produce our apparel and for import quota capacity. Many of our competitors are significantly larger and have substantially greater financial, distribution, marketing and other resources and have achieved greater recognition for their products than we have. Increased competition could result in reductions in display areas in retail locations, reductions in sales or reductions in prices of our products, any of which could have a material adverse affect on our business.

## WE FACE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSUMER PREFERENCES AND FASHION TRENDS

We believe we have benefited from changing consumer preferences, including increased consumer interest in outdoor activities and lifestyle changes that emphasize apparel designed for these activities. Changes in consumer preferences or consumer interest in outdoor activities could have a material adverse affect on our business. In addition, although we believe our products have not been significantly affected by past fashion trends, changes in fashion trends could have a greater impact as we expand our offerings to include more product categories. Also, we face risks because our business requires us to anticipate consumer preferences. Our decisions about product designs often are made in advance of consumer acceptance. Although we try to manage our inventory risk through early order commitments by retailers, we must generally place production orders with manufacturers before we have received all of a season's orders. If we fail to anticipate accurately and respond to consumer preferences, this could lead to, among other things, lower sales, excess inventories and lower margins.

## OUR BUSINESS IS AFFECTED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS

Sales of our outerwear are dependent in part on the weather and may decline in years in which weather conditions do not favor the use of our outerwear. For example, we believe unseasonably warm weather in the United States in 1998 and 1999 caused customers to delay, and in some cases reduce or cancel, orders for our outerwear, which had an adverse effect on the our net sales and profitability. Periods of unseasonably warm weather could have a material adverse effect on our business.

## WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO IMPLEMENT OUR GROWTH STRATEGY OR MANAGE GROWTH SUCCESSFULLY

We face many challenges in implementing our growth strategies. For example, our expansion into international markets involves countries where we have little sales or distribution experience and where our brand is not yet widely known. Expanding our product categories involves, among other things, gaining experience with new products and winning consumer acceptance. Increasing sales to department stores, and the number of concept shops opened and their success, will each depend on various factors, including strength of our brand name, competitive conditions, our ability to manage increased sales and concept shop expansion, the availability of desirable locations and the negotiation of terms with retailers. Future terms with customers may be less favorable to us than those we now operate under. To implement our business strategy, we need to manage growth effectively. We need to continue to change certain aspects of our business, to maintain and enhance our information systems and operations to respond to increased demand and to attract, retain and manage qualified personnel. Growth could place an increasing strain on management, financial, product design, marketing, distribution and other resources, and we could experience operating difficulties. For example, in 2000 and 2001, we have undertaken a number of new initiatives that require significant management attention and corporate resources, including the development or expansion of distribution facilities on two continents, the acquisition and rejuvenation of the $\operatorname{Sorel}(\mathrm{R})$ brand, and the development and integration of the new Sorel
business into our existing operations. Such growth involves many risks and uncertainties, and if we are unable to manage it effectively we may not achieve our objectives and there could be a material adverse affect on our business.

## OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON OUR DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES

Our ability to meet customer expectations, manage inventory, complete sales and achieve objectives for operating efficiencies depends on the proper operation of our existing distribution facilities and on the development or expansion of additional distribution capabilities. In the United States, we rely primarily on our distribution center in Portland, Oregon, and in Europe we have relied on an independently operated facility in The Netherlands, which is expected to be replaced by a company-built distribution center in Cambrai, France in 2002. Our distribution facilities are highly automated, which means their operations are complicated and may be subject to a number of risks related to computer viruses, the proper operation of software and hardware, electronic or power interruptions, or other system failures. Our operations could also be interrupted by disasters, such as earthquakes (which are known to occur in the Northwestern United States) or fires. Uncertainty about power supplies in Oregon in 2001 creates some additional risks for our business. Although we maintain generators to operate our distribution facility, power interruptions could restrict our distribution capacity and negatively affect our business, particularly if this occurs during critical shipping periods. We maintain business interruption insurance, but it may not adequately protect our business from the impact of significant disruptions in our distribution facilities. In Cambrai, France, our ability to complete a new facility is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including our ability to finalize agreements to complete the land acquisition and construction of the new facility on acceptable terms, our ability to integrate a new facility with existing operations, the availability of labor, raw materials and other inputs on anticipated terms and our ability to obtain any necessary governmental approvals in a timely fashion.

## OUR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS INVOLVE MANY RISKS

We are subject to many risks generally associated with doing business abroad, such as foreign governmental regulations, foreign consumer preferences, political unrest, disruptions or delays in shipments and changes in economic conditions in countries in which we manufacture or sell products. These factors, among others, could influence our ability to sell products in international markets, as well as our ability to manufacture products or procure materials. If any of these or other factors make the conduct of business in a particular country undesirable or impractical, there could be a material adverse affect on our business. In addition, many of our imports are subject to duties, tariffs or quotas that affect the cost and quantity of certain types of goods imported into the United States or into our other sales markets. The countries in which our products are produced or sold may adjust or impose new quotas, duties, tariffs or other restrictions, any of which could have a material adverse effect on us. We produce a significant portion of our products in China,
and therefore our business could be materially adversely affected by adverse conditions in China or adverse changes in China's trading status with the U.S. or with other sales markets.

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATIONS MAY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS

We generally purchase products in U.S. dollars. However, the cost of these products sourced overseas may be affected by changes in the value of the relevant currencies. Price increases caused by currency exchange rate fluctuations could make our products less competitive or have an adverse affect on our margins. Our international revenue and expense generally is derived from sales and operations in foreign currencies, and this revenue and expense could be materially affected by currency fluctuations, including amounts recorded in foreign currencies and translated into U.S. dollars for consolidated financial reporting. Currency exchange rate fluctuations could also disrupt the business of the independent manufacturers that produce our products by making their purchases of raw materials more expensive and more difficult to finance. We conduct a program to hedge against our exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations. We may not, however, be successful and foreign currency fluctuations could have a material adverse affect on us.

## EXPECTATIONS

Our products are produced by independent manufacturers worldwide. Although we enter into a number of purchase order commitments each season, we do not have long-term contracts with any manufacturer. We do not operate any production facilities. We therefore face risks that manufacturing operations will fail to perform as expected, or that our competitors will gain production or quota capacities that we need for our business. If a manufacturer fails to ship orders in a timely manner or to meet our standards, it could cause us to miss delivery requirements, which could result in cancellation of orders, refusal to accept deliveries or a reduction in purchase prices, any of which could have a material adverse affect on our business. If a manufacturer violates labor or other laws, or engages in practices that are not generally accepted as ethical in our key markets, this could result in adverse publicity for us and have a material adverse affect on our business. In an effort to ensure that our independent manufacturers operate with safe, ethical and humane working conditions, we monitor factories and we require that each agree to comply with our Standards of Manufacturing Practices and applicable laws and regulations, but we do not control these vendors or their labor practices.

## WE DEPEND ON KEY SUPPLIERS FOR SOME SPECIALTY FABRICS

Some of the materials that we use may be available, in the short-term, from only one or a very limited number of sources. For example, some specialty fabrics are manufactured to our specification by one or a few sources, and three major factory groups accounted for approximately $18 \%$ of our 2000 global production. From time to time, we have experienced difficulty satisfying our raw material and finished goods requirements. Although we believe we could identify and qualify additional factories to produce these materials, the unavailability of some existing manufacturers for supply of these materials could have a material adverse affect on our business.

## OUR ADVANCE PURCHASES OF PRODUCTS MAY RESULT IN EXCESS INVENTORIES

To minimize our purchasing costs, the time necessary to fill customer orders and the risk of non-delivery, we place orders for our products with manufacturers prior to receiving all of our customers' orders and maintain an inventory of certain products that we anticipate will be in greater demand. We may not be able to sell the products we have ordered from manufacturers or that we have in our inventory. Customer orders, moreover, are generally cancelable by the customer prior to the date of the shipment. Inventory levels in excess of customer demand may result in inventory write-downs and the sale of excess inventory at discounted prices, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

## OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS ON OUR PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

We believe our registered and common law trademarks have significant value and are important to our ability to create and sustain demand for our products. We also place significant value on our trade dress, the overall appearance and image of our products. In markets outside the United States, it may be more difficult for us to establish our proprietary rights and to challenge successfully use of those rights by other parties. We will also face additional challenges as we extend our brand into new product categories, in part through our licensing program. Although we have not been materially inhibited from selling products in connection with trademark or trade dress disputes, we could encounter more obstacles as we expand our product line and the geographic scope of our marketing. From time to time, we discover products that are counterfeit reproductions of our products or trade dress "knock offs." If we are unsuccessful in challenging a party's products on the basis of trademark or trade dress infringement, continued sales of these products could adversely impact our sales and our brand and result in the shift of consumer preference away from our products. The actions we take to establish and protect trademarks and other proprietary rights may not be adequate to prevent imitation of our products by others or to prevent others from seeking to block sales of our products as violations of proprietary rights. In addition, we could incur substantial costs in legal actions relating to our use of intellectual property or the use of our intellectual property rights by others.

Our results of operations have fluctuated and are likely to fluctuate significantly from period to period. Our products are marketed on a seasonal basis, with a product mix now weighted substantially toward the fall season. Our results of operations for the quarter ending September 30 in the past have been much stronger than the results for the other quarters. This seasonality, along with other factors that are beyond our control, including general economic conditions, changes in consumer behavior, weather conditions, availability of import quotas and currency exchange rate fluctuations, could adversely affect our business and cause our results of operations to fluctuate. Results of operations in any period should not be considered indicative of the results to be expected for any future period.

## WE FACE RISKS OF PRODUCT LIABILITY AND WARRANTY CLAIMS

Our products are used in outdoor activities, sometimes in severe conditions. Although we have not experienced any significant expense as the result of product recalls or product liability claims, this could occur in the future and have a material adverse affect on our business. Substantially all of our products are backed by a lifetime limited warranty for defects in quality and workmanship. We maintain a warranty reserve for future warranty claims, but the actual costs of servicing future warranty claims could exceed the reserve and have a material adverse affect on us.

## OUR COMMON STOCK PRICE MAY BE VOLATILE

The price of our common stock has fluctuated substantially since our initial public offering. Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market, which has experienced and is likely to experience significant price and volume fluctuations that could adversely affect the market price of our common stock without regard to our operating performance. We also believe factors such as fluctuations in financial results, variances from financial market expectations, changes in earnings estimates by analysts, or announcements by us or competitors may cause the market price of the common stock to fluctuate, perhaps substantially.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information required by this item is included in Management's
Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and is incorporated herein by this reference.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Our management is responsible for the information and representations contained in this report. The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which we considered appropriate in the circumstances and include some amounts based on our best estimates and judgements. Other financial information in this report is consistent with these financial statements.

Our accounting systems include controls designed to reasonably assure that assets are safeguarded from unauthorized use or disposition and which provide for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These systems are supplemented by the selection and training of qualified financial personnel and an organizational structure providing for appropriate segregation of duties.

The Audit Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors the appointment of the independent accountants and reviews with the independent accountants and management the scope and the results of the annual examination, the effectiveness of the accounting control system and other matters relating to our financial affairs as they deem appropriate.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Columbia Sportswear Company:
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Columbia Sportswear Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the
related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Columbia Sportswear Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## DELOITTE \& TOUCHE LLP

Portland, Oregon
February 1, 2001

## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

## ASSETS



## LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:

| Notes payable (Note 5). | \$ 23,987 | \$ 31,676 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts payable. | 45,047 | 36,779 |
| Accrued liabilities (Note 6).. | 28,294 | 21,231 |
| Current portion of long-term debt. | 308 | - 252 |
| Total current liabilities. | 97,636 | 89,938 |
| Long-term debt (Note 7)... | 26,000 | 26,665 |
| Deferred tax liability (Note 9) | 2,461 | 4,012 |

Total liabilities
$126,097 \quad 120,615$
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)
Shareholders' Equity:

Preferred stock; 10,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding. $\qquad$ ..... $\qquad$
Common stock; 50,000 shares authorized; 25,709 and 25,350
issued and outstanding (Note 8)....................... 133,736 126,265
Retained earnings........................................ 123,901 65,290
Accumulated other comprehensive loss...................... $(5,920)(3,770)$

Unearned portion of restricted stock issued for future
Services (Note 11)................................... $(2,728)(3,410)$
Total shareholders' equity........................ 248,989 184,375
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity........ \$375,086 \$304,990
</TABLE>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
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## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

<TABLE>
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Net income per share:


Weighted average shares outstanding (Note 15)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Basic & 25,694 & 25,331 & 23,731 \\
\hline Diluted. & 26,405 & 25,608 & 24,058 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

| 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ----- | ---- |  |
| $<\mathrm{C}>$ | $<\mathrm{C}>$ | <C> |


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| :--- | :---: |$<\mathrm{C}>\quad<\mathrm{C}>$

$\qquad$ \$ 58,611 \$ 33,008 \$ 32,744
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:


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## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (IN THOUSANDS)

| $c$ | UNEARNED |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| PORTION OF |  |
| RESTRICTED |  |

Other comprehensive income
Foreign currency translation adjustment................... 328328

Comprehensive income. $\qquad$


Comprehensive income. $\qquad$
\$32,716

Exercise of employee stock

| options........................ 61 | 596 |  | 596 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tax benefit from stock plans....... | 399 |  |  | 399 |
| Employee stock purchase program..... | 22 | 280 |  |  |

Amortization of unearned

| compensation. |  | 970 |  | 970 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1999 | 25,350 | 126,265 | 65,290 | $(3,770)$ | $(3,410)$ |
| Comprehensive income |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income..................... | 58,61 |  |  | ,611 | 58,611 |


| Net income................... <br> Other comprehensive income <br> Foreign currency translation <br> adjustment................ | 58,611 | $\$ 58,611$ | 58,611 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unrealized loss on derivative <br> transactions (net of tax | $(1,127)$ | $(1,127)$ | $(1,127)$ |
| benefit, $\$ 592) \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. | $(1,023)$ | $(1,023)$ | $(1,023)$ |

Comprehensive income. $\qquad$

Exercise of employee stock
options.......................... 333 4,240

4,240
Tax benefit from stock plans......
Employee stock purchase program..... 26645

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\$ 56,461
$$

Amortization of unearned

</TABLE>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.
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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1 -- BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND ORGANIZATION

Nature of the business:

Columbia Sportswear Company (the "Company") is a global leader in the design, manufacture, marketing and distribution of active outdoor apparel, including outerwear, sportswear, footwear, and related accessories.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Columbia Sportswear Co. ("CSC") and all wholly-owned subsidiaries, including GTS Inc. ("GTS"), Columbia Sportswear Canada Ltd. ("CSCL"), Columbia Sportswear Holdings, Ltd. ("CSHL"), Columbia Sportswear Japan Ltd. ("CSC Japan"), Columbia Sportswear Germany GmbH ("CSC Germany"), Columbia Sportswear France SNC. ("CSC France"), Columbia Sportswear Company Ltd. ("CSC United Kingdom"), Columbia Sportswear Korea ("CSC Korea") and Sorel Corporation ("Sorel") (collectively, the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates and assumptions.

Certain reclassifications of amounts reported in the prior period financial statements have been made to conform to classifications used in the current period financial statements.

Revenue Recognition:
Revenue for wholesale operations and licensing is recognized at the time the merchandise is shipped to customers. Retail store revenue is recognized at the time of sale. Allowances for estimated returns are provided when sales are recorded.

Cash and cash equivalents:
Cash and cash equivalents represent cash and short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at date of acquisition.

Accounts receivable:
Accounts receivable have been reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts, which was $\$ 5,826,000$ and $\$ 4,535,000$ in 2000 and 1999 , respectively. The net charges to this reserve was $\$ 3,563,000, \$ 3,177,000, \$ 2,643,000$ in 2000, 1999, and 1998, respectively.

Inventories:
Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method.

Property, plant, and equipment:
Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures and amortization of leasehold improvements is provided using the straight-line method over the

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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

estimated useful lives of the assets, ranging from 3 to 10 years. Buildings are depreciated using the straight-line method over 30 years.

Intangibles and other assets:
In September 2000, the Company acquired the Sorel trademark rights, associated brand names and other related intellectual property rights for $\$ 7,967,000$ in cash. The acquired intangible assets are being amortized over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis over ten years. The related accumulated amortization was $\$ 199,000$ at December 31, 2000.

Goodwill is being amortized on a straight-line basis over eight years. Goodwill of $\$ 660,000$ and $\$ 979,000$, net of accumulated amortization of $\$ 345,000$ and $\$ 1,917,000$, is included in intangibles and other assets for 2000 and 1999,
respectively.
Impairment of long-lived and intangible assets:
The Company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets for possible impairment as events or changes arise indicating that such assets should be reviewed. If an asset is determined to be impaired, the loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value. Fair value is based on the best information available, including prices for similar assets or the results of valuation techniques. The Company has determined that its long-lived assets as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 are not impaired.

## Income taxes:

Deferred income taxes are provided to recognize the effect of temporary differences between tax and financial statement reporting.

Prior to its initial public offering of common stock on April 1, 1998, the Company elected to be treated as an "S" corporation under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Accordingly, payment of federal and most state taxes on income earned in the United States was the responsibility of the shareholders rather than the Company.

Just prior to the initial public offering, the Company terminated its "S" corporation status. The Company retained the tax basis of the assets and liabilities of the "S" corporation as of the termination date and recorded deferred income taxes of approximately $\$ 2,000,000$ for the income tax effect of cumulative temporary differences.

In connection with the offerings and the termination of the Company's "S" corporation status, the Company entered into a tax indemnification agreement with each of its shareholders, including Gertrude Boyle, Timothy P. Boyle, Sarah Bany, Don Santorufo and certain trusts. The agreements provide that the Company will indemnify and hold harmless each of these shareholders for federal, state, local or foreign income tax liabilities and costs relating thereto, resulting from any adjustment to the Company's income that is the result of an increase or change in character of the Company's income during the period it was treated as an "S" corporation. The agreements also provide that if there is a determination that the Company was not an "S" corporation prior to the Offerings, the shareholders will pay to the Company certain refunds actually received by them as a result of the determination.

## Foreign currency translation:

The assets and liabilities of the Company's foreign subsidiaries have been translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rates in effect at period end, and the net sales and expenses have been translated into U.S. dollars using the average exchange rates in effect during the period. The foreign currency translation

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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

adjustments are included as a separate component of shareholders' equity and are not currently adjusted for income taxes as they relate to indefinite net investments in non-U.S. operations.

Fair value of financial instruments:
Based on borrowing rates currently available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and maturities, the fair value of the Company's long-term debt approximates the carrying value. Furthermore, the carrying value of all other financial instruments potentially subject to valuation risk (principally consisting of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable) also approximate fair value because of their short-term maturities.

## Advertising costs:

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was $\$ 27,343,000, \$ 20,725,000$, and $\$ 18,666,000$ for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999, and 1998, respectively.

## Product warranty:

Substantially all of the Company's products carry lifetime warranty provisions for defects in quality and workmanship. Warranty expense was approximately $\$ 3,325,000, \$ 3,127,000$, and $\$ 2,852,000$ for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements." The effective date of the bulletin was delayed by the issuance of SAB No. 101A and SAB No. 101B and was effective for the Company's fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000. The adoption of this bulletin did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3 -- INVENTORIES, NET
Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## NOTE 4 -- PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property, plant, and equipment consist of the following (in thousands):

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## NOTE 5 -- SHORT TERM BORROWINGS AND CREDIT LINES

The Company has available an unsecured operating line of credit providing for borrowings in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding (1)
$\$ 50,000,000$ during the period of July 15 through December 15 of the calendar year, (2) $\$ 25,000,000$ during the period of December 16 through February 15 of the calendar year and (3) $\$ 10,000,000$ at all other times. The maturity date of this agreement is June 30, 2002. Interest, payable monthly, is computed at the bank's prime rate minus up to $2.05 \%$ per annum, representing an effective interest rate of $7.50 \%$ at December 31, 2000 and $6.50 \%$ at December 31, 1999. The agreement also includes a fixed rate option based on the LIBOR rate plus up to 65 basis points. The balance outstanding was $\$ 0$ and $\$ 9,145,000$ at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. The unsecured operating line of credit requires the Company to comply with certain covenants including a Capital Ratio, which limits indebtedness to tangible net worth. If the Company defaults on its payments, it is prohibited, subject to certain exceptions, from making dividend payments or other distributions.

The Company also has available an unsecured revolving line of credit of $\$ 25,000,000$ with a $\$ 75,000,000$ import line of credit to issue documentary letters of credit on a sight basis. The combined limit under this agreement is $\$ 100,000,000$. The revolving line accrues interest at the bank's prime rate minus $2 \%$ per annum. The revolving line also has a fixed rate option based on the bank's cost of funds plus 45 basis points. There was no balance outstanding on this line as of December 31, 2000 and 1999.

The Company is party to certain Buying Agency Agreements pursuant to which the Company is provided unsecured lines of credit. These lines of credit are used to finance the purchase of goods outside the U.S. which are produced by the Company's independent manufacturers. The available funds are limited to $\$ 156,680,000$ with a sublimit of $\$ 72,677,000$ on the import line of credit. Borrowings bear interest at a range of $.35 \%$ to $.75 \%$ above the LIBOR rate (LIBOR rate: $6.4 \%$ and $6.0 \%$ as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively). These agreements expire in 2001 will automatically renew for three-year terms unless either party elects otherwise. The balance outstanding on the import line of credit was $\$ 20,525,000$ and $\$ 15,383,000$ at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively, and is included in accounts payable. At December 31, 2000, the Company had $\$ 72,105,000$ of firm purchase orders placed under these financing arrangements.

CSCL has available a line of credit providing for borrowing to a maximum of C $\$ 19,650,000$ (US $\$ 13,110,000$ at December 31, 2000). As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, there was no balance outstanding on this line.

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## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Company's European branch has a line of credit providing for borrowing to a maximum of $90,000,000$ FRF (US $\$ 12,930,000$ at December 31, 2000). The balance outstanding was $\$ 11,463,000$ and $\$ 8,039,000$, at an interest rate of $5.7 \%$ and $3.3 \%$ at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

The Company's Japanese subsidiary also has a line of credit providing for borrowing to a maximum of $1,650,000,000$ JPY (US $\$ 14,429,000$ at December 31, 2000). The balance outstanding was $\$ 12,524,000$ and $\$ 14,492,000$, at an interest rate of $2.3 \%$ and $1.9 \%$, at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

## NOTE 6 -- ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accrued liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

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NOTE 7 -- LONG-TERM DEBT
Long-term debt consists of the following (in thousands):
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The Company assumed a mortgage in connection with the acquisition of a domestic distribution center. The loan matures in October 2004 and bears interest at \(8.76 \%\).

In connection with capital projects, the Company entered into a note purchase agreement. Pursuant to the note purchase agreement, the Company issued senior promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of \(\$ 25\) million, bearing an interest rate of \(6.68 \%\) and maturing August 11, 2008. Proceeds from the notes were used to finance the expansion of the Company's distribution center in Portland, Oregon. Up to an additional \(\$ 15\) million in shelf notes may be issued under the note purchase agreement. The Senior Promissory Notes require the Company to comply with certain ratios related to indebtedness to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") and tangible net worth.

Principal payments due on these notes as of December 31, 2000 were as follows (in thousands):
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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## NOTE 8 -- SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The Company is authorized to issue $50,000,000$ shares of common stock. At December 31, 2000 and 1999, 25,709,447 and 25,350,307 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding.

On June 9, 1999, the shareholders of the Company approved the 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"). 500,000 shares of common stock are authorized for issuance under the ESPP, which allows qualified employees of the Company to purchase shares on a quarterly basis up to fifteen percent of their respective compensation. The purchase price of the shares is equal to eighty five percent of the lesser of the closing price of the Company's common stock on the first or last trading day of the respective quarter. As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, 48,083 and 21,582 shares of common stock had been issued under the ESPP.

## NOTE 9 -- INCOME TAXES

The Company applies an asset and liability approach that requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. In estimating future tax consequences, the Company generally considers all expected future events other than enactment of changes in the tax laws or rates. Deferred taxes are provided for temporary differences between assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and for income tax purposes. Valuation allowances are recorded against net deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not the asset will not be realized. Certain foreign tax benefits have been offset by valuation allowances related to net operating losses.

Undistributed earnings of the Company's Canadian subsidiary amounted to approximately $\$ 7,300,000$ on December 31, 2000. Upon distribution of those earnings in the form of dividends or otherwise, a portion would be subject to both U.S. income taxes and foreign withholding taxes. It is anticipated that the U.S. income taxes and foreign withholding taxes would be substantially offset by the corresponding foreign tax credits resulting from such a distribution.

The Company's income taxes payable for federal and state purposes have been reduced and the current tax expense increased, by the tax benefits associated with dispositions of employee stock options. The Company receives an income tax benefit calculated as the difference between the fair market value of the stock issued at the time of exercise and the option price, tax effected. These benefits were credited directly to shareholders' equity.

The components of the provision for income taxes consists of the following (in thousands):

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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following is a reconciliation of the normal expected statutory federal income tax rate to the effective rate reported in the financial statements:

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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31


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Provision for federal income taxes at the statutory rate... $35.0 \% \quad 35.0 \% \quad 35.0 \%$


Significant components of the Company's deferred taxes are as follows (in thousands):

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## NOTE 10 -- PROFIT SHARING PLAN

The Company has a $401(\mathrm{k})$ profit-sharing plan, which covers substantially all employees with more than ninety days of service. The Company may elect to make discretionary matching and/or non-matching contributions. All contributions to the plan are determined by the Board of Directors and totaled $\$ 2,106,000$, $\$ 1,860,000$, and $\$ 1,666,000$ for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999, and 1998, respectively.

## NOTE 11 -- PARTICIPATION SHARE AGREEMENT

Effective December 1990, the Company adopted a Participation Share Agreement (the "Participation Plan") with a key employee. The Participation Plan provided for the grant of participation shares equivalent to $10 \%$ of the Company, which were to be awarded at various dates through January 2000. Shares awarded were subjected to vesting at a rate of $20 \%$ per year. The original Participation Plan granted the employee deferred compensation in the appreciation of a defined per-share book value of the Company since January 1987 and contained an anti-dilutive provision.

Effective December 31, 1996, the original Participation Plan was terminated and a Deferred Compensation Conversion Agreement (the "Agreement") was entered into. Under the Agreement, the participation shares, whether or not vested or awarded under the Participation Plan, were converted to $1,800,435$ shares of common stock. As of December 31, 2000, of the converted shares, 313,111 shares of common stock awarded were subject to vesting through December 2004.

## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The total value of the share conversion was $\$ 15,693,000$, of which $\$ 6,320,000$ was unvested as of December 31, 1996. The unvested portion was recorded as a reduction in shareholders' equity and will be amortized to compensation expense through December 2004 as shares are earned. Compensation expense related to the Participation Plan and the 1996 conversion totaled
$\$ 682,000, \$ 970,000$, and $\$ 970,000$ for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999, and 1998 , respectively.

## NOTE 12 -- COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company leases certain operating facilities from related parties of the Company. Total rent expense, including month-to-month rentals, for these leases amounted to $\$ 408,000, \$ 339,000$ and $\$ 327,000$ for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

Rent expense was $\$ 2,464,000, \$ 2,303,000$ and $\$ 2,123,000$ for non-related party leases during the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

The approximate future minimum payments on all lease obligations at December 31, 2000 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

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The Company is a party to various legal claims, actions and complaints. Although the ultimate resolution of legal proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## NOTE 13 -- STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

The Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") provides for issuance of up to $2,500,000$ shares of the Company's Common Stock of which 487,530 shares were available for future stock option grants under the Plan at December 31, 2000. The options generally become exercisable ratably over a five-year period beginning from the date of grant and expire ten years from the date of grant.

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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes the stock option activity under the Company's option plan:

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\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{} & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{WEIGHTED}} \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline & NUMBER & EXERCISE & \\
\hline & OF SHARES & PRICE & \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline <S> & <C> & C> & \\
\hline Options outstanding at January 1, 1998... & & 736,774 & \$10.40 \\
\hline Granted........................................... & ... 465,500 & 19.63 & \\
\hline Cancelled......................................... & .... \((17,283)\) & 9.68 & \\
\hline Exercised......................................... & .... \((35,038)\) & 10.45 & \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline Options outstanding at December 31, 199 & 998......... & 1,149,953 & 14.15 \\
\hline Granted........................................... & ... 302,933 & 12.44 & \\
\hline Cancelled......................................... & .... \((69,866)\) & 13.46 & \\
\hline Exercised......................................... & .... \((61,511)\) & 9.70 & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Options outstanding at December 31, 19 & & 1,321,509 & 14.00 \\
\hline Granted.......................................... & 685,616 & 22.55 & \\
\hline Cancelled.......................................... & \((91,204)\) & 16.21 & \\
\hline Exercised......................................... & \((332,639)\) & 12.75 & \\
\hline Options outstanding at December 31, 2 & & 1,583,282 & \$17.84 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
</TABLE>
The Company continues to measure compensation cost for the Plan using the method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 ("APB 25"). Entities electing to remain with the accounting in APB 25 must make pro forma disclosures of net income and, if presented, earnings per share, as if the fair value based method of accounting defined in the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123 "Accounting for Stock-based Compensation", had been adopted.

The Company has elected to account for the Plan under APB 25; however, the Company has computed, for pro forma disclosure purposes, the value of all stock options granted during 2000, 1999 and 1998 using the Black-Scholes option pricing model as prescribed by SFAS No. 123 using the following weighted average assumptions:

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Expected dividend yield.................. 0% 0% 0%
Expected lives.......................... 4 to 8 years 4 to 8 years 4 to 8 years
Expected volatility...................... 67.15% 66.80% 51.36%
</TABLE>
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Using the Black-Scholes methodology, the total value of stock options granted during 2000, 1999 and 1998 was $\$ 10,163,000, \$ 2,417,000$ and $\$ 5,040,000$, respectively, which would be amortized on a pro forma basis over the vesting period of the options. The weighted average fair value of options granted during 2000, 1999 and 1998 was $\$ 14.82$, $\$ 7.98$ and $\$ 10.83$ per share, respectively.

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## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

If the Company had accounted for the Plan in accordance with SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income and earnings per share would approximate the pro forma disclosures below (in thousands, except per share amounts):

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The effects of applying SFAS No. 123 in this pro forma disclosure are not indicative of future amounts.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2000:

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RANGE OF NUMBER CONTRACTUAL WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICES OUTSTANDING LIFE (YRS) EXERCISE PRICE EXERCISABLE EXERCISE PRICE


NOTE 14 -- SEGMENT INFORMATION
The Company operates predominantly in one industry segment: the design, production, marketing and selling of active outdoor apparel, including outerwear, sportswear, rugged footwear and related accessories.

The geographic distribution of the Company's net sales, income before income tax, identifiable assets, interest expense, and depreciation and amortization expense are summarized in the following table (in thousands) for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998. Inter-geographic net sales, which are recorded at a negotiated mark-up and eliminated in consolidation, are not material.

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Income (loss) before income tax:

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COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)



| Depreciation and amortization expense: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States..................................... |  | \$ 12,384 | \$ 11, |  | \$ | 6,934 |
| Canada.. |  | 376 | 400 |  | 392 |  |
| Other International.. |  | 888 |  |  |  | 315 |
|  |  | ,648 \$ 12, |  |  | 7,64 |  |

</TABLE $>$

## NOTE 15 -- NET INCOME PER SHARE

SFAS No. 128, "Earnings Per Share" requires dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS"). Basic EPS is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock.

There were no adjustments to net income in computing diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998. A reconciliation of the common shares used in the denominator for computing basic and diluted net income per share is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multicolumn{5}{|l|}{YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,} \\
\hline & 2000 & 1999 & 1998 & & \\
\hline <S> & <C> & \(<\mathrm{C}>\) & <C> & & \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Weighted average common shares outstanding, used in <C>} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{computing basic net income per share................... 25,694 25,331 23,731} \\
\hline Effect of diluti & ....... & 711 & 277 & 327 & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, used in
computing diluted net income per share...................26,405 25,608 24,058

Net income per share of common stock:
Basic............................................ \(\$ 2.28\)
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Diluted.................................... \(\$ 2.20\)
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## NOTE 16 -- FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND DERIVATIVES

Our foreign currency risk management objective is to protect cash flows resulting from sales, purchases and other costs from the impact of exchange rate movements. The Company manages a portion of these exposures with short-term strategies after giving consideration to market conditions, contractual agreements, anticipated sale and purchase transactions, and other factors. Firmly committed and anticipated transactions and the related receivables and payables may be hedged with forward exchange contracts or purchased options. Premiums paid on purchased options are included in prepaid expenses and are recognized in earnings

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ratably over the life of the option. Gains and losses arising from foreign currency forward and purchased option contracts, and cross-currency swap transactions are recognized in cost of goods sold or selling, general and administrative expenses as offsets of gains and losses resulting from the underlying hedged transactions. Hedge effectiveness is determined by evaluating whether gains and losses on hedges will offset gains and losses on the underlying exposures. This evaluation is performed at inception of the hedge and periodically over the life of the hedge.

At December 31, 2000 and 1999, the Company had approximately $\$ 47,201,000$ and $\$ 29,500,000$ (notional) in forward exchange contracts. The net derivative losses included in the company's liabilities and deferred in other comprehensive income was $\$ 1,615,000$ and $\$ 73,000$ at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

The counterparties to derivative transactions are major financial institutions with high investment grade credit ratings. However, this does not eliminate the Company's exposure to credit risk with these institutions. This credit risk is generally limited to the unrealized gains in such contracts should any of these counterparties fail to perform as contracted and is immaterial to any one institution at December 31, 2000 and 1999. To manage this risk, the Company has established strict counterparty credit guidelines, which are continually monitored and reported to Senior Management according to prescribed guidelines. As a result, the Company considers the risk of counterparty default to be minimal.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION -- QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

The following table summarizes the Company's quarterly financial data for the past two years ending December 31, 2000 (in thousands, except per share amounts):
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FIRST QUARTER SECOND QUARTER THIRD QUARTER FOURTH QUARTER


ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None

## PART III

## ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

Information with respect to our directors is hereby incorporated by reference from our proxy statement, under the caption "Election of Directors," for our 2001 annual meeting of shareholders (the "2001 Proxy Statement") to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which proxy statement is anticipated to be filed no later than 120 days after the end of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2000. Information with respect to executive officers is included under Item 4(a) of Part I of this report.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

There is incorporated herein by reference the information required by this Item included in the 2001 Proxy Statement under the caption "Executive Compensation" which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

There is incorporated herein by reference the information required by this Item included in the 2001 Proxy Statement under the caption "Voting Securities and Principal Shareholders" which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

There is incorporated herein by reference the information required by this Item included in the 2001 Proxy Statement under the caption "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.

PART IV

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K
(a)(1) and (a)(2) Financial Statements. The Financial Statements of the Company filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are on pages 22 to 38 of this Annual Report.
(a)(3) Exhibits

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\section*{DESCRIPTION}

\section*{\(<\mathrm{C}>\quad<\mathrm{S}>\)}
3.1 Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000)
3.2 2000 Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000)
4.1 See Article II of Exhibit 3.1 and Article I of Exhibit 3.2
+10.1 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1998)
+*10.2 Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement
+*10.3 Form of Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement
+10.3(a) Form of Executive Stock Option Agreement
*10.4 Credit Agreement between the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and the Company dated September 17, 1991, as amended
*10.5 Buying Agency Agreement between Nissho Iwai American Corporation and the Company dated January 1, 1992, as amended
*10.5(a) Amendment No. 2 to the Buying Agency Agreement Between
Nissho Iwai American Corporation and the Company dated February 19, 1998
*10.5(b) Buying Agency Agreement between the Company and Nissho Iwai American Corporation dated October 1, 1998 (incorporated by reference in exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 1998).
*10.6 Credit Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated July 31, 1997
*10.6(a) Form of First Amendment to Credit Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated March 23, 1998
10.6(b) Credit Agreement Extension between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank National Association dated June 30, 1998 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1998).
10.6(c) Second Amendment to Credit Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank National Association dated July 31, 1998 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1998).
10.6(d) Third Amendment to Credit Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank National Association dated June 30, 1999 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1999).
10.6(e) Fourth Amendment to Credit Agreement dated July 31, 2000
between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000).
*10.7 Assumption Agreement by and between the Company, Timothy P. Boyle and Don Santorufo and First Interstate Bank of Oregon, N.A., dated March 8, 1996; and form of First Amendment thereto dated March 23, 1998
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*10.8 Lease between Penzel \& Company and the Company dated
February 23, 1988, as amended
*10.9 Form of lease between Timothy P. Boyle and Gertrude Boyle
and the Registrant
*10.10 Form of Lease between Gertrude Boyle and the Company
*10.11 Lease between BB\&S Development Company and the Company,
dated February 12, 1996
*10.12 Lease between B.A.R.K. Holdings, Inc. and Columbia
Sportswear Canada Limited, dated January 3, 1994
+*10.13 Deferred Compensation Conversion Agreement between the
Company and Don Santorufo, dated December 31, 1996
*10.14 Form of Tax Indemnification Agreement for existing
shareholders
+*10.15 Employment Agreement between Carl K. Davis and the Company
dated as of September 5, 1997
*10.16 Form of Indemnity Agreement for Directors
*10.17 Form of Agreement Regarding Plan of Recapitalization Among
the Company and Shareholders
+*10.18 Amendment and Waiver, Deferred Compensation Conversion
Agreement, between the Company and Don Santorufo
*10.19 Asset Purchase Agreement between the Company and Columbia
Outfitters, Inc., dated March 4, 1998
10.20 Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement between the
Company and The Prudential Insurance Company of America and
Pruco Life Insurance Company dated August 11, 1998
(incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.3 to the Company's
Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended
June 30, 1998)
+10.21 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference
to exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form
10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1999)
+10.22 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended
(incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 to the Company's
Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended
March 31, 2000)
21.1 Subsidiaries of the Company
23.1 Consent of Deloitte \& Touche LLP
24.1 Powers of Attorney
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+ Management Contract or Compensatory Plan
* Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Reg. No. 333-43199).
(b) No reports on Form 8-K were held during the last quarter of the period covered by this report.


## 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, as of March 28, 2001.

## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

By: /s/ PATRICK D. ANDERSON
Patrick D. Anderson
Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated as of March 28, 2001.

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SIGNATURES

/s/ *TIMOTHY P. BOYLE

Timothy P. Boyle
/s/ PATRICK D. ANDERSON
Patrick D. Anderson
/s/ *GERTRUDE BOYLE
Gertrude Boyle
/s/ *SARAH BANY
Sarah Bany
/s/ *EDWARD S. GEORGE
Edward S. George
/s/ *MURREY R. ALBERS
Murrey R. Albers
/s/ *JOHN STANTON
John Stanton
/s/ *WALTER KLENZ
Walter Klenz
*By: /s/ PATRICK D. ANDERSON
Patrick D. Anderson
as Attorney-in-Fact
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## TITLE

President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Director

Director

Director

Director

Director

This STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT is made between COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY, an Oregon corporation (the "Company"), and $\qquad$ (the "Optionee"), pursuant to the Company's 1997 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Company and the Optionee agree as follows:

1. Option Grant. The Company hereby grants to the Optionee on the terms and conditions of this Agreement the right and the option (the "Option") to purchase all or any part of ___ shares of the Company's Common Stock at a purchase price of \$__ per share. The terms and conditions of the Option grant set forth in the attached Exhibit A are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement. The Option is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option, as defined in Section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and therefore is a Non-Statutory Stock Option.
2. Grant Date. The Grant Date for this Option is $\qquad$ The Option shall continue in effect until the date ten years after the Grant Date (the "Expiration Date") unless earlier terminated as provided in Sections 1 or 4 of Exhibit A.
3. Exercise of Option. The Option shall become exercisable ratably over a period of 60 months commencing on the first day of the first full calendar month following the Grant Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate as of this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

OPTIONEE

BY:

## (Address)

## COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY

 EXHIBIT A TO EXECUTIVE STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT1. Termination of Service.
1.1. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, if the Optionee's employment by or service with the Company terminates for any reason other than because of total disability or death, the Option may be exercised at any time prior to the Expiration Date or the expiration of 30 days after the date of the termination, whichever is the shorter period, but only if and to the extent the Optionee (or, if applicable, the Permitted Transferee, as defined below) was entitled to exercise the Option at the date of termination.
1.2. If the Optionee's employment by or service with the Company terminates because of death or total disability (as defined in Section 6(a)(iv)(B) and (C) of the Plan), the Option may be exercised at any time prior to the Expiration Date or the expiration of 12 months after the date of termination, whichever is the shorter period, but only if and to the extent the Optionee (or Permitted Transferee) was entitled to exercise the Option at the date of termination. If the Optionee's employment or service is terminated by death, the Option shall be exercisable only by the person or persons to whom the Optionee's or Permitted Transferee's rights under the Option pass by will or by the laws of descent and distribution of the state or country of the Optionee's
or Permitted Transferee's domicile at the time of death.

## 2. Method of Exercise of Option.

2.1 Unless the Board of Directors determines otherwise, to exercise the Option, the Optionee must give written notice to the Company stating the Optionee's intention to exercise, specifying the number of shares as to which the Optionee desires to exercise the Option and the date on which the Optionee desires to complete the transaction. Unless the Board of directors determines otherwise, on or before the date specified for completion of the purchase of shares pursuant to the Option, the Optionee must pay the Company the full purchase price of such shares in cash or, in whole or in part, in Common Stock of the Company valued at fair market value. No shares shall be issued until full payment for the shares has been made.
2.2 After exercise of all or a part of the Option, the Optionee shall immediately upon notification of the amount due, if any, pay to the Company in cash the amount necessary to satisfy any applicable federal, state and local tax withholding requirements. If additional withholding is or becomes required beyond any amount deposited before delivery of the certificates for the Option shares, the Optionee shall pay such amount to the Company on demand. If the Optionee fails to pay the amount

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demanded, the Company may withhold that amount from other amounts payable by the Company to the Optionee, including salary or compensation, subject to applicable law.
3. Transferability of Option. The Option may not be assigned or transferred except (a) one time, from the Optionee to one or more Permitted Transferees (defined below) or (b) by will or by the laws of descent and distribution of the state or country of the domicile of the Optionee (or Permitted Transferee) at the time of death. The Option may only be exercised by the Optionee, a Permitted Transferee, or a party to whom the Option is transferred by will or laws of descent and distribution. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "Permitted Transferee" means any of the following who receives all or part of the Option from the Optionee if the transfer is not for value:
(a) any child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, former spouse, sibling, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of the Optionee, including adoptive relationships;
(b) any person sharing the Optionee's household (other than a tenant or employee);
(c) a trust in which the persons in (a) or (b) have more than a 50 percent beneficial interest;
(d) a foundation in which the Optionee or the persons in (a) or (b) controls the management of assets, and;
(e) any other entity in which the Optionee or the persons in (a) or (b) owns more than 50 percent of the voting interest.

Any assignment permitted by this section shall be on forms and in accordance with procedures approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

## 4. Changes in Capital Structure.

4.1 Stock Splits; Stock Dividends. If the outstanding Common Stock of the Company is hereafter increased or decreased or changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or other securities of the Company by reason of any stock split, combination of shares or dividend payable in shares, recapitalization or reclassification, appropriate adjustment shall be made by the Board of Directors in the number and kind of shares as to which the Option, or portions thereof then unexercised, shall be exercisable. Adjustments shall be made without change in the total price applicable to the unexercised portion of the Option and with a corresponding adjustment in the Option price per share and shall neither (i) make the ratio, immediately after the event, of
the Option price per share to the fair market value per share more favorable to the Optionee than that ratio immediately before the event nor (ii) make the aggregate spread, immediately after the event, between the fair market value of shares as to which the Option is exercisable and the Option price of such
shares more favorable to the Optionee than that aggregate spread immediately before the event. The Board of Directors shall have no obligation to effect any adjustment that would or might result in the issuance of fractional shares, and any fractional shares resulting from any adjustment may be disregarded or provided for in any manner determined by the Board of Directors. Any such adjustments made by the Board of Directors shall be conclusive.
4.2 Mergers, Reorganizations, Etc. In the event of a merger, consolidation or plan of exchange to which the Company is a party or a sale of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (each, a "Transaction"), the Board of Directors shall, in its sole discretion and to the extent possible under the structure of the Transaction, select one of the following alternatives for treating the Option:
4.2-1 The Option shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms.
4.2-2 The Option shall be converted into an option to purchase stock in the corporation that is the surviving or acquiring corporation in the Transaction. The amount, type of securities subject thereto and exercise price of the converted option shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, taking into account the relative values of the companies involved in the Transaction and the exchange rate, if any, used in determining shares of the surviving corporation to be issued to holders of shares of the Company. Conversions shall be made without change in the total price applicable to the unexercised portion of the Option and with a corresponding adjustment in the Option price per share and shall neither (i) make the ratio, immediately after the event, of the Option price per share to the fair market value per share more favorable to the Optionee than that ratio immediately before the event nor (ii) make the aggregate spread, immediately after the event, between the fair market value of shares as to which the Option is exercisable and the Option price of such shares more favorable to the Optionee than that aggregate spread immediately before the event. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, the converted option shall be exercisable only to the extent that the exercisabliity requirements relating to the Option have been satisfied.
4.2-3 The Board of Directors shall provide a 30-day period before the consummation of the Transaction during which the Option may be exercised to the extent then exercisable, and, upon the expiration of such 30-day period, the Option shall immediately terminate to the extent not exercised. The Board of Directors may, in it sole discretion, accelerate the exercisability of the Option so that it is exercisable in full during such 30 -day period.
4.3 Dissolution of the Company. In the event of the dissolution of the Company, Options shall be treated in accordance with Section 4.2-3.
5. Conditions on Obligations. The Company shall not be obligated to issue shares of Common Stock upon exercise of the Option if the Company is advised by its legal counsel that such issuance would violate applicable state or federal laws, including securities
6. Withholding. Upon notification of the amount due, if any, and prior to or concurrently with delivery of the certificates representing the shares for which the Option was exercised, Optionee shall pay to the Company amounts necessary to satisfy any applicable federal, state, and local withholding tax requirements. If additional withholding becomes required beyond any amount deposited before delivery of the certificates, Optionee shall pay such amount to the Company on demand. If Optionee fails to pay any amount demanded, the company shall have the right to withhold that amount from other amounts payable by the Company to Optionee, including salary, subject to applicable law.
7. Successors of Company. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of any successor of the Company but, except as provided herein, the Option may not be assigned or otherwise transferred by the Optionee.
8. Notices. Any notices under this Agreement must be in writing and will be effective when actually delivered or, if mailed, three days after deposit into the United States mails by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid. Mail shall be directed to the addresses stated on the face page of this Agreement or to such address as a party may certify by notice to the other party.
9. No Right to Employment or Service. Nothing in the Plan or this Agreement shall (i) confer upon the Optionee any right to be employed or to continue in the employment of or service to the Company; (ii) interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate the Optionee's employment or service with the Company at any time for any reason, with or without cause, or to decrease the Optionee's compensation or benefits; or (iii) confer upon the Optionee any right to continuation, extension, renewal, or modification of any compensation, contract or arrangement with or by the Company.

Exhibit 21.1
List of Subsidiaries


## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Columbia Sportswear Company
Portland, Oregon
We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements Nos.
333-53785 and 333-80387 on Form S-8 of our report dated February 1, 2001
appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Columbia Sportswear Company for the year ended December 31, 2000.

DELOITTE \& TOUCHE LLP
Portland, Oregon
March 27, 2001

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned constitutes and appoints TIMOTHY BOYLE, PATRICK ANDERSON
and CARL DAVIS, and each of them, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution for the undersigned and in the undersigned's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign the Columbia Sportswear Company Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, and any and all amendments thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do any and all acts and things necessary or advisable to be done, as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys and agents or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Dated: March 28, 2001
(Signature)
Timothy P. Boyle
(Type or Print Name)

Dated: March 28, 2001
(Signature)
Gertrude Boyle
(Type or Print Name)

Dated: March 28, 2001
(Signature)
Sarah Bany
(Type or Print Name)

Dated: March 28, 2001
(Signature)
Edward S. George
(Type or Print Name)

Dated: March 28, 2001
(Signature)
Murrey R. Albers
(Type or Print Name)

Dated: March 28, 2001

## (Signature)

John Stanton
(Type or Print Name)
(Type or Print Name)

