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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

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

Commission File No 333-89248

NMHG HOLDING CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 31-1637659
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

Jurisdiction of Identification No.)

650 NE Holladay Street, Suite 1600 97232
Portland, Oregon (Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (503) 721-6000 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered

Title of Each Class

None None

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

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

YES o NO b

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

YES | NO o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES | NO o

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer b

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2 of the Act)
YES o **NO** b

Aggregate market value of the outstanding common equity held by nonaffliiates of the registrant as of June 30, 2005 (the last business day of the registrant s most recently completed second fiscal quarter): None.

As of February 28, 2006, the registrant had 100 shares of common stock outstanding, all of which was held by an affiliate of the registrant.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None

The registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction I 1(a) and (b) of Form 10-K and is therefore filing this Form 10-K with the reduced disclosure format.

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PART I

Item 1. BUSINESS.

General

NMHG Holding Co. (NMHG or the Company) is a wholly owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc. (NACCO). NMHG designs, engineers, manufactures, sells, services and leases a comprehensive line of lift trucks and aftermarket parts marketed globally under the Hyster and Yale brand names.

NMHG was incorporated in Delaware in 1999 to serve as a holding company for Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc., which was incorporated in Delaware in 1991 as part of a holding company reorganization.

NMHG operates in two reportable segments: wholesale manufacturing (NMHG Wholesale) and retail distribution (NMHG Retail).

A. NMHG Wholesale

NMHG Wholesale designs, engineers, manufactures and sells a comprehensive line of lift trucks and aftermarket parts marketed globally under the Hyster and Yale brand names.

Manufacturing and Assembly

NMHG Wholesale manufactures components, such as frames, masts and transmissions, and assembles products in the market of sale whenever practical to minimize freight cost and balance currency mix. In some instances, however, it utilizes one worldwide location to manufacture specific components or assemble specific products. Additionally, components and assembled lift trucks are exported to locations when it is advantageous to meet demand in certain markets. NMHG Wholesale operates 13 manufacturing and assembly facilities worldwide with five plants in the Americas, five in Europe and three in Asia-Pacific, including joint venture operations.

Sales of lift trucks represented approximately 85% of NMHG Wholesale s annual revenues in 2005, 84% in 2004 and 83% in 2003.

Marketing

NMHG Wholesale s marketing organization is structured in three regional divisions: the Americas; Europe, which includes the Middle East and Africa; and Asia-Pacific. In each region, certain marketing support functions for the Hyster and Yale brands are combined into a single shared services organization. These activities include sales and service training, information systems support, product launch coordination, specialized sales material development, help desks, order entry, marketing strategy and field service support. Only the specific aspects of NMHG Wholesale s sales and marketing activities that interact directly with dealers and customers, such as dealer consulting and new lift truck units and aftermarket parts transaction support, are brand specific.

Distribution Network

NMHG Wholesale distributes lift trucks and aftermarket parts through two channels: dealers and a National Accounts organization.

Dealers

Independent Dealers

The majority of NMHG Wholesale s dealers are independently owned and operated. In the Americas, NMHG Wholesale had 61 independent Hyster dealers and 73 independent Yale dealers as of December 31, 2005. In Europe, Hyster had 55 independent dealers with locations in 92 countries and Yale had 85 independent dealers

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with locations in 41 countries as of December 31, 2005. Hyster had 14 independent dealers in Asia-Pacific as of December 31, 2005. Yale was represented by 11 independent dealers in Asia-Pacific as of December 31, 2005.

Owned Dealers

From time to time, NMHG has acquired, at least on an interim basis, certain independent Hyster, Yale and competitor dealers and rental companies to strengthen or protect Hyster s and Yale s presence in select territories. See section following entitled B. NMHG Retail for a description of NMHG s owned dealers.

National Accounts

NMHG Wholesale operates a National Accounts program for both Hyster and Yale. The National Accounts program focuses on large customers with centralized purchasing and geographically dispersed operations in multiple dealer territories. The National Accounts program accounted for 16% of new lift truck unit volume in 2005. The dealer network described above supports the National Accounts program by providing aftermarket parts and service on a local basis. Dealers receive a commission for the support they provide in connection with National Accounts sales and for the preparation and delivery of lift trucks to customer locations. In addition to selling new lift trucks, the National Accounts program markets services including full maintenance leases and total fleet management.

Customers

NMHG Wholesale s customer base is diverse and fragmented, including, among others, food distributors, trucking and automotive companies, lumber, metal products, rental companies, building materials and paper suppliers, warehouses, light and heavy manufacturers, retailers, container handling companies and domestic and foreign governmental agencies.

Aftermarket Parts

NMHG Wholesale offers a line of aftermarket parts to service its large installed base of lift trucks currently in use in the industry. NMHG Wholesale offers online technical reference databases to obtain the required aftermarket parts to service lift trucks and an aftermarket parts ordering system. Aftermarket parts sales represented approximately 15% of NMHG Wholesale s annual revenues in 2005, 16% in 2004 and 17% in 2003.

NMHG Wholesale sells Hyster and Yale branded aftermarket parts to dealers for Hyster and Yale lift trucks. NMHG Wholesale also sells aftermarket parts under the UNISOURCE , MULTIQUIP and PREMIER brands to Hyster and Yale dealers for the service of competitor lift trucks. NMHG has entered into a contractual relationship with a third-party, multi-brand, aftermarket parts wholesaler in the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific whereby orders from NMHG Wholesale dealers for parts for lift trucks are fulfilled by the third party who then pays NMHG Wholesale a commission.

Financing of Sales

NMHG Wholesale is engaged in a joint venture with General Electric Capital Corporation (GECC) to provide dealer and customer financing of new lift trucks in the United States. NMHG owns 20% of the joint venture entity, NMHG Financial Services, Inc. (NFS), and receives fees and remarketing profits under a joint venture agreement. This agreement expires December 31, 2008. NMHG accounts for its ownership of NFS using the equity method of accounting.

In addition, NMHG Wholesale has also entered into an operating agreement with GECC under which GECC provides leasing and financing services to Hyster and Yale dealers and their customers outside of the United States. GECC pays NMHG a referral fee once certain financial thresholds are met. This agreement was amended and renewed in September 2005 and extended until December 31, 2008.

Under the joint venture agreement with NFS and the operating agreement with GECC, NMHG s dealers and certain customers are extended credit for the purchase of lift trucks to be placed in the dealer s floor plan inventory or the financing of lift trucks that are sold or leased to customers. For some of these arrangements, NMHG

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provides standby recourse obligations, guarantees or repurchase obligations to NFS or to GECC. In substantially all of these transactions, a perfected security interest is maintained in the lift trucks financed, so that in the event of a default, NMHG has the ability to foreclose on the leased property and sell it through the Hyster or Yale dealer network. Furthermore, NMHG has established reserves for exposures under these agreements.

Backlog

As of December 31, 2005, NMHG Wholesale s backlog of unfilled orders placed with its manufacturing and assembly operations for new lift trucks was approximately 23,500 units, or \$538 million, of which substantially all is expected to be filled during fiscal 2006. This compares to the backlog as of December 31, 2004 of approximately 25,700 units, or \$521 million. Backlog represents unfilled lift truck orders placed with NMHG Wholesale s manufacturing and assembly facilities from dealers, National Accounts customers and contracts with the United States government.

Key Suppliers and Raw Material

In 2005, no single supplier accounted for more than 5% of NMHG Wholesale s purchases. NMHG Wholesale believes there are alternatives to all suppliers.

At times, NMHG Wholesale has experienced significant increases in its materials costs, primarily as a result of increases in global steel and other commodity prices, due to increased demand and limited supply. While NMHG Wholesale attempts to pass these increased costs along to its customers in the form of higher prices for its products, it may not be able to fully offset the increased costs of steel and other commodities, due to overall market conditions and the lag time involved in implementing price increases for its products.

Competition

Competition in the lift truck industry is intense and is based primarily on strength and quality of dealers, brand loyalty, customer service, new lift truck sales prices, availability of products and aftermarket parts, comprehensive product line offering, product performance, product quality and features and the cost of ownership over the life of the lift truck. NMHG competes with several global full-line manufacturers that operate in all major markets.

The lift truck industry also competes with alternative methods of materials handling, including conveyor systems and automated guided vehicle systems.

NMHG s aftermarket parts offerings compete with parts manufactured by other lift truck manufacturers as well as companies that focus solely on the sale of generic parts.

Patents, Trademarks and Licenses

NMHG Wholesale is not materially dependent upon patents or patent protection. NMHG Wholesale is the owner of the Hyster trademark. NMHG uses the Yale trademark on a perpetual royalty-free basis in connection with the manufacture and sale of lift trucks and related components. NMHG believes that the Hyster and Yale trademarks are material to its business.

B. NMHG Retail

General

From time to time, NMHG, through NMHG Retail, has acquired, at least on an interim basis, certain independent Hyster, Yale and competitor dealers and rental companies to strengthen or protect Hyster s or Yale s presence in select territories. NMHG s long-term strategy is to retain or identify strategic buyers for owned dealers that represent best-in-class dealers to support the Hyster and Yale brands.

As of December 31, 2005, NMHG Retail had four dealerships and rental companies in Europe and nine dealerships and rental companies in Asia-Pacific.

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Company Operations

A NMHG Retail dealership is authorized to sell and rent either Hyster or Yale brand materials handling equipment. These dealerships will typically also sell non-competing allied lines of equipment from other manufacturers pursuant to dealer agreements. Allied equipment includes such items as sweepers, aerial work platforms, personnel carts, rough terrain forklifts and other equipment as well as racking and shelving. The number and type of products available will vary from dealership to dealership. In addition to the outright sale of new and used equipment, dealerships provide equipment for lease and for short- or long-term rental. Dealerships also derive revenue from the sale of parts and service related to equipment sold, leased and/or serviced by them. Service is performed both in-shop and at the customer s site.

NMHG Retail dealerships are granted a primary geographic territory by NMHG Wholesale in which they operate. NMHG Retail operations are conducted at branch facilities located in major cities within NMHG Retail s assigned area of operations.

Competition

The materials handling equipment sales and rental industry is highly fragmented and competitive. NMHG Retail s competitors include dealers owned by original equipment manufacturers, original equipment manufacturer direct sales efforts, independently owned competitive dealerships and lift truck rental outlets, independent parts operations, independent service shops and, to a lesser extent, independent Hyster or Yale dealers. The lift truck industry also competes with alternative methods of materials handling, including conveyor systems and automated guided vehicle systems.

Customers

NMHG Retail s customer base is highly diversified and ranges from Fortune 100 companies to small businesses in a substantial number of manufacturing and service industries. NMHG Retail s customer base varies widely by branch and is determined by several factors, including the equipment mix and marketing focus of the particular branch and the business composition of the local economy.

Financing of Sales

NMHG Retail dealerships have a preferred relationship with GECC. NMHG Retail dealerships may obtain wholesale and retail financing for the sale and leasing of equipment through GECC. This affords these dealerships with a wide variety of financial products at competitive rates. Financing through GECC is further described in A. NMHG Wholesale Financing of Sales above.

C. NMHG General

Research and Development

NMHG s research and development capability is organized around four major engineering centers, all coordinated on a global basis from NMHG s Portland, Oregon headquarters. Comparable products are designed for each brand concurrently and generally each center is focused on the global requirements for a single product line. NMHG s counterbalanced development center, which has global design responsibility for several classes of lift trucks primarily used in industrial applications, is located in Portland, Oregon. NMHG s big truck development center is located in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, adjacent to a dedicated global big truck assembly facility. Big trucks are primarily used in handling shipping containers and in specialized heavy lifting applications. Warehouse trucks, which are primarily used in distribution applications, are designed based on regional differences in stacking and storage practices. As a result, NMHG designs warehouse equipment for sale in the Americas market in Greenville, North Carolina, adjacent to the Americas assembly facility for warehouse equipment. NMHG designs warehouse equipment for the European market in Italy adjacent to its assembly facilities for warehouse equipment. In addition, during 2005, NMHG opened an engineering office in India to support its global drafting and design activities.

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NMHG s engineering centers utilize a three-dimensional CAD/CAM system and are electronically connected with one another, with all of NMHG s manufacturing and assembly facilities and with some suppliers. This allows for collaboration in technical engineering designs and collaboration with suppliers. Additionally, NMHG solicits customer feedback throughout the design phase to improve product development efforts. NMHG invested \$50.0 million, \$50.8 million and \$51.0 million on product design and development activities in 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Sumitomo-NACCO Joint Venture

NMHG has a 50% ownership interest in Sumitomo-NACCO Materials Handling Group, Ltd. (SN), a limited liability company that was formed in 1970 to manufacture and distribute lift trucks in Japan. Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Inc. owns the remaining 50% interest in SN. Each shareholder of SN is entitled to appoint directors representing 50% of the vote of SN is board of directors. All matters related to policies and programs of operation, manufacturing and sales activities require mutual agreement between NMHG and Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Inc. prior to a vote of SN is board of directors. As a result, NMHG accounts for its ownership in SN using the equity method of accounting. NMHG purchases Hyster and Yale branded lift trucks and related components and aftermarket parts from SN under normal trade terms for sale outside of Japan. NMHG also contracts with SN for engineering design services on a cost plus basis.

Employees

As of January 31, 2006, NMHG had approximately 7,460 employees, approximately 6,510 of whom were employed by the wholesale operations and approximately 950 of whom were employed by retail operations. A majority of the employees in the Danville, Illinois parts depot operations (approximately 130 employees) are unionized, as are tool room employees (approximately 15 employees) located in Portland, Oregon. NMHG s contracts with the Danville and Portland unions expire in June 2006 and November 2007, respectively. Employees at the facilities in Berea, Kentucky; Sulligent, Alabama; and Greenville, North Carolina are not represented by unions. In Mexico, shop employees are

In Europe, some employees in the Craigavon, Northern Ireland; Irvine, Scotland; Masate, Italy; and Modena, Italy facilities are unionized. Employees in the Nijmegen, The Netherlands facility are not represented by unions, but the employees have organized a works council, as required by Dutch law, which performs a consultative role on employment matters. All of the European employees are part of European Works Council that performs a consultative role on business and employment matters.

In Asia-Pacific, 13 locations have Certified Industrial Agreements for hourly employees, of which five of the locations have union involvement.

NMHG believes its current labor relations with both union and non-union employees are generally satisfactory. However, there can be no assurances that NMHG will be able to successfully renegotiate its union contracts without work stoppages or on acceptable terms. A prolonged work stoppage at a unionized facility could have a material adverse effect on NMHG s business and results of operations.

Environmental Matters

NMHG s manufacturing operations are subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, including those governing the management and disposal of hazardous substances. NMHG Retail s operations are particularly affected by laws and regulations relating to the disposal of cleaning solvents and wastewater and the use of and disposal of petroleum products from underground and above-ground storage tanks. NMHG s policies stress compliance and NMHG believes it is currently in substantial compliance with existing environmental laws. If NMHG fails to comply with these laws or its environmental permits, then it could incur substantial costs, including cleanup costs, fines and civil and criminal sanctions. In addition, future changes to environmental laws could require NMHG to incur significant additional expense or restrict operations. Based on current information, NMHG does not expect compliance with environmental requirements to have a material adverse effect on NMHG s financial condition or results of operations.

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In addition, NMHG s products may be subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, including those governing vehicle exhaust. Regulatory agencies in the United States and Europe have issued or proposed various regulations and directives designed to reduce emissions from spark ignited engines and diesel engines used in off-road vehicles, such as industrial lift trucks. These regulations require NMHG and other lift truck manufacturers to incur costs to modify designs and manufacturing processes and to perform additional testing and reporting. While there can be no assurance, NMHG believes that the impact of the additional expenditures to comply with these requirements will not have a material adverse effect on its business.

NMHG is investigating or remediating historical contamination at some current and former sites caused by its operations or those of businesses it acquired. NMHG has also been named as a potentially responsible party for cleanup costs under the so-called Superfund law at several third-party sites where NMHG (or its predecessors) disposed of wastes in the past. Under the Superfund law and often under similar state laws, the entire cost of cleanup can be imposed on any one of the statutorily liable parties, without regard to fault. While NMHG is not currently aware that any material outstanding claims or obligations exist with regard to these sites, the discovery of additional contamination at these or other sites could result in significant cleanup costs that could have a material adverse effect on NMHG s financial conditions and results of operations.

In connection with any acquisition made by NMHG, NMHG could, under some circumstances, be held financially liable for or suffer other adverse effects due to environmental violations or contamination caused by prior owners of businesses NMHG has acquired. In addition, under some of the agreements through which NMHG has sold businesses or assets, NMHG has retained responsibility for certain contingent environmental liabilities arising from pre-closing operations. These liabilities may not arise, if at all, until years later.

Government and Trade Regulations

On December 21, 2005, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) determined that revoking the existing anti-dumping duty order on internal combustion engine lift trucks from Japan would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. As a result of this finding, Japanese built internal combustion engine lift trucks will no longer incur duty upon import to the United States. Commencing in June 1988 until revocation in December 2005, Japanese-built internal combustion engine lift trucks imported into the United States, with lifting capacities between 2,000 and 15,000 pounds, including finished and unfinished lift trucks, chassis, frames and frames assembled with one or more component parts, were subject to an anti-dumping duty order. Anti-dumping duty rates in effect through revocation ranged from 7.39% to 56.81% depending on manufacturer or importer. The anti-dumping duty rate applicable to imports from SN was 51.33%. NMHG did not import for sale in the United States any lift trucks or components subject to the anti-dumping duty order. All of NMHG s major Japanese competitors have either built or acquired manufacturing or assembly facilities over the past decade in the United States and any products manufactured at these facilities were not subject to the anti-dumping duty order. NMHG Wholesale s U.S. operations have benefited from this anti-dumping duty order in recent years. NMHG Wholesale received \$6.7 million in anti-dumping settlements from U.S. Customs in 2004. The 2004 settlement was an award for 2003, which was held by U.S. Customs until 2004 pending a legal review that NMHG was due the funds as a successor to the original claimant. These awards were included in Other income (expense) in the Company s consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income in 2004.

There are no material formal restraints on foreign lift truck manufacturers in the European Union. Several Japanese manufacturers have established manufacturing or assembly facilities within the European Union.

As a result of certain rulings by the World Trade Organization (WTO) with respect to tax benefits granted to U.S. exporters under U.S. tax laws, a portion of NMHG s products exported into European Union countries during 2004 were subject to an additional duty. The additional duty was 5% ad valorem in March 2004 and increased 1% each month thereafter up to a maximum of 17%. Effective January 1, 2005, the council of the European Union suspended the additional customs duties on imports of certain Company products originating in the United States, subject to a determination by the WTO whether certain aspects of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Jobs Act) are consistent with the U.S. s WTO obligation. On February 13, 2006, a WTO appeals panel issued a report that upholds a compliance panel finding that the Jobs Act is not consistent with the U.S. s WTO obligation. The European Union announced that if WTO members formally accept the report it may resume the duties that had been in place as of

December 31, 2004. These additional duties will be set at 14%, the rate in effect when the

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duties were suspended in 2004, and will rise 1% each month until a ceiling rate of 17% is reached. The duties will apply to the same broad grouping of goods that were affected before the enactment of the Jobs Act but are only expected to be imposed through December 2006. The additional duties will have an adverse effect on NMHG s financial position and results of operations. In addition, NMHG s business in the past has been affected by trade disputes between the United States and Europe. In the future, to the extent NMHG is affected by trade disputes and increased tariffs are levied on its goods, its results of operations may be materially adversely affected.

Segment and Foreign Operations Financial Disclosures

For financial information on each of NMHG s segments, see Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 15 of this Form 10-K. For a description of revenues and other financial information by geographic region, see Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 15 of this Form 10-K.

Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

The cost of raw materials, including steel, used by NMHG s products has and may continue to fluctuate, which could materially adversely affect NMHG s results of operations.

NMHG manufactures products that include raw materials that consist of steel, rubber, castings and counterweights. NMHG also purchases parts provided by suppliers that are manufactured from castings and steel. The cost of these parts is impacted by the same economic conditions that impact the cost of the parts that NMHG manufactures. The cost to manufacture lift trucks and related service parts has been and will continue to be affected by fluctuations in prices for these raw materials. If costs increase, the Company s results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

The pricing and costs of NMHG s products have been and may continue to be impacted by foreign currency fluctuations, which could materially adversely affect NMHG s results of operations.

Because NMHG conducts transactions in various foreign currencies, including the euro, the Australian dollar, the Japanese yen and the British pound sterling, its lift truck pricing structure and that of some of its competitors is subject to the effects of fluctuations in the value of these foreign currencies and fluctuations in the related currency exchange rates. As a result, NMHG s costs and sales have historically been affected by, and may continue to be affected by, these fluctuations. These fluctuations historically have adversely affected, and in the future could materially adversely affect, the Company s results of operations and financial condition.

NMHG depends on a limited number of suppliers for specific critical components.

NMHG depends on a limited number of suppliers for some of its critical components, including diesel and gasoline engines and cast-iron counterweights used to counterbalance some lift trucks. Some of these critical components are imported and subject to regulation, such as inspection by the U.S. Department of Commerce. NMHG s results of operations could be adversely affected if NMHG is unable to obtain these critical components, or if the costs of these critical components were to increase significantly, due to regulatory compliance or otherwise, and NMHG was unable to pass the cost increases on to its customers.

NMHG s lift truck business is cyclical. Any downturn in the general economy could materially adversely affect NMHG s results of operations.

NMHG s lift truck business historically has been cyclical. Fluctuations in the rate of orders for lift trucks reflect the capital investment decisions of NMHG s customers, which depend to a certain extent on the general level of economic activity in the various industries that the lift truck customers serve. During economic downturns, customers tend to delay new lift truck purchases. Consequently, NMHG has experienced, and in the future will experience, significant fluctuations in its revenues and net income. If there is a downturn in the general economy, or in the industries served by NMHG s lift truck customers, NMHG s business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

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If the capital goods market worsens, the cost saving efforts implemented by NMHG may not be sufficient to achieve the benefits NMHG expects.

In 2000, NMHG began implementing a series of restructuring programs, which included the closure of NMHG s Danville, Illinois assembly facility, the phase-out of its Lenoir, North Carolina facility, labor and overhead reductions and the restructuring of NMHG s other manufacturing facilities and owned dealers, to improve profits and margins despite decreased revenues. If the economy or the capital goods market declines, NMHG s revenues could decline. If revenues are lower than expected, the efforts implemented at NMHG may not achieve the benefits NMHG expects. NMHG may be forced to take additional cost savings steps that could result in additional charges and materially affect its ability to compete or implement its business strategies.

Introduction of new products will require funding at current or higher levels, which could materially adversely affect NMHG s results of operations.

Product development and product introduction costs related to the new product development programs that are part of NMHG s Global Cost Reduction Program are expected to continue at current high levels through 2006. The product development and product introduction expenses could be higher than projected and such higher costs would have an adverse impact on future results of operations.

If NMHG s Global Cost Reduction Program, including the introduction of new products, does not prove effective, NMHG s results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Changes in the timing of implementation of certain plant projects in Europe as part of NMHG s Global Cost Reduction Program encompassing lean manufacturing, global procurement, the transfer of processes and sourcing to lower cost locations, component commonality, overhead cost reductions and improvements in its owned dealers have resulted in delays in the expected recognition of future costs and realization of future benefits. Although the primary benefit of the restructuring program was an anticipated reduction in fixed factory costs, the overall results of the program could vary depending on unit volumes and the resulting effect on manufacturing efficiencies. As such, if future industry demand levels are lower than historical industry demand cycles would indicate, the actual annual cost savings could be lower than expected. If NMHG is unable to successfully implement the Global Cost Reduction Program, the Company s results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

If cost saving efforts implemented for NMHG s owned dealers do not continue to be effective, the Company s results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Since June 1997, NMHG has acquired two dealers in the Americas, which it combined into one dealer, 12 dealers and one rental company in Europe and 12 dealers and two rental companies in Asia-Pacific. In 2001, NMHG s net loss attributable to owned dealers increased substantially compared to 2000. To improve the profitability of owned dealers, NMHG has engaged in effective restructuring activities with respect to the European and American owned dealers in 2001, including the sale of certain dealers in Germany in 2001 and the sale of its only U.S. dealer in January 2003. Other restructuring activities included lease termination costs and severance and other employee benefits to be paid to approximately 140 terminated employees at owned dealers in Europe. As of December 31, 2005, NMHG had four dealerships and rental companies in Europe and nine dealerships and rental companies in Asia-Pacific. However, if the restructuring activities for the European owned dealers do not continue to be effective, NMHG s results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Competition may materially adversely affect NMHG s earnings and results of operations.

NMHG experiences intense competition in the sale of lift trucks and aftermarket parts. Competition in the lift truck industry is based primarily on strength and quality of dealers, brand loyalty, customer service, new lift truck sales prices, availability of products and aftermarket parts, comprehensive product line offering, product performance, product quality and features and the cost of ownership over the life of the lift truck. NMHG competes with several global full-line manufacturers that operate in all major markets. These manufacturers may have greater financial resources and less debt than NMHG, which may enable them to commit larger amounts of capital in response to changing market conditions, and lower costs of manufacturing. If NMHG fails to compete effectively, NMHG s earnings and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

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NMHG relies primarily on its network of dealers to sell its lift trucks and aftermarket parts and has no direct control over sales by those dealers to customers. If NMHG s independent dealers become ineffective or perform poorly, the Company s results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

NMHG relies primarily on independent dealers rather than wholly owned dealers for sales of its lift trucks and aftermarket parts. Sales of NMHG s products are therefore subject to the quality and effectiveness of the dealers, who are generally not subject to NMHG s direct control. As a result, NMHG s earnings and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by ineffective dealers.

The expiration of existing anti-dumping duties and manufacturing by Japanese competitors in the United States could adversely affect NMHG s competitive position, revenues, results of operations and financial condition.

Certain Japanese-built internal combustion engine lift trucks in the 1 to 8 ton capacity range imported into the United States were subject to an anti-dumping duty between 1988 and 2005. The anti-dumping duty rates in effect through 2005 ranged from 7.39% to 56.81% depending on the manufacturer or importer. Because the anti-dumping duty order expired in December 2005, NMHG s Japanese competitors might be able to import lift trucks for sale at a cost below fair market value. If NMHG were to lower its prices to maintain market share, NMHG s results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected. If NMHG does not lower its prices, its competitive position, revenues, results of operation and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

NMHG s business may be subject to retaliatory duties imposed by the European Union.

As a result of certain rulings by the World Trade Organization (WTO) with respect to tax benefits granted to U.S. exporters under U.S. tax laws, a portion of NMHG s products exported into European Union countries during 2004 were subject to an additional duty. The additional duty was 5% ad valorem in March 2004 and increased 1% each month thereafter up to a maximum of 17%. Effective January 1, 2005, the council of the European Union suspended the additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States, subject to a determination by the WTO whether certain aspects of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Jobs Act) are consistent with the U.S. s WTO obligation. On February 13, 2006, a WTO appeals panel issued a report that upholds a compliance panel finding that the Jobs Act is not consistent with the U.S. s WTO obligation. The European Union announced that if WTO members formally accept the report it may resume the duties that had been in place as of December 31, 2004. These additional duties will be set at 14%, the rate in effect when the duties were suspended in 2004, and will rise 1% each month until a ceiling rate of 17% is reached. The duties will apply to the same broad grouping of goods that were affected before the enactment of the Jobs Act, but are only expected to be imposed through December 2006. The additional duties will have an adverse effect on NMHG s financial position and results of operations. In addition, NMHG s business in the past has been affected by trade disputes between the United States and Europe. In the future, to the extent NMHG is affected by trade disputes and increased tariffs are levied on its goods, its results of operations may be materially adversely affected.

NMHG s actual liabilities relating to pending lawsuits may exceed it s expectations.

NMHG is a defendant in pending lawsuits involving, among other things, product liability claims. NMHG cannot be sure that it will succeed in defending these claims, that judgments will not be rendered against NMHG with respect to any or all of these proceedings or that reserves set aside or insurance policies will be adequate to cover any such judgments. NMHG could incur a charge to earnings if reserves prove to be inadequate, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company s results of operations and liquidity for the period in which the charge is taken and any judgment or settlement amount is paid.

NMHG has guaranteed, or is subject to repurchase or recourse obligations with respect to, financing arrangements of some of its customers.

Through arrangements with GECC and others, dealers and other customers are provided financing for new lift trucks in the United States and in major countries of the world outside of the United States. Through these arrangements, NMHG s dealers and certain customers are extended credit for the purchase of lift trucks to be placed in the dealer s floor plan inventory or the financing of lift trucks that are sold or leased to customers. For some of these arrangements, NMHG provides standby recourse obligations, guarantees or repurchase obligations such that it would become obligated in the event of default by the dealer or customer. Total amounts subject to these types of obligations

at December 31, 2005 were \$216.2 million. Generally, NMHG maintains a perfected

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security interest in the assets financed such that, in the event that it becomes obligated under the terms of the standby recourse obligations, guarantees or repurchase obligations, it may take title to the assets financed. NMHG cannot be certain, however, that the security interest will equal or exceed the amount of the standby recourse obligations, guarantees or repurchase obligations. In addition, NMHG cannot be certain that losses under the terms of the standby recourse obligations, guarantees or repurchase obligations will not exceed the reserves that it has set aside in its consolidated financial statements. NMHG could incur a charge to earnings if its reserves prove to be inadequate, which could have a material adverse effect on NMHG s results of operations and liquidity for the period in which the charge is taken.

NMHG is subject to risks relating to its foreign operations.

Foreign operations represent a significant portion of NMHG s business. NMHG expects revenue from foreign markets to continue to represent a significant portion of its total revenue. NMHG owns or leases manufacturing facilities in Brazil, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Northern Ireland and Scotland, and owns interests in joint ventures with facilities in China, Japan and the Philippines. It also sells domestically produced products to foreign customers and sells foreign produced products to domestic customers. NMHG s foreign operations are subject to additional risks, which include:

potential political, economic and social instability in the foreign countries in which NMHG operates;

currency risks, see The pricing and costs of NMHG s products have been and may continue to be impacted by foreign currency fluctuations, which could materially adversely affect NMHG s results of operations;

imposition of or increases in currency exchange controls;

potential inflation in the applicable foreign economies;

imposition of or increases in import duties and other tariffs on NMHG s products;

imposition of or increases in foreign taxation of earnings and withholding on payments received by NMHG from its subsidiaries;

regulatory changes affecting international operations; and

stringent labor regulations.

Part of the strategy to expand NMHG s worldwide market share and decrease costs is strengthening its international distribution network and sourcing basic components in foreign countries. Implementation of this strategy may increase the impact of the risks described above and there can be no assurance that such risks will not have an adverse effect on NMHG s business, results of operations or financial condition.

NMHG s actual liabilities relating to environmental matters may exceed its expectations.

NMHG s manufacturing operations are subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, including those governing the management and disposal of hazardous substances. NMHG Retail s operations are particularly affected by laws and regulations relating to the disposal of cleaning solvents and wastewater and the use of and disposal of petroleum products from underground and above-ground storage tanks. If NMHG fails to comply with these laws or its environmental permits, then it could incur substantial costs, including cleanup costs, fines and civil and criminal sanctions. In addition, future changes to environmental laws could require NMHG to incur significant additional expense or restrict operations.

In addition, NMHG s products may be subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment, including those governing vehicle exhaust. Regulatory agencies in the United States and Europe have issued or proposed various regulations and directives designed to reduce emissions from spark ignited engines and diesel engines used in off-road vehicles, such as industrial lift trucks. These regulations require NMHG and other lift truck manufacturers to incur costs to modify designs and manufacturing processes and to perform additional testing and

reporting.

NMHG is investigating or remediating historical contamination at some current and former sites caused by its operations or those of businesses it acquired. NMHG has also been named as a potentially responsible party for cleanup costs under the so-called Superfund law at several third-party sites where NMHG (or its predecessors) disposed of wastes in the past. Under the Superfund law and often under similar state laws, the entire cost of cleanup can be imposed on any one of the statutorily liable parties, without regard to fault. While NMHG is not currently aware that any material outstanding claims or obligations exist with regard to these sites, the discovery of additional contamination at these or other sites could result in significant cleanup costs that could have a material adverse effect on NMHG s financial conditions and results of operations.

In connection with any acquisition made by NMHG, NMHG could, under some circumstances, be held financially liable for or suffer other adverse effects due to environmental violations or contamination caused by prior owners of businesses NMHG has acquired. In addition, under some of the agreements through which NMHG has sold

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businesses or assets, NMHG has retained responsibility for certain contingent environmental liabilities arising from pre-closing operations. These liabilities may not arise, if at all, until years later and could require NMHG to incur significant additional expenses, which could materially adversely affect the Company s results of operations and financial condition.

The Company may become subject to claims under foreign laws and regulations, which may be expensive, time consuming and distracting.

Because the Company has employees, property and business operations outside of the United States, the Company is subject to the laws and the court systems of many jurisdictions. The Company may become subject to claims outside the United States based in foreign jurisdictions for violations of their laws with respect to the foreign operations. In addition, these laws may be changed or new laws may be enacted in the future. International litigation is often expensive, time consuming and distracting. As a result, any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on the Company s business, results of operations and financial condition.

The loss of key personnel could impair the Company s success.

The Company benefits from the leadership and experience of its senior management team and depends on its continued services in order to successfully conduct its business. The loss of key personnel could materially adversely affect the Company s business, results of operations and financial condition.

Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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Item 2. PROPERTIES

NMHG Wholesale

The following table presents the principal assembly, manufacturing, distribution and office facilities that NMHG owns or leases for use in the wholesale operations:

Region	Facility Location	Owned/ Leased	Function(s)
Americas	Berea, Kentucky Danville, Illinois	Owned Owned	Assembly of lift trucks and manufacture of component parts Americas parts distribution center
	Greenville, North Carolina	Owned	Divisional headquarters and marketing and sales operations for Hyster and Yale in Americas; Americas warehouse development center; assembly of lift trucks and manufacture of component parts
	Portland, Oregon	Owned	Counterbalanced development center for design and testing of lift trucks, prototype equipment and component parts
	Portland, Oregon	Leased	Manufacture of production tooling and prototype units
	Portland, Oregon	Leased	Global headquarters
	Ramos Arizpe, Mexico	Owned	Manufacture of component parts for lift trucks
	Sao Paolo, Brazil	Owned	Assembly of lift trucks and marketing operations for Brazil
	Sulligent, Alabama	Owned	Manufacture of component parts for lift trucks
Europe	Craigavon, Northern Ireland	Owned	Manufacture of lift trucks; cylinder and transmission assembly; mast fabrication and assembly for Europe
	Fleet, England	Leased	Hyster and Yale marketing and sales operations in Europe
	Irvine, Scotland	Owned	Divisional headquarters; assembly of lift trucks, mast manufacturing and assembly
	Modena, Italy	Leased	Assembly of lift trucks
	Masate, Italy	Leased	Assembly of lift trucks; European warehouse development center
	Nijmegen, The Netherlands	Owned	Big trucks development center; manufacture and assembly of big trucks and component parts; European parts distribution center
Asia	Shanghai, China	Owned (1)	Assembly of lift trucks by Shanghai Hyster joint venture
11010	Sydney, Australia	Leased	Divisional headquarters and sales and marketing for Asia-Pacific; Asia-Pacific parts distribution center
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India	Pune, India	Leased	Engineering design services

⁽¹⁾ This facility is owned by Shanghai Hyster Forklift Ltd., NMHG s Chinese joint venture company.

During 2004, NMHG closed its Lenoir, North Carolina facility, which was previously used for the manufacture of parts for lift trucks. The Lenoir facility was closed as part of NMHG Wholesale s restructuring plan. This facility was sold during 2005. See further discussion of the Company s restructuring programs under the heading Management s

SN s operations are supported by five facilities. SN s headquarters are located in Obu, Japan at a facility owned by SN. The Obu facility also has assembly and distribution capabilities. In Cavite, the Philippines, SN owns a facility for the manufacture of frames for SN products. As a result of the acquisition of a retail operation, SN also has two dealerships in Japan.

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NMHG Retail

NMHG Retail s 13 dealerships operate from 41 locations. Of these locations, 16 are in Europe and 25 are in Asia-Pacific, as shown below:

EuropeAsia-PacificFrance (11)Australia (24)The Netherlands (1)Singapore (1)

United Kingdom (4)

Dealer locations generally include facilities for displaying equipment, storing rental equipment, servicing equipment, aftermarket parts storage and sales and administrative offices. NMHG owns one of these locations and leases 40 locations. Some of the leases were entered into or assumed in connection with acquisitions and many of the lessors under these leases are former owners of businesses that NMHG acquired.

NMHG Retail geographic headquarters are shared with NMHG Wholesale in Europe and Asia-Pacific.

Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is a party to any material legal proceeding other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to its respective business.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction I 2(c) of Form 10-K.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER

PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

NMHG is a wholly owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc. and there is no established public trading market for its common stock. In 2005, 2004 and 2003, NMHG declared a cash dividend of \$5.0 million on its common stock. See Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for a description of the restrictions on NMHG s ability to pay such dividends.

NMHG does not maintain compensation plans under which equity securities of NMHG are authorized for issuance.

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction I 2(a) of Form 10-K.

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

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OVERVIEW

NMHG Holding Co.(NMHG or the Company) designs, engineers, manufactures, sells, services and leases a comprehensive line of lift trucks and aftermarket parts marketed globally under the Hyster and Yale brand names. The Company manages its operations as two reportable segments: wholesale manufacturing (NMHG Wholesale) and retail distribution (NMHG Retail). NMHG Wholesale includes the manufacture and sale of lift trucks and related service parts, primarily to independent and wholly owned Hyster and Yale retail dealerships. Lift trucks and component parts are manufactured in the United States, Northern Ireland, Scotland, The Netherlands, China, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines and Brazil. NMHG Retail includes the sale, leasing and service of Hyster and Yale lift trucks and related service parts by wholly owned retail dealerships and rental companies. NMHG Retail includes the elimination of intercompany revenues and profits resulting from sales by NMHG Wholesale to NMHG Retail.

During 2004, NACCO did not charge the NACCO management fees to the Company during portions of the year. Subsequently, it was determined that the 2004 financial results should include the management fees that were not charged as an equity contribution to the Company. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-K for further discussion.

Within the overall lift truck industry, lift truck customers increasingly require more dependable lift trucks and greater levels of service and expect manufacturers and dealers to deliver both at competitive prices. Therefore, maintaining low costs as well as providing outstanding quality and reliability are critical for competitiveness. Because economies of scale are directly related to maintaining low costs, the industry is led by large, global manufacturers with an increasingly global supply base. Regardless of scale, materials price increases and fluctuations in currency exchange rates have made net cost reductions challenging in the last several years. In this environment, continual improvements in manufacturing and supply chain efficiencies are critical to success.

While cost and dependability are important, customers also increasingly desire specialized solutions for their materials handling needs and the market is demanding a more rapid product development cycle. Manufacturers must strike the right balance between the number of models and options offered and the volume required to maintain efficiencies and economies of scale.

As logistics efficiency grows in importance to end users, the overall product and service needs of these customers become more sophisticated. Manufacturers face increasing demand for enhanced services, including national and global sales, financing options, and maintenance and parts coordination. As a result, successful lift truck companies and dealers have highly professional personnel and business processes and foster strong, lasting customer relationships.

NMHG has established strategies and key programs aimed at addressing current industry trends. These strategies and key programs include quality and efficiency, flexible and modular products, and sales and service excellence. Each key program is designed to enhance profitability or generate growth, both of which are critical for achieving NMHG s goals in this mature industry. Profitability programs at NMHG focus mainly on manufacturing and supply chain efficiency, while growth programs focus on increasing country and industry market share positions by addressing customer needs with an optimal package of products and services.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The Company s discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Company s consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities (if any). On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to product discounts and returns, bad debts, inventories, income taxes, warranty obligations, product liabilities, restructuring, closed-mine obligations, pensions and other post-retirement benefits, and contingencies and litigation. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, actuarial valuations and various other assumptions that are

believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The Company believes the following critical accounting policies affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements.

Product liabilities: The Company provides for the estimated cost of personal and property damage relating to the Company s products. Reserves are recorded for estimates of the costs for known claims and estimates of the costs of incidents that have occurred but for which a claim has not yet been reported to the Company, in excess of available insurance coverage. While the Company engages in extensive product quality reviews and customer

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education programs, the Company s product liability provision is affected by the number and magnitude of claims of alleged product-related damage and the cost to defend those claims. In addition, the provision for product liabilities is also affected by changes in assumptions for medical costs, inflation rates, trends in damages awarded by juries and estimates of the number of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. Changes to the estimate of any of these factors could result in a material change to the Company s product liability provision causing a related increase or decrease in reported net operating results in the period of change in the estimate.

Goodwill: In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, the Company is required to test goodwill for impairment at least annually. Changes in management s judgments and estimates could significantly affect the Company s analysis of the impairment of goodwill. To test goodwill for impairment, the Company is required to estimate the fair value of each of its reporting units. Since quoted market prices in an active market are not available for the Company s reporting units, the Company uses other valuation techniques. The Company has developed a model to estimate the fair value of the reporting units, primarily incorporating a discounted cash flow valuation technique. This model incorporates the Company s estimates of future cash flows, allocations of certain assets and cash flows among reporting units, future growth rates and management s judgment regarding the applicable discount rates used to discount those estimated cash flows. Changes to these judgments and estimates could result in a significantly different estimate of the fair value of the reporting units which could result in an impairment of goodwill.

Revenue recognition: Revenues are generally recognized when title transfers and risk of loss passes as customer orders are completed and shipped. For NMHG s National Account customers, revenue is recognized upon customer acceptance. National Account customers are large customers with centralized purchasing and geographically dispersed operations in multiple dealer territories. Reserves for discounts, returns and product warranties are maintained for anticipated future claims. The accounting policies used to develop these product discounts, returns and warranties include:

Product discounts: The Company records estimated reductions to revenues for customer programs and incentive offerings, including special pricing agreements, price competition, promotions and other volume-based incentives. At NMHG, truck sales revenue is recorded net of projected discounts. The estimated discount amount is based upon historical trends for each truck model. In addition to standard discounts, dealers can also request additional discounts that allow them to offer price concessions to customers. From time to time, NMHG offers special incentives to increase retail share or dealer stock and offers certain customers volume rebates if a specified cumulative level of purchases is obtained. If market conditions were to decline or if competition was to increase, the Company may take actions to increase customer incentive offerings, possibly resulting in an incremental reduction of revenues at the time the incentive is offered.

Product returns: Products generally are not sold with the right of return. However, based on the Company s historical experience, a portion of products sold are estimated to be returned due to reasons such as product failure which, subject to certain terms and conditions, the Company will agree to accept. The Company records estimated reductions to revenues at the time of sale based on this historical experience and the limited right of return provided to certain customers. If future trends were to change significantly from those experienced in the past, incremental reductions to revenues may result based on this new experience.

Product warranties: The Company provides for the estimated cost of product warranties at the time revenues are recognized. While the Company engages in extensive product quality programs and processes, including actively monitoring and evaluating the quality of its component suppliers, the Company s warranty obligation is affected by product failure rates, labor costs and replacement component costs incurred in correcting a product failure. Should actual product failure rates, labor costs or replacement component costs differ from the Company s estimates, revisions to the estimated warranty liability would be required which would affect net income.

Allowances for doubtful accounts: The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. These allowances are based on both recent trends of certain customers estimated to be a greater credit risk as well as general trends of the entire customer pool. If the financial condition of the Company s customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Inventory reserves: The Company writes down its inventory to the lower of cost or market, which includes an estimate for obsolescence or excess inventory based upon assumptions about future demand and market conditions. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required. Upon a subsequent sale or disposal of the impaired inventory, the corresponding reserve for impaired value is relieved to ensure that the cost basis of the inventory reflects any write-downs.

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Deferred tax valuation allowances: The Company records a valuation allowance to reduce its deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. A valuation allowance has been provided against certain deferred tax assets related to non-U.S. and U.S. state jurisdiction net operating and capital loss carryforwards. Management believes the valuation allowances are adequate after considering future taxable income, allowable carryforward periods and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. In the event the Company were to determine that it would be able to realize its deferred tax assets in the future in excess of its net recorded amount (including the valuation allowance), an adjustment to the valuation allowance would increase income in the period such determination was made. Conversely, should the Company determine that it would not be able to realize all or part of its net deferred tax asset in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would be expensed in the period such determination was made.

Self-insurance liabilities: The Company is generally self-insured for product liability, environmental liability, medical and workers compensation claims. An estimated provision for claims reported and for claims incurred but not yet reported under the self-insurance programs is recorded and revised periodically based on industry trends, historical experience and management judgment. In addition, industry trends are considered within management s judgment for valuing claims. Changes in assumptions for such matters as legal judgments and settlements, legal defense costs, inflation rates, medical costs and actual experience could cause estimates to change in the near term. For product liability, catastrophic coverage is retained for potentially significant individual claims.

Retirement benefit plans: The Company maintains various defined benefit pension plans. In 1996, pension benefits were frozen for employees covered under NMHG s U.S. defined benefit plans, except for those NMHG employees participating in collective bargaining agreements. As a result, in the United States only certain NMHG employees covered under collective bargaining agreements will earn retirement benefits under defined benefit pension plans. Other employees of the Company, including employees whose pension benefits were frozen, will receive retirement benefits under defined contribution retirement plans. The Company s policy is to periodically make contributions to fund the defined contribution pension plans within the range allowed by applicable regulations. The defined contribution pension plan assets consist primarily of publicly traded stocks, investment contracts and government and corporate bonds. There is no guarantee that the actual return on the plans assets will equal the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets or that the plans will not incur investment losses.

The basis for the selection of the discount rate at each September 30 measurement date is determined by matching the timing of the payment of the expected pension obligations under the defined benefit plans against the corresponding yield of Moody s average corporate bonds of equivalent maturities.

The expected long-term rate of return on defined benefit plan assets reflects management s expectations of long-term rates of return on funds invested to provide for benefits included in the projected benefit obligations. The Company has established the expected long-term rate of return assumption for plan assets by considering historical rates of return over a period of time that is consistent with the long-term nature of the underlying obligations of these plans. The historical rates of return for each of the asset classes used by the Company to determine its estimated rate of return assumption at its September 30 measurement date were based upon the rates of return earned by investments in the equivalent benchmark market indices for each of the asset classes over the time period from January 1, 1960 to September 30, 2005 and 2004. During periods of both significant market gains as well as depressed market returns, the Company has held to a consistent 9.00% expected rate of return assumption.

Changes to the estimate of any of these factors could result in a material change to the Company s pension obligation causing a related increase or decrease in reported net operating results in the period of change in the estimate. The Company also maintains health care and life insurance plans which provide benefits to eligible retired employees. The plans have no assets. Under the Company s current policy, plan benefits are funded at the time they are due to participants.

The basis for the selection of the discount rate at each September 30 measurement date is determined by matching the timing of the payment of the expected obligations under the health care and life insurance plans against the corresponding yield of Moody s average corporate bonds of equivalent maturities.

See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-K for further discussion of the Company s retirement benefit plans.

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The segment and geographic results of operations for NMHG were as follows for the year ended December 31:

	2005	2004	2003
Revenues			
Wholesale			
Americas	\$ 1,488.5	\$ 1,201.7	\$ 1,068.7
Europe	577.3	544.6	446.5
Asia-Pacific	148.3	115.4	101.8
	2,214.1	1,861.7	1,617.0
Retail (net of eliminations)			
Americas			1.2
Europe	75.2	88.5	78.3
Asia-Pacific	110.6	106.7	83.1
	185.8	195.2	162.6
NMHG Consolidated	\$ 2,399.9	\$ 2,056.9	\$1,779.6
Operating profit (loss)			
Wholesale			
Americas	\$ 43.3	\$ 25.3	\$ 47.1
Europe	5.8	4.5	6.3
Asia-Pacific	5.0	2.6	2.1
	54.1	32.4	55.5