#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

Quarterly report pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2005 or  $\mathbf{X}$ Transition report pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 0-9143

# HURCO COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

35-1150732

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

46268

(Zip code)

**One Technology Way** Indianapolis, Indiana

Indiana

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (317) 293-5309

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to the filing requirements for the past 90 days: Yes 🗵 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🗵

The number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding as of June 1, 2005 was 6,201,920.

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# PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# HURCO COMPANIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Mor			Six Months Ended April 30			
	 Apri	1 30	Ap				
	 2005	2004	2005	2004			
	(unau	dited)	(una	udited)			
Sales and service fees	\$ 30,990	\$ 24,255	\$ 61,236	\$ 46,973			
Cost of sales and service	 20,223	16,842	40,729	33,029			
Gross profit	10,767	7,413	20,507	13,944			
Selling, general and administrative expenses	 6,363	5,127	12,550	10,054			
Operating income	4,404	2,286	7,957	3,890			
Interest expense	86	117	169	261			
Variable options expense		67		322			
Other income (expense), net	 (238)	23	(309)	(147)			
Income before taxes	4,080	2,125	7,479	3,160			
Provision for income taxes	 781	388	1,150	754			
Net income	\$ 3,299	\$ 1,737	\$ 6,329	\$ 2,406			
Earnings per common share							
Basic	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.31	\$ 1.03	\$ 0.43			
Diluted	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.29	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.41			
Weighted average common shares outstanding							
Basic	 6,193	5,695	6,131	5,641			
Diluted	 6,370	5,976	6,307	5,838			

# HURCO COMPANIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Dollars in thousands)

	Apri 200		October 31 2004	
	(unauc	lited)	(audited)	
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	11,669	\$ 8,249	
Cash - restricted			277	
Accounts receivable		18,195	17,337	
Inventories		33,828	28,937	
Other		3,494	1,672	
Total current assets		67,186	56,472	
Property and equipment:				
Land		761	761	
Building		7,218	7,205	
Machinery and equipment		12,880	12,106	
Leasehold improvements		712	676	
		21,571	20,748	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(13,003)	(12,512)	
		8,568	8,236	
Software development costs, less amortization		3,098	2,920	
Investments and other assets		,	,	
	\$	5,825 84,677	5,818 \$ 73,446	
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY Current liabilities:				
	\$	20.190	10.2(1	
Accounts payable	2	,	\$ 18,361	
Accrued expenses Current portion of long-term debt		11,493	11,447	
Total current liabilities		321	317	
l otal current liabilities		32,003	30,125	
Non-current liabilities:				
Long-term debt		4,074	4,283	
Deferred credits and other obligations		354	583	
Total liabilities		36,431	34,991	
Shareholders' equity:				
Preferred stock: no par value per share; 1,000,000 shares				
authorized; no shares issued				
Common stock: no par value; \$.10 stated value per share;				
12,500,000 shares authorized, 6,201,920 and 6,019,594 shares				
issued, respectively		620	602	
Additional paid-in capital		47,487	46,778	
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)				
		2,887	(3,442	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(2,748)	(5,483	
Total shareholders' equity		48,246	38,455	
	\$	84,677	\$ 73,446	

# HURCO COMPANIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)

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(350)	(7,199)	(4,851)	(22,828)
(30)	(26)	(59)	(53)
			(337)
64	953	727	1,291
34	(130)	517	(2,667)
(43)	(163)	62	178
366	589	3,420	904
11,303	5,604	8,249	5,289
		11.669	\$ 6,193
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# HURCO COMPANIES, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY For the six months ended April 30, 2005 and 2004

	Common Stock					
	Shares Issued & Outstanding	Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital (Dollars in	Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit) a thousands)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total
Balances, October 31, 2003	5,575,987	\$557	\$44,695	\$(9,711)	\$(6,800)	\$28,741
Net income				2,406		2,406
Translation of foreign currency financial statements					469	469
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments					440	440
Comprehensive Income						3,315
Exercise of common stock options	250,940	26	1,265			1,291
Balances, April 30, 2004	5,826,927	\$ 583	\$ 45,960	\$ (7,305)	\$ (5,891)	\$ 33,347
Balances, October 31, 2004	6,019,594	\$ 602	\$ 46,778	\$ (3,442)	\$ (5,483)	\$ 38,455
Net income				6,329		6,329
Translation of foreign currency financial statements			_		402	402
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments					2,333	2,333
Comprehensive income						9,064
Exercise of common stock options	182,326	18	709			727
Balances, April 30, 2005	6,201,920	\$ 620	\$ 47,487	\$ 2,887	\$ (2,748)	\$ 48,246

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### (Unaudited)

#### 1. GENERAL

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Hurco Companies, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. We design and produce computerized machine tools, interactive computer control systems and software for sale through our distribution network to the worldwide metal cutting market. We also provide software options, computer control upgrades, accessories and replacement parts for our products, as well as customer service and training support.

The condensed financial information as of April 30, 2005 and for the three and six months ended April 30, 2005 and April 30, 2004 is unaudited; however, in our opinion, the interim data includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the results and financial position for the interim periods. We suggest that you read these condensed consolidated financial statements in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2004.

#### 2. HEDGING

We enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts periodically to hedge certain forecast inter-company product sales and inter-company and third party product purchases that will be denominated in foreign currencies (primarily the Pound Sterling, Euro and New Taiwan Dollar). The purpose of these instruments is to mitigate the risk that the U.S. dollar net cash inflows and outflows resulting from sales and purchases denominated in foreign currencies will be adversely affected by changes in exchange rates. These forward contracts have been designated as cash flow hedge instruments, and are recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at fair value in Other Current Assets and Accrued Expenses. Gains and losses resulting from changes in the fair value of these hedge instruments are deferred in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income and recognized as an adjustment to Cost of Sales in the period that the sale of the product that was the subject of the hedged transaction is recognized, thereby providing an offsetting economic impact against the corresponding change in the U.S. dollar value of the inter-company sale or purchase being hedged.

At April 30, 2005, we had \$607,000 of net gains related to cash flow hedges deferred in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. Of this amount, \$829,000 represents unrealized gains related to future cash flow hedge instruments that remain subject to currency fluctuation risk. These deferred gains will be recorded as an adjustment to Cost of Sales in the periods through October 2006, in which the sale of the related hedged item is recognized, as described above. Net losses on cash flow hedge instruments which we reclassified from Other Comprehensive Income to Cost of Sales in the quarters ended April 30, 2005 and 2004 were \$212,000 and \$598,000, respectively.

We also enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to protect against the effects of foreign currency fluctuations on receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies. These derivative instruments are not designated as hedges under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting Standards for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (SFAS 133), and, as a result, changes in fair value are reported currently as Other Income (Expense), Net in the Consolidated Statement of Operations consistent with the transaction gain or loss on the related foreign denominated receivable or payable. Such net transaction losses were \$334,000 and \$21,000 for the quarters ended April 30, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

### 3. STOCK OPTIONS

At April 30, 2005, we had two stock-based compensation plans for employees and non-employee directors, which are described more fully in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included in our 2004 annual report on Form 10-K. We account for those plans under the recognition and measurement principles of APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related Interpretations. No stock based compensation cost is reflected in net earnings related to those plans, except for certain non-qualified options subject to variable plan accounting, as all stock options granted had exercise prices equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net earnings and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation," to the above plans.

	3 Months Ended April 30			6 Months Ended April 30			April 30		
	2005			2004		2005		2004	
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)									
Net income, as reported	\$	3,299	\$	1,737	\$	6,329	\$	2,406	
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of									
related tax effects		(6)		(24)		(12)		(48)	
Pro forma net income	\$	3,293	\$	1,713	\$	6,317	\$	2,358	
Earnings per share:									
Basic as reported	\$	0.53	\$	0.31	\$	1.03	\$	0.43	
Basic pro forma		0.53		0.30		1.03		0.42	
Diluted as reported	\$	0.52	\$	0.29	\$	1.00	\$	0.41	
Diluted pro forma		0.52		0.29		1.00		0.40	

#### 4. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic and diluted earnings per common share are based on the weighted average number of our shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings per common share give effect to outstanding stock options using the treasury method. The impact of stock options for the three months ended April 30, 2005 and 2004 was 177,000 and 281,000, respectively.

#### 5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$755,000 as of April 30, 2005 and \$723,000 as of October 31, 2004.

#### 6. INVENTORIES

Inventories, priced at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market, are summarized below (in thousands):

	April 30, 2005	5	October 31, 2004
Purchased parts and sub-assemblies	\$ 5,29	4 \$	\$ 4,714
Work-in-process	5,66	1	5,148
Finished goods	22,87	3	19,075
	\$ 33,82	8 \$	\$ 28,937

#### 7. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We operate in a single segment: industrial automation systems. We design and produce computerized machine tools, interactive computer control systems and software for sale through our distribution network to the worldwide metal working market. We also provide software options, computer control upgrades, accessories and replacement parts for our products, as well as customer service and training support.

#### 8. RESTRUCTURING EXPENSE AND OTHER EXPENSE, NET

On November 23, 2004, we entered into a separation and release agreement with Roger J. Wolf, who retired from his position as Senior Vice President and as Chief Financial Officer. Under the agreement, we will pay Mr. Wolf severance compensation totaling \$465,000.

A rollforward of the severance accrual follows (in thousands):

		alance	Provision	Charges to		Balance	
Description	10/31/2004		(Credit)	Accrual		4/30/2005	
Severance costs	\$	465		\$	217	\$	248
Total	\$	465		\$	217	\$	248
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#### 9. GUARANTEES

From time to time, our European subsidiaries guarantee third party lease financing residuals in connection with the sale of certain machines in Europe. At April 30, 2005 there were 34 third party guarantees totaling approximately \$1.8 million. A retention of title clause allows us to obtain the machine if the customer defaults on its lease. We believe that the proceeds obtained from liquidation of the machine would exceed our exposure.

We provide warranties on our products with respect to defects in material and workmanship. The terms of these warranties are generally one year for machines and shorter periods for service parts. We recognize a reserve with respect to this obligation at the time of product sale, with subsequent warranty claims recorded against the reserve. The amount of the warranty reserve is determined based on historical trend experience and any known warranty issues that could cause future warranty costs to differ from historical experience.

A reconciliation of the changes in our warranty reserve is as follows (in thousands):

	arranty eserve
Balance at October 31, 2004	\$ 1,750
Provision for warranties during the period	893
Charges to the accrual	(819)
Impact of foreign currency translation	 37
Balance at April 30, 2005	\$ 1,861

10. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 123R, "Share Based Payment", that requires companies to expense the value of employee stock options and similar awards for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2005 and applies to all outstanding and unvested stock-based awards at a company's adoption date. The adoption of this standard will not have a material effect on the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto appearing elsewhere herein. Certain statements made in this report may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, changes in general economic and business conditions that affect market demand for machines tools and related computer control systems, software products, and replacement parts, changes in manufacturing markets, adverse currency movements, innovations by competitors, quality and delivery performance by our contract manufacturers and component suppliers, and governmental actions and initiatives including import and export restrictions and tariffs.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Hurco Companies, Inc. is an industrial technology company. We design and produce computerized machine tools, featuring our proprietary computer control systems and software, for sale through our own distribution network to the worldwide metal working market. We also provide software options, control upgrades, accessories and replacement parts for our products, as well as customer service and training support.

Our computerized metal cutting machine tools are manufactured in Taiwan to our specifications by our wholly owned subsidiary, Hurco Manufacturing Limited (HML), and an affiliate. We sell our products through approximately 230 independent agents and distributors in approximately 50 countries throughout North America, Europe and Asia. We also have our own direct sales and service organizations in England, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore and China.

The machine tool industry is highly cyclical and changes in demand can occur abruptly. From 1998 through the third quarter of fiscal 2003, we experienced the adverse effects of a significant decline in global demand. We have introduced new product models beginning in late fiscal 2002 and throughout fiscal 2003 and 2004. When worldwide manufacturing activity, along with demand for machine tools, increased in late fiscal 2003, our sales increased significantly. Those trends were continued through the second quarter of fiscal 2005. As a result, we reported our highest amounts for sales and service fees and new order bookings.

Approximately 80% of worldwide demand for machine tools (measured in U.S. dollars) comes from outside the United States. During the second quarter of fiscal 2005, approximately 68% of our sales and service fees were attributable to customers located abroad. Our sales to foreign customers are denominated, and payments by those customers are made, in the prevailing currencies—primarily the Euro and Pound Sterling—in the countries in which those customers are located, and our product costs are incurred and paid primarily in the New Taiwan Dollar and U.S. dollars. Changes in currency exchange rates can have a material effect on our operating results when sales made and expenses incurred in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes. For example, when a foreign currency increases in value relative to the U.S. dollar, sales made (and expenses incurred) in that currency, when translated to U.S. dollars for reporting in our financial statements, are higher than would be the case when that currency has a lower value relative to the U.S. dollar. For this reason, in our comparison of period-to-period results, we customarily set forth not only the increases or decrease in those results as reported in our financial statements (which reflect translation to U.S. dollars at actual prevailing exchange rates), but also the impact of foreign currency-denominated revenue or expense translated to U.S. dollars at the same rate of exchange in both periods.

Although our high levels of foreign manufacturing and sales also subject us to cash flow risks due to fluctuating currency exchange rates, we mitigate those risks through the use of various hedging instruments - principally foreign currency forward exchange contracts.

The volatility of demand for machine tools can significantly impact our working capital requirements and, therefore, our cash flow from operations and operating profits. Because our products are manufactured in Taiwan, manufacturing and ocean transportation lead times require that we schedule machine tool production based on forecasts of customer orders for a future period of four or five months. We monitor market and order activity levels and rebalance our future production schedules to changes in demand. Nevertheless a significant unexpected decline in customer orders from forecasted levels would temporarily increase finished goods inventories and our need for working capital.

We monitor the U.S. machine tool market activity as reported by the Association of Manufacturing Technology (AMT), the primary industry group for U.S. machine tool consumption. We also monitor the PMI (formerly called the Purchasing Manager's Index), as reported by the Institute for Supply Management. Our European and Asian subsidiaries monitor machine tool consumption through various government and trade publications.

We monitor key performance indicators such as days sales outstanding for accounts receivable and inventory turns for the trailing twelve months. We calculate net assets per dollar of revenue to assess our working capital levels. We also monitor operating income and selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales and service fees.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

#### Three Months Ended April 30, 2005 Compared to Three Months Ended April 30, 2004

For the second quarter of fiscal 2005, we reported net income of \$3.3 million, or \$.52 per share, compared to \$1.7 million, or \$.29 per share, for the corresponding period one year ago.

*Sales and Service Fees.* Sales and service fees for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 were the highest in our history and totaled \$31.0 million, an increase of \$6.7 million (28%) from the \$24.3 million reported for the second fiscal quarter of 2004. The increased sales reflected an improvement in industry demand and the continuing popularity of our newer machine tool products, which represented 70% of all units shipped during the quarter.

As noted below, approximately 62% of our sales and service fees in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 were derived from European markets. The weighted average exchange rate between the Euro and the U.S. dollar during the second quarter of fiscal 2005 was \$1.30 per  $\in$ 1.00, as compared to \$1.22 per  $\in$ 1.00 for the second quarter of fiscal 2004, an increase of 7%. Approximately \$1.2 million (18%) of the increase in total sales and service fees was attributable to changes in foreign currency exchange rates when sales denominated in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes.

The following tables set forth sales and service fees by geographic region and product category for the second quarter of 2005 and 2004:

#### Sales and Service Fees by Geographic Region (dollars are in thousands)

	 Three Months Ended April 30,					crease)
	2005		2004	A	mount	%
North America	\$ 9,817	32%\$	7,162	29%\$	2,655	37%
Europe	19,327	62%	15,169	63%	4,158	27%
Asia Pacific	 1,846	6%	1,924	8%	(78)	(4%)
Total	\$ 30,990	100%\$	24,255	100%\$	6,735	28%

Sales and service fees in North America benefited from a 47% increase in unit sales. The lathe product line, which was introduced in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, contributed approximately \$1.1 million, or 41% of the increase in sales and service fees. Excluding the lathes, unit sales increased 23% in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 compared to the prior year.

The 27% increase in sales and service fees in Europe reflected an 18% increase in unit sales and the previously discussed impact of stronger European currencies relative to the U.S. Approximately \$1.1 million (27%) of the increase in European sales and service fees was attributable to changes in currency exchange rates.

#### Sales and Service Fees by Product Category (dollars are in thousands)

	 Thre	Increas	e			
	 2005		2004		Amount	%
Computerized Machine Tools	\$ 26,316	85%\$	20,224	83%\$	6,092	30%
Service Fees, Parts and Other	4,674	15%	4,031	17%	643	16%
Total	\$ 30,990	100%\$	24,255	100%\$	6,735	28%

Unit sales of computerized machine tools increased 27% in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 compared to the prior year period. Approximately \$1.1 million (18%) of the increase was due to changes in currency exchange rates. Sales of lathes contributed \$1.4 million, (23%) of the increase in sales of computerized machine tools. Sales of computerized machine tools also benefited from an approximate 2% increase in the average net selling price per unit, when measured in local currencies.

*Orders and Backlog.* New order bookings for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 were also the highest in our history and totaled \$32.9 million, an increase of \$10.6 million (47%) from the \$22.3 million reported for the corresponding quarter of fiscal 2004. Approximately \$1.3 million (12%) of the increase was attributable to changes in currency exchange rates. The dollar value of orders increased in the United States and Europe by 49% and 61%, respectively. Approximately \$1.3 million (12%) of the increase in orders was attributable to the lathe product line. Backlog was \$11.5 million at April 30, 2005, compared to \$9.6 million at January 31, 2005 and \$12.7 million at October 31, 2004.

*Gross Margin.* Gross margin for the second quarter of 2005 was 34.7%, an increase over the 30.6% margin realized in the corresponding 2004 period, due principally to increased sales of computerized machine tools and the favorable effects of stronger European currencies.

*Operating Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses during the second quarter of 2005 increased approximately \$1.2 million (24%) from the amount reported for the 2004 period. The increases are primarily the result of an approximate \$200,000 increase due to currency translation effects, a \$500,000 increase in selling and marketing expenses and a \$300,000 increase in research and development spending.

Operating Income. Operating income for the second quarter of fiscal 2005 was a record for Hurco and totaled \$4.4 million, or 14% of sales and service fees, compared to \$2.3 million, or 9% of sales and service fees in the prior year.

*Other Expense.* Other expense consists of approximately \$330,000 of exchange losses in payables and receivables denominated foreign currencies, primarily the NT Dollar, due to timing differences between the hedge contract period and when the payables and receivables were recorded. These losses were partially offset by approximately \$150,000 in gains from our two affiliates accounted for using the equity method.

*Income Tax Expense.* The provision for income taxes is related to the earnings of two foreign subsidiaries. In the United States and certain other foreign jurisdictions, we have net operating loss carryforwards for which we have a 100% valuation reserve at April 30, 2005. The provision for income tax increased in the second fiscal quarter of 2005 because of increased earnings recorded by our taxable foreign subsidiaries.

#### Six Months Ended April 30, 2005 Compared to Six Months Ended April 30, 2004

For the first half of fiscal 2005, we reported net income of \$6.3 million or \$1.00 per share, compared to \$2.4 million, or \$.41 per share, for the prior year period.

Sales and Service Fees. Sales and service fees for the first half of fiscal 2005 were \$61.2 million, an increase of \$14.3 million (30%) from the \$47.0 million reported for the first half of 2004. The increased sales reflected an improvement in industry demand and the continuing popularity of our newer machine tool

#### products, which represented 67% of all units shipped during the first half.

Approximately 62% of our sales and service fees in the first half of fiscal 2005 were derived from European markets. The weighted average exchange rate between the Euro and the U.S. dollar during the first half of fiscal 2005 was \$1.31 per  $\in 1.00$ , as compared to \$1.22 per  $\in 1.00$  for the first half of fiscal 2004, an increase of 7%. Approximately \$2.7 million (19%) of the increase in sales and service fees was attributable to changes in currency exchange rates.

The following tables set forth sales and service fees by geographic region and product category for the first half of 2005 and 2004:

#### Sales and Service Fees by Geographic Region (dollars are in thousands)

	 Six Months Ended April 30,					
	 2005		2004		Amount	%
North America	\$ 20,059	33%\$	14,337	31%\$	5,722	40%
Europe	38,001	62%	29,712	63%	8,289	28%
Asia Pacific	 3,176	5%	2,924	6%	252	9%
Total	\$ 61,236	100%\$	46,973	100%\$	14,263	30%

Sales and service fees in North America benefited approximately \$1.9 million from the sale of lathe units and a 30% increase in unit sales of our machining centers. These increases are attributable to new product models introduced beginning in late fiscal 2002 and throughout fiscal 2003 and 2004 as well as an approximate 18% increase in machine tool consumption in the United States. Sales and service fees in North America also benefited from a \$450,000 increase in service parts.

The 28% increase in our sales and service fees in Europe is the result of a 15% increase in unit sales and currency translation. Approximately \$2.6 million (31%) of the increase in European sales and service fees was attributable to changes in currency exchange rates.

#### Sales and Service Fees by Product Category (dollars are in thousands)

	 Six		Increase			
	 2005		2004		Amount	%
Computerized Machine Tools	\$ 52,449	86%\$	39,444	84%\$	13,005	33%
Service Fees, Parts and Other	8,787	14%	7,529	16%	1,258	17%
Total	\$ 61,236	100%\$	46,973	100%\$	14,263	30%

Unit sales of our computerized machine tools increased 29% in the first half of fiscal 2005 compared to the prior year period. Approximately \$2.4 million (19%) of the increase in machine tool sales was due to changes in currency exchange rates. Sales of lathes contributed approximately \$2.2 million (17%) of the increase in computerized machine tools. Sales of computerized machine tools also benefited from an approximate 2% increase in our average net selling price per unit, when measured in local currencies.

Sales of service fees, parts and other increased approximately \$1.3 million (17%) in the first half of fiscal 2005 compared to the prior year. The increase was due primarily to a \$700,000 (17%) increase in sales of service parts and a \$205,000 (21%) increase in software sales.

*Orders and Backlog.* New order bookings for the first half of fiscal 2005 were \$59.8 million, an increase of \$13.9 million (30%) from the \$45.9 million reported for the first half of fiscal 2004. New order bookings increased in the United States and Europe by \$6.0 million (42%) and \$8.3 million (30%), respectively. Approximately \$2.4 million (29%) of the reported increase in new order bookings in Europe was attributable to the changes in currency exchange rates.

*Gross Margin.* Gross margin for the first half of fiscal 2005 was 33.5%, an increase over the 29.7% margin realized in the corresponding 2004 period, due principally to increased sales of computerized machine tools and the favorable effects of stronger European currencies.

*Operating Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses during the first half of 2005 increased approximately \$2.5 million (25%) from the amount reported for the 2004 period. The increases are primarily the result of an approximate \$400,000 increase due to currency translation effects, a \$1.5 million increase in selling and marketing expenses and a \$500,000 increase in research and development spending.

Operating Income. Operating income for the first half of fiscal 2005 was \$8.0 million, or 13% of sales and service fees, compared to \$3.9 million, or 8% of sales and service fees in the prior year.

*Other Expense.* Other expense primarily consists of approximately \$350,000 of exchange losses in payables and receivables denominated foreign currencies, primarily the NT Dollar, due to timing differences between the hedge contract period and when the payable and receivables were recorded. These losses were partially offset by approximately \$90,000 in gains from our two affiliates accounted for using the equity method.

Variable option expense of \$322,000 reported in fiscal 2004 is related to certain stock options that were subject to variable plan accounting. The stock options subject to variable plan accounting have all been exercised and no additional variable option expense is expected.

*Income Tax Expense.* The provision for income taxes is related to the earnings of two foreign subsidiaries. In the United States and certain other foreign jurisdictions, we have net operating loss carryforwards for which we have a 100% valuation reserve at April 30, 2005. The provision for income tax increased in fiscal 2005 because of increased earnings from our taxable foreign subsidiaries.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At April 30, 2005, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$11.7 million compared to \$8.5 million at October 31, 2004. Cash generated from operations totaled \$3.6 million for the first half of fiscal 2005, compared to \$3.8 million in the prior year period.

Working capital, excluding short-term debt, was \$35.5 million at April 30, 2005 compared to \$26.7 million at October 31, 2004. During the first half of fiscal 2005, cash flow from operations was unfavorably effected by a \$3.9 million increase in inventory, which was partially offset by an approximate \$800,000 increase in accounts payable. The increase in inventory was the result of an increase in production at our principal manufacturing facility in Taiwan, which was disproportionate to the increase in our machine sales. We have moderately reduced our machine production and expect inventory levels to decline in the last half of fiscal 2005. Accounts payable increased as the result of the increase in inventory. We expect our working capital requirements to continue to increase in fiscal 2005, as sales increase.

Capital investments during the first half included approximately \$350,000 for enterprise resource planning software in the United States and normal expenditures for software development projects and purchases of equipment. We funded these expenditures from operating cash flow.

Total debt at April 30, 2005 was \$4.4 million, representing 8% of capitalization, which totaled \$52.6 million, compared to \$4.6 million, or 11% of capitalization, at October 31, 2004. Total debt primarily consists of the outstanding balance of a term loan secured by our Indianapolis facility. We were in compliance with all loan covenants and had unused credit availability of \$11.0 million at April 30, 2005. We believe that cash flow from operations and borrowings available under our credit facilities will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash requirements for the balance of fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2006.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our accounting policies, which are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004, require management to make significant estimates and assumptions using information available at the time the estimates are made. These estimates and assumptions significantly affect various reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. If our future experience differs materially from these estimates and assumptions, our results of operations and financial condition could be affected. There were no material changes to our critical accounting policies during the second quarter of 2005.

#### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

There have been no material changes from the information provided in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004.

#### OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

From time to time, our German subsidiary guarantees third party lease financing residuals in connection with the sale of certain machines in Europe. At April 30, 2005, there were 34 third party guarantees totaling approximately \$1.8 million. A retention of title clause allows our German subsidiary to obtain the machine if the customer defaults on its lease. We believe that the proceeds obtained from liquidation of the machine would cover any payments required under the guarantee.

#### Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest on our bank borrowings and economic development bond are affected by changes in prevailing U.S. and European interest rates. At April 30, 2005, there were no outstanding borrowings under these credit facilities. The remaining outstanding indebtedness of \$4.4 million is at a fixed rate of interest.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

In the second quarter of fiscal 2005, approximately 68% of our sales and service fees were derived from foreign markets. All of our computerized machine tools and computer numerical control systems, as well as certain proprietary service parts, are sourced by our U.S.-based engineering and manufacturing division and re-invoiced to our foreign sales and service subsidiaries, primarily in their functional currencies.

Our products are manufactured primarily in Taiwan, to our specifications, by our wholly owned subsidiary and an affiliate. The predominant portion of our exchange rate risk associated with product costs relates to the New Taiwan Dollar.

We enter into forward foreign exchange contracts from time to time to hedge the cash flow risk related to forecast inter-company sales, and forecast intercompany and third-party purchases denominated in, or based on, foreign currencies. We also enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to hedge against the effects of foreign currency fluctuations on receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies. We do not speculate in the financial markets and, therefore, do not enter into these contracts for trading purposes.

Forward contracts for the sale or purchase of foreign currencies as of April 30, 2005 which are designated as cash flow hedges under SFAS No. 133 were as follows:

	Notional Amount	Weighted Avg.	Contract Amo Rate U.S. D		
Forward Contracts	in Foreign Currency	Forward Rate	At Date of Contract	April 30, 2005	Maturity Dates
Sale Contracts: Euro	25,550,000	1.2955	33,100,025	33,181,717	May 2005 - October 2006
Sterling Purchase Contracts:	1,400,000	1.7932	2,510,480	2,657,992	May 2005 - November 2005
New Taiwan Dollar	670,000,000	32.27*	20,762,318	21,819,646	May 2005 - February 2006

### \* NT Dollars per U.S. Dollar

Forward contracts for the sale of foreign currencies as of April 30, 2005, which were entered into to protect against the effects of foreign currency fluctuations on receivables and payables denominated in foreign currencies were as follows:

	Notional Amount	Weighted Avg.	Contract Amo Rates in U		
Forward Contracts	in Foreign Currency	Forward Rate	At Date of Contract	April 30, 2005	Maturity Dates
Sale Contracts: Euro	5,898,747	1.3008	7,673,090	7,594,664	May 2005 - June 2005
Singapore Dollar	7,083,234	1.6349*	4,332,518	4,336,739	May 2005 - October 2005
Sterling Purchase Contracts:	1,097,781	1.8819	2,065,914	2,089,228	May 2005 - June 2005
New Taiwan Dollar	267,000,000	31.05*	8,599,034	8,597,373	May 2005 - June 2005

\* NT Dollars per U.S. Dollar

# Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of April 30, 2005 pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based upon that evaluation, our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the evaluation date.

There have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended April 30, 2005 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# **PART II - OTHER INFORMATION**

# Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in various claims and lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. We believe it is remote that any of these claims will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company was held on March 16, 2005. There were two matters submitted to a vote of the shareholders, the election of seven directors to the Board of Directors and the amendment to the Company's 1997 Stock Option Incentive Plan.

The following table sets forth the results of voting on those matters.

Election of Directors Name	Number of Votes FOR	AGAINST or WITHHELD	Abstentions or Broker Non-Votes		
Stephen H. Cooper	5,324,729	611,397	232,961		
Robert W. Cruickshank	5,313,859	622,267	232,961		
Michael Doar	5,338,633	597,493	232,961		
Richard T. Niner	5,339,433	596,693	232,961		
O. Curtis Noel	5,296,317	639,809	232,961		
Charles E. Mitchell Rentschler	5,335,683	600,443	232,961		
Gerald V. Roch	5,336,029	600,097	232,961		
Amendment to the Company's 1997 Stock Option Incentive Plan	3,328,110	514,775	2,326,202		

There are no directors, other than the directors elected at the annual meeting, whose terms of office as directors continued after the annual meeting.

#### Item 6. EXHIBITS

11 Statement re: Computation of Per Share Earnings

31.1 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

31.2 Certification by the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

32.1 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2 Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

# SIGNATURES

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

# HURCO COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen J. Alesia Stephen J. Alesia Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

By: /s/ Sonja K. McClelland Sonja K. McClelland Corporate Controller and Principal Accounting Officer

June 8, 2005

# Exhibit 11 Statement Re: Computation of Per Share Earnings

	Three Months Ended						Six Months Ended										
		April 30,								April 30,							
	2005				2004			2005				2004					
(in thousands, except per share data)	Basic		Diluted		_	Basic		Diluted		Basic		Diluted		Basic		Diluted	
Net income	\$	3,299	\$	3,299	\$	1,737	\$	1,737	\$	6,329	\$	6,329	\$	2,406	\$	2,406	
Weighted average shares outstanding		6,193		6,193		5,695		5,695		6,131		6,131		5,641		5,641	
Dilutive effect if stock options				177				281				176				197	
		6,193		6,370		5,695		5,976		6,131		6,307		5,641		5,838	
Income per common share	\$	0.53	\$	0.52	\$	0.31	\$	0.29	\$	1.03	\$	1.00	\$	0.43	\$	0.41	

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED

I, Michael Doar, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Hurco Companies, Inc.;
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

<u>/s/ Michael Doar</u> Michael Doar Chairman & Chief Executive Officer June 7, 2005

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED

I, Stephen J. Alesia, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Hurco Companies, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

<u>/s/ Stephen J. Alesia</u> Stephen J. Alesia Vice President & Chief Financial Officer June 7, 2005

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Hurco Companies, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending April 30, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

<u>/s/ Michael Doar</u> Michael Doar Chairman & Chief Executive Officer June 7, 2005

### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Hurco Companies, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending April 30, 2005 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certifies, pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

<u>/s/ Stephen J. Alesia</u> Stephen J. Alesia Vice President & Chief Financial Officer June 7, 2005