

JPS INDUSTRIES INC  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

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

For the quarterly period ended February 1, 2003

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission File Number 33-27038

**JPS INDUSTRIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

57-0868166

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

555 North Pleasantburg Drive, Suite 202, Greenville, South Carolina

29607

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of principal executive offices)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number (864) 239-3900

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of The Exchange Act).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court.

Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 9,294,259 shares of the Company's Common Stock were outstanding as of March 10, 2003.

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Item 1. Financial Statements

JPS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(In Thousands)

	February 1, 2003	November 2, 2002
	(Unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 175	\$ 267
Accounts receivable	17,913	20,160
Inventories (Note 2)	15,186	15,025
Prepaid expenses and other	2,445	2,473
Deferred income taxes	685	304
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Total current assets	36,404	38,229
Property, plant and equipment, net	37,643	38,971
Deferred income taxes	11,727	11,727
Other assets	82	94
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Total assets	\$ 85,856	\$ 89,021
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<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,923	\$ 7,628
Accrued interest	34	44
Accrued salaries, benefits and withholdings	1,063	1,010
Other accrued expenses	2,987	5,309
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 3)	682	669
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Total current liabilities	13,689	14,660
Long-term debt (Note 3)	11,225	12,755
Deferred revenue and postemployment liabilities	47,554	47,629
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Total liabilities	72,468	75,044
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Shareholders equity:		
Common stock \$.01 par value; authorized 22,000,000 shares; issued 10,000,000 shares; outstanding 9,294,259 shares at 2/1/03	100	100
Additional paid-in capital	124,146	124,150
Treasury stock (at cost) 705,741 shares at 2/1/03	(2,726)	(2,738)
Additional minimum pension liability	(40,976)	(40,976)
Accumulated deficit	(67,156)	(66,559)
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Total shareholders equity	13,388	13,977
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Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 85,856	\$ 89,021
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Note: The condensed consolidated balance sheet at November 2, 2002 has been extracted from the audited financial statements.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



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JPS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(Dollars in Thousands Except Per Share Data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	February 1, 2003	January 26, 2002
Net sales	\$ 28,779	\$ 27,131
Cost of sales	25,207	22,833
Gross profit	3,572	4,298
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,395	4,812
Operating profit (loss)	(823)	(514)
Interest expense	155	215
Income (loss) before income taxes	(978)	(729)
Income taxes (benefit)	(381)	(284)
Net income (loss)	\$ (597)	\$ (445)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING		
Basic	9,293,009	9,271,756
Diluted	9,293,009	9,271,756
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.05)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.05)

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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JPS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
 (In Thousands)  
 (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	February 1, 2003	January 26, 2002
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net loss	\$ (597)	\$ (445)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,383	1,460
Amortization of deferred financing costs	12	12
Deferred income tax benefit	(381)	(284)
Other, net	(75)	214
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	2,247	4,532
Inventories	(161)	774
Prepaid expenses and other assets	28	361
Accounts payable	1,296	(4,093)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(2,278)	(791)
Total adjustments	2,071	2,185
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,474	1,740
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Property and equipment additions	(56)	(6)
Net cash used in investing activities	(56)	(6)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net proceeds from exercise of stock options	7	
Revolving credit facility borrowings (repayments), net	(1,355)	(2,128)
Repayment of other long-term debt	(162)	(150)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,510)	(2,278)
NET DECREASE IN CASH	(92)	(544)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	267	544
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 175	\$ 0
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON CASH FLOWS:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 153	\$ 222
Income taxes paid	27	138

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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JPS INDUSTRIES, INC.  
 NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 (Unaudited)

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### 1. Basis of Presentation

The terms "JPS" and the "Company", as used in these condensed consolidated financial statements, mean JPS Industries, Inc. and JPS Industries, Inc. together with its subsidiaries, respectively unless the context requires otherwise.

The Company has prepared, without audit, the interim condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows at February 1, 2003 and for all periods presented have been made.

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

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 2, 2002 (Fiscal 2002). The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

### 2. Inventories (in thousands):

	<b>February 1, 2003</b>	<b>November 2, 2002</b>
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 2,873	\$ 2,466
Work-in-process	3,429	3,087
Finished goods	8,884	9,472
	<b>\$15,186</b>	<b>\$15,025</b>

### 3. Long-Term Debt (in thousands):

	<b>February 1, 2003</b>	<b>November 2, 2002</b>
Senior credit facility, revolving line of credit	\$ 9,534	\$ 10,889
Capital lease obligation	2,373	2,535
	<b>11,907</b>	<b>13,424</b>
Less current portion	(682)	(669)
	<b>\$11,225</b>	<b>\$12,755</b>

The Company's Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (the Revolving Credit Facility) is with Wachovia Bank. On April 26, 2002, the Company amended the Revolving Credit Facility to increase its flexibility and reduce the unused line fee. The facility, as amended, provides for a revolving credit loan facility and letters of credit in a maximum principal amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$25 million or

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(b) a specified borrowing base, which is based upon eligible receivables, eligible inventory, and a specified dollar amount (currently \$8.3 million subject to amortization). The Revolving Credit Facility restricts investments, acquisitions, and

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dividends. The Credit Agreement contains financial covenants relating to minimum levels of net worth, as defined, and a minimum debt to EBITDA ratio, as defined. All loans outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility bear interest at the 30-day LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin based upon the Company's debt to EBITDA ratio. As of February 1, 2003, the Company's interest rate under the Revolving Credit Facility was 3.3%.

In conjunction with the recognition of the additional minimum pension liability and resulting reduction to tangible net worth as defined in the Credit Agreement, the Company violated the minimum net worth covenant as of November 2, 2002. The Company has obtained a waiver of any such default through November 2, 2003.

As of February 1, 2003, unused and outstanding letters of credit totaled \$0.6 million. The outstanding letters of credit reduce the funds available under the Revolving Credit Facility. At February 1, 2003, the Company had approximately \$14.8 million of additional availability for borrowing under the Revolving Credit Facility. All borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility mature in Fiscal 2004.

#### 4. Income Taxes

The provision (benefit) for income taxes on continuing operations included in the condensed statements of operations for the three months ended below consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>January 26, 2002</b>	<b>February 1, 2003</b>
	\$	\$
Current federal provision	\$	\$
Current state provision		
Deferred federal provision (benefit)	(245)	(328)
Deferred state provision (benefit)	(39)	(53)
	\$ (284)	\$ (381)

Although the Company did not generate income during the three month period at a level necessary to utilize its net deferred tax asset, we believe that income from future operations will more likely than not be sufficient to utilize the deferred tax asset, net of valuation allowance. We evaluate the realizability of our deferred tax asset by assessing the need for a valuation allowance on a quarterly basis. If we determine that it is more likely than not that our deferred tax assets will not be recovered, a valuation allowance will be established against some or all of our deferred tax assets. This could have a significant effect on our future results of operation and financial position.

At February 1, 2003, the Company had regular Federal net operating loss carryforwards for tax purposes of approximately \$91.9 million. The net operating loss carryforwards expire in years 2003 through 2022. The Company also has Federal alternative minimum tax net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$11.6 million that expire in 2004 through 2022. Alternative minimum tax credits of \$1.8 million can be carried forward indefinitely and used as a credit against regular Federal taxes, subject to limitation.

The Company's future ability to utilize a portion of its net operating loss carryforwards is limited under the income tax laws as a result of being treated as having a change in the ownership of the Company's stock as of December 2000 under Federal income tax laws. The effect of such an ownership change is to limit the annual utilization of the net operating loss carryforwards to an amount equal to the value of the Company immediately after the time of the change (subject to certain adjustments) multiplied by the Federal long-term tax exempt rate. Based on the expiration dates for the loss carryforwards and fair market value at the time of ownership change, the Company does not believe that the limitations imposed as a result of prior ownership changes will result in any Federal loss carryforward expiring unutilized. Uncertainties surrounding income tax law changes, shifts in operations between state taxing jurisdictions and future operating income levels may,

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however, affect the ultimate realization of all or some portion of these deferred income tax assets. In addition, a future change in ownership could result in additional limitations on the ability of the Company to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards. Under applicable accounting guidelines, these future uncertainties, combined with factors giving rise to losses, requires a valuation allowance be recognized.

### 5. Contingencies

The Company is exposed to a number of asserted and unasserted potential claims encountered in the normal course of business including certain asbestos-based claims. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses in all lawsuits in which the Company or its subsidiaries is a defendant. Except as discussed below, management believes that none of this litigation, if determined unfavorable to the Company, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

In June 1997, Sears Roebuck and Co. ( Sears ) filed a multi-count complaint against Elastomerics and two other defendants alleging an unspecified amount of damages in connection with the alleged premature deterioration of the Company's Hypalon roofing membrane installed during the 1980's on approximately 140 Sears stores. A trial date is expected sometime in 2003. The Company believes it has meritorious defenses to the claims and intends to defend the lawsuit vigorously as it has since its inception in 1997. Management, however, cannot determine the outcome of the lawsuit or estimate the range of loss, if any, that may occur. Accordingly, no provision has been made for any loss that may result. In July, 2002, the Company's insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company ( Liberty ), informed the Company that it no longer believed it had an obligation to contribute to settlement or defense of this matter. The Company subsequently filed a lawsuit for declaratory, injunctive, and monetary relief against Liberty Mutual. In January, 2003, the court found that Liberty does have a duty to defend the Company based on the counts remaining in the case. Further, in January, 2003, the court granted JPS summary judgment motion on Sears' breach of contract claim. These orders are not final and may be subject to reconsideration or appeal. To the extent these rulings remain in effect, the number of roofs involved in the case will be substantially reduced, and the Company believes that an unfavorable resolution of the remaining actions would not have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations or financial condition of the Company.

On certain of its products, the Company provides a warranty against defects in materials and workmanship under separately priced extended warranty contracts generally for a period of 10 years. Revenue from such extended warranty contracts is deferred and recognized as income on a straight-line basis over the contract period. The cost of servicing such product warranties is charged to expense when claims become estimable.

The following table presents the change in the Company's aggregate warranty related liability accounts:

Beginning balance at 11/02/02	\$ 19,273,272
Accruals for warranties issued	504,821
Accruals for pre-existing warranties	742,923
Settlements and revenue amortization	(3,006,312)
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Ending balance at 2/01/03	\$ 17,514,704
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### 6. Business Segments

The Company's reportable segments are JPS Elastomerics and JPS Glass. The reportable segments were determined using the Company's method of internal reporting, which divides and analyzes the business by the nature of the products manufactured and sold, the customer base, manufacturing process, and method of distribution. The Elastomerics segment principally manufactures and markets extruded products including high performance roofing products, environmental geomembranes, and various polyurethane products. The Glass segment produces and markets specialty substrates mechanically formed from fiberglass and other

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specialty materials for a variety of applications such as printed circuit boards, filtration, advanced composites, building products, defense, and aerospace.

The Company evaluates the performance of its reportable segments and allocates resources principally based on the segment's operating profit, defined as earnings before interest and taxes. Indirect corporate expenses allocated to each business segment are based on management's analysis of the costs attributable to each segment. The following table presents certain information regarding the business segments (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended	
	February 1, 2003	January 26, 2002
<b>Net sales:</b>		
Elastomerics	\$ 16,958	\$ 15,839
Glass	11,821	11,292
	\$28,779	\$27,131
<b>Operating profit (loss)<sup>(1)</sup>:</b>		
Elastomerics	\$ (801)	\$ (289)
Glass	(22)	(225)
	(823)	(514)
Interest expense	155	215
	\$ (978)	\$ (729)
<b>Identifiable assets:</b>		
Elastomerics	\$ 43,231	\$ 45,651
Glass	42,625	43,370
	\$85,856	\$89,021

- (1) The operating profit of each business segment includes a proportionate share of indirect corporate expenses. The Company's corporate group is responsible for finance, strategic planning, legal, tax, and regulatory affairs for the business segments. Such expense consists primarily of salaries and employee benefits, professional fees, and amortization of reorganization costs in excess of amounts allocable to identifiable assets.

### 7. New Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, to expand upon and strengthen existing accounting guidance that addresses when a company should include the assets, liabilities and activities of another entity in its financial statements. To improve financial reporting by companies involved with variable interest entities (more commonly referred to as special-purpose entities or off-balance sheet structures), FIN 46 requires that a variable interest entity be considered by a company if that company is subject to a majority risk of loss from the variable interest entity's activities or entitled to receive a majority of the entity's residual returns or both. Prior to FIN 46, a company generally included another entity in its consolidated financial statements only if it controlled the entity through voting interests. The consolidation requirements of FIN 46 apply immediately to variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and to older entities in the first fiscal year or interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of this interpretation is not expected to have a material effect on our financial statements.



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### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The statements contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements subject to the safe harbor created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The Company cautions readers of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q that a number of important factors could cause the Company's actual results in Fiscal 2003 and beyond to differ materially from those expressed in any such forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation, the general economic and business conditions affecting the Company's industries, actions of competitors, changes in demand in certain markets, the Company's ability to meet its debt service and pension plan obligations, the seasonality of the Company's sales, the volatility of the Company's raw material, claims and energy costs, and the Company's dependence on key personnel and certain large customers.

Stockholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made herein are only made as of the date of this report and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

The following should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations appearing in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 2, 2002:

	(In Thousands) Three Months Ended	
	February 1, 2003	January 26, 2002
Net sales:		
Elastomerics	\$ 16,958	\$ 15,839
Glass	11,821	11,292
	\$ 28,779	\$ 27,131
Operating profit (loss):		
Elastomerics	\$ (801)	\$ (289)
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	(823)	(514)
Interest expense	155	215
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### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Three Months Ended February 1, 2003 (the 2003 First Quarter) Compared to the Three Months Ended January 26, 2002 (the 2002 First Quarter)

Consolidated net sales increased \$1.7 million, or 6.3%, from \$27.1 million in the 2002 first quarter to \$28.8 million in the 2003 first quarter. Operating profit decreased \$0.3 million from a loss of \$0.5 million in the 2002 first quarter to a loss of \$0.8 million in the 2003 first quarter.

Net sales in the 2003 first quarter in the Elastomerics segment, which includes single-ply roofing and extruded urethane products, increased \$1.2 million, or 7.6%, from \$15.8 million in the 2002 first quarter to \$17.0 million in the 2003 first quarter. This increase is primarily attributable to a 17% increase in unit volume of the Company's roofing products offset by lower selling prices.

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Operating profit in the 2003 first quarter for the Elastomerics segment decreased \$0.5 million from a loss of \$0.3 million in the 2002 first quarter to a loss of \$0.8 million in the 2003 first quarter. This decrease is due to higher raw material, energy, insurance, manufacturing and claims costs.

Net sales in the Glass segment, which includes substrates constructed of synthetics and fiberglass for lamination, insulation and filtration applications, increased \$0.5 million, or 4.4%, from \$11.3 million in the 2002 first quarter to \$11.8 million in the 2003 first quarter. The increase is primarily attributable to higher sales of products destined for the electronics and aerospace markets.

Operating profit in the 2003 first quarter for the Glass segment increased \$0.2 million from a loss of \$0.2 million in the 2002 first quarter to a loss of \$22,000 in the 2003 first quarter. This increase reflects improved manufacturing efficiencies which offset lower selling prices and higher insurance costs.

Interest expense in the 2003 first quarter was \$60,000 less than the 2002 first quarter as a result of lower debt levels.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's principal sources of liquidity for operations and expansion are funds generated internally and borrowings under its Revolving Credit Facility. See Note 3 for additional discussion of the revolving credit facility.

Year to date for 2003, cash provided by operating activities was \$1.5 million. Working capital at November 2, 2002 was \$23.6 million compared with \$22.7 million at February 1, 2003. From November 2, 2002 to February 1, 2003, accounts receivable decreased by \$2.3 million due to timing and sales levels, inventories increased \$0.2 million, and accounts payable and accrued expenses decreased by \$1.0 million.

The principal use of cash in 2003 was for the repayment of long-term debt of approximately \$1.5 million. The Company anticipates that its total capital expenditures in Fiscal 2003 will be approximately \$0.9 million and expects such amounts to be funded by cash from operations and bank financing sources.

Based upon the ability to generate working capital through its operations and its Revolving Credit Facility, the Company believes that it has the financial resources necessary to pay its capital obligations and implement its business plan.

### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

*Interest rate risk.* The Company has exposure to interest rate changes primarily relating to interest rate changes under its Revolving Credit Facility. The Company's Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at rates which vary with changes in the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The Company does not speculate on the future direction of interest rates. Currently, all of the Company's debt bears interest at the 30-day LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin based upon the Company's debt to EBITDA ratio. The Company believes that the effect, if any, of reasonably possible near-term changes in interest rates on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows would not be material.

*Raw material price risk.* A portion of the Company's raw materials are commodities and are, therefore, subject to price volatility caused by weather, production problems, delivery difficulties, and other factors that are outside the control of the Company. In most cases, essential raw materials are available from several sources. For several raw materials, however, branded goods or other circumstances may prevent such diversification and an interruption of the supply of these raw materials could have a significant impact on the Company's ability to produce certain products.

The Company has established long-term relationships with key suppliers and may enter into purchase contracts or commitments of one year or less for certain raw materials. Such agreements generally include a pricing schedule for the period covered by the contract or commitment. The Company believes that any changes in raw material pricing, which cannot be adjusted for by changes in its product pricing or other strategies, would not be significant.

*General Economic Conditions.* Demand for the Company's products is affected by a variety of economic factors including, but not limited to, the cyclical nature of the construction industry, demand for electronic and aerospace products that ultimately utilize components manufactured by the Company, and general consumer demand. Adverse economic developments could affect the financial performance of the Company, and these factors include, but are not limited to, the general economic and business conditions affecting the Company's industries, actions of competitors, changes in demand in certain markets, the Company's ability to meet its debt service and pension plan obligations, the seasonality of the Company's sales, the volatility of the Company's raw material, claims and energy costs, and the Company's dependence on key personnel and certain large customers.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

- (a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

We maintain a set of disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Security and Exchange Commission rules and forms. The Company has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c) within 90 days of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on the evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

- (b) Changes in internal controls.

There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls, nor were there any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the Company's internal controls subsequent to the date of the evaluation. As a result, no corrective actions were required or undertaken.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

**Item**

1. Legal Proceedings:  
 In June 1997, Sears Roebuck and Co. ( Sears ) filed a multi-count complaint against Elastomerics and two other defendants alleging an unspecified amount of damages in connection with the alleged premature deterioration of the Company s Hypalon roofing membrane installed during the 1980 s on approximately 140 Sears stores. In July, 2002, the Company s insurance carrier, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company ( Liberty ), informed the Company that it no longer believed it had an obligation to contribute to settlement or defense of this matter. The Company subsequently filed a lawsuit for declaratory, injunctive, and monetary relief against Liberty Mutual. In January, 2003, the court found that Liberty does have a duty to defend the Company based on the counts remaining in the case. Further, in January, 2003, the court granted JPS summary judgment motion on Sears breach of contract claim. These orders are not final and may be subject to reconsideration or appeal. To the extent these rulings remain in effect, the number of roofs involved in the case will be substantially reduced, and the Company believes that an unfavorable resolution of the remaining actions would not have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations or financial condition of the Company.
2. Changes in Securities None  
 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities None  
 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders None  
 5. Other Information None  
 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K:
- (a) Exhibits:
- (11) Statement re: Computation of Per Share Earnings not required since such computation can be clearly determined from the material contained herein.
- (99.1) Certification by CEO pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (99.2) Certification by CFO pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- (b) Current Reports on Form 8-K:  
 None.

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.

JPS INDUSTRIES, INC.

Date: March 13, 2003

/s/ Charles R. Tutterow

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Charles R. Tutterow Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Secretary

**CERTIFICATIONS**

I, Michael L. Fulbright, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of JPS Industries, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures 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 quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: March 13, 2003

/s/ Michael L. Fulbright

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Title: Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATIONS**

I, Charles R. Tutterow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of JPS Industries, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly 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 quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures 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 quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
  - a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: March 13, 2003

/s/ Charles R. Tutterow

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Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary