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(Mark One)

X Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the period ended March 31, 2001

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Commission File Number: 0-27078

HENRY SCHEIN, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 11-3136595 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

135 Duryea Road Melville, New York (Address of principal executive offices) 11747 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (631) 843-5500

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

Yes _X_ No

As of May 8, 2001 there were 42,363,098 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock outstanding.

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HENRY SCHEIN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands, except share data)

	March 31, 2001	December 30, 2000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
ASSETS		
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, less reserves of \$28,107 and \$27,556, respectively Inventories Deferred income taxes Prepaid expenses and other	\$ 38,112 358,951 273,697 20,221 52,892	\$ 58,362 371,668 276,473 21,001 60,900
Total current assets	743,873	788,404
of \$78,612 and \$73,134, respectively	96,347	94,663
of \$46,533 and \$44,419, respectively	286,420 54,535	292,018 55,983
	\$ 1,181,175 =======	\$ 1,231,068 =======
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities: Accounts payable	\$ 176,744 7,831	\$ 216,535 4,390
Salaries and related expenses	31,780 11,391 78,925 4,930	39,830 13,735 84,288 6,079
Total current liabilities Long-term debt Other liabilities	311,601 253,870 11,405	364,857 266,224 12,931
Total liabilities	576,876	644,012
Minority interest	7,339	7,996
Stockholders' equity: Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 120,000,000, issued: 42,335,576 and 41,946,284, respectively Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Treasury stock, at cost, 62,479 shares Accumulated comprehensive loss Deferred compensation	423 382,299 239,161 (1,156) (23,332) (435)	419 373,413 225,029 (1,156) (18,179) (466)
Total stockholders' equity	596,960 	579,060
	\$ 1,181,175 =======	\$ 1,231,068 =======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

	March 31, 2001	March 25, 2000
		(reclassified)
Net sales	\$ 593,895 434,538	\$ 554,139 405,023
Gross profit	159,357	149,116
Selling, general and administrative	131,774	125,639
Operating income	27,583	23,477
Interest income Interest expense Other - net	1,241 (5,368) (354)	1,096 (5,852) (151)
Income before taxes on income, minority interest and equity in earnings of affiliates	23,102 8,548 531 109	18,570 6,778 488 94
Net income	\$ 14,132 =======	\$ 11,398 =======
Net income per common share: Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.28
Diluted	\$ 0.33 ======	======= \$ 0.28 =======
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic	41,975 =======	40,715 =======
Diluted	43,146	41,084 =======

Three Months Ended

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

HENRY SCHEIN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2001	
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income	\$ 14,132	\$ 11,398
Depreciation and amortization	9,466 550 (665) (109) 531 48	7,926 671 (484) (94) 488 93
Changes in operating assets and liabilities (net of purchase acquisitions): Decrease in accounts receivable	8,742 (331) 7,190 (51,645)	27,057 (9,287) (3,403) (25,510)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(12,091)	8,855
Cash flows from investing activities: Capital expenditures Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired Other	(6,157) - (1,022)	(6,041) (470) (457)
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,179)	(6,968)
Cash flows from financing activities: Principal payments on long-term debt Proceeds from issuance of stock upon exercise of stock	(1,888)	(2,317)
options by employees Proceeds from borrowing from banks Payments on borrowings from banks Other	6,842 4,798 (11,663) (333)	435 3,730 (13,467) 58
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,244)	(11,561)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(21,514) 1,264	(9,674) 1,060
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	58,362	26,019
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 38,112	\$ 17,405 ======

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Henry Schein, Inc. and its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company").

In the opinion of the Company's management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the information set forth therein. These consolidated financial statements are condensed and therefore do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. The consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2000. The Company follows the same accounting policies in preparation of interim financial statements. The results of operations and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2001 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the fiscal year ending December 29, 2001 or any other period. Certain amounts from prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

Note 2. Accounting Policy - Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivatives to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in foreign currencies and interest rates. Derivative products, such as foreign currency forward contracts, are used to hedge the foreign currency market exposures underlying certain intercompany debt and forecasted transactions with customers and vendors. The Company also enters into interest rate swap and cap agreements to modify the interest characteristics of its outstanding floating rate long-term debt. The Company's accounting policies for these instruments are based on its designation of such instruments as hedging transactions. The Company does not enter into such contracts for speculative purposes. The Company records all derivative instruments on the balance sheet at fair value.

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a fair value hedge (i.e., hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset or a liability or an identified portion thereof that is attributable to a particular risk), the gain or loss on the derivative instrument as well as the offsetting gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk are recognized in earnings in the current period. For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge (i.e., hedging the exposure of variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk), the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument is reported as a component of Accumulated Comprehensive Loss (a component of stockholders' equity) and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The remaining gain or loss on the derivative instrument, if any (i.e. the ineffective portion and any portion of the derivative instrument excluded from the assessment of effectiveness) is recognized in earnings in the current period. For derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments, changes in their fair values are recognized in earnings in the current period

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Note 3. Business Acquisitions

In connection with the prior years' acquisitions, the Company incurred certain merger and integration costs. The following table shows amounts paid against the merger and integration accrual during the three months ended March 31, 2001:

	Balance at December 30, 2000	Payments	Balance at March 31, 2001
Severance and other direct costs Direct transaction and other	\$ 747	\$ (184)	\$ 563
integration costs	4,140	(560)	3,580
	\$ 4,887	\$ (744)	\$ 4,143
	======	======	======

For the three months ended March 31, 2001, 11 employees received severance and 4 were owed severance at March 31, 2001.

Note 4. Plan of Restructuring

On August 1, 2000, the Company announced a comprehensive restructuring plan designed to improve customer service and increase profitability by maximizing the efficiency of the Company's infrastructure. In addition to closing or downsizing certain facilities, this world-wide initiative included the elimination of approximately 300 positions, including open positions, or about 5% of the total workforce, throughout all levels within the organization. The restructuring plan was substantially completed at December 30, 2000.

Note 4. Plan of Restructuring--(Continued)

The following table shows amounts paid against the restructuring accrual during the three months ended March 31, 2001:

	Balance at December 30, 2000	Payments	Adjustments to Reflect Actual Cost	Balance at March 31, 2001
Severance costs Facility closing costs	\$ 4,007 3,684	\$ (1,376) (163)	\$ 305 289	\$ 2,936 3,810
Other professional and consulting costs	1,157	(61)	(594)	502
	\$ 8,848	\$ (1,600)	\$ -	\$ 7,248
	======	=======	====	======

For the three months ended March 31, 2001, 104 employees received severance and 74 were owed severance at March 31, 2001.

Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments

On December 31, 2000, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133 ("FAS 133") "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities", as amended, and interpreted, which requires that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet at their fair value. The impact of adopting FAS 133 on the Company's Statement of Operations and Balance Sheet was not material.

The Company purchases short-term foreign currency forward contracts to protect against currency exchange risks associated primarily with the ultimate repayment of certain intercompany loans. All gains and losses relating to the Company's foreign currency forward contracts were not material for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and are included in the Statement of Operations under Other-net.

In addition, to manage its exposure to changes in interest rates, the Company has entered into interest rate swaps agreements and an interest rate cap to hedge a portion of its total long-term debt that is subject to variable interest rates. These contracts are considered to be a hedge against changes in the amount of future cash flows associated with the interest payments on variable rate debt obligations.

Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments--(Continued)

All gains and losses recognized in earnings during the period relating to the interest rate swaps and cap were not material for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and are included in the Statement of Operations under Interest expense. Any values reported in Comprehensive Income will be reclassified to earnings over the term of the agreements, through 2005. The Company does not expect material amounts to be reclassified to earnings during 2001.

Note 6. Comprehensive Income

Net comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and March 30, 2000 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2001	March 25, 2000
Net income	\$ 14,132 (219) (4,934)	\$ 11,398 - (3,414)
Net comprehensive income	\$ 8,979 ======	\$ 7,984 ======

Note 7. Segment Data

The Company has two reportable segments, healthcare distribution and technology. The healthcare distribution segment which is comprised of the Company's dental, medical, veterinary and international business groups, distributes healthcare products (primarily consumable) and services to office-based healthcare practitioners and professionals in the combined North American, European and the Pacific Rim markets. Products, which are similar for each business group, are maintained and distributed from strategically located distribution centers in North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim. The technology segment consists primarily of the Company's practice management software business and certain other value-added products and services which are distributed primarily to healthcare professionals in the North American market.

The Company's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services, albeit to the same customer base. Most of the technology business was acquired as a unit, and the management at the time of acquisition was retained. The following tables present information about the Company's business segments:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2001	March 25, 2000
Net Sales: Healthcare distribution (1):		
Dental	\$ 265,495	\$ 254,307
Medical	195,908	169,701
Veterinary	12,766	13,361
International (2)	102,744	100,035
Total healthcare distribution	576,913	537,404
Technology (3)	16,982	16,735
	\$ 593,895	\$ 554,139
	=======	=======

- (1) Consists of consumable products, small equipment, laboratory products, large dental equipment, branded and generic pharmaceuticals, surgical products, diagnostic tests, infection control and vitamins.
- (2) Consists of products sold in Dental, Medical and Veterinary groups in European and Pacific Rim markets.
- (3) Consists of practice management software and other value-added products and services.

HENRY SCHEIN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (In thousands, except employee and per share data) (unaudited)

Note 7. Segment Data -- (Continued)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2001	March 25, 2000
Operating Income: Healthcare distribution Technology	\$ 21,055 6,528	\$ 17,343 6,134
Total	\$ 27,583 ========	\$ 23,477 ========
	March 31, 2001	March 25, 2000
Total Assets: Healthcare distribution	\$ 1,142,389	\$ 1,143,207
Technology	93,913	72,411
Total assets for reportable segments	1,236,302 (49,928) (5,199)	1,215,618 (40,544) (2,735)
Consolidated total assets	\$ 1,181,175 ========	\$ 1,172,339 ========

Note 8. Earnings per Share

A reconciliation of shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per share follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2001	March 25, 2000
Basic Effect of assumed conversion of employee stock options	41,975 1,171	40,715 369
Diluted	43,146	41,084

Options to purchase approximately 1,559 and 3,954 shares of common stock at prices ranging from \$33.00 to \$46.00 and \$15.14 to \$46.00 per share that were outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2001 and March 25, 2000, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for each of the respective periods because the options' exercise prices exceeded the fair market value of the Company's common stock.

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

Three Months Ended March 31, 2001 compared to Three Months Ended March 25, 2000

Net sales increased \$39.8 million, or 7.2%, to \$593.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$554.1 million for the three months ended March 25, 2000. Of the \$39.8 million increase, approximately \$39.5 million, or 99.2%, represented a 7.4% increase in the Company's healthcare distribution business. As part of this increase approximately \$26.2 million represented a 15.4% increase in the Company's medical business, \$11.2 million represented a 4.4% increase in its dental business, \$2.7 million represented a 2.7% increase in its international business, and \$(0.6) million represented a 4.5% decrease in its veterinary business. The increase in medical net sales was primarily attributable to increased sales to core physicians office and alternate care markets. In the dental market, the increase in net sales was primarily due to increased account penetration. In the international market, the increase in net sales was primarily due to increased account penetration in Spain, France, Germany and the United Kingdom, offset by unfavorable foreign exchange rates to the U.S. dollar. In the veterinary market, the decrease in net sales was primarily due to a loss of a product line. The remaining increase in first quarter 2001 net sales was due to the technology business, which increased \$0.3 million, or 1.8%, to \$17.0 million for the three months ended March 35, 2000. The increase in technology and value-added product net sales was primarily due to increased practice management software products and related services.

Gross profit increased by \$10.3 million, or 6.9%, to \$159.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$149.1 million for the three months ended March 25, 2000. Gross profit margin decreased 0.1% to 26.8% from 26.9% for the same period last year. Healthcare distribution gross profit increased \$9.2 million, or 6.7%, to \$147.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$137.8 million for the three months ended March 25, 2000. Healthcare distribution gross profit margin decreased by 0.1% to 25.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from 25.6% for the three months ended March 25, 2000, primarily due to changes in sales mix. Technology and value added services gross profit increased by \$1.1 million or 9.7% to \$12.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$11.3 million for the three months ended March 25, 2000. Technology and value added services gross profit margins increased by 5.2% to 72.9% for three months ended March 31, 2001 from 67.7% for the three months ended March 25, 2000, also primarily due to changes in sales mix.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$6.2 million, or 4.9%, to \$131.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$125.6 million for the three months ended March 30, 2000. Selling and shipping expenses increased by \$1.5 million, or 2.0%, to \$77.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$76.1 million for the three months ended March 30, 2000. As a percentage of net sales, selling and shipping expenses decreased 0.6% to 13.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from 13.7% for the three months ended March 30, 2000. The decrease was primarily due to reductions in payroll expenses associated with the Company's restructuring program. General and administrative expenses increased \$4.7 million, or 9.5%, to \$54.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from \$49.5 million for the three months ended March 30, 2000. As a percentage of net sales, general and administrative expenses increased 0.2% to 9.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2001 from 8.9% for the three months ended March 30, 2000. The increase was primarily due to higher depreciation expense associated with increased capital expenditures.

Other income (expense) - net decreased by 0.4 million, to 4(4.5) million for the three months ended March 31, 2001, compared to 4(4.9) million for the three months ended March 25, 2000, due primarily to less interest expense on lower long-term debt and bank credit line balances.

Equity in earnings of affiliates remained unchanged at \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2001 and for the three months ended March 25, 2000.

For the three months ended March 31, 2001 the Company's effective tax rate was 37.0%. The difference between the Company's effective tax rate and the Federal statutory rate relates primarily to state income taxes. For the three months ended March 25, 2000, the Company's effective tax rate was 36.5%. The difference between the Company's effective tax rate and the Federal statutory rate relates primarily to state income taxes.

Euro Conversion

Effective January 1, 1999, 11 of the 15 member countries of the European Union have adopted the Euro as their common legal currency. On that date, the participating countries established fixed Euro conversion rates between their existing sovereign currencies and the Euro. The Euro now trades on currency exchanges and is available for non-cash transactions. The participating countries now issue sovereign debt exclusively in Euro, and have re-denominated outstanding sovereign debt. The authority to direct monetary policy for the participating countries, including money supply and official interest rates for the Euro, is now exercised by the new European Central Bank.

Beginning on January 1, 2002, Euro banknotes and coins will be put into circulation. There will be a changeover period of two months where there will be dual circulation - where both Euro and national currencies will be used together. Following the changeover period, the national currencies will be completely replaced by the Euro.

The Company is currently addressing the impact of the Euro on its information systems as well as product and customer concerns. The Company expects to achieve timely Euro information system and product readiness, so as to conduct transactions in the Euro, in accordance with implementation schedules as they are established by the European Commission. The Company does not anticipate that the costs of the overall effort will have a material adverse impact on future results.

E-Commerce

Traditional healthcare supply and distribution relationships are being challenged by electronic on-line commerce solutions. The Company's distribution business is characterized by rapid technological developments and intense competition. The rapid evolution of on-line commerce will require continuous improvement in performance, features and reliability of Internet content and technology by the Company, particularly in response to competitive offerings. Through the Company's proprietary technologically based suite of products, customers are offered a variety of competitive alternatives. The Company's tradition of reliable service, proven name recognition, and large customer base built on solid customer relationships makes it well situated to participate fully in this rapidly growing aspect of the distribution business. The Company is exploring ways and means of improving and expanding its Internet presence and will continue to do so. In January 2001, the Company announced the unveiling of a new website (http://www.henryschein.com), which includes an array of value-added features. As part of this effort, the Company also launched http://www.sullivanschein.com for its office-based dental practitioner customers.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's principal capital requirements have been to fund (a) repayments on bank borrowings, (b) capital expenditures and (c) working capital needs resulting from increased sales, and special inventory forward buy-in opportunities. Since sales tend to be strongest during the fourth quarter and special inventory forward buy-in opportunities are most prevalent just before the end of the year, the Company's working capital requirements have been generally higher from the end of the third quarter to the end of the first quarter of the following year. The Company has financed its business primarily through operations, its revolving credit facilities, private placement loans and stock issuances.

Net cash used in operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2001 of \$12.1 million resulted primarily from a net increase of cash used in operating items of working capital of approximately \$36.0 million offset by net income of \$14.1 million, adjusted for non-cash charges of approximately \$9.8 million. The increase in working capital needs was primarily due to a decrease in accounts payable and other accrued expenses of \$51.6 million, mostly due to payments made to vendors for year-end inventory buy-ins, and a \$0.3 million increase in inventory, offset by a \$8.7 million decrease in accounts receivable and a \$7.2 million decrease in other current assets. The Company anticipates future increases in working capital requirements as a result of its continued sales growth, extended payment terms and special inventory forward buy-in opportunities.

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2001 of \$7.2 million resulted primarily from cash used for capital expenditures of \$6.2 million. The Company expects that it will invest more than \$45.0 million during the year ending December 29, 2001, in capital projects to modernize and expand its facilities and infrastructure systems and integrate operations.

Net cash used in financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2001 of \$2.2 million resulted primarily from debt repayments of \$8.8 million offset primarily by proceeds from the issuance of stock upon exercise of stock options of \$6.8 million.

Certain holders of minority interests in acquired entities or ventures have the right at certain times to require the Company to acquire their interest at either fair market value or a formula price based on earnings of the entity.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2001 of \$38.1 million consist of bank balances and investments in commercial paper rated AAA by Moody's (or an equivalent rating). These investments have staggered maturity dates, none of which exceed three months, and have a high degree of liquidity since the securities are actively traded in public markets.

The Company has a \$150.0 million revolving credit facility, which has a termination date of August 15, 2002, none of which had been borrowed at March 31, 2001. The Company also has two uncommitted bank lines totaling \$30.0 million, none of which had been borrowed at March 31, 2001. Certain of the Company's subsidiaries have revolving credit facilities that total approximately \$51.6 million at March 31, 2001, under which \$7.8 million has been borrowed.

On June 30, 1999 and September 25, 1998, the Company completed private placement transactions under which it issued \$130.0 million and \$100.0 million, respectively, in Senior Notes, the proceeds of which were used respectively, for the permanent financing of its acquisitions of General Injectables and Vaccines and the Heiland Group, as well as repaying and retiring a portion of four uncommitted bank lines and to pay down amounts owed under its revolving credit facility. The \$130.0 million notes come due on June 30, 2009 and bear interest at a rate of 6.94% per annum. Principal payments totaling \$20.0 million are due annually starting September 25, 2006 on the \$100.0 million notes and bear interest at a rate of 6.66% per annum. Interest on both notes are payable semi-annually.

The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents of \$38.1 million as of March 31, 2001, its ability to access public and private debt and equity markets, and the availability of funds under its existing credit agreements will provide it with sufficient liquidity to meet its currently foreseeable short-term and long-term capital needs.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There were no material changes to the disclosures made in our annual report on form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2000, on this matter.

Disclosure Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for forward-looking statements. Certain information in this Form 10-Q contains information that is forward-looking, such as the Company's opportunities to increase sales through, among other things, acquisitions; its exposure to fluctuations in foreign currencies; its anticipated liquidity and capital requirements; competitive product and pricing pressures and the ability to gain or maintain share of sales in global markets as a result of actions by competitors; and the results of legal proceedings. The matters referred to in forward-looking statements could be affected by the risks and uncertainties involved in the Company's business. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the effect of economic and market conditions, the impact of the consolidation of health care practitioners, the impact of health care reform, opportunities for acquisitions and the Company's ability to effectively integrate acquired companies, the acceptance and quality of software products, acceptance and ability to manage operations in foreign markets, the ability to maintain favorable supplier arrangements and relationships, possible disruptions in the Company's computer systems or telephone systems, possible increases in shipping rates or interruptions in shipping service, the level and volatility of interest rates and currency values, economic and political conditions in international markets, including civil unrest, government changes and restrictions on the ability to transfer capital across borders, the impact of current or pending legislation, regulation and changes in accounting standards and taxation requirements, environmental laws in domestic and foreign jurisdictions, as well as certain other risks described in this Form 10-Q. Subsequent written and oral forward looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements in this paragraph and elsewhere described in this Form 10-0.

The manufacture or distribution of certain products by the Company involves a risk of product liability claims, and from time to time the Company is named as a defendant in products liability cases as a result of its distribution of pharmaceutical and other healthcare products. As of the end of the Company's first fiscal quarter of 2001, the Company was named a defendant in approximately 68 such cases. Of these product liability claims, 52 involve claims made by healthcare workers who claim allergic reaction relating to exposure to latex gloves. In each of these cases, the Company acted as a distributor of both brand name and "Henry Schein" private brand latex gloves, which were manufactured by third parties. To date, discovery in these cases has generally been limited to product identification issues. The manufacturers in these cases have withheld indemnification of the Company pending product identification; however, the Company is taking steps to implead those manufacturers into each case in which the Company is a defendant. The Company is also a named defendant in eight lawsuits involving the sale of phentermine and fenfluramin. Plaintiffs in the cases allege injuries from the combined use of the drugs known as "Phen/fen." The Company expects to obtain indemnification from the manufacturers of these products, although this is dependent upon, among other things, the financial viability of the manufacturer and their insurers.

In addition, the Company is subject to other claims, suits and complaints arising in the course of the Company business. In Texas District Court, Travis County, the Company and one of its subsidiaries are defendants in a matter entitled Shelly E. Stromboe & Jeanne N. Taylor, on Behalf of Themselves and All Other Similarly Situated vs. Henry Schein, Inc., Easy Dental Systems, Inc. and Dentisoft, Inc., Case No. 98-00886. This complaint alleges among other things, negligence, breach of contract, fraud and violations of certain Texas commercial statutes involving the sale of certain practice management software products sold prior to 1998 under the Easy Dental(R) name. In October 1999, the Court, on motion, certified both a Windows(R) Sub-Class and a DOS Sub-Class to proceed as a class action pursuant to Tex. R.Civ. P.42. It is estimated that 5,000 Windows(R) customers and 15,000 DOS customers could be covered by the judge's ruling. In November of 1999, the Company filed an interlocutory appeal of the District Court's determination to the Texas Court of Appeals on the issue of whether this case was properly certified as a class action. On September 14, 2000, the Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court's certification order. On January 5, 2001, the Company filed a Petition for Review in the Texas Supreme Court asking this court to find "conflicts jurisdiction" to permit review of the District Court's certification order, which appeal is now pending. On April 5, 2001 the Texas Supreme Court requested that the parties file briefs on the merits. During the appeal of the class certification, a trial on the merits is stayed. The Company intends to vigorously defend itself against this claim, as well as all other claims, suits and complaints.

The Company has various insurance policies, including product liability insurance, covering risks and in amounts it considers adequate. In many cases the Company is provided by indemnification by the manufacturer of the product. There can be no assurance that the coverage maintained by the Company is sufficient or will be available in adequate amounts or at a reasonable cost, or that indemnification agreements will provide adequate protection for the Company. In the opinion of the Company, all pending matters are covered by insurance or will not otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits.

None.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K.

None.

SIGNATURE

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.

HENRY SCHEIN, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Steven Paladino

STEVEN PALADINO
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Director
(principal financial officer and
accounting officer)

Dated: May 11, 2001