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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 3, 2005

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-21121 06-1456680

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission file number)

(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

7 Laser Lane, Wallingford, CT

(Address of principal executive offices)

06492

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(203) 269-1198

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- [] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 "Results of Operations and Financial Condition" of Form 8-K. Such information, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On March 3, 2005, TransAct Technologies Incorporated issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2004. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 3, 2005 of TransAct Technologies Incorporated

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 hereunto duly authorized.

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Steven A. DeMartino
----Steven A. DeMartino
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Treasurer and Secretary

Date: March 3, 2005

EXHIBIT LIST

The following exhibit is filed herewith.

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 3, 2005 issued by TransAct Technologies Incorporated.

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2004 RESULTS

- Full year 2004 revenue increased to \$59.8 million, 15%
 year-over-year growth; Fourth quarter 2004 revenue was \$14.6 million
- Gross margin improved to 36.8% in 2004 from 29.8% in 2003 - Operating margin increased to 14.1% in 2004 from 5.2% in 2003
- EPS increased 325% in 2004 over the prior year to \$0.51 per diluted share

Wallingford, CT, March 3, 2005 - TransAct Technologies Incorporated (Nasdaq: TACT), a leading producer of transaction-based printers for customers worldwide, today announced financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2004.

Bart C. Shuldman, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of TransAct Technologies, said, "2004 was a year of execution and growth across all areas of TransAct's business. We achieved revenue and earnings growth as a result of our powerful brand, innovative products and the Company's focus on the opportunities in each of our key markets."

Revenue for the full year 2004 increased 15% to \$59.8 million, compared to \$52.1 million in the same period a year ago. The Company achieved net income in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), for the full year 2004 of \$5.5 million compared to GAAP net income of \$1.5 million in 2003. Earnings per share for the full year on a GAAP basis were \$0.51 per diluted share compared to \$0.12 per diluted share a year ago. The per share data in both periods reflect the three-for-two stock split of the Company's common stock distributed in April 2004. The per share amounts for both the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003 have been revised from previously reported per share amounts as a result of the application of new accounting guidance requiring the allocation of net income to both common and participating preferred stock for the purposes of computing earnings per common share.

Gaming and Lottery market revenues and POS and Banking market revenues increased 11% and 21%, respectively, in 2004 compared to 2003. In addition, the Company benefited from growth in the TransAct Services Group, which achieved year-over-year revenue growth of 18%. TransAct's expanding installed base of printers and focus on this growing source of recurring revenue contributed to the increase in aftermarket sales.

During the fourth quarter of 2004, the Company announced the signing of an agreement with IGT for the integration of TransAct's Epic 950(TM) casino printer to become a standard option on all IGT slot machine platforms. As part of this agreement, in the fourth quarter of 2004, TransAct incurred expenses of approximately \$350,000 of the expected \$500,000 of integration costs and expects to incur the remaining \$150,000 in the first quarter 2005. The Company also recorded a charge in the fourth quarter of 2004 of approximately \$70,000 for severance costs related to the move of its marketing and services departments from its Ithaca, NY facility to its headquarters in Wallingford, CT. And finally, TransAct decreased its restructuring accrual by \$225,000 in the fourth quarter of 2004 based on a revised estimate of its remaining lease costs for its Wallingford, CT facility.

During the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company increased its restructuring accrual by \$1,128,000 to provide for the remaining lease costs associated with its manufacturing facility in Wallingford, CT. In addition, the Company recorded a charge to cost of sales of \$740,000 in the fourth quarter of 2003, in connection with a royalty for the usage of certain Seiko Epson patents. Excluding the above items for 2004 and 2003, the Company's pro-forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$5.6 million or \$0.52 per diluted share, compared to pro-forma net income for the year ended December 31, 2003 of \$2.7 million or \$0.24 per diluted share.

Revenue for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2004 was \$14.6 million, compared to \$14.7 million in the same period a year ago. Revenues in POS and Banking and in the Transact Services Group were in line with expectations for the fourth quarter of 2004. However, Gaming and Lottery sales were short of expectations, as the growth in international gaming printer sales was not enough to overcome a downturn in domestic casino sales in the month of December.

GAAP net income in the fourth quarter of 2004 increased to \$1.0 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, compared to a loss of \$201,000, or \$(0.03) per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2003. Included in the GAAP results for the fourth quarter of 2004 are expenses for IGT integration costs and the reorganization of the marketing and services functions totaling \$420,000, and a decrease to the restructuring accrual of \$225,000. The GAAP results for the fourth quarter of 2003 include the restructuring and patent-related charges totaling \$1.9 million, as described above. Excluding these items for 2004 and 2003, pro-forma net income in the fourth quarter of 2004 was \$1.2 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, compared to pro-forma net income in the fourth quarter of 2003 of \$1.0 million, or \$0.09 per diluted share. For further information regarding the presentation of pro-forma non-GAAP financial measures, please refer to the "Financial Presentation" paragraph below.

Steven A. DeMartino, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TransAct Technologies, commented, "We achieved record profitability this year as a result of our top line growth and significant focus on cost controls and operating leverage. Diluted earnings per share increased 325% to \$0.51 on year-over-year revenue growth of 15%. Operating margin improved to 14.1% for the full year 2004 from 5.2% for the full year 2003. Cash flow in 2004 was strong, enabling us to end the year with over \$8.6 million in cash and cash equivalents and no debt."

LOOKING FORWARD

Mr. Shuldman said, "Over the last several years we have run our Company as a very lean organization, especially in our sales and service organizations, as we focused our efforts on totally revamping our product lines. Now, with our much improved balance sheet and over \$8 million of cash and no debt, we believe TransAct is in the best financial condition in the Company's history. We have many new products, many new relationships with important and strategic customers, and a new and highly profitable TransAct Services Group. We believe this is an ideal time for us to increase our investment back into our business to ramp up our revenues and earnings."

"Therefore, to increase our market penetration we plan to strategically invest \$2.5 million in the business during 2005. We expect that this investment will accelerate our revenue growth and with our operating leverage, should lead to a doubling of revenue and a tripling of diluted earnings per share from 2004 to 2008. This investment will be made during the first half of 2005, with most coming during the first quarter, and will be made across three areas. The first is a \$1.2 million investment in sales and marketing related to the hiring of additional sales staff. Each business unit is adding sales people to address the many opportunities we see in front of them. The second is a \$400,000 investment in engineering expenses for the development of new products, four of which we expect to

launch in 2005. Lastly, we anticipate spending \$900,000 in operations expenses related to the opening and staffing of our new service center in Las Vegas and the hiring of additional services personnel in our Wallingford service center, as we broaden our reach and aggressively pursue the high margin opportunities of the TransAct Services business."

Mr. Shuldman continued, "With the successful launch of our Epic 950(TM) thermal printer, and the accelerating growth in the new international markets, we believe we have the necessary momentum for growth in the worldwide gaming market. Given the additions we are making in our sales force, IGT's ongoing approval of our Epic 950(TM) and the demand we are beginning to see from both Europe and Australia, we expect revenues in our Gaming and Lottery business unit to grow in the second half of 2005."

"We also expect to see growth in the second half of 2005 in our POS and Banking unit as we launch two new products this year and expect to close at least one new significant banking deal. With our new organization structure, industry leading inkjet and thermal technology and now our added sales people, we feel good about the growth prospects of our POS and Banking unit later this year."

"And finally, TransAct Services Group, our highly profitable after-market business unit, should continue to grow as the base of installed printers grows. We have added sales people to focus on growing our service contract business as well as our consumables and spare parts business, including inkjet cartridges, paper and ribbons. And we have added a new service center located in Las Vegas to address the many opportunities in the casino market and to also give us a local presence for repair services for our POS and Banking business."

Mr. Shuldman concluded, "Overall, we expect revenues for 2005 will be in the range of \$70 million to \$74 million, with net income in the range of \$0.58 to \$0.65 per diluted share, after taking into the account the \$2.5 million investment we plan to make. In the first quarter of 2005, we anticipate revenues will be about \$13 million and expect net income for the first quarter of 2005 will be in the range of \$0.02 to \$0.04 per diluted share. We expect the decline in domestic gaming sales that we experienced in December 2004 to continue through the first half of 2005. However, we anticipate revenues in all our markets to start growing in the second half of 2005 as our organizational changes and sales initiatives take effect."

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

The Company has provided pro-forma non-GAAP financial measures because the Company believes that these amounts are helpful to investors and others to more accurately assess the ongoing nature of TransAct's core operations. The pro-forma non-GAAP measures exclude the effects in fiscal 2004 of the charges associated with the IGT integration project and the reorganization of the Company's marketing and services functions, and the decrease in the restructuring accrual. The pro-forma non-GAAP measures exclude the effects in 2003 of the restructuring and patent-related charges. These items have been excluded from pro-forma non-GAAP financial measures, as management does not believe that they are representative of underlying trends in the Company's performance. Their exclusion provides investors and others with additional information to more readily assess the Company's operating results. The Company uses the non-GAAP financial measures internally to focus management on the results of the Company's core business. The presentation of this additional non-GAAP information is not considered superior to or a substitute for the financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

INVESTOR CONFERENCE CALL / WEBCAST DETAILS

TransAct will review detailed fourth quarter and full year 2004 results and forward looking guidance during a conference call and online slide presentation for investors and analysts on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 5:00PM ET. The conference call-in number is 913-981-5520. The online slide presentation can be accessed from the Company's website at http://www.shareholder.com/transact-tech/medialist.cfm . A replay of the call will be available from 8:00PM ET on Thursday, March 3 through midnight ET on Thursday, March 10 by telephone at 719-457-0820. The password for the replay is 4847552. Investors can also access the conference call via a live webcast on the Company's website at www.transact-tech.com. A replay of the call will be archived on that website for one week.

ABOUT TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

TransAct (Nasdaq: TACT) designs, develops, manufactures and markets transaction-based printers under the ithaca(R) name. In addition, the Company markets related consumables, spare parts and service. The Company's printers are used worldwide to provide receipts, tickets, coupons, register journals and other documents. TransAct focuses on two core markets: point-of-sale (POS) and banking, and gaming and lottery. TransAct sells its products to original equipment manufacturers, value-added resellers and selected distributors, as well as directly to end-users. The Company's product distribution spans across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean Islands and the South Pacific. For further information, visit TransAct's web site located at www.transact-tech.com.

FOR TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES:

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

The Company's forward-looking statements in this press release are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, customer acceptance and market share gains, both domestically and internationally, in the face of substantial competition from competitors that have broader lines of products and greater financial resources; introduction of new products into the marketplace by competitors; successful product development; dependence on significant customers; dependence on significant vendors; the ability to recruit and retain quality employees as the Company grows; dependence on third parties for sales outside the United States, including Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Latin America; economic and political conditions in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Latin America; marketplace acceptance of new products; risks associated with foreign operations; availability of third-party components at reasonable prices; and the absence of price wars or other significant pricing pressures affecting the Company's products in the United States or abroad. Actual results may differ materially from those discussed in, or implied by, the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release and the Company assumes no duty to update them to reflect new, changing or unanticipated events or circumstances.

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Three months ended December 31, 2004			Three months ended December 31, 2003		
	GAAP Basis	Adjust- ments	Pro Forma Basis	GAAP Basis	Adjust- ments	Pro Forma Basis
Net sales Cost of sales	\$ 14,596 9,486	\$ - -	\$ 14,596 9,486	\$ 14,660 10,589	\$ - (740)e	\$ 14,660 9,849
Gross profit	5,110	-	5,110	4,071	(740)	4,811
Operating expenses: Engineering, design and product development costs Selling and marketing expenses General and administrative expenses Business consolidation and restructuring expenses	910 1,277 1,567 (225)	(350)a (70)b - 225 c	560 1,207 1,567	619 1,466 1,167 1,128	- - - (1,128)f	619 1,466 1,167
	3,529	(195)	3,334	4,380	(1,128)	3,252
Operating income (loss)	1,581	195	1,776	(309)	1,868	1,559
Other income (expense): Interest, net Other, net	12 (21)	- -	12 (21)	(27) (64)		(27) (64)
	(9)		(9) 	(91)		(91)
Income (loss) before income taxes Income taxes	1,572 546	195 69 d	1,767 615	(400) (199)	1,868 658 d	1,468 459
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,026 ======	\$ 126 ======	\$ 1,152 =======	\$ (201) =====	\$ 1,210 ======	\$ 1,009 ======
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ 1,026		\$ 1,152	\$ (290)		\$ 856
Net income (loss) per share: Basic Diluted	\$ 0.10 \$ 0.10		\$ 0.12 \$ 0.11	\$ (0.03) \$ (0.03)		\$ 0.10 \$ 0.09
Shares used in per share calculation: Basic	9,921		9,921	8,871		8,871

10,486

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a Engineering costs associated with the integration of TransAct's Epic 950(TM) casino printer by IGT.

casino printer by IGT.
b Charge related to the move of the Company's marketing and services departments.

c Decrease in restructuring accrual due to a revised estimate of the remaining lease costs for the Company's Wallingford, CT facility.

d The tax effect on the adjustments was calculated using a tax rate of 35.2% for the 2004 and 2003 periods presented.e Charge to cost of sales in connection with a royalty for the usage of certain

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f Restructuring charge related to the lease costs associated with the Company's Wallingford, CT facility.

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)	Year ended December 31, 2004			Year ended December 31, 2003		
	GAAP Basis	Adjust- ments	Pro Forma Basis	GAAP Basis	Adjust- ments	Pro Forma Basis
Net sales Cost of sales	\$ 59,847 37,805	\$ - -	\$ 59,847 37,805	\$ 52,098 36,555	\$ - (740)e	\$ 52,098 35,815
Gross profit	22,042	-	22,042	15,543	(740)	16,283
Operating expenses: Engineering, design and product Development Selling and marketing General and administrative Business consolidation and restructuring	2,715 5,111 5,990 (225)	(350) a (70) b - 225 c (195)	2,365 5,041 5,990 - 13,396	2,276 4,968 4,483 1,128 	(1,128) f	2,276 4,968 4,483
Operating income	8,451	195	8,646	2,688	1,868	4,556
Other income (expense): Interest, net Write-off of deferred financing costs Other, net	4 (18) (14)	- - - -	(18) (14)	(210) (103) (122) (435)	-	(210) (103) (122) (435)
Income before income taxes Income taxes	8,437 2,979	195 69 d	8,632 3,048	2,253 725	1,868 658 d	4,121 1,383
Net income	\$ 5,458 ======	\$ 126 ======	\$ 5,584 ======	\$ 1,528 ======	\$ 1,210 ======	\$ 2,738 ======
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 5,236		\$ 5,360	\$ 1,087		\$ 2,210
Net income per share: Basic Diluted	\$ 0.55 \$ 0.51		\$ 0.56 \$ 0.52	\$ 0.13 \$ 0.12		\$ 0.25 \$ 0.24
Shares used in per share calculation: Basic Diluted	9,593 10,231		9,593 10,231	8,690 9,335		8,690 9,335

See footnote explanations on the previous page.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - SALES BY MARKET:

	Three months ended December 31,		Year ended December 31,	
2004	2003	2004	2003	
\$ 6,156 8 440	\$ 5,553 9 107	\$ 25,124 34 723	\$ 20,745 31,353	
\$ 14,596	\$ 14,660	\$ 59,847	\$ 52,098	
	2004 	\$ 6,156 \$ 5,553 8,440 9,107	December 31, Decem	

TRANSACT TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands)	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
ASSETS: Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables, net Inventories Refundable income taxes Deferred tax assets Other current assets	\$ 8,628 8,910 8,074 510 2,370 586	\$ 498 9,074 8,061 - 2,340 509
Total current assets	29,078	20,482
Fixed assets, net Goodwill, net Deferred tax assets Other assets Total assets	3,177 1,469 274 101 5,021 \$ 34,099	3,607 1,469 684 119 5,879 \$ 26,361
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LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: Current liabilities: Current portion of term loan Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Accrued restructuring expenses Accrued patent license fees Deferred revenue, current portion Total current liabilities Long-term portion of term loan Long-term portion of accrued restructuring Long-term portion of accrued patent license fees Accrued product warranty Deferred revenue Total liabilities	\$ - 3,804 3,395 420 417 717 8,753 1,034 1,631 10,384	\$ 90 3,288 2,892 480 408 1,537 8,695 330 1,645 750 169 523 3,417
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable convertible preferred stock		3,902
Shareholders' equity: Common stock Additional paid-in capital Retained earnings Unamortized restricted stock compensation Accumulated other comprehensive income Total shareholders' equity Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	70 17,431 7,112 (1,067) 169 23,715 \$ 34,099	60 8,441 1,769 (30) 107