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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

January 6, 2005

XYRATEX LTD

(Registrant's name)

**Langstone Road
Havant
PO9 1SA**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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.

XYRATEX LTD

(Registrant)

By /s/ RICHARD PEARCE

Name: Richard Pearce
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 6, 2005

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Xyratex Ltd Announces Results for the Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2004

Q4 Revenues \$116.7 million, up 17.4% Year over Year

Fiscal year 2004 Revenues \$459 million, up 37.5% Year over Year

Havant, UK January 6, 2005 Xyratex Ltd (Nasdaq: XRTX), a leading provider of enterprise class data storage subsystems and network technology, today announced results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended November 30th, 2004. Revenues for the quarter were \$116.7 million, an increase of 17.4% compared to revenues of \$99.4 million for the same period last year and a 1.6% increase compared to \$114.9 million in the prior quarter.

For the fourth fiscal quarter, GAAP net income was \$8.2 million, or \$0.29 per diluted share. Non-GAAP net income from continuing operations increased 48.7% to \$5.4 million, or a diluted earnings per share of \$0.19, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$3.7 million in the same quarter a year ago. A reconciliation between net income on a GAAP basis and net income on a non-GAAP basis is provided in a table immediately following the "Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows", below.

Non-GAAP gross profit margin before equity compensation in the fourth quarter was 20.8%, compared to 22.3% in the same period last year and 22.7% in the prior quarter.

Revenues for fiscal year 2004 were \$459.0 million, an increase of 37.5%, compared to revenues of \$333.8 million for fiscal year 2003.

As a result of the IPO in 2004, Xyratex recorded a non-cash equity compensation expense of \$181.1 million for fiscal year 2004. This resulted in a GAAP net loss of \$135.2 million, or a loss per share of \$7.43.

Non-GAAP net income from continuing operations for fiscal year 2004 increased 51.8% to \$30.8 million, or a diluted earnings per share of \$1.18, compared to non-GAAP net income from continuing operations of \$20.3 million for fiscal 2003.

"Xyratex posted a very solid performance during the quarter with revenues growing over 17% year over year. Our fiscal year performance was outstanding and reflects the strength of our customers in a growing market and the strong industry trends that our technology supports," said Steve Barber, CEO of Xyratex. "Our strategy has produced solid results in both of our core business areas and across multiple segments. Our focus is on expanding our market share and the number of customers we provide technology solutions to. We plan to continue investing in our business to take full advantage of current and emerging market opportunities."

Business Highlights

We demonstrated the first enterprise class storage enclosure based on Serial Attached SCSI expander technology. We believe that the introduction of SAS technology to Storage Systems is an important step towards providing truly enterprise class, low cost storage solutions for our customers. The combination of robust enterprise SCSI protocol on top of a low cost SATA physical transport looks very attractive to us. Reducing the number of protocol decodes within any storage system is important in reducing cost and power and simplifies the overall integration effort.

We signed a contract with Maxtor Corporation to supply automated production equipment for high volume disk drive testing. The system is based on Xyratex's highly successful "single cell" technology, which offers disk drive manufacturers the capability of testing their products more efficiently than with conventional systems, uniquely providing a separately configurable and controllable environment for each individual drive to be tested.

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We participated in a demonstration of the industry's first multi-vendor 4 Gb Fibre Channel SAN with our technology partners. We attached our 4Gb SBOD Storage Enclosure into a SAN which contained both 2Gb and 4Gb Fibre Channel devices. This is the third generation of our SBOD enclosure technology and we believe its robust system architecture will become increasingly more important as data rates continue to rise. Xyratex continues to support the evolution of the Fibre Channel roadmap and actively participates in these important early demonstrations. The 4Gb Fibre Channel technology will form the foundation of the next generation high performance storage enclosures in 2005.

Business Outlook

The following statements are based on current expectations. These statements are forward-looking, and actual results may differ materially. These statements do not include the potential impact of any future acquisitions or divestitures.

Revenue in the first fiscal quarter of 2005 is projected to be in the range \$120 to \$127 million.

Fully diluted earnings per share is anticipated to be between \$0.14 and \$0.19 on a GAAP basis in the first quarter. On a non-GAAP basis fully diluted earnings per share is anticipated to be between \$0.17 and \$0.22. Non-GAAP earnings per share excludes non-cash equity compensation, amortization of intangible assets, certain other acquisition related charges and related taxation expense.

Conference Call Information

The Xyratex quarterly results conference call will be broadcast live via the internet at <http://www.xyratex.com/investors> on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 5:30 a.m. Pacific Time/8:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The press release will be posted to the company web site www.xyratex.com.

A replay will be available through January 13, 2005 following the live call by dialing (866) 800-8652 in the United States and (617) 614-2705 outside the United States, replay code 44978138.

Safe Harbor Statement

The foregoing information contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to differ materially from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and other factors include those listed under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our Registration Statement on Form F-1 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (File No. 333-116083). In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "intends," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," "continue," or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements.

About Xyratex

Xyratex is a leading provider of enterprise class data storage subsystems and network technology. The company designs and manufactures enabling technology that provides OEM and disk drive manufacturer customers with data storage products to support high-performance storage and data communication networks. Xyratex has over 20 years of experience in research and development relating to disk drives, storage systems and high-speed communication protocols.

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Founded in 1994 in a management buy-out from IBM, and with its headquarters in the UK, Xyratex has an established global base with R&D and operational facilities in Europe, the United States and South East Asia.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	November 30, 2004	November 30, 2003	November 30, 2004	November 30, 2003
(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)				
Revenues	\$ 116,701	\$ 99,363	\$ 459,014	\$ 333,769
Cost of revenues non cash equity compensation	36	690	7,827	690
Cost of revenues other	92,451	77,242	356,558	260,020
Total cost of revenues	92,487	77,932	364,385	260,710
Gross profit	24,214	21,431	94,629	73,059
Operating expenses:				
Research and development development arrangement			(6,000)	
Research and development non cash equity compensation	83	2,428	23,959	2,428
Research and development other	10,597	10,529	37,429	29,797
Total research and development	10,680	12,957	55,388	32,225
Selling, general and administrative non cash equity compensation	478	54,143	136,363	54,143
Selling, general and administrative other	7,884	8,210	28,005	22,426
Total selling, general and administrative	8,362	62,353	164,368	76,569
Amortization of intangible assets	397		1,169	
In process research and development	852		852	
Other costs	(201)	11,625	2,388	11,625
Total operating expenses	20,090	86,935	224,165	120,419
Operating income (loss)	4,124	(65,504)	(129,536)	(47,360)
Interest income (expense), net	147	(15)	1,052	(209)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	4,271	(65,519)	(128,484)	(47,569)
Benefit for income taxes(a)	(3,937)	(13,047)	(6,239)	(11,754)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	8,208	(52,472)	(122,245)	(35,815)
Loss from discontinued operations (net of taxes of zero)		(19,940)	(12,924)	(20,194)
Loss from sale of discontinued operations (net of taxes of zero)				(185)
Net income (loss)	\$ 8,208	\$ (72,412)	\$ (135,169)	\$ (56,194)
Net earnings (loss) per share basic:				
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.29	\$ (5.61)	\$ (6.72)	\$ (9.60)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income tax		(2.13)	(0.71)	\$ (5.41)
Loss from sale of discontinued operations, net of income tax				\$ (0.05)

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	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.29	\$ (7.74)	\$ (7.43)	\$ (15.07)
Net earnings (loss) per share diluted:				
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.29	\$ (5.61)	\$ (6.72)	\$ (9.60)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income tax		(2.13)	(0.71)	(5.41)
Loss from sale of discontinued operations, net of income tax				(0.05)
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.29	\$ (7.74)	\$ (7.43)	\$ (15.07)
Weighted average common shares, class B preferred ordinary shares and class B ordinary shares (in thousands), used in computing net earnings per share:				
Basic	28,020	9,352	18,195	3,730
Diluted	28,581	9,352	18,195	3,730
Pro forma net earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations(b)				
Basic	\$ 0.29	\$ (2.46)	\$ (4.78)	\$ (1.60)
Diluted	\$ 0.29	\$ (2.46)	\$ (4.78)	\$ (1.60)
Weighted-average common shares (in thousands), used in computing the pro forma net earnings per share:				
Basic	28,020	21,321	25,583	22,331
Diluted	28,581	21,321	25,583	22,331

(a) For the year ended November 30, 2004 benefit for income taxes includes a benefit of \$12,233,000 for the tax allowance of non-cash equity compensation. Of this benefit \$8,174,000 relates to the three months ended August 31, 2004. This benefit had not previously been recorded in press releases for the three months ended August 31, 2004. Accordingly, the net loss for the three and nine month periods ended August 31, 2004 amounted to \$166,305,000 and \$143,377,000 respectively compared to \$174,479,000 and \$151,551,000 as previously presented and basic and diluted loss per share for these periods amounted to \$7.37 and \$9.61 respectively compared to \$7.73 and \$10.16 as previously presented. (Basic and diluted loss per share from continuing operations in those periods amounted to \$6.80 and \$8.74 compared to \$7.16 and \$9.29 as previously presented. Basic and diluted proforma net loss per share amounted to \$5.67 and \$5.26 compared to \$5.97 and \$5.59 as previously presented). There is no impact to non-GAAP net income and proforma basic and diluted earnings per share as this tax benefit is included in non-GAAP adjustments.

(b) Pro forma earnings per share reflects the conversion of Xyratex Group Limited class A and class B preferred ordinary shares and class C ordinary shares to common shares of Xyratex Ltd on completion of its initial public offering, on June 29, 2004.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	<u>November 30, 2004</u>	<u>November 30, 2003</u>
(US dollars and amounts in thousands)		
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63,495	\$ 2,008
Accounts receivable net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$198 and \$371	49,656	40,866
Inventories	43,014	37,849
Prepaid expenses	2,594	2,099
Deferred income taxes	6,774	3,429
Other current assets	2,855	5,294
	<u>168,388</u>	<u>91,545</u>
Total current assets	168,388	91,545
Property, plant and equipment, net	14,495	10,403
Intangible assets, net	7,911	
Deferred income taxes	14,448	9,323
	<u>205,242</u>	<u>111,271</u>
Total assets	\$ 205,242	\$ 111,271
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 47,067	\$ 40,465
Acquisition note payable	2,000	
Short-term borrowings	4,000	4,133
Customer advance		1,073
Employee compensation and benefits payable	10,811	12,421
Deferred revenue	1,887	9,810
Income taxes payable	462	315
Deferred income taxes	536	354
Other accrued liabilities	10,778	8,699
	<u>77,541</u>	<u>77,270</u>
Total current liabilities	77,541	77,270
Long-term debt	11,000	15,000
	<u>88,541</u>	<u>92,270</u>
Total liabilities	88,541	92,270
Shareholders' equity		
Common shares of Xyratex Ltd (in thousands), par value \$0.01 per share 70,000 authorized, 28,043 issued and outstanding	280	
Ordinary Shares of Xyratex Group Limited (in thousands), par value £0.01 per share:		
Class B preferred ordinary shares; 11,099 shares authorized, Nil and 11,099 shares issued and outstanding		169
Class A preferred ordinary shares; 16,325 shares authorized, Nil and 8,845 shares issued and outstanding		133
Class C ordinary shares; 2,576 shares authorized, Nil and Nil shares issued and outstanding		
Additional paid-in capital	329,267	95,025
Accumulated other comprehensive income	755	2,106
Accumulated deficit	(213,601)	(78,432)
	<u>116,701</u>	<u>19,001</u>
Total shareholders' equity	116,701	19,001

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	November 30, 2004	November 30, 2003
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 205,242	\$ 111,271

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended	
	November 30, 2004	November 30, 2003

(US dollars in thousands)

(a)

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss from continuing operations	\$ (122,245)	\$ (35,815)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) from continuing operations to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	5,336	4,969
Amortization of intangible assets	1,169	
Non-cash equity compensation	168,149	57,261
Bonus paid by trust		1,573
In process research and development	852	
Private equity and restructuring costs		4,682
Loss (gain) on sale of assets	(36)	71
Supplier note receivable	(6,000)	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of impact of acquisitions and divestitures		
Accounts receivable	(6,695)	(7,820)
Inventories	(2,084)	(9,832)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	244	(947)
Accounts payable	4,251	5,208
Customer advance	(1,073)	(1,227)
Employee compensation and benefits payable	(1,610)	4,837
Deferred revenue	(11,093)	9,209
Income taxes payable	147	(1,479)
Deferred income taxes	(7,709)	(13,538)
Amount payable to related party		(1,342)
Other accrued liabilities	1,234	3,951
	22,837	19,761
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investments in property, plant and equipment	(8,985)	(5,107)
Dispositions of property, plant and equipment	36	
Disposal of business, net of cash disposed and costs of disposition		(175)
Acquisition of business, net of cash received	(7,418)	
Repayment of supplier note receivable	6,000	
	(10,367)	(5,282)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net payments of short-term borrowings	(4,133)	(4,630)
Proceeds of long-term borrowings		19,000
Payments of long-term borrowings		(7,850)
Repurchase of ordinary shares		(18,939)
Proceeds from issuance of Ordinary Shares	53,150	273
	49,017	(12,146)
Net cash used in discontinued operations		(780)

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	Year Ended	
Change in cash and cash equivalents	61,487	1,553
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,008	455
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 63,495	\$ 2,008

(a)

Certain balances have been reclassified to be consistent with the current year.

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UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME

	Three Months Ended		
	GAAP November 30, 2004	Non-GAAP Adjustment(a)	Non-GAAP November 30, 2004
(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues	\$ 116,701		\$ 116,701
Cost of revenues non cash equity compensation	36	(36)	
Cost of revenues other	92,451		92,451
Total cost of revenues	92,487		92,451
Gross profit	24,214		24,250
Operating expenses:			
Research and development non cash equity compensation	83	(83)	
Research and development other	10,597		10,597
Total research and development	10,680		10,597
Selling, general and administrative non cash equity compensation	478	(478)	
Selling, general and administrative other	7,884		7,884
Total selling, general and administrative	8,362		7,884
Amortization of intangible assets	397	(397)	
In process research and development	852	(852)	
Other costs	(201)	201	
Total operating expenses	20,090		18,481
Operating income	4,124		5,769
Interest income (expense), net	147		147
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	4,271		5,916
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(3,937)	4,409	472
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 8,208		\$ 5,444
Pro forma net earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations			
Basic	\$ 0.29		\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.29		\$ 0.19
Weighted-average common shares (in thousands), used in computing the pro forma net earnings per share:			
Basic	28,020		28,020

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Three Months Ended

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Diluted	28,581	28,581
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UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME

	Year Ended		
	GAAP November 30, 2004	Non-GAAP Adjustment(a)	Non-GAAP November 30, 2004
(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues	\$ 459,014		\$ 459,014
Cost of revenues non cash equity compensation	7,827	(7,827)	
Cost of revenues other	356,558		356,558
Total cost of revenues	364,385		356,558
Gross profit	94,629		102,456
Operating expenses:			
Research and development development arrangement	(6,000)	6,000	
Research and development non cash equity compensation	23,959	(23,959)	
Research and development other	37,429		37,429
Total research and development	55,388		37,429
Selling, general and administrative non cash equity compensation	136,363	(136,363)	
Selling, general and administrative other	28,005		28,005
Total selling, general and administrative	164,368		28,005
Amortization of intangible assets	1,169	(1,169)	
In process research and development	852	(852)	
Other costs	2,388	(2,388)	
Total operating expenses	224,165		65,434
Operating income (loss)	(129,536)		37,022
Interest income (expense), net	1,052	(933)	119
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(128,484)		37,141
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(6,239)	12,534	6,295
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (122,245)		\$ 30,846
Pro forma net earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations(b)			
Basic	\$ (4.78)		\$ 1.21
Diluted	\$ (4.78)		\$ 1.18

Weighted-average common shares (in thousands), used in computing the pro forma net earnings per share:

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	Year Ended	
Basic	25,583	25,583
Diluted	25,583	26,225

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UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME

	Three Months Ended		
	GAAP November 30, 2003	Non-GAAP Adjustment(a)	Non-GAAP November 30, 2003
(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues	\$ 99,363		\$ 99,363
Cost of revenues non cash equity compensation	690	(690)	
Cost of revenues other	77,242		77,242
Total cost of revenues	77,932		77,242
Gross profit	21,431		22,121
Operating expenses:			
Research and development non cash equity compensation	2,428	(2,428)	
Research and development other	10,529		10,529
Total research and development	12,957		10,529
Selling, general and administrative non cash equity compensation	54,143	(54,143)	
Selling, general and administrative other	8,210		8,210
Total selling, general and administrative	62,353		8,210
Other costs	11,625	(11,625)	
Total operating expenses	86,935		18,739
Operating income (loss)	(65,504)		3,382
Interest income (expense), net	(15)		(15)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(65,519)		3,367
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(13,047)	12,752	(295)
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (52,472)		\$ 3,662
Pro forma net earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations			
Basic	\$ (2.46)		\$ 0.17
Diluted	\$ (2.46)		\$ 0.17
Weighted-average common shares (in thousands), used in computing the pro forma net earnings per share:			
Basic	21,321		21,321
Diluted	21,321		21,793

Three Months Ended

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UNAUDITED RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS TO NON-GAAP NET INCOME

	Year Ended		
	GAAP November 30, 2003	Non-GAAP Adjustment(a)	Non-GAAP November 30, 2003
(US dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Revenues	\$ 333,769		\$ 333,769
Cost of revenues non cash equity compensation	690	(690)	
Cost of revenues other	260,020		260,020
Total cost of revenues	260,710		260,020
Gross profit	73,059		73,749
Operating expenses:			
Research and development non cash equity compensation	2,428	(2,428)	
Research and development other	29,797		29,797
Total research and development	32,225		29,797
Selling, general and administrative non cash equity compensation	54,143	(54,143)	
Selling, general and administrative other	22,426		22,426
Total selling, general and administrative	76,569		22,426
Other costs	11,625	(11,625)	
Total operating expenses	120,419		52,223
Operating income (loss)	(47,360)		21,526
Interest income (expense), net	(209)		(209)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(47,569)		21,317
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	(11,754)	12,752	998
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (35,815)		\$ 20,319
Pro forma net earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations(b)			
Basic	\$ (1.60)		\$ 0.91
Diluted	\$ (1.60)		\$ 0.90
Weighted-average common shares (in thousands), used in computing the pro forma net earnings per share:			
Basic	22,331		22,331
Diluted	22,331		22,821

Year Ended

(a)

Non-GAAP Adjustment for the three and twelve month periods ended November 30, 2004 includes non-cash equity compensation expense, non-cash amortization of intangible assets, in process research and development expense, the related tax effects and expenses recorded in connection with our preparation for the initial public offering. Non-GAAP Adjustment for the twelve months ended November 30, 2004 also includes the elimination of the bad debt allowance on a supplier loan of \$6,000,000 and accrued interest of \$933,000 together with the related tax on the accrued interest. Non-GAAP Adjustment for the three and twelve month periods ended November 30, 2003 includes non-cash equity compensation expense, the release of the deferred tax valuation allowance relating primarily to UK loss carryforwards and expenses recorded in connection with the investment by HgCapital, a European private equity firm.

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We believe these Non-GAAP measures are useful to investors because they provide an alternative method of measuring the operating performance of our business by excluding certain expenses, gains and losses which we believe are not indicative of our core operating results.

(b)

Pro forma earnings per share reflects the conversion of Xyratex Group Limited class A and class B preferred ordinary shares and class C ordinary shares to common shares of Xyratex Ltd on completion of its initial public offering, on June 29, 2004.

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