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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 quarterly period ended December 31, 1995
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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 0-7647
HAWKINS CHEMICAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
MINNESOTA 41-0771293
    (State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
    incorporation of organization) Identification No.)
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(Address of principal executive offices) Zip Code
(612) 331-6910
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code
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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.


Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

## Class

Outstanding at February 13, 1996
Common Stock, par value $\$ .05$ per share
$10,525,772$

## HAWKINS CHEMICAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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## (Unaudited)



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        HAWKINS CHEMICAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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(Unaudited)



1. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and, accordingly, do not include all information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 1995, previously filed with the Commission. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows for the periods presented. All adjustments made to the interim financial statements were of a normal recurring nature.

The accounting policies followed by the Company are set forth in Note 1 to the Company's financial statements in the 1995 Hawkins Chemical, Inc. Annual Report which is incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed with the Commission on December 28, 1995.
2. The results of operations for the period ended December 31, 1995 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year.
3. Inventories, principally valued by the LIFO method, are less than current cost by approximately $\$ 1,833,435$ at December 31, 1995. Inventory consists principally of finished goods. Inventory quantities fluctuate during the year. No material amounts of interim liquidation of inventory quantities have occurred that are not expected to be replaced by year-end.
4. Earnings per common share and cash dividends per common share are based upon the weighted average number of shares outstanding after giving retroactive effect to a $10 \%$ stock dividend declared February 15, 1995 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 31, 1995. The dividend payment date was April 12, 1995.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net sales increased $\$ 928,507,5.6 \%$ in the first quarter of this fiscal year as compared to the same quarter a year ago. This increase is primarily due to volume increases in most of the Company's divisions and subsidiaries.

The gross margin, as a percentage of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 1996 was $21.6 \%$ compared to $22.1 \%$ for the same quarter one year ago. This decrease is attributable to the increased cost of a single large-volume product and the increased costs of operations. The Company has generally been able to, and expects to continue to, adjust its selling prices as the cost of materials and other expenses change, thereby maintaining relatively stable gross margins.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, as a percentage of net sales, for the first quarter of fiscal 1996 were $11.3 \%$ compared to $11.4 \%$ for the same quarter one year ago. Most of the expenses in this category are fixed, with the remaining expenses fluctuating only slightly with net sales.

Income from operations increased $\$ 41,813,2.4 \%$, in the first quarter of fiscal 1996, compared to fiscal 1995. This increase is primarily attributable to an increase net sales, partially offset by a decrease in gross margin.

Interest income increased $\$ 66,286,34.5 \%$ compared to the same period one year ago. This increase is due to an increase in the amount of cash available for investments and to a higher rate of return earned on cash equivalents and investments. Interest expense decreased slightly due to decline in long-term debt.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

For the first quarter ended December 31, 1995, cash flows from operations were $\$ 466,436$. This amount was lower than cash provided by operations during the same period one year ago, due mainly to the decreases in certain current assets and liability accounts discussed below. During the three months ended December 31, 1995, the Company invested $\$ 1,355,266$ in property and equipment additions and added $\$ 97,577$ to investments.

Accounts receivable and accounts payable decreased during the first three months of fiscal 1995, which is normal for the first quarter of our fiscal year. Inventory levels decreased due to management's decision to discontinue sales to mass merchandisers by The Lynde Company subsidiary, as that business involved high volumes and high inventory levels with a very low profit margin. Other current assets decreased due to the receipt of insurance proceeds during the firsts quarter of fiscal 1996. Other current liabilities decreased at quarter end and is the result of the payment of benefit plan accruals that existed at fiscal year end. The Company did not issue any securities during the quarter ended December 31, 1995.

Since 1985, the Company has been paying an annual cash dividend each year. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 1995 this was changed to a semi-annual cash dividend policy, of which the first half of the 1996 dividend was paid in October 1995.

The cash flows from operations, coupled with the Company's strong cash position, puts the Company in a position to fund both short and long-term working capital and capital investment needs with internally generated funds. Management does not, therefore, anticipate the need to engage in significant financing activities in either the short or long-term. If the need to obtain additional capital does arise, however, management is confident that the Company's total debt to capital ratio puts the Company in a position to issue both debt and equity securities on favorable terms.

Although management continually reviews opportunities to enhance the value of the Company through strategic acquisitions, other capital investments and strategic divestitures, no material commitments for such investments or divestitures currently exist. Until appropriate investment opportunities are identified, the Company will continue to invest excess cash in conservative investments. Cash equivalents consist of short-term certificates of deposit and investments consist of low-risk investment contracts with highly rated, stable insurance companies, and marketable securities consisting of investment grade municipal securities, all of which are carried at fair value which approximates cost. All cash equivalents and investments are highly liquid and are available upon demand with a minor penalty.

Other than as discussed above, management is not aware of any matters that have materially affected the first three months of fiscal 1996, but are not expected to materially affect future periods, nor is management aware of other matters not affecting this period that are expected to materially affect future periods.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.
(a) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are included with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (or incorporated by reference) as required by Item 601 of Regulation $S-K$.


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(b) Reports on Form 8-K.

No reports on Form 8-K have been filed during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1995.

## 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.

HAWKINS CHEMICAL, INC.

BY -----------------------------------------
Howard M. Hawkins, Treasurer (Chief Financial and Accounting Officer)
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