

## Report of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors

### Board of Directors

### Allegheny Technologies Incorporated

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Allegheny Technologies Incorporated and subsidiaries at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2002 the Company changed its method of accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets.

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January 19, 2004 (except for Note 16, as to which the date is  
February 17, 2004, and except for Note 14, as to which the date is  
March 10, 2004)  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania