

| Cash Assets | 389.7 | 309.6 | 391.7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receivables | 109.6 | 143.0 | 178.3 |
| Inventory (FIFO) | 159.9 | 120.1 | 125.2 |
| Other | 85.5 | 28.5 | 38.5 |
| Current Assets | 744.7 | 601.2 | 733.7 |
| Accts Payable | 43.2 | 56.5 | 55.8 |
| Debt Due |  | 7.5 |  |
| Other | 44.8 | 56.0 | 73.0 |
| Current Liab. | 88.0 | 120.0 | 128.8 |


| ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) | Past <br> 10 Yrs. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Past } \\ & 5 \text { Yrs. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Est'd '11-'13 } \\ \text { to '17-19 } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales (pl" | 11.5\% | 12.0\% | 9.0\% |
| "Cash Flow" | 9.0\% | 12.5\% | 12.0\% |
| Earnings | 9.0\% | 14.0\% | 12.0\% |
| Dividends | -- | 5.5\% | 7.5\% |
| Book Value | 7.5\% | 9.0\% | 9.5\% |


| $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Cal- } \\ \text { endar } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) |  |  |  | Full Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 | Sep. 30 | Dec. 31 |  |
| 2011 | 250.9 | 243.0 | 269.5 | 260.4 | 1023.8 |
| 2012 | 290.7 | 280.4 | 268.2 | 260.3 | 1099.6 |
| 2013 | 269.5 | 287.0 | 288.6 | 326.8 | 1171.9 |
| 2014 | 335.7 | 338.4 | 340 | 350.9 | 1365 |
| 2015 | 350 | 365 | 375 | 385 | 1475 |
| $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Cal- } \\ \text { endar } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { EA } \\ \text { Mar. } 31 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { RNINGS P } \\ \text { Jun. } 30 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ER SHARE } \\ & \text { Sep. } 30 \end{aligned}$ | $\text { Dec. } 31$ | Full Year |
| 2011 | . 29 | . 27 | . 30 | . 28 | 1.14 |
| 2012 | . 32 | . 28 | . 29 | . 30 | 1.19 |
| 2013 | . 32 | . 37 | . 38 | . 48 | 1.55 |
| 2014 | . 47 | . 52 | . 47 | . 49 | 1.95 |
| 2015 | . 50 | . 50 | . 50 | . 55 | 2.05 |
| Calendar | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { QUAR } \\ \text { Mar. } 31 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { TERLY DII } \\ \text { Jun. } 30 \end{gathered}$ | IDENDS Sep. 30 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PADD B } \\ & \text { Dec. } 31 \end{aligned}$ | Full Year |
| 2010 | . 11 | . 11 | . 11 | . 11 | . 44 |
| 2011 | . 12 | . 12 | . 12 | . 12 | . 48 |
| 2012 | . 13 | . 13 | . 13 | . 13 | . 52 |
| 2013 | . 14 | . 14 | . 14 | . 14 | . 56 |
| 2014 | . 14 | . 14 | . 16 |  |  |

BUSINESS: Gentex Corporation manufactures automatic-dimming automotive rearview mirrors. Its Night Vision Safety mirrors use sensors and electronic circuitry to detect glare from trailing approaching vehicles at night, and darken accordingly to protect the driver's vision. Sells to most of the major automakers (has 3 customers who accounted for $10 \%$ or more of 2013 total sales). Inter-
Gentex posted good second-quarter results. Sales during the period rose 18\% from a year ago, driven by a $12 \%$ increase in automotive mirror unit shipments. Shipments increased for both interior and exterior auto-dimming rearview mirrors in all of the company's primary markets, including North America, where demand rebounded. Other net sales, which include dimmable aircraft windows and fire protection products, rose $24 \%$, although this segment represents less than $5 \%$ of total revenues. The addition of HomeLink also boosted business. These gains more than offset ongoing declines of its rear camera display mirrors. Margins during the period widened thanks to the favorable impact of HomeLink, improvements in product mix, and purchasing cost reductions, which were only partially offset by annual customer price reductions. This allowed share net to come in a nickel above our estimate, at \$0.52.
We have raised our 2014 bottom-line estimate by a dime, to $\$ 1.95$ per share, while leaving our top-line estimate unchanged at $\$ 1.365$ billion. Despite a relatively flat light-vehicle production en-
national sales represent $66 \%$ of 2013 sales. Also makes commercial fire protection products. Has approximately 3,800 employees. Officers and directors own 3.6\% of common stock, including 3.1\% owned by Chairman \& CEO Fred Bauer (3/14 proxy). Incorporated: MI. Address: 600 N. Centennial Street, Zeeland, MI 49464. Telephone: 616-772-1800. Internet: www.gentex.com.
vironment, Gentex should continue to see good demand for its auto-dimming rearview mirrors and most HomeLink applications. Market penetration of these products remains strong, and this should drive the more-than-15\% sales growth that we expect for the year. Margins ought to widen because of the jump in volumes, as well as continued cost-reduction initiatives. However, SG\&A and R\&D costs will likely rise, tempering some of the bottom-line advance. Given the good cash flows that the company generates, the board of directors increased the quarterly dividend payment by $14 \%$, to $\$ 0.16$ per share. We also think management will continue to pay down debt, al beit slowly.
Shares of Gentex are ranked to outperform the broader market averages in the coming six to 12 months. Good demand for most products, along with an improving margin outlook, ought to drive strong earnings gains during this time frame. Over the 3 - to 5 -year period, the stock offers good price appreciation potential at the recent quotation, along with a solid dividend yield.
I ason Dalavagas
September 19, 2014

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[^0]:    (A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due
    (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits
    in late October.
    (B) Payments typically made in late January, April, July, and October.

    | Company's Financial Strength | B++ |
    | :--- | ---: |
    | Stock's Price Stability | 25 |
    | Price Growth Persistence | 70 |
    | Earnings Predictability | 40 |

