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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION PRIVATE  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark one)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. (FEE REQUIRED)  
For the fiscal year ended JANUARY 26, 2001

OR

TRANSACTION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934. (NO FEE REQUIRED)  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-9769

LANDS' END, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

36-2512786  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Lands' End Lane, Dodgeville, Wisconsin  
(Address of principal executive offices)

53595  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 608-935-9341  
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
-----  
Common Stock (\$0.01 per value)

Name of each exchange  
on which registered  
-----  
New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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. Yes X No \_\_\_

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405  
of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the  
best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements  
incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to  
this Form 10-K. ( X )

As of March 23, 2001, the aggregate market value of the Common Stock of the  
registrant held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$324,873,794.

The number of shares of Common Stock (\$0.01 par value) outstanding as of  
March 23, 2001, was 29,375,472.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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Proxy Statement dated April 16, 2001

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For Year Ended January 26, 2001

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PART I.

Item 1. Business

Lands' End, Inc., the company, is a leading direct marketer of traditionally styled, casual clothing for men, women and children, accessories, domestics, shoes and soft luggage. The company strives to provide products of high quality at prices representing honest value, enhanced by a commitment to excellence in customer service and an unconditional guarantee. The company offers its products through multiple selling channels consisting of regular mailings of its monthly primary, prospecting and specialty catalogs as well as through the Internet (which has grown from \$61 million in fiscal 1999 to \$218 million in fiscal 2001), its international businesses, and its outlet stores.

The company's growth strategy has three key elements. First, the company seeks to increase sales through its multiple selling channels, both by expanding its customer base and by increasing sales to its existing customers through improvements in its merchandise offerings and creative presentations. Second, the company endeavors to generate additional sales by making targeted mailings of its specialty catalogs to existing and prospective customers and by offering its products on the Internet. Third, the company is actively pursuing opportunities to apply its merchandising, marketing and order fulfillment skills abroad by continuing its efforts to expand the customer base through its operations in Japan, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

Date of Incorporation

The Registrant was incorporated in Illinois in 1963 and became a Delaware corporation in 1986.

Catalogs and Marketing

Lands' End views each catalog issue as a unique opportunity to communicate with its customers. Products are described in visual and editorial detail in which the company shares its view of the benefits and features of its merchandise. The catalogs use such techniques as background stories, editorials, monthly publication, and distinctive covers to stimulate the reader's interest, combining a consistent theme with varying monthly features.

Core, Specialty and International Segments

The company organizes and manages its businesses based on type of catalog, which focuses on specific customer needs and markets served. The company has three operating segments consisting of core, specialty and international. Worldwide, the company mailed approximately 269 million full-price catalogs, including specialty catalogs, abridged issues and international catalogs. Company catalogs are mailed to customers throughout the world, and products are exported to more than 185 countries. Fulfillment for these export sales is handled through the company's Wisconsin facilities in the United States.

## Core Segment (U.S. Based Operations)

The core business segment consists of adult apparel offered through the company's regular monthly and prospecting catalogs and two catalogs featuring casual and tailored clothing for the workplace "First Person" for women and "Lands' End for Men" (formally Beyond Buttondowns). During fiscal 2001, the company mailed 13 issues of its regular monthly (primary) catalog with an average of 167 pages per issue from its U.S. based operations.

Each issue of the regular catalog offers certain basic product lines for men and women (including knit shirts, sweaters, dress and sport shirts, casual pants, dresses, skirts, accessories, and soft luggage) that customers have come to expect. The regular catalog also offers seasonal merchandise, such as swimsuits, outerwear and holiday gifts. In addition to the mailings of the regular catalog, each year Lands' End generally mails two end-of-season clearance catalogs and two additional holiday catalogs. The company mails an abridged version of its regular catalog to prospective customers who are identified based on lists of magazine subscribers and customers of other direct marketers and on lists compiled of households meeting certain demographic criteria. In addition, the company identifies prospective new customers through its national advertising campaign.

The company mails two catalogs featuring casual and tailored clothing for the workplace, First Person and Lands' End for Men. In fiscal 1994, the company introduced Textures, which was revamped as First Person Singular in fiscal 1997 and renamed First Person in fiscal 2000. First Person features women's fine casual and tailored clothing and accessories suitable for the workplace. Beyond Buttondowns was introduced in fiscal 1991, and renamed Lands' End for Men in fiscal 2001. Lands' End for Men offers fine casual and tailored clothing and accessories for men. In fiscal 2001, the company mailed five issues of its First Person catalog and six issues of its Lands' End for Men catalog.

## Specialty Segment

The specialty business segment consists of Corporate Sales (which includes school uniforms), Kids and Coming Home catalogs. The specialty catalogs have been developed over the years to target specific needs for additional merchandise identified by customers.

In fiscal 1994, Corporate Sales, the company's business-to-business catalog, was introduced. Corporate Sales offers quality products to groups, teams and clubs or to companies that use Lands' End's merchandise for corporate premiums or incentive programs. The company's embroidery capabilities allow for the design and monogram of unique logos or emblems for groups. Early in 2000, Corporate Sales launched its transaction-enabled Web site. Corporate Sales offers online customer stores for individual companies for their own employees' use. In fiscal 1998 a uniform catalog was introduced that targets the growing trend in many public and private schools. A new facility will open in late summer of 2001 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and will serve as a satellite center to the Corporate Sales' main operation in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, as well as other functions. The facility will consist of a phone center, management offices, embroidery design and production area and warehouse space. In fiscal 2001, the company mailed four issues of its Corporate Sales catalog, and two issues of its school uniform catalog.

Since fiscal 1991, the Kids catalog has offered a collection of comfortable, casual clothing for children. In fiscal 2001, the company mailed seven issues of its Kids catalog.

Since fiscal 1991, the Coming Home catalog offers domestic products, primarily bedding and bath items. In fiscal 2001, the company mailed six issues of its Coming Home catalog.

International Segment (Foreign Based Operations)

The international business segment consists of foreign-based operations located in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom. Catalogs mailed in these countries are written in the local languages and denominated in local currencies. In the fall of fiscal 2000, the company launched local Web sites in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom in their respective local currencies and native language. In the fall of fiscal 2001, additional full-service e-commerce Web sites were launched in Ireland, France and Italy.

In September 1991, the company launched its first United Kingdom (U.K.) catalog. In August 1993, the company opened a leased telephone order and distribution center in Oakham, England, which allowed the company to fill orders locally and greatly reduce delivery time to U.K. customers. Construction of a new phone and distribution center in Oakham was completed in the summer of 1998. During fiscal 2001, the company mailed nine issues of the regular monthly U.K. catalog, plus two abridged issues to prospective customers in the U.K.

In fall 1994, the company launched operations in Japan. During fiscal 2001, the company mailed eight issues of the Japanese catalog. During fiscal 1998, the company's phone center and administrative office moved to a larger facility in Yokohama. The distribution center moved to Fujieda from Maebashi in fiscal 1997 to accommodate future growth. Packages are delivered from this warehouse in Fujieda, which is managed by Lands' End's employees.

In August 1996, the company launched its first German catalog. During fiscal 2001, the company mailed eight issues of the German catalog. The company's phone center and administrative functions operate from its offices in Mettlach, Germany. Orders are packed and shipped from the Lands' End distribution center in Oakham, England.

Financial Information about business segments

See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 for segment financial data.

The Internet

Lands' End offers its customers a variety of shopping options, including shopping from its catalogs via toll-free telephone, mail, fax and through its Internet site. The Internet has allowed the company to attract new customers and better serve existing customers. About 17 percent of our Internet buyers are totally new to Lands' End and an additional seven percent of Internet sales come from people on our mailing list making their first purchase. The company offers online shopping, and other services to its customers on its user-friendly Web site, [landsend.com](http://landsend.com). According to the National Retail Federation, [landsend.com](http://landsend.com) is the largest seller of apparel online.

Two innovations at [landsend.com](http://landsend.com) were launched in fiscal 2000 with the introduction of Lands' End Live<sup>TM</sup> and Shop with a Friend<sup>TM</sup>. Lands' End Live

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allows customers to shop online with real-time assistance of a Lands' End customer service representative by telephone or by electronic chat. After clicking on the Lands' End Live button, the customer has the option to select electronic chat or a phone conversation if they have a phone line in addition to their Internet connection. An electronic signal is sent from their computer to a Lands' End Live personal shopper. The signal immediately connects the customer and the personal shopper simultaneously via their Internet browser. Once connected, the customer and the personal shopper can view the same Web pages simultaneously and forward Internet pages back and forth to each other while conversing on the telephone or via chat. A split screen feature is available for the personal shopper to help customers compare products side by side.

The other feature introduced in fiscal 2000 was Shop with a Friend. This feature enables two people in separate locations to shop online together. The two shoppers are able to browse landsend.com while viewing the same pages simultaneously. Each shopper can point to pages on the site and the same page will instantly appear on the companion's screen, creating an interactive shopping adventure while being states, even countries, apart.

Two new features added during fiscal 2001 include My Virtual Model™ and My Personal Shopper™. The first feature, My Virtual Model (MVM), allows men and women to create realistic images of their body shape and style and then virtually try on hundreds of apparel items from Lands' End. MVM is an updated version of Your Personal Model. Each shopper is invited to fill out a general or a detailed questionnaire with his/her exact measurements to create a model that is a virtual representation of the shopper's body shape. The shopper can try on clothes and view the items and outfits from all sides, or spin their "virtual selves" 360 degrees. Once a model is created, the shopper can save it and protect it with a password. The shopper also can save outfits for reference by placing them in the virtual closet called "My Outfits" and can e-mail his/her model to a friend or family member.

My Personal Shopper (MPS), which debuted in November 2000, is a patent-pending recommendations engine from Lands' End that provides shoppers product suggestions based on personal preferences, not simply past purchases. Saving shoppers time and effort when selecting clothing online, MPS replicates the experience of having an expert personal shopper who can suggest products that best match a shopper's unique preferences. The high level of personalization is achieved using a technique known as conjoint analysis, the first use of this technique by an online retailer. This stand-alone feature makes it fun, quick and easy for customers to create and save a shopping profile that can be used for future visits via password. To use, consumers complete a short questionnaire by noting their preference level for a series of six pairs of outfits and inputting their fabric, color and style aversions. The information then filters through the more than 90,000 apparel options available at landsend.com and immediately selects those items that best match the shopper's preference.

In December 2000, Lands' End transferred My Personal Shopper's (MPS) patent application, along with certain technology and intellectual property rights associated with MPS, to QuickDog, Inc., a San Francisco-based company. In return, the company received a minority ownership interest in QuickDog.

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Internationally, Web sites exist in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom. During fiscal 2001, we expanded our global Internet presence by launching sites in France, Italy and Ireland.

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The company has been repeatedly cited by the media and industry experts as having one of the most effective and innovative Web sites in the world, due to its innovations and continued dedication to customer service. Last year, FORTUNE(R) magazine's Technology Guide for the 2000/2001 holiday season named landsend.com as one of the notable Web sites to shop. Notable Web sites were chosen based on their level of comfort and convenience offered to shoppers.

Online customers at landsend.com can access the full line of Lands' End's products year round. Because the Internet lacks the space constraints of the catalog, the site offers off-season products not available in current catalogs, such as swimsuits in the winter and outerwear during the summer.

The company will continue to make refinements in its Web site and to explore the development of interactive shopping to meet its customers expectations. However, marketing the company's products through regular and specialty catalogs is expected to remain the primary means of communicating with customers.

### Customers

A principal factor in the company's success to date has been the development of its own list of household buyers, many of whom have been identified through their response to the company's advertising. At the end of fiscal 2001, the company's mailing list consisted of about 31 million names. Approximately 6.7 million current buyers have made at least one purchase from the company within the last 12 months, and 11.2 million have made at least one purchase within the last 36 months. The company routinely updates and refines this list prior to individual catalog mailings to monitor customer interest as reflected in criteria such as the recency, frequency, dollar amount, and product type of purchases.

The company believes that its customer list has desirable demographic characteristics and is well-suited to the products offered in the company's catalogs. A customer research survey conducted by the company in the United States as of March 2000 indicated that approximately 47 percent of its customers were in the 35-54 age group and had median incomes of \$62,000. This research indicated that approximately 88 percent of Lands' End customers attended or graduated from college. Their high academic achievement is reflected in their occupations, with almost 69 percent in professional or managerial positions.

Lands' End advertises its products internationally. The advertising campaign in the United States consists of national, regional and local media, including network television, 12 national cable television networks, and 26 consumer directed magazines. The advertising campaign has been developed to communicate the Lands' End style message while reinforcing the existing attributes of the brand. The Corporate Sales division, which sells embroidered products on a business-to-business basis, is promoted via 12 targeted business and trade publications and trade shows. The company's retail locations are advertised on local radio, in daily newspapers and on billboards in each of their respective markets. Internationally the Lands' End subsidiaries in Japan, Germany and the U.K. advertise using a mixture of print, radio, and online media as appropriate within their respective markets.

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The company is not dependent upon any single customer, or upon any single group of customers, the loss of which would have a material effect on the company.

### Product Development

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Lands' End designs traditional clothing, accessories, luggage and products for the home that are classically inspired, simply styled and quality crafted to meet the changing tastes of the company's customers. The company aims to maintain customer loyalty by developing new product offerings, improving existing core products and reinforcing its value positioning.

The company continues to incorporate innovations in fabric, construction and detail that add value and excitement and differentiate Lands' End from the competition. In order to ensure that products are manufactured to the company's quality standards at reasonable prices, product managers, designers and quality assurance specialists develop the company's own product. They specify the fibers, fabric, product construction and manufacturing source for each item and are responsible for the styling and quality features of the products.

The company's apparel, domestic (primarily bedding and bath items), soft luggage and other products are produced worldwide by independent manufacturers, except for a portion of our adult soft luggage, polartec bedding, pet products, and polartec kids products that the company assembles. Independent manufacturers are selected, monitored and coordinated by the company's staff to assure conformity to strict standards of quality and of business conduct. The company believes the use of independent manufacturers increases its production capacity and flexibility and reduces costs.

During fiscal 2001, the company had purchase orders for merchandise from about 360 domestic and foreign manufacturers, including intermediaries (agents). One manufacturer and one intermediary accounted for about 13 percent and 15 percent of the company's purchase order dollars, respectively, in fiscal 2001. The company would be subject to minimal risk in finding alternative sourcing if this manufacturer and/or intermediary experiences prolonged work stoppages or economic problems.

In fiscal 2001, 70 percent of our merchandise was imported, mainly from Asia, Central America, Mexico, South America and Europe. The remaining 30 percent was made in the United States. The company will continue to take advantage of worldwide sourcing without sacrificing customer service or quality standards. The availability and cost of certain foreign products may be affected by United States and other countries' trade policies, economic events and the value of the United States dollar relative to foreign currencies.

### Order Entry and Fulfillment

The company attempts to simplify catalog and interactive shopping as much as possible and believes that its fulfillment systems are among the best in the world. Lands' End utilizes toll-free telephone numbers and its Web sites for customers to place orders, review product information, request a catalog or seek assistance. Approximately 75-80 percent of catalog orders are placed by telephone, with the remainder from the Internet, mail and fax. When it comes to taking an order in one of our six phone centers or over the Web, there were more than 4,000 well-trained sales representatives available during the peak holiday season to handle customer requests. Additional services are

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provided through the company's Web site, the use of language lines to serve foreign customers and TDD (telephone device for the deaf). The company's three U.S. telephone centers are located in Dodgeville, Cross Plains and Reedsburg, Wisconsin. International telephone centers are located in Oakham, England; Yokohama, Japan; and Mettlach, Germany.

The company has achieved efficiencies in order entry and fulfillment that permits the shipment of in-stock orders on the following day, except orders



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requiring monogramming or inseaming, which typically require one or two extra days. The company's sales representatives enter orders into an on-line order entry and inventory control system. Computer processing of orders is performed each night on a batch basis, at which time picking tickets are printed with bar codes for optical scanning. Inventory is picked based on the location of individual products rather than orders, followed by computerized sorting and transporting of goods to multiple packing stations and shipping zones. The computerized inventory control system also handles the receipt of shipments from manufacturers, permitting faster access to newly arrived merchandise, as well as the handling of items returned by customers.

Domestically, orders are generally shipped by United Parcel Service (UPS) at various tiered rates charged to customers dependent upon the total dollar value of each order. Other expedited delivery services are available at additional charges. Domestically, the company utilizes a two-day UPS service at standard rates, enhancing its customer service. Similar service is offered in International markets.

### Merchandise Liquidation

Liquidations, sales of overstocks and end-of-season merchandise at reduced prices, were approximately 11 percent, 12 percent and 10 percent of net merchandise sales in fiscal 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. A majority of liquidation sales were made through catalogs and other print media. The balance was sold principally through the company's Web sites and its outlet and inlet retail stores.

### Competition

The company's principal competitors are other catalog companies and retail stores, including specialty shops and department stores. The company may also face increased competition from other retailers as the number of television shopping channels and the variety of merchandise offered through electronic media increase. The apparel retail business in general is intensely competitive. Lands' End competes principally on the basis of merchandise value (quality and price), its established customer list and customer service, including fast order fulfillment, its unconditional guarantee (GUARANTEED PERIOD(R)), and its services and information provided at its user-friendly Web sites.

The company is one of the leading catalog companies in the U.S. The company attributes the growth in the catalog industry to many factors including customer convenience, widespread use of credit cards, the use of toll-free telephone lines, customers having less time to shop in stores, and purchasing of product online through the Internet. At the same time, the catalog business is subject to uncertainties in the economy, which result in fluctuating levels of overall consumer spending. Due to the lead times required for catalog production and distribution and product development, catalog retailers may not be able to respond as quickly as traditional

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retailers in an environment of rapidly changing prices. In the future, e-commerce growth should continually reduce lead times that are required by catalogs and decrease operating costs incurred in creating, printing and mailing catalogs.

### Trademarks

The company uses the trademarks of "Lands' End" and "Coming Home" on products and catalogs. Some of the trademarks used in the catalogs include "Super-T" shirts, "Squall" jackets and "Drifter" sweaters. "Lands' End

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Live," "Shop with a Friend," "Oxford Express" and "Your Personal Model" are trademarks associated with personalized customer services offered through the company's Web site. With the exception of "Lands' End" and "Coming Home," the company believes that loss or abandonment of any particular trademark would not significantly affect its business.

### Seasonality of Business

The company's business is highly seasonal. Historically, a disproportionate amount of the company's net sales and a majority of its profits have been realized during the fourth quarter. If the company's sales were materially different from seasonal norms during the fourth quarter, the company's annual operating results could be materially affected. In addition, as the company continues to refine its marketing efforts by experimenting with the timing of its catalog mailings, quarterly results may fluctuate. Accordingly, results for the individual quarters are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

### Employees

The company believes that its skilled and dedicated workforce is one of its key resources. Employees are not covered by collective bargaining agreements, and the company considers its employee relations to be very positive. As a result of the highly seasonal nature of the company's business, the size of the company's workforce varies, ranging from approximately 7,400 to 9,800 individuals in fiscal 2001. During the peak winter season of fiscal 2001, nearly 5,100 of the company's approximately 9,800 employees were temporary employees.

### Executive Officers of the Registrant

The following are the executive officers of the company:

David F. Dyer, 50, is President, Chief Executive Officer and member of the board of directors since rejoining the company in October 1998. In 1989, Mr. Dyer entered the employ of the company as Managing Director of Home Furnishings, became Executive Vice President of Merchandising in 1990, and was named Vice Chairman, Merchandising and Sales in 1993. He was a director of the company from 1991 until August 1994. Mr. Dyer was president and chief operating officer of the Home Shopping Network from August 1994 until August 1995, at which time he became an independent catalog/retail consultant, most recently with the Texas Pacific Group and the J. Crew Group. From 1972 to 1989, Mr. Dyer was employed at Burdine's, a specialty retail chain, where he served as Senior Vice President of Marketing and General Merchandising Manager of Women's Apparel, Accessories and Cosmetics.

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Jeffrey A. Jones, 54, is Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Jones joined the company in December 2000. Prior to joining Lands' End, Mr. Jones spent the last seven years with Shopko Stores, Inc., and its subsidiary, Provantage Health Service, Inc., both in Wisconsin. He served as Shopko's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer until 1997. At that time, he was named Chief Operating Officer and later served as Chief Executive Officer of Provantage, which was recently sold to Merck, Inc. Mr. Jones spent 13 years with Arthur Andersen & Co. His career includes Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer positions with various companies, including retail.

Lee Eisenberg, 53, is Executive Vice President and Creative Director since joining the company in February 1999. Since May 1995, Mr. Eisenberg was with

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TIME Magazine as Editor/Creative Development. In this capacity, he was involved in the launch of TIME for Kids. Mr. Eisenberg began his career at Esquire magazine in 1970, and went on to serve as their top editor.

Mindy Meads, 48, is Executive Vice President of Merchandising and Design, since rejoining the company in December 1998. Ms. Meads originally joined the company in 1991 as Vice President and Group Merchandising Manager for the women's apparel division and, in 1994, the men's and coed groups were added to her responsibilities. In January 1995, she was named Senior Vice President, Merchandising and Design. She left the company in 1996 to join Gymboree Corporation in San Francisco as their Senior Vice President and General Merchandise Manager. Before first joining Lands' End, Ms. Meads was Merchandise Manager for The Limited. Before The Limited, she had a 12-year tenure with R. H. Macy & Company of New York where she rose to Senior Vice President, Merchandise.

Stephen A. (Chip) Orum, 54, was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer until January 31, 2001. Mr. Orum joined the company as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in June 1991, and was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in February 1993, and became Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in addition to Chief Financial Officer in October 1994. From 1994 until January 1999, Mr. Orum served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Donald R. Hughes, 40, is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Hughes joined Lands' End in 1987 as Senior Staff Accountant. During his 14-year tenure with the company, he has served in various positions of increasing responsibility, including Controller, Director of Financial Services, and since 1996, Vice President of Finance. Prior to Lands' End, Mr. Hughes spent two years with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Milwaukee, as an auditor in their Small Business Division.

Francis P. Schaecher, 52, is Senior Vice President of Operations. Mr. Schaecher joined the company in 1982 as Operations Manager. He served as Vice President of Operations from 1983 until 1990, at which time he assumed his present position.

All executive officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

There is no family relationship between any of the executive officers of the company. None of the company's directors or executive officers were involved in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) nor was any such person a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which such person was or is subject to a judgment decree or final order enjoining future violations of or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

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### Item 2. Properties

The following table sets forth certain information of the company and its subsidiaries relating to their principal facilities as of January 26, 2001. Stevens Point is the only property that is subject to mortgage or collateral assignment.

Location	Type of Interest
Domestic Properties:	
Wisconsin:	
Warehouses in Dodgeville, Reedsburg and	

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Stevens Point (1)	Owned
Phone centers and offices in Dodgeville, Cross Plains, Reedsburg and Stevens Point (1)	Owned
Activity Center in Dodgeville	Owned
Hangars in Madison and Mineral Point	Owned
Inlet (2) stores in Brookfield, Fox Point and Madison	Leased
Outlet stores in Madison, Oshkosh, and Dodgeville	Leased
 Iowa:	
Manufacturing plants in West Union and Elkader	Owned
 Illinois:	
Outlet stores in Lombard, Niles, Schaumburg, Champaign and Springfield	Leased
 Minnesota:	
Inlet (2) stores in Richfield and Minnetonka and Woodbury	Leased
Travelers Inlet Store (3) at the Minneapolis/ St. Paul International Airport	Leased
 New York:	
Inlet (2)-store in Rochester	Leased
 International Properties:	
United Kingdom:	
Warehouse, phone center, outlet store, and offices in Oakham	Owned
Outlet store in Maidenhead, Bishop Centre Shopping Center	Leased
Office in London	Leased
Japan:	
Warehouse in Fujieda City	Leased
Offices and phone center in Yokohama	Leased
Outlet store in Shizuoka Ken	Leased
Germany:	
Offices and phone center in Mettlach	Leased
Portugal:	
Sourcing office in Maia	Leased

The company believes that its facilities are in good condition, well maintained and suitable for their intended uses.

- (1) Completion of the new facility in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, for the expansion of the Corporate Sales business and other functional areas is expected in late summer of 2001.

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- (2) The company introduced its "inlet" (originally known only as outlet) concept during fiscal 1997. The "inlet" store enhances the additional outlet "overstock" store and offers face-to-face catalog shopping within a store. The "inlet" stores carry a limited selection of Lands' End signature items at regular catalog prices, along with expanded customer service that catalog customers have come to expect.
- (3) The Traveler's Inlet is located at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport and carries only full-price merchandise and offers special services to travelers.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

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There are no material legal proceedings presently pending, except for routine litigation incidental to the business, to which the company is a party or of which any of its property is the subject.

### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended January 26, 2001.

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## PART II.

### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Shareholder Matters

#### Market Information

The common stock of the company is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock tables in most daily newspapers list the company as "LandsE". Ticker symbol: LE. See Note 14 "Consolidated quarterly analysis" for information on the high and low stock prices of the company's common stock. The closing price of the company's stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 23, 2001, (the record date) was \$27.90 per share.

#### Shareholders

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As of March 23, 2001, the number of shareholders of record of common stock of the company was 1,927. This number excludes shareholders whose stock is held in nominee or street name by brokers.

### Dividends

See Item 7 "Liquidity and capital resources" of Management's Discussion and Analysis for the company's decision not to pay cash dividends during fiscal years 2001, 2000 and 1999.

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### Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data

FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL SUMMARY (unaudited)  
Lands' End, Inc. & Subsidiaries  
(In thousands, except for share data)

Fiscal Year	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
Income statement data:					
Total revenue (1)	\$1,462,283	\$1,416,886	\$1,466,121	\$1,346,687	\$1,193,588
Pretax income	55,011	76,244	49,500	101,825	84,919
Percent to net sales	3.8%	5.4%	3.4%	7.6%	7.1%
Net income	34,657	48,034	31,185	64,150	50,952
Per share of common stock:					

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Basic earnings per share	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$1.02	\$2.01	\$1.54
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.14	\$1.56	\$1.01	\$2.00	\$1.53
Cash dividends per share					
Common shares outstanding	29,276	30,149	30,142	30,979	32,442
Balance sheet data:					
Current assets	\$ 321,685	\$ 289,408	\$ 294,303	\$ 299,146	\$ 272,039
Current liabilities	178,874	150,872	205,283	182,013	145,566
Property, plant, equipment and intangibles, net	185,944	166,788	161,616	134,326	106,006
Total assets	507,629	456,196	455,919	433,472	378,045
Noncurrent liabilities	14,567	9,117	8,133	8,747	9,474
Shareholders' investment	314,188	296,207	242,503	242,712	223,005
Other data:					
Net working capital	\$ 142,811	\$138,536	\$ 89,020	\$117,133	\$ 126,473
Capital expenditures	44,553	28,013	46,750	48,228	17,992
Depreciation and amortization expense	23,432	20,715	18,731	15,127	13,558
Return on average shareholders' investment	11%	18%	13%	28%	24%
Return on average assets	7%	11%	7%	16%	15%

(1) Total revenue includes net merchandise sales and shipping and handling revenue, as required under EITF 00-10.

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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Consolidated Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Fiscal 2001 was a year during which we've seen the results of our strategic initiatives of the last two years take hold. Sales momentum picked up towards the end of the third quarter and continued strongly through our all-important holiday season, and we reported a double-digit increase in both revenue and earnings for the fourth quarter. This success enabled us to complete the year with an annual 3.2 increase in total revenue, but a 27.8 percent decrease in earnings, mainly due to the weakness of the first nine months. Our strong finish for the year was gratifying in the face of a difficult economy.

Consolidated statements of operations presented as a percentage of total revenue:

	For the period ended		
	January 26, 2001	January 28, 2000	January 29, 1999
Net merchandise sales	92.7%	93.1%	93.5%
Shipping and handling revenue	7.3	6.9	6.5
Total revenue	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of sales	49.8	51.3	51.5
Shipping and handling costs	7.7	7.1	6.5
Total cost of sales	57.5	58.4	58.0
Gross profit	42.5	41.6	42.0

Selling, general and

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administrative expenses	38.3	36.2	37.1
Non-recurring charge (credit)	-	(0.2)	0.8
Income from operations	4.2	5.6	4.1
Interest income (expense), net	0.1	(0.1)	(0.5)
Other	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Income before income taxes	3.8	5.4	3.4
Income tax provision	1.4	2.0	1.3
Net income	2.4%	3.4%	2.1%

The company adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Emerging Issues Task Force "Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs" (EITF00-10) in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001. All periods presented have been restated to reflect this on a consistent basis (See Note 1.)

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### Segment net merchandise sales (1)

(Amounts in millions)	Jan. 26, 2001		Jan. 28, 2000		Jan. 29, 1999	
	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales
Core	\$ 814	60 %	\$ 780	59 %	\$ 861	63 %
Specialty	408	30 %	397	30 %	364	27 %
International	133	10 %	143	11 %	146	10 %
Total net sales	\$1,355	100 %	\$1,320	100 %	\$1,371	100 %

(1) Shipping and handling revenue is not included.

### Segment income (loss) before income taxes (2)

(Amounts in millions)	Jan. 26, 2001		Jan. 28, 2000		Jan. 29, 1999	
	Amount	% of Revenue	Amount	% of Revenue	Amount	% of Revenue
Core	\$ 35	2.4 %	\$ 32	2.3 %	\$ 27	1.9 %
Specialty	28	1.9 %	43	3.0 %	23	1.6 %
International	(1)	(0.1) %	3	0.2 %	5	0.3 %
Other	(7)	(0.4) %	(2)	(0.1) %	(5)	(0.4) %
Income before income taxes	\$ 55	3.8 %	\$ 76	5.4 %	\$ 50	3.4 %

(2) Percentages are based on total revenue.

Results of operations for fiscal 2001, compared with fiscal 2000

Total revenue increased by 3.2 percent

Total revenue consists of net merchandise sales and shipping and handling revenue. Net merchandise sales are sales from our business segments (Core, Specialty and International). Shipping and handling revenue consists of shipping and handling and gift box service charges received



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from customers.

Total revenue for the year just ended was \$1.462 billion, compared with \$1.417 billion in the prior year, an increase of 3.2 percent. Net merchandise sales were \$1.355 billion in fiscal 2001, compared to \$1.320 billion last year, an increase of 2.7 percent. Merchandise sales for the core business segment were \$814 million, up more than 4 percent from the prior year, due to the strong growth of the coed division (men's and women's casual wear), which grew by 16 percent. The specialty business segment merchandise sales grew about 3 percent to \$408 million, due mainly to continued double-digit growth of Corporate Sales, which reached \$170 million in merchandise sales for fiscal 2001. Merchandise sales for the international business segment were \$133 million, down 7 percent from last year, primarily due to softer sales in Japan and weaker currency conversions. Seasonally strong sales resulted in a higher level of backorders during the fourth quarter and a first-time fulfillment rate of 85 percent for the year as a whole, slightly below the prior year's rate. Overall merchandise sales growth was primarily attributable to changes in circulation, which included adding back our post-Thanksgiving catalog and our January full-price catalog, shifting the timing of our fall/winter mailings, increased page circulation and improved merchandise selection and creative presentations.

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Shipping and handling revenue was \$107 million, an increase of 10.6 percent, partially due to increased shipping rates in response to higher costs and a higher level of merchandise sales.

Our Internet sales at landsend.com were \$218 million in fiscal 2001, compared with \$138 million in fiscal 2000. About 17 percent of our Internet buyers are new to Lands' End, and we believe this channel will continue to have important growth potential for us.

Gross profit margin

Gross profit for the year just ended was \$622 million, or 42.5 percent of total revenue, compared with \$590 million, or 41.6 percent of total revenue, for the prior year. Merchandise gross profit margin rose 130 basis points, mainly due to higher initial margins resulting from improved sourcing and a lower level of liquidations. This was partially offset by relatively higher shipping and handling costs, especially in the fourth quarter. Liquidations were about 11 percent of net merchandise sales in fiscal 2001, compared with 12 percent in the prior year.

In fiscal 2001, the cost of inventory purchases was down 2.0 percent, compared with deflation of 2.7 percent in fiscal 2000. This reduction was a result of improved sourcing. As a result, the LIFO inventory reserve was reduced by \$4.4 million and \$5.9 million in fiscal 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses increased 9.2 percent to \$560 million in fiscal 2001, compared with \$513 million in the prior year. As a percentage of sales, SG&A was 38.3 percent in fiscal 2001 and 36.2 percent in the prior year. The increase in the SG&A ratio was primarily the result of higher catalog costs associated with increased page circulation, as well as higher information services expenses as we continue to invest in the Internet and upgrade systems capabilities. The

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number of full-price catalogs mailed totaled 269 million in fiscal 2001, up 14 percent from the prior year, and the total number of pages mailed increased by about 18 percent.

The cost of producing and mailing catalogs represented about 39 percent and 38 percent of total SG&A in fiscal 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$23.4 million, up 13.1 percent from the prior year, mainly due to computer software. Rental expense was \$16.0 million, up 3.4 percent from fiscal 2000, primarily due to additional computer hardware.

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### Credit lines and capital expenditures

Interest expense on lines of credit was down in fiscal 2001 due to lower average borrowing levels. Interest expense decreased to \$1.5 million in fiscal 2001, compared to \$1.9 million in fiscal 2000. We spent \$45 million in cash on capital expenditures, which included \$31 million for computer hardware and software. In addition, the company acquired a new airplane by exchanging two of its own aircraft in fiscal 2001. Also, we purchased about \$28 million in treasury stock. Our lines of credit peaked at \$73 million in fiscal 2001, compared with a peak of \$53 million in the prior year. At January 26, 2001, the company's foreign subsidiaries had short-term debt outstanding of \$16.9 million and domestic operations had no outstanding borrowings. No long-term debt was outstanding at fiscal year-end 2001.

### Net income decreased

Net income for fiscal 2001 was \$34.7 million, down 27.8 percent from the \$48.0 million earned in fiscal 2000. Diluted earnings per share for the year just ended were \$1.14, compared with \$1.56 per share for the prior year. Fiscal 2000 includes a non-recurring after-tax increase to net income of \$1.1 million, or \$0.04 per share. Before the effect of this adjustment, net income for the prior year was \$46.9 million, or \$1.52 per diluted share. The diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding was 30.4 million for fiscal 2001 and 30.9 million for fiscal 2000.

### Segment results

The company has three business segments consisting of Core (regular monthly and prospecting catalogs, First Person, and Lands' End for Men, formerly Beyond Buttondowns); Specialty (Corporate Sales, Kids and Coming Home); and International (foreign-based operations in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom). "Other" includes corporate expenses, intercompany eliminations, other income and deduction items that are not allocated to segments. (See Note 12.)

The core segment's net merchandise sales were \$813.7 million,

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representing 60 percent of the company's net merchandise sales and an increase of \$33.6 million compared with the prior year. The coed division led the strong growth in the core business segment.

The specialty segment's net merchandise sales were \$408.1 million, which were 30 percent of the company's net merchandise sales and \$11.6 million above the prior year. This sales increase was mainly from our Corporate Sales business-to-business division.

The international segment's net merchandise sales were \$133.2 million, about 10 percent of total net merchandise sales. This is a decrease of \$10.0 million from the prior year and was primarily due to soft sales in Japan and currency issues related to the weakening of the Deutsche Mark and British Pound against the U.S. Dollar.

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Income (loss) before income taxes for the segments were: core increased by \$2.3 million to \$34.7 million in fiscal 2001 from \$32.4 million in the prior year; specialty decreased by \$14.9 million to \$28.3 million in fiscal 2001 from \$43.2 million in the prior year; international decreased by \$4.0 million to a loss of \$1.3 million in fiscal 2001 from income of \$2.7 million last year; and the loss in the category "other" increased by \$4.7 million to a loss of \$6.7 million in fiscal 2001 from a loss of \$2.0 million in fiscal 2000. This loss of \$6.7 million in "other" is mainly the result of foreign currency translation and transactions. (See Note 1.) The core segment's increase in income before income taxes was primarily the result of improved sourcing, offset by higher catalog costs due to increased catalog circulation. The specialty segment decrease in income before income taxes was mainly due to higher catalog and national advertising costs associated with lower productivity of the catalogs. International's decrease in income before income taxes was attributed mainly to its sales decrease in Japan and currency issues.

### Accounting standards

The company adopted EITF 00-10, "Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs" in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001. Under its provisions, shipping and handling charges billed to customers are now recorded as part of total revenue, and shipping and handling costs are now classified as part of cost of sales. Previously, all shipping and handling revenue and costs were netted within selling, general and administrative expenses. These reclassifications have no impact on income from operations or net income, but they do have an impact on total revenue, cost of sales, gross profit, and selling, general and administrative expenses. (See Note 1.)

### Results of operations for fiscal 2000, compared with fiscal 1999

Total revenue decreased by 3.4 percent

Total revenue for fiscal year 2000 totaled \$1.417 billion, compared with \$1.466 billion in the prior year, a decrease of 3.4 percent. This decrease was greater than anticipated, even with the planned reduction in catalog pages mailed during the year. The specialty business segment had the strongest performance for fiscal 2000, with sales up about 9 percent

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to \$396.5 million, due in large part due to the success of our Corporate Sales business-to-business division, which accounted for about \$140 million in sales. Sales for the core business segment were \$780.1 million, down 9 percent from the prior year, due largely to an 18 percent page circulation reduction. Sales for the international business segment were \$143.2 million, slightly down from \$146 million last year. Lower inventory levels throughout the year resulted in a first-time fulfillment of about 88 percent.

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Merchandise sales for November and December, the two most important months of our critical holiday season, were down almost 15 percent from the prior year. This was due principally to the planned strategy of mailing fewer catalog pages to reduce unprofitable mailings, the elimination of a full-size catalog at Thanksgiving time, and a lower level of liquidation sales compared with the prior year when catalog mailings and promotional pricing were aggressively increased to clear excess inventory. In January, the company traditionally mails its January full-price primary catalog, as well as an end-of-season clearance catalog. In fiscal 2000, these two mailings were combined into one book, with only a small presentation devoted to full-price merchandise, resulting in a 30 percent page reduction and a 24 percent decline in sales for the month of January.

Our Internet sales at landsend.com more than doubled in fiscal 2000, with sales of \$138 million, compared with \$61 million in fiscal 1999. We found that more than 20 percent of our Internet buyers were new to Lands' End, and believe this channel will continue to be an important growth opportunity for us.

### Gross profit margin

Gross profit for the year just ended was \$590 million, or 41.6 percent of total revenue, compared with \$616 million, or 42.0 percent of total revenue, for the prior year. During the first nine months of fiscal 2000, gross profit margin ran well below the prior year, due primarily to a higher level of liquidated merchandise sales at steeper markdowns. However, in the fourth quarter, gross profit margin was strong due to higher initial margins as a result of improved sourcing and the lower level of liquidations. Liquidations were about 12 percent of net merchandise sales in fiscal 2000, compared with 10 percent in the prior year.

In fiscal 2000, the cost of inventory purchases was down 2.7 percent, compared with inflation of 0.5 percent in fiscal 1999. This reduction was a result of deflation, as well as more efficient negotiations with our suppliers. As a result, the LIFO inventory reserve was reduced by \$5.9 million in fiscal 2000.

### Selling, general and administrative expenses

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Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses decreased 5.7 percent to \$513 million in fiscal 2000, compared with \$544 million in the prior year. The decrease was due to a reduction in the number of catalog pages mailed, somewhat offset by relatively higher fulfillment costs. As a percentage of sales, SG&A was 36.2 percent in fiscal 2000 and 37.1 percent in the prior year. The decrease in the SG&A ratio was primarily the result of the reduction in the number of pages mailed and greater overall catalog productivity (sales per page). The number of full-price catalogs mailed totaled 236 million in fiscal 2000, down 9 percent from the prior year, while the total number of pages mailed decreased by about 17 percent.

The cost of producing and mailing catalogs represented about 38 percent and 43 percent of total SG&A in fiscal 2000 and 1999, respectively.

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Depreciation and amortization expense was \$20.7 million, up 10.6 percent from the prior year, related primarily to additional computer hardware and software, and buildings. Rental expense was \$15.5 million, down 0.8 percent from fiscal 1999, as a result of three store closings.

Credit lines and capital expenditures

Inventory decreased to \$162 million in fiscal 2000, down 26 percent from \$220 million in the prior year. As a result of lower inventory levels and reduced purchases of treasury stock, borrowing decreased under our short-term lines of credit. Interest expense decreased to \$1.9 million in fiscal 2000, compared to \$7.7 million in fiscal 1999. We spent \$28 million in capital expenditures and purchased about \$4.5 million in treasury stock. Our lines of credit peaked at \$53 million in fiscal 2000, compared with a peak of \$257 million in the prior year. At January 28, 2000, the company's foreign subsidiaries had short-term debt outstanding of \$11.7 million and domestic operations had no outstanding borrowings. No long-term debt was outstanding at fiscal year-end 2000.

Net income increased

Net income for fiscal 2000 was \$48.0 million, up 54 percent from the \$31.2 million earned in fiscal 1999. Diluted earnings per share for the year just ended were \$1.56, compared with \$1.01 per share for the prior year. In the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 1999, the company had after-tax non-recurring charges of \$0.9 million and \$7.0 million, respectively, or \$0.26 per share for the entire fiscal year. Fiscal 2000 included an addition to after-tax net income of \$1.1 million, or \$0.04 per share, from the reversal of a portion of that non-recurring charge. Before the effect of these adjustments, net income for fiscal year 2000 was \$46.9 million, or \$1.52 per diluted share, compared with fiscal 1999 net income of \$39.1 million, or \$1.27 per share. The diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding was 30.9 million for fiscal 2000 and 30.8 million for fiscal 1999.

Segment results

The company has three business segments consisting of Core (regular monthly and prospecting catalogs, First Person, and Beyond Buttondowns), Specialty (Kids, Corporate Sales, and Coming Home catalogs) and International (foreign-based operations in Japan, United Kingdom and Germany). "Other" includes corporate expenses, intercompany eliminations, other income and deduction items that are not allocated to

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segments (See Note 12.)

The core segment's net merchandise sales were \$780.1 million or 59 percent of net merchandise sales in fiscal 2000, which represent a decrease of \$80.8 million from the prior year. Within the core segment, sales from the monthly and prospecting full-price catalogs were down from the prior year due principally to a planned reduction in circulation and pages mailed. Total pages circulated were down 18 percent in the core segment.

The specialty segment's net merchandise sales were \$396.5 million or 30 percent of total net merchandise sales in fiscal 2000, which represents an increase of \$31.9 million from the prior year. This sales increase was mainly from our Corporate Sales business-to-business division.

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The international segment's net merchandise sales were \$143.2 million or 11 percent of total net merchandise sales in fiscal 2000, which represents a decrease of \$2.7 million from the prior year. The decrease was due mainly to lower sales for the United Kingdom and Japan.

Income (loss) before income taxes for the segments were: core increased by \$5.1 million to \$32.4 million in fiscal 2000 from \$27.3 million in the prior year; specialty increased by \$20.2 million to \$43.2 million in fiscal 2000 from \$23.0 million in the prior year; and international decreased by \$2.0 million to \$2.7 million in fiscal 2000 from \$4.7 million last year. The core and specialty segments' increase in income before income taxes was primarily the result of the company's strategy to reduce circulation and focus on catalog productivity. In addition, both core and specialty segments incurred non-recurring credits of \$0.5 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. This compares to fiscal 1999 non-recurring charges of \$7.6 million and \$5.0 million allocated to core and specialty, respectively. International's decrease in income before income taxes was attributed mainly to its sales decrease in the United Kingdom and Japan.

The Christmas season is our busiest

Our business is highly seasonal. The fall/winter season is a five-month period ending in December. In the longer spring/summer season, orders are fewer and the merchandise offered generally has lower unit selling prices than products offered in the fall/winter season. As a result, total revenue is usually substantially greater in the fall/winter season, and SG&A as a percentage of total revenue is usually higher in the spring/summer season. Additionally, as we continue to refine our marketing efforts by experimenting with the timing of our catalog mailings, quarterly results may fluctuate.

Nearly 37 percent of our total revenue came in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, compared to about 34 percent in fiscal 2000. Approximately 92 percent and 59 percent of before-tax profit was realized in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Liquidity and capital resources

To date, the bulk of our working capital needs have been met through funds generated from operations and from short-term bank loans. Our principal need for working capital has been to meet peak inventory requirements associated with our seasonal sales pattern. In addition, our resources have been used to make asset additions and purchase treasury stock. As of January 26, 2001, the company has unsecured

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domestic credit facilities totaling \$200 million. As of January 26, 2001, the only utilization of this facility was \$36 million of outstanding letters of credit. The company also maintains foreign credit lines for use in foreign operations totaling the equivalent of approximately \$45 million, of which \$16.9 million was used at January 26, 2001.

Since fiscal 1990, the company's board of directors has authorized the purchase of a total of 14.7 million shares of the company's common stock. A total of 1.1 million, 0.1 million and 1.1 million shares have been purchased in the fiscal years ended January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000 and January 29, 1999, respectively. As of January 26, 2001, 12.7 million shares have been purchased, and there is a balance of 2.0 million shares authorized to be purchased by the company from time to time.

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The board of directors from time to time evaluates its dividend practice. Given our current authorization to buy back additional shares, the payment of cash dividends is not planned for the foreseeable future.

### Capital investment

Capital investment was about \$45 million in fiscal 2001. Information technology was the major focus of our investments.

In the coming year, we plan to invest between \$45 million and \$50 million in capital expenditures, investing primarily in our information technology and completing our Stevens Point, Wisconsin facility. We believe that our cash flow from operations and borrowings under our current credit facilities will provide adequate resources to meet our capital requirements and operational needs for the foreseeable future.

### Market risk disclosure

The company attempts to reduce its exposure to the effects of currency fluctuations on cash flows by using derivative instruments to hedge. The company is subject to foreign currency risk related to its transactions with operations in the United Kingdom, Japan, and Germany and with foreign third-party vendors. The company's foreign currency risk management policy is to hedge the majority of merchandise purchases by foreign operations and from foreign third-party vendors, which includes forecasted transactions, through the use of foreign exchange forward contracts and options to minimize this risk. The company's policy is not to speculate in derivative instruments for profit on the exchange rate price fluctuation, trade in currencies for which there are no underlying exposures or enter into trades for any currency to intentionally increase the underlying exposure. Derivative instruments used as hedges must be effective at reducing the risk associated with the exposure being hedged and must be designated as a hedge at the inception of the contract.

As of January 26, 2001, the company had net outstanding foreign currency forward contracts totaling about \$77 million and options totaling \$16 million. Based on the anticipated cash flows and outflows for the next 12 months and the foreign currency derivative instruments in place at January 26, 2001, a hypothetical 10 percent strengthening of the U.S. dollar relative to all other currencies would adversely affect the expected fiscal 2002 cash flows by \$0.7 million.

The company is subject to the risk of fluctuating interest rates in the normal course of business, primarily as a result of its short-term borrowing and investment activities at variable interest rates. As of January 26, 2001, the company had no outstanding financial instruments related to its debt or investments. At January 26, 2001, a sensitivity analysis was

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performed for its short-term debt and investments that have interest rate risk. The company has determined that a 10 percent change in the company's weighted average interest rates would have no material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

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### Possible future changes

A 1992 Supreme Court decision confirmed that the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution prevents a state from requiring the collection of its use tax by a mail order company unless the company has a physical presence in the state. However, there continues to be uncertainty due to inconsistent application of the Supreme Court decision by state and federal courts. The company attempts to conduct its operations in compliance with its interpretation of the applicable legal standard, but there can be no assurance that such compliance will not be challenged.

In recent challenges, various states have sought to require companies to begin collection of use taxes and/or pay taxes from previous sales. The company has not received assessments from any state. The amount of potential assessments, if any, can not be reasonably estimated.

The Supreme Court decision also established that Congress has the power to enact legislation that would permit states to require collection of use taxes by mail order companies. Congress has from time to time considered proposals for such legislation. The company anticipates that any legislative change, if adopted, would be applied only on a prospective basis.

In October 1998, The Internet Tax Freedom Act was signed into law. Among the provisions of this Act is a three-year moratorium on multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce. An Advisory Commission was appointed to study electronic commerce tax issues and submitted its final report to Congress on April 3, 2000. Among other recommendations, the majority of the Advisory Commission favored the extension of the moratorium for an additional five years, until 2006, and greater uniformity and simplification of the state sales and use tax systems. Following the Advisory Commission's final report, there have been several initiatives at the congressional and state levels to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Commission or otherwise adjust the current sales and use tax laws and policies. We continue to monitor this activity and its potential effect on the company's collection obligations.

### Business outlook

We are taking a conservative approach to our business in light of the uncertainty in the U.S. economy, particularly as seen in the retail environment. For fiscal 2002, a 53-week year that will end on February 1, 2002, the company expects that sales will increase in the single-digit range, and we expect gross profit margin to show continued improvement. As a result, we expect an increase in diluted earnings per share of at least 20 percent for the year as a whole.

As described later in our statement regarding forward-looking



information, our business's profit level is sensitive to many factors, including changes in sales volume, which are difficult for us, like most retailers, to accurately predict.

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Statement regarding forward-looking information

Statements in this report (including, but not limited to, Management's Discussion and Analysis) that are not historical, including, without limitation, statements regarding our plans, expectations, assumptions, and estimations for fiscal 2002, gross profit margin, and earnings, as well as anticipated sales trends and future development of our business strategy, are considered forward-looking in this report. As such, these statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. Future results may be materially different from those expressed or implied by these statements due to a number of factors. Currently, we believe that the principal factors that create uncertainty about our future results are the following: customer response to our merchandise offerings, circulation changes and other initiatives; the mix of our sales between full price and liquidation merchandise; overall consumer confidence and general economic conditions, both domestic and foreign; effects of shifting patterns of e-commerce versus catalog purchases; costs associated with printing and mailing catalogs and fulfilling orders; dependence on consumer seasonal buying patterns; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; and changes that may have different effects on the various sectors in which we operate (e.g., rather than individual consumers, the Corporate Sales Division, included in the specialty segment, sells to numerous corporations, and certain of these sales are for their corporate promotional activities). Our future results could, of course, be affected by other factors as well.

The company does not undertake to publicly update or revise its forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

## Item 8. Consolidated Financial Statement and Supplementary Data

Consolidated Statement of Operations  
Lands' End, Inc. & Subsidiaries  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	For the period ended		
	January 26, 2001	January 28, 2000	January 29, 1999
Revenue:			
Net merchandise sales	\$1,354,974	\$1,319,823	\$1,371,375
Shipping and handling revenue	107,309	97,063	94,746
Total revenue	1,462,283	1,416,886	1,466,121
Cost of sales:			
Cost of merchandise sales	728,446	727,291	754,661
Shipping and handling costs	112,158	99,791	95,368
Total cost of sales	840,604	827,082	850,029
Gross profit	621,679	589,804	616,092
Selling, general and administrative expenses	560,019	512,647	543,824
Non-recurring charge (credit)	-	(1,774)	12,600
Income from operations	61,660	78,931	59,668
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(1,512)	(1,890)	(7,734)
Interest income	2,244	882	16
Other	(7,381)	(1,679)	(2,450)
Total other expense, net	(6,649)	(2,687)	(10,168)
Income before income taxes	55,011	76,244	49,500
Income tax provision	20,354	28,210	18,315
Net income	\$ 34,657	\$ 48,034	\$ 31,185
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.02
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.01
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	30,047	30,085	30,471
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	30,422	30,854	30,763

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an

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integral part of these consolidated statements.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets  
Lands' End, Inc. & Subsidiaries

(In thousands)	January 26, 2001	January 28, 2000
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,351	\$ 76,413
Receivables, net	19,808	17,753
Inventory	188,211	162,193
Prepaid advertising	17,627	16,572
Other prepaid expenses	9,715	5,816
Deferred income tax benefits	10,973	10,661
Total current assets	321,685	289,408
Property, plant and equipment, at cost:		
Land and buildings	104,815	102,776
Fixtures and equipment	103,866	102,886
Computer hardware and software	99,979	73,024
Leasehold improvements	4,630	4,453
Construction in progress	4,289	-
Total property, plant and equipment	317,579	283,139
Less-accumulated depreciation and amortization	132,286	117,317
Property, plant and equipment, net	185,293	165,822
Intangibles, net	651	966
Total assets	\$ 507,629	\$ 456,196
Liabilities and shareholders' investment		
Current liabilities:		
Lines of credit	\$ 16,940	\$ 11,724
Accounts payable	96,168	74,510
Reserve for returns	9,061	7,869
Accrued liabilities	41,135	43,754
Accrued profit sharing	2,357	2,760
Income taxes payable	13,213	10,255
Total current liabilities	178,874	150,872
Deferred income taxes	14,567	9,117
Shareholders' investment:		
Common stock, 40,221 shares issued	402	402
Donated capital	8,400	8,400
Additional paid-in capital	31,908	29,709
Deferred compensation	(121)	(236)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	5,974	2,675
Retained earnings	489,087	454,430
Treasury stock, 10,945 and 10,071 shares at cost, respectively	(221,462)	(199,173)
Total shareholders' investment	314,188	296,207
Total liabilities and shareholders' investment	\$ 507,629	\$ 456,196

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these consolidated balance sheets.

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(Dollars in thousands)	Comprehensive Income	Common Stock	Donated Capital	Additional Paid-in Capital	Deferred Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
Balance, January 30, 1998		\$402	\$8,400	\$26,457	\$ (1,047)	\$875
Purchase of treasury stock		-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of treasury stock		-	-	-	-	-
Tax benefit of stock options exercised		-	-	537	-	-
Deferred compensation expense		-	-	-	653	-
Comprehensive income:						
Net income	\$31,185	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income:						
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,128	-	-	-	-	1,128
Comprehensive income	\$32,313					
Balance, January 29, 1999		\$402	\$8,400	\$26,994	\$ (394)	\$2,003
Purchase of treasury stock		-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of treasury stock		-	-	-	-	-
Tax benefit of stock options exercised		-	-	2,715	-	-
Deferred compensation expense		-	-	-	158	-
Comprehensive income:						
Net income	\$48,034	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income:						
Foreign currency translation adjustments	92	-	-	-	-	92
Unrealized gain on forward contracts and options	580	-	-	-	-	580
Comprehensive income	\$48,706					
Balance, January 28, 2000		\$402	\$8,400	\$29,709	\$ (236)	\$2,675
Purchase of treasury stock		-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of treasury stock		-	-	-	-	-
Tax benefit of stock options exercised		-	-	2,199	-	-
Deferred compensation expense		-	-	-	115	-
Comprehensive income:						
Net income	\$34,657	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income:						
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(1,770)	-	-	-	-	(1,770)
Unrealized gain on forward contracts and options	5,069	-	-	-	-	5,069
Comprehensive income	\$37,956					
Balance, January 26, 2001		\$402	\$8,400	\$31,908	\$ (121)	\$5,974

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

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Lands' End, Inc. & Subsidiaries (In thousands)	For the period ended		
	Jan. 26, 2001	Jan. 28, 2000	Jan. 29, 1999
Cash flows from (used for) operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 34,657	\$ 48,034	\$ 31,185
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities-			
Non-recurring charge (credit)	-	(1,774)	12,600
Depreciation and amortization	23,432	20,715	18,731
Deferred compensation expense	115	158	653
Deferred income taxes	5,138	8,270	(5,948)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	437	926	586
Changes in current assets and liabilities:			
Receivables, net	(2,055)	3,330	(5,640)
Inventory	(26,018)	57,493	21,468
Prepaid advertising	(1,055)	4,785	(2,844)
Other prepaid expenses	(3,899)	1,773	(2,504)
Accounts payable	21,658	(13,412)	4,179
Reserve for returns	1,192	676	1,065
Accrued liabilities	(1,091)	(7,664)	6,993
Accrued profit sharing	(403)	504	(2,030)
Income taxes payable	2,958	(4,323)	(5,899)
Tax benefit of stock options	2,199	2,715	537
Other	3,299	672	1,128
Net cash flows from operating activities	60,564	122,878	74,260
Cash flows from (used for) investing activities:			
Cash paid for capital additions	(44,553)	(28,013)	(46,750)
Net cash flows used for investing activities	(44,553)	(28,013)	(46,750)
Cash flows from (used for) financing activities:			
Proceeds from (payment of) short-term debt	5,216	(27,218)	6,505
Purchases of treasury stock	(27,988)	(4,516)	(35,557)
Issuance of treasury stock	5,699	6,641	1,845
Net cash flows used for financing activities	(17,073)	(25,093)	(27,207)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,062)	69,772	303
Beginning cash and cash equivalents	76,413	6,641	6,338
Ending cash and cash equivalents	\$ 75,351	\$ 76,413	\$ 6,641
Supplemental cash flow disclosures:			
Interest paid	\$ 1,519	\$ 1,890	\$ 7,693
Income taxes paid	9,658	21,078	27,857

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### Nature of business

Lands' End, Inc. (the company) is a direct marketer of traditionally styled apparel, domestics (primarily bedding and bath items), soft luggage and other products. The company manages its business in three operating segments consisting of core, specialty and international, based principally on type of catalog focusing on customer needs and markets served. The company's primary market is the United States, and other markets include Europe, the Pacific Basin area and Canada.

### Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the company and its subsidiaries after elimination of intercompany accounts and transactions.

### Year-end

The company's fiscal year is comprised of 52-53 weeks, usually ending on the Friday closest to January 31. Fiscal 2001 ended on January 26, 2001, fiscal 2000 ended on January 28, 2000 and fiscal 1999 ended on January 29, 1999. All three years were comprised of 52 weeks. Fiscal 2002 is a 53-week year ending on February 1, 2002.

### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Revenue recognition

The company records revenue at the time of shipment for catalog and e-commerce sales and at the point of sale for inlet and outlet store sales. The company provides a reserve for returns.

### Reserve for returns

At the time of sale, the company provides a reserve equal to the gross profit on projected merchandise returns, based on its prior returns experience.

### Cash and cash equivalents

The company's cash equivalents include short-term investments with a maturity of less than three months.

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Inventory

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Inventory, primarily merchandise held for sale, is stated at last-in, first-out (LIFO) cost, which is lower than market. If the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method of accounting for inventory had been used, inventory would have been approximately \$16.6 million and \$21.0 million higher than reported at January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000, respectively.

### Advertising

The company expenses the costs of advertising for magazines, television, radio, and other media the first time the advertising takes place, except for direct-response advertising, which is capitalized and amortized over its expected period of future benefits. Direct-response advertising consists primarily of catalog production and mailing costs that are generally amortized within three months from the date catalogs are mailed. Advertising costs reported as prepaid assets were \$17.6 million and \$16.6 million as of January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000, respectively. Advertising expenses were \$251.6 million, \$225.0 million and \$262.9 million for fiscal years ended January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000 and January 29, 1999, respectively.

### Depreciation

Depreciation expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which are 20 to 30 years for buildings and land improvements and five to 10 years for leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures, equipment, and software. The company provides one-half year of depreciation in the year of addition and retirement.

### Intangibles

Intangible assets consist primarily of trademarks that are amortized over 15 years on a straight-line basis.

### Financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk

The company uses import letters of credit to purchase foreign-sourced merchandise. The letters of credit are primarily U.S. dollar-denominated and are issued through third-party financial institutions to guarantee payment for such merchandise within agreed-upon time periods. At January 26, 2001, the company had outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$36 million, all of which had expiration dates of less than one year.

The counterparties to these financial instruments are primarily large financial institutions; management believes the risk of counterparty nonperformance on these financial instruments is not significant.

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Financial statements of the foreign subsidiaries and foreign-denominated assets are translated into U.S. dollars in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 52. Translation adjustments of the foreign subsidiaries are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income, which is a component of stockholders' equity. Gains and losses resulting from the translation of foreign-denominated assets and foreign currency transactions are recorded as other income and expense on the consolidated statements of operations. For the years ended January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000 and January 29, 1999, losses of \$5.8 million, \$1.2 million and \$1.9 million were recorded as other expense on the consolidated statements of operations, respectively. The loss recorded in fiscal 2001 resulted from the significant weakening of the British Pound and Deutsche Mark against the U.S. Dollar.

### Fair values of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments does not materially differ from their carrying values.

### Reclassifications

Certain financial statement amounts have been reclassified to be consistent with the fiscal 2001 presentation.

### Accounting standards

In December 1999, the Securities and Exchange Commission released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 ("SAB 101"), "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements". SAB 101 provides interpretive guidance on the proper recognition, presentation and disclosure of revenues in financial statements. As the company's revenue recognition policies previously complied with generally accepted accounting principles and the related interpretive guidance set forth in SAB 101, the adoption of SAB 101 did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2000, the Emerging Issues Task Force issued EITF 00-14, "Accounting for Certain Sales Incentives" ("EITF 00-14"). The adoption of EITF 00-14 did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2000, the Emerging Issues Task Force issued EITF 00-10, "Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs". The company adopted EITF 00-10 in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 and has restated all comparative prior period financial statements. Under its provisions, amounts billed to a customer in a sale transaction related to shipping and handling represent revenue earned for the goods provided and should be classified as sales revenue. Shipping and handling charges billed to customers are now recorded as part of total revenue, and shipping and handling costs are now classified as part of cost of sales. Previously, all shipping and handling revenue and costs were netted within selling, general and administrative expenses. These reclassifications have no

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impact on income from operations or net income, but they do have an



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impact on total revenue, cost of sales, gross profit and selling, general and administrative expenses.

### Note 2. Shareholders' investment

#### Capital stock

The company currently has authorized the issuance of 160 million shares of \$0.01 par value common stock. The company is authorized to issue 5 million shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. The company's board of directors has the authority to issue shares and to fix dividend, voting and conversion rights, redemption provisions, liquidation preferences, and other rights and restrictions of the preferred stock. No preferred shares have been issued.

#### Treasury stock

In December 2000, the company's board of directors authorized the additional purchase of 2.0 million shares of the company's common stock, increasing the total shares that have been authorized for purchase since fiscal 1990 from 12.7 million to 14.7 million. A total of 12.7 million, 11.6 million and 11.4 million shares had been purchased as of January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000 and January 29, 1999, respectively.

Treasury stock activity in terms of shares was as follows:

For the period ended	Jan. 26, 2001	Jan. 28, 2000	Jan. 29, 1999
Beginning balance	10,070,868	10,317,118	9,281,138
Purchase of stock	1,123,848	122,400	1,144,460
Issuance of stock	(249,600)	(368,650)	(108,480)
Ending Balance	10,945,116	10,070,868	10,317,118

#### Earnings per share

A reconciliation of the basic and diluted per share computations is as follows (dollars are shown in thousands, except per share data):

	Jan. 26, 2001	Jan. 28, 2000	Jan. 29, 1999
Net income	\$34,657	\$48,034	\$31,185
Basic weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	30,047	30,085	30,471
Incremental shares from assumed exercise of stock options	375	769	292
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	30,422	30,854	30,763
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.02
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.01

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As of January 26, 2001, 1,111,800 stock options were outstanding with

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exercise prices ranging from \$32.38 to \$66.13 per share and were therefore not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares during fiscal 2001.

### Stock awards and grants

The company has a restricted stock award plan. Under the provisions of the plan, a committee of the company's board of directors may award shares of the company's common stock to its officers and key employees. Such shares vest over a five- or 10-year period on a straight-line basis from the date of the award.

The granting of these awards and grants has been recorded as deferred compensation based on the fair market value of the shares at the date of grant. Compensation expense under these plans is recorded as shares vest. The amount of the awards and grants outstanding total 8,760 shares, 17,960 shares and 31,000 shares for the period ended January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000, and January 29, 1999, respectively.

### Stock options

The company has reserved 5.5 million and 0.4 million shares of common stock and treasury stock that may be issued pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the company's Stock Option Plan (for employees) and the Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, respectively.

Under the company's stock option plans, options are granted at the discretion of a committee of the company's board of directors to officers, key employees of the company, and members of the board of directors of the company who are not also employed by the company. No option may have an exercise price less than the fair market value per share of the common stock at the date of the grant.

Activity under the stock option plans was as follows:

	Options	Average Exercise Price	Exercisable Options
Balance at January 30, 1998	1,467,317	\$21.42	350,107
Granted	1,874,000	\$23.73	
Exercised	(108,480)	\$17.01	
Forfeited	(541,330)	\$22.35	
Balance at January 29, 1999	2,691,507	\$23.41	473,597
Granted	591,000	\$38.64	
Exercised	(368,650)	\$18.02	
Forfeited	(137,840)	\$32.17	
Balance at January 28 2000	2,776,017	\$26.94	1,371,397
Granted	1,056,500	\$31.06	
Exercised	(249,600)	\$22.83	
Forfeited	(172,900)	\$34.88	
Balance at January 26, 2001	3,410,017	\$28.11	1,362,467

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The range of options outstanding as of January 26, 2001 is as follows:

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Price Range Per Share	Number of Options Shares Outstanding/Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price Outstanding/Exercisable	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (In years)
\$15.00-\$29.99	2,087,300/1,184,200	\$21.96/\$19.48	8.5
\$30.00-\$44.99	1,044,717/164,767	33.34/ 33.56	8.1
Over \$45.00	278,000/13,500	54.63/ 57.88	9.0
	3,410,017/1,362,467	\$28.11/\$21.56	8.4

The options above generally have a 10-year term. Options granted under the company's Stock Option Plan generally vest from six months to five years; options granted under the Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan vest over a period from zero to two years.

Stock-based compensation

As permitted by SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," the company accounts for its stock-based compensation plans as presented by APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations. Accordingly, compensation costs related to the stock awards and grants were \$0.1 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million in fiscal 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. These compensation costs are recorded in deferred compensation in the shareholders' investment section of the consolidated balance sheets.

Had compensation cost for the company's options granted after January 27, 1995 been determined consistent with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, the company's net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the following pro forma amounts:

(In thousands, except per share data)	Jan. 26, 2001	Jan. 28, 2000	Jan. 29, 1999
Net income			
As reported	\$34,657	\$48,034	\$31,185
Pro forma	\$28,253	\$42,378	\$26,429
Basic earnings per share			
As reported	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.02
Pro forma	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.41	\$ 0.87
Diluted earnings per share			
As reported	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.56	\$ 1.01
Pro forma	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.38	\$ 0.86

The fair value of each option grant was estimated as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes pricing model. The resulting compensation cost was amortized over the vesting period.

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are as follows:

Options granted during	2001	2000	1999
Weighted average grant-date fair value	\$18.42	\$19.74	\$11.21
Assumptions:			
Risk-free interest rate	5.90%	5.58%	4.74%
Expected volatility	50.48%	38.55%	35.86%
Expected term (in years)	7.0	7.0	7.0

### Note 3. Income taxes

Earnings before income taxes consisted of the following (in thousands):

	2001	2000	1999
United States	\$ 60,203	\$ 78,050	\$ 44,499
Foreign	(5,192)	(1,806)	5,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 55,011</b>	<b>\$ 76,244</b>	<b>\$ 49,500</b>

The components of the provision for income taxes for each of the periods presented are as follows (in thousands):

Period ended	January 26, 2001	January 28, 2000	January 29, 1999
Current:			
Federal	\$ 14,647	\$ 19,984	\$ 21,026
State	360	473	1,752
Foreign	209	(517)	1,485
Deferred	5,138	8,270	(5,948)
	<b>\$ 20,354</b>	<b>\$ 28,210</b>	<b>\$ 18,315</b>

The difference between income taxes at the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent and income tax reported in the statements of operations is as follows (in thousands):

Period ended	January 26, 2001		January 28, 2000		January 29, 1999	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Tax at statutory federal tax rate	\$19,254	35%	\$26,685	35%	\$17,325	35%
Foreign taxes (excess over statutory rate)	389	1	22	-	263	-
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	417	1	907	1	1,306	3
Tax credits & other	294	-	596	1	(579)	(1)
	<b>\$ 20,354</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$28,210</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$18,315</b>	<b>37%</b>

Under the liability method prescribed by SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes," deferred taxes are provided based upon enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which taxes become payable.

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Temporary differences which give rise to deferred tax assets and

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liabilities as of January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000 are as follows (in thousands):

	Jan. 26, 2001	Jan. 28, 2000
Deferred tax assets:		
Catalog advertising	\$ (4,628)	\$ (4,968)
Inventory	7,059	8,233
Employee benefits	4,615	4,231
Reserve for returns	3,353	2,912
Other	574	253
Total	\$ 10,973	\$ 10,661
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation	\$ 13,069	\$ 8,581
Other	1,498	536
Total	\$ 14,567	\$ 9,117

### Note 4. Lines of credit

As of January 26, 2001, the company had unsecured domestic credit facilities totaling \$200 million. The only reduction of the facility was about \$36 million for outstanding letters of credit. There were no outstanding borrowings under the credit facilities as of January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000.

In addition, the company has unsecured lines of credit with various foreign banks totaling the equivalent of approximately \$45 million for its wholly owned subsidiaries. There was \$16.9 million outstanding at January 26, 2001, compared with \$11.7 million as of January 28, 2000.

The following table summarizes certain information regarding these short-term borrowings:

(Dollars in millions)	2001	2000	1999
Maximum amount of borrowings	\$ 73	\$ 53	\$ 257
Average amount of borrowings	\$ 26	\$ 33	\$ 134
Weighted average interest rate during year	4.67%	4.96%	5.77%
Weighted average interest rate at year-end	4.62%	3.43%	5.42%

### Note 5. Long-term debt

There was no long-term debt as of January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000.

### Note 6. Leases

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The company leases store and office space and equipment under various leasing arrangements. The leases are accounted for as operating leases. Total rental expense under these leases was \$16.0 million, \$15.5 million and \$15.6 million for the years ended January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000 and January 29, 1999, respectively.

Total future fiscal year commitments under these leases as of January 26, 2001 are as follows (in thousands):

2002	\$ 9,418
2003	7,389
2004	4,522
2005	1,729
2006	1,270
Thereafter	5,101
	\$29,429

### Note 7. Retirement plan

The company has a retirement plan, which covers most regular employees and provides for annual contributions at the discretion of the board of directors. Also included in the plan is a 401(k) feature that allows employees to make contributions, and the company matches a portion of those contributions. Total expense provided under this plan was \$5.3 million, \$5.2 million and \$4.8 million for the years ended January 26, 2001, January 28, 2000 and January 29, 1999, respectively.

### Note 8. Postretirement benefits

In January 1998, the company implemented a plan to provide health insurance benefits for eligible retired employees. These insurance benefits will be funded through insurance contracts, a group benefit trust or general assets of the company. The assets were contributed to the plan in January 2001 and January 2000. The cost of these insurance benefits is recognized as the eligible employees render service.

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plan assets in fiscal years 2001 and 2000:

(In thousands)	2001	2000
Change in benefit obligation:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 5,394	\$ 5,731
Service cost	649	767
Interest cost	428	385
Plan participants' contributions	22	16
Actuarial gain (loss)	733	(1,448)
Benefits paid	(154)	(57)
Benefit obligation at end of year	\$ 7,072	\$ 5,394
Change in plan assets:		
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 3,965	\$ 1,978
Actual return on plan assets	120	58
Employer contributions	2,063	1,970
Plan participants' contributions	22	16
Benefits paid	(154)	(57)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$ 6,016	\$ 3,965
Net amount recognized:		
Funded status	\$ (1,056)	\$ (1,429)
Unrecognized net actuarial gain	(47)	(985)
Unrecognized prior service cost	3,514	3,783
Prepaid benefit cost	\$ 2,411	\$ 1,369
Weighted-average assumptions at end of year:		
Discount rate	7.50%	8.00%
Expected return on plan assets	7.50%	7.50%

The components of net periodic benefit cost for the years ended January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000 were as follows:

(In thousands)	2001	2000
Service cost	\$ 649	\$ 767
Interest cost	428	385
Expected return on plan assets	(297)	(148)
Recognized net actuarial gain	(27)	-
Amortization of prior service cost	269	269
Total postretirement benefit cost	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,273

For measurement purposes, an 8 percent annual rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits is assumed for fiscal year 2002. The rate is assumed to decrease gradually to 5 percent for fiscal year 2007 and remain at that level thereafter.

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amounts reported for the health care plan. A 1 percentage point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects:

(In thousands)	Service and Interest Costs	Postretirement Benefit Obligation
1 percent increase	\$ 60	\$ 407
1 percent decrease	(51)	(347)

### Note 9. Non-recurring charge and related reversal

During fiscal year 1999, in connection with changes in executive management, the company announced a Plan designed to reduce administrative and operational costs stemming from duplicative responsibilities and certain non-profitable operations. This Plan included the reduction of staff positions, the closing of three outlet stores, the liquidation of the Willis & Geiger operations and the termination of a licensing agreement with MontBell Co. Ltd. A non-recurring charge of \$12.6 million was recorded in fiscal 1999 related to these matters.

Below is a summary of related costs for the periods ended January 26, 2001.

(In thousands)	Balance 1/28/00	Costs Incurred	Balance 1/26/01
Severance costs	\$ 1,007	\$ (1,007)	\$ -
Asset impairments	31	(31)	-
Facility exit costs and other	107	(107)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,145</b>	<b>\$ (1,145)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

For the year ended January 26, 2001, the company completed the Plan and incurred the remaining costs totaling \$1.1 million.

### Note 10. Divestitures

#### Willis & Geiger

During fiscal 2000, the company completed the liquidation of its Willis & Geiger inventory and fixed assets. The company retains the Willis & Geiger tradename. Sales and results of operations of Willis & Geiger were not material to the consolidated financial statements.

### Note 11. Sales and use tax

A 1992 Supreme Court decision confirmed that the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution prevents a state from requiring the collection of its use tax by a mail order company unless the company has a physical presence in the state. However, there continues to be uncertainty due to inconsistent application of the Supreme Court decision by state and federal courts. The company attempts to conduct its operations in compliance with its interpretation of the applicable legal standard, but there can be no assurance that such compliance will not be challenged.



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begin collection of use taxes and/or pay taxes from previous sales. The company has not received assessments from any state. The amount of potential assessments, if any, cannot be reasonably estimated.

The Supreme Court decision also established that Congress has the power to enact legislation that would permit states to require collection of use taxes by mail order companies. Congress has from time to time considered proposals for such legislation. The company anticipates that any legislative change, if adopted, would be applied only on a prospective basis.

In October 1998, The Internet Tax Freedom Act was signed into law. Among the provisions of this Act is a three-year moratorium on multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce. An Advisory Commission was appointed to study electronic commerce tax issues and submitted its final report to Congress on April 3, 2000. Among other recommendations, the majority of the Advisory Commission favored the extension of the moratorium for an additional five years, until 2006, and greater uniformity and simplification of the state sales and use tax systems. Following the Advisory Commission's final report, there have been several initiatives at the congressional and state levels to implement the recommendations of the Advisory Commission or otherwise adjust the current sales and use tax laws and policies. We continue to monitor this activity and its potential effect on the company's collection obligations.

### Note 12. Segment disclosure

The company organizes and manages its business segments (core, specialty and international) based on types of products that focus on specific customer needs and markets served. Certain catalogs are combined for purposes of assessing financial performance. Each business segment is separately evaluated by executive management with financial information reviewed to assess performance. The company evaluates the performance of its business segments based on net income before income taxes. The company is not dependent upon any single customer or group of customers, the loss of which would have a material effect on the company.

#### Core

The core segment is composed of adult apparel offered through our regular monthly catalogs, tailored catalogs and prospector catalogs. Merchandise sales for these products that are received via the Internet, liquidation or export channels are included in this core segment. The regular monthly catalogs contain a full assortment of classically inspired, traditionally styled casual wear for adults. Some of these products include dress shirts, jeans, mesh knit shirts, women's knits, sweaters, outerwear, and turtlenecks. The prospecting catalog is a condensed version of our monthly catalog featuring some of the company's best selling products. The prospector catalogs are sent to active buyers, to those on the house file who have been inactive or have yet to make a purchase and to prospective customers. The tailored catalogs are Lands' End for Men and First Person, offering men and women a broad assortment of tailored and casual clothes for the workplace.

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Specialty

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The specialty segment is composed of Corporate Sales, Kids, and Coming Home businesses. Merchandise sales for these products that are received via the Internet, liquidation or export channels are included in this specialty segment. The specialty businesses have been developed over the years in response to customer requests for additional merchandise and are used to target specific needs that are important to Lands' End customers. The Corporate Sales division is a business-to-business unit that utilizes the company's embroidery capabilities to design and apply unique emblems and logos on Lands' End product for corporations, clubs, teams and other groups. The Kids business offers a collection of clothing for children of all ages. In addition, there is a uniform business that targets the growing uniform trend in many public and private schools. The Coming Home business offers home products, primarily bedding and bath items.

### International

The international segment consists of foreign-based operations located in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom, which include catalogs, Internet and liquidation channels. Catalogs are denominated in local currencies and written in native languages. There are phone and distribution centers located in both Japan and the United Kingdom. Germany has its own phone and customer service center, but orders are packed and shipped from the distribution center in the United Kingdom.

Segment net merchandise sales represent sales to external parties. Sales from the Internet, export sales shipped from the United States, and liquidation sales are included in the respective business segments. Segment income before income taxes is net merchandise sales less direct and allocable operating expenses, which includes interest expense and interest income. Segment identifiable assets are those that are directly used in or identified with segment operations. "Other" includes corporate expenses, intercompany eliminations, currency gains and losses, and other income and expense items that are not allocated to segments.

Pertinent financial data by operating segment for the three years ended January 26, 2001, are as follows (1):

(In thousands)	Fiscal year ended January 26, 2001				
	Core	Specialty	International	Other	Consolidated
Net merchandise sales	\$813,710	\$408,068	\$133,196	\$ -	\$1,354,974
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ 34,740	\$ 28,283	\$ (1,280)	\$ (6,732)	\$ 55,011
Identifiable assets	\$293,885	\$147,380	\$ 66,364	\$ -	\$ 507,629
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 14,020	\$ 7,031	\$ 2,381	\$ -	\$ 23,432
Capital expenditures	\$ 28,733	\$ 14,410	\$ 1,410	\$ -	\$ 44,553
Interest expense	\$ 690	\$ 346	\$ 476	\$ -	\$ 1,512
Interest income	\$ 1,347	\$ 675	\$ 222	\$ -	\$ 2,244

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(In thousands)	Core	Specialty	International	Other	Consolidated
Net merchandise sales	\$780,123	\$396,502	\$143,198	\$ -	\$1,319,823
Income (loss) before income taxes(2)	\$ 32,380	\$ 43,175	\$ 2,708	\$ (2,019)	\$ 76,244
Identifiable assets	\$262,397	\$133,276	\$ 60,523	\$ -	\$ 456,196
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 12,165	\$ 6,179	\$ 2,371	\$ -	\$ 20,715
Capital expenditures	\$ 17,573	\$ 8,925	\$ 1,515	\$ -	\$ 28,013
Interest expense	\$ 848	\$ 430	\$ 612	\$ -	\$ 1,890
Interest income	\$ 547	\$ 278	\$ 57	\$ -	\$ 882

Fiscal year ended January 29, 1999

(In thousands)	Core	Specialty	International	Other	Consolidated
Net merchandise sales	\$860,891	\$364,576	\$145,908	\$ -	\$1,371,375
Income (loss) before income taxes(3)	\$ 27,305	\$ 23,016	\$ 4,655	\$ (5,476)	\$ 49,500
Identifiable assets	\$273,929	\$116,007	\$ 65,983	\$ -	\$ 455,919
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 11,310	\$ 5,323	\$ 2,098	\$ -	\$ 18,731
Capital expenditures	\$ 24,828	\$ 10,514	\$ 11,408	\$ -	\$ 46,750
Interest expense	\$ 3,910	\$ 2,296	\$ 1,528	\$ -	\$ 7,734
Interest income	\$ 11	\$ 5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16

(1) Fiscal years 2000 and 1999 have been restated to conform to fiscal 2001 presentation.

(2) Includes non-recurring credits of \$0.5 million and \$1.3 million allocated to the core and specialty segments, respectively.

(3) Includes non-recurring charges of \$7.6 million and \$5.0 million allocated to the core and specialty segments, respectively.

Pertinent financial data by geographical location for the three years ended January 26, 2001 are as follows:

(In thousands)	Net Merchandise Sales			Identifiable Assets		
	01/26/01	01/28/00	01/29/99	01/26/01	01/28/00	01/29/99
United States	\$1,221,778	\$1,176,625	\$1,225,467	\$441,265	\$395,673	\$389,936
Other countries	133,196	143,198	145,908	66,364	60,523	65,983
Total	\$1,354,974	\$1,319,823	\$1,371,375	\$507,629	\$456,196	\$455,919

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The company's sales of merchandise to its subsidiaries in Japan, Germany and the United Kingdom are denominated in the subsidiary's local currency. To a lesser extent, the company has export sales to customers in Canada and incurs third-party expenses denominated in Canadian dollars. Accordingly, the future U.S. Dollar-equivalent cash flows may vary due to changes in related foreign currency exchange rates. To reduce that risk, the company enters into foreign currency forward contracts and put options with a maximum hedging period of 24 months. The company has no other freestanding or embedded derivative instruments.

As of July 31, 1999, the company adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" (Statement 133). Statement 133 requires, in part, that the company report all derivative instruments on the consolidated balance sheets as assets or liabilities at their fair value. For the years ended January 26, 2001 and January 28, 2000, the adoption of Statement 133 has resulted in a net loss of \$0.4 million and a net gain of \$0.4 million, recognized in other income and expense in the consolidated statements of operations, respectively.

Under the Statement 133 cash flow hedging model, gains and losses on the derivative instrument that occur through the date the company sells merchandise to a subsidiary or purchases from a foreign third party are deferred in a component of equity (accumulated other comprehensive income) to the extent the hedging relationship is effective. The company assesses hedge effectiveness at least quarterly.

At the date merchandise is sold to a foreign subsidiary or purchased from a foreign third party, the hedging relationship is terminated and subsequent gains and losses on the hedging derivative instrument are reported currently in earnings. Upon the ultimate sale of the merchandise by the foreign subsidiary to a third party or purchase from a foreign third party, the gain or loss previously deferred in equity is reclassified into earnings. The company estimates that net hedging gains of \$3.6 million will be reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings through lower cost of sales and other income and expense within the 12 months between January 27, 2001 and February 1, 2002.

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(In thousands, except per share data)

	Fiscal 2001			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Total revenue	\$285,840	\$275,625	\$362,261	\$538,557
Gross profit	119,768	121,268	145,209	235,434
Pretax income (loss)	464	(2,986)	7,052	50,481
Net income (loss)	\$ 292	\$ (1,881)	\$ 4,443	\$ 31,803
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.15	\$ 1.08
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.15	\$ 1.07
Common shares outstanding	30,267	30,295	30,280	29,232
Market price of shares Outstanding (in dollars):				
- Market high	61.50	42.00	37.25	31.80
- Market low	27.25	28.56	18.70	21.75

	Fiscal 2000			
	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.
Total revenue	\$310,619	\$274,075	\$349,063	\$483,129
Gross profit	125,490	117,183	140,335	206,796
Pretax income	10,332	7,068	13,890	44,954
Net income	\$ 6,509	\$ 4,453	\$ 8,751	\$ 28,321
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.94
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.92
Common shares outstanding	30,110	30,060	30,149	30,149
Market price of shares Outstanding (in dollars):				
-Market high	39.94	49.50	78.44	83.50
-Market low	28.13	37.56	39.56	28.00

Quarterly earnings per share amounts are based on the weighted average common shares outstanding for each quarter and, therefore, might not equal the amount computed for the total year.

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The management of Lands' End, Inc. and its subsidiaries has the

responsibility for preparing the a