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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: April 20, 2005

GENTEX CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

MICHIGAN (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-10235 (Commission File Number)	38-2030505 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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600 North Centennial Street Zeeland, Michigan (Address of principal executive office)	49464 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (616) 772-1800

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).

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SECTION 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

On April 20, 2005, Gentex Corporation issued a news release announcing results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information in this Form 8-K and the attached Exhibit shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SECTION 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibit

99.1 - News Release Dated April 20, 2005.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 20, 2005

GENTEX CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Enoch Jen

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Enoch Jen  
Vice President - Finance and  
Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 News Release Dated April 20, 2005

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RELEASE: April 20, 2005

GENTEX REPORTS FIRST QUARTER RESULTS AND ANNOUNCES  
EXTENSION OF GENERAL MOTORS LONG-TERM AGREEMENT

ZEELAND, Michigan, April 20, 2005 -- Gentex Corporation, the Zeeland, Michigan-based manufacturer of automatic-dimming rearview mirrors and commercial fire protection products, today reported financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005. The Company also reported that it has recently negotiated an extension to its long-term agreement with General Motors Corporation (GM) for interior auto-dimming rearview mirrors.

The Company's net sales declined by one percent from \$129.3 million in the first quarter of 2004 to \$127.6 million in the first quarter of 2005. Revenues were down slightly even though auto-dimming mirror unit shipments increased by two percent, primarily due to price reductions granted to automakers and a shift in mirror product mix.

First quarter net income declined by 13 percent to \$25.9 million compared with \$29.8 million in the first quarter last year. Earnings per diluted share were 17 cents in the first quarter of 2005 compared with 19 cents in the first quarter of 2004. Due to the Company's April 1, 2005, announcement of a two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 100 percent common stock dividend for each share outstanding, all share and per share calculations for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005, are reported on a post-split basis. The ex-dividend date (date on which the share price will be halved and shares outstanding will double) will be May 9, 2005.

"We knew that the first quarter was going to be tough, given the current environment at certain automotive customers headquartered in North America," said Gentex Executive Vice President Garth Deur. "There were a number of unforeseen additional vehicle assembly plant shutdowns at GM that not only contributed to the lower unit shipment growth rate, but also to a less favorable mix of mirror unit shipments.

"Despite the weakness at GM, our strong mirror unit shipments to European and Asian transplant assembly operations in North America and to our customers in Europe resulted in net unit growth for the quarter," said Deur.

The Company also reported that it recently negotiated an extension to its existing long-term agreement with GM whereby Gentex will be sourced all of the interior auto-dimming mirror programs for GM and its worldwide affiliates through 2009.

"The extension of this agreement represents incremental featured interior auto-dimming mirror units in the range of 500,000 annually, beginning in the second half of 2005," said Deur. The Company's previous agreement with GM was through the 2006 model year.

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During the first quarter ended March 31, 2005, the Company's gross margin declined on both a year-over-year and sequential basis, primarily due to customer price reductions and lower sales growth combined with higher fixed overhead expense.

"With the relatively flat year-over-year mirror unit shipments, we ran production lines at lower volumes," said Deur. "Leverage is important to our gross margin, and we believe that we'll have more of an opportunity to leverage our fixed manufacturing overhead costs starting in the second quarter of 2005, and ramping up through the rest of the year. We currently expect unit shipment growth in the second quarter of five to ten percent compared to the second quarter of 2004."

Deur said that the Company's current estimate for mirror unit shipment growth for calendar 2005 is approximately ten percent. The unit shipment estimates provided by the Company for the 2005 second quarter and calendar year are based on the generally flat light vehicle production forecasts of CSM for North America, Europe, Japan and Korea.

Some of the incremental growth in the second half of 2005 will come from new vehicle models that will offer the Company's proprietary SmartBeam(TM) Intelligent High-Beam Headlamp Control System, according to Deur. The Jeep Commander and Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8, new models in the Jeep family of vehicles, will offer SmartBeam as part of a safety package in the 2006 model year. The new 2006 Cadillac DTS also will offer SmartBeam in an option package.

"The successful launch of the SmartBeam product on 2005 model year programs at both Cadillac and Jeep have resulted in this new business on these three additional vehicle models for the 2006 model year," said Deur. "We're also looking forward to launching SmartBeam for a major European automaker starting early next year, and the significant interest from other automakers gives us more confidence that SmartBeam will become an important business for Gentex."

Automotive revenues decreased by one percent to \$122.0 million in the first quarter of 2005 compared with the same period last year. Fire Protection revenues increased two percent to \$5.7 million for the first quarter of 2005 compared with the first quarter of 2004.

Total auto-dimming mirror unit shipments in the first quarter were approximately 3.0 million, a two percent increase over the same period last year.

Auto-dimming mirror unit shipments to customers in North America declined by four percent in the first quarter of 2005 compared with the same quarter last year. North American light vehicle production declined by five percent in the first quarter of 2005 compared with the same period in 2004.

Unit shipments to offshore customers increased by seven percent in the first quarter of 2005 compared with the same period in 2004. The growth in offshore unit shipments is primarily attributable to increased vehicle penetration in Europe. Light vehicle production in Europe increased by one percent in the first quarter of 2005 and by four percent for Japan and Korea in that same period, compared with the same prior year periods.

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This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended, that are based on management's belief, assumptions, current expectations, estimates and projections about the global automotive industry, the economy and the Company itself. Words like "anticipates," "believes," "confident," "estimates," "expects," "forecast," "likely," "plans," "projects," and "should," and variations of such words and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. These statements do not guarantee future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties, and assumptions that are difficult to predict with regard to timing, expense, likelihood and degree of occurrence. These risks include, without limitation, employment and general economic conditions, the pace of economic recovery in the U.S. and in international markets, the pace of automotive production worldwide, the types of products purchased by customers, competitive pricing pressures, currency fluctuations, the financial strength of the Company's customers, the mix of products purchased by customers, the ability to continue to make product innovations, the success of newly introduced products (e.g. SmartBeam), and other risks identified in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Therefore actual results and outcomes may materially differ from what is expressed or forecasted. Furthermore, the Company undertakes no obligation to update, amend, or clarify forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

A conference call related to this news release will be simulcast live on the Internet beginning at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. To access that call, go to [www.gentex.com](http://www.gentex.com) and select the "Audio Webcast" icon in the lower right-hand corner of the page. Other conference calls hosted by the Company will also be available at that site in the future.

Founded in 1974, Gentex Corporation (Nasdaq: GNTX) is an international company that provides high-quality products to the worldwide automotive industry and North American fire protection market. Based in Zeeland, Michigan, the Company develops, manufactures and markets interior and exterior automatic-dimming automotive rearview mirrors that utilize proprietary electrochromic technology to dim in proportion to the amount of headlight glare from trailing vehicle headlamps. Many of the mirrors are sold with advanced electronic features, and approximately 96 percent of the Company's revenues are derived from the sales of auto-dimming mirrors to nearly every major automaker in the world.

GENTEX CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	(unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2005	2004
Net Sales	\$ 127,641,720	\$ 129,327,548
Costs and Expenses		
Cost of Goods Sold	79,588,903	74,443,276
Engineering, Research & Development	7,977,385	7,443,288
Selling, General & Administrative	6,839,831	6,745,121
Other Expense (Income)	(4,623,369)	(3,474,612)
Total Costs and Expenses	89,782,750	85,157,073
Income Before Provision for Income Taxes	37,858,970	44,170,475
Provision for Income Taxes	11,926,000	14,355,000
Net Income	\$ 25,932,970	\$ 29,815,475
Earnings Per Share		
Basic	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.19
Diluted	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.19
Weighted Average Shares:		
Basic	155,215,506	153,704,754
Diluted	156,713,620	156,874,134
Cash Dividends Declared per Share	\$ 0.085	\$ 0.075

Note: All share and per share amounts reflect the 2-for-1 stock split that will be effected in the form of a 100 percent common stock dividend for each share outstanding, announced on April 1, 2005. The ex-dividend date will be May 9, 2005.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	(unaudited)	
	March 31, 2005	Dec. 31, 2004
ASSETS		
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 516,890,229	\$ 494,880,260
Other Current Assets	106,447,610	97,728,834
Total Current Assets	623,337,839	592,609,094
Plant and Equipment - Net	140,775,607	135,649,119
Long-Term Investments and Other Assets	125,860,134	128,601,215
Total Assets	\$ 889,973,580	\$ 856,859,428
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT		
Current Liabilities	\$ 71,780,023	\$ 50,856,258
Long-Term Debt	0	0
Deferred Income Taxes	21,119,113	22,723,198
Shareholders' Investment	797,074,444	783,279,972
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Investment	\$ 889,973,580	\$ 856,859,428

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AUTO-DIMMING MIRROR UNIT SHIPMENTS  
(Thousands)

	FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31,		% CHANGE
	2005	2004	
Domestic Interior	1,039	1,070	-3%
Domestic Exterior	434	462	-6%
Total Domestic Units	1,473	1,533	-4%
Foreign Interior	1,141	1,066	7%
Foreign Exterior	416	383	9%
Total Foreign Units	1,557	1,449	7%
Total Interior Mirrors	2,180	2,137	2%
Total Exterior Mirrors	850	846	1%
Total Mirror Units	3,030	2,982	2%

Note: Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation. Amounts may not total due to rounding.

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