

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 20, 2004

Commission File Number 0-10235

GENTEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan 38-2030505
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

600 North Centennial Street, Zeeland, Michigan 49464
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (616) 772-1800

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

- 99 News release issued by the registrant on July 20, 2004, with respect to financial results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2004.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION -- On July 20, 2004, Gentex Corporation issued a news release announcing results for the second quarter and six months ended June 30, 2004. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

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

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SIGNATURES

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

GENTEX CORPORATION

BY: /s/ Enoch Jen

Enoch Jen
Vice President - Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 20, 2004

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RELEASE: July 20, 2004

Gentex Reports Record Second Quarter Revenues And Net Income

ZEELAND, Michigan, July 20, 2004 -- Gentex Corporation, the Zeeland, Michigan-based manufacturer of automatic-dimming rearview mirrors and commercial fire protection products, today reported record second quarter revenues and net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.

The Company achieved another quarterly sales record in the second quarter of 2004 with revenues of \$129.6 million, an 11 percent increase over revenues of \$116.9 million reported in the second quarter last year. Record second quarter net income of \$29.0 million increased by 11 percent compared with net income of \$26.1 million in the comparable 2003 quarter. Earnings per share were 37 cents in the second quarter of 2004 compared with 34 cents in the second quarter of 2003.

For the first six months of 2004, the Company posted record net income of \$58.8 million, or 75 cents per share, on record revenues of \$259.0 million, compared with net income of \$52.0 million, or 68 cents per share, on revenues of \$232.2 million, for the same period in 2003.

"We are pleased to report that our auto-dimming mirror unit shipments increased by over 18 percent in the second quarter compared to the same quarter last year," said Gentex Executive Vice President Garth Deur. "As was the case in the first quarter of 2004, that growth primarily came in the form of base feature interior mirrors for international customers."

Deur said that the stability in the Company's gross margins in the second quarter was attributable to continued manufacturing efficiencies and improved capacity utilization, despite continued customer price reductions.

The Company has begun making production shipments of its new SmartBeam(TM) product for 2005 Cadillac STS and 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee models, according to Deur. He stated that consumers will start to see the new technology in dealer showrooms this fall, and that SmartBeam is offered in an option package on each of those models. SmartBeam is the intelligent high-beam headlamp control product developed by the Company.

"We're very pleased to announce that we've launched SmartBeam, and will continue to make significant investments in this technology as we work to apply it to more vehicle models at numerous auto companies," said Deur. "We're making significant progress with customers in Europe, and are currently working under a letter of intent with a European customer to develop SmartBeam for a number of vehicle platforms. Production of SmartBeam systems for those platforms could commence as early as 2006."

Total auto-dimming mirror unit shipments for the second quarter of 2004 increased by 18 percent to 3,001,000 units, compared with 2,534,000 units for the same quarter in 2003. Total automotive revenues in the second quarter of 2004 increased by 12 percent to \$123.8 million, compared with the same quarter last year.

Total auto-dimming mirror unit shipments for the first six months of 2004 increased by 18 percent to 5,983,000 units, compared with 5,069,000 units for the same period in 2003. Total automotive revenues increased by 12 percent for the first six months of 2004 to \$247.6 million, compared with the same period in 2003.

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Auto-dimming mirror unit shipments to offshore and North American customers increased by 37 percent and 4 percent, respectively, in the second quarter of 2004 compared with the second quarter of 2003. Light vehicle production was flat in Western Europe and increased by 15 percent in the Asia/Pacific region, compared with the same quarter last year. During the second quarter of 2004, light vehicle production in North America increased two percent compared with the same quarter last year.

For the first six months of 2004, auto-dimming mirror unit shipments to offshore and North American customers increased by 31 percent and 7 percent, respectively, compared with the first six months of 2003. During the first six months of 2004, light vehicle production was flat in Western Europe and increased by 13 percent in the Asia/Pacific region, compared with the first six months of 2003. Light vehicle production in North America increased one percent for the first six months of 2004 compared with the same period last year.

Revenues in the Company's Fire Protection Products Group decreased by three percent in the second quarter of 2004 to \$5.8 million, compared with the second quarter last year. For the first six months of 2004, fire protection revenues increased by two percent to \$11.4 million.

Certain matters discussed in this news release, including the impact of new products, are forward-looking statements which involve certain risks and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various market, industry and other important factors. The Company cautions investors that numerous factors (some of which are outlined in the Company's Form 10-K filed with the Securities

and Exchange Commission and other interim reports) and future events may affect the Company's actual results, and may cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in this news release. Furthermore, Gentex 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 today. To access that call, go to 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 more than 95 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		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
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Net Sales	\$129,646,277	\$116,917,332	\$258,973,825	\$232,225,896
Costs and Expenses				
Cost of Goods Sold	75,190,805	68,635,744	149,634,081	135,828,313
Engineering, Research & Development	7,546,085	6,310,886	14,989,373	12,518,622
Selling, General & Administrative	6,880,091	6,090,320	13,625,212	11,616,996
Other Expense (Income)	(2,910,496)	(2,771,957)	(6,385,108)	(4,772,912)
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Total Costs and Expenses	86,706,485	78,264,993	171,863,558	155,191,019
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Income Before Provision for Income Taxes	42,939,792	38,652,339	87,110,267	77,034,877
Provision for Income Taxes	13,955,000	12,562,000	28,310,000	25,036,000
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Net Income	\$28,984,792	\$26,090,339	\$58,800,267	\$51,998,877
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Earnings Per Share				
Basic	\$0.38	\$0.34	\$0.76	\$0.68
Diluted	\$0.37	\$0.34	\$0.75	\$0.68
Weighted Average Shares:				
Basic	77,061,942	75,992,364	76,960,647	75,974,343
Diluted	78,415,929	76,878,488	78,432,048	76,813,994
Cash Dividends Declared per Share	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$0.30	\$0.00

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(unaudited)

	June 30, 2004	Dec 31, 2003
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ASSETS		
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$457,894,414	\$393,606,656
Other Current Assets	97,173,482	91,742,675
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Total Current Assets	555,067,896	485,349,331
Plant and Equipment - Net	130,289,256	126,806,882
Long-Term Investments and Other Assets	132,298,090	150,373,553
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Total Assets	\$817,655,242	\$762,529,766
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT		
Current Liabilities	\$56,788,070	\$50,480,480
Long-Term Debt	0	0
Deferred Income Taxes	18,871,276	18,405,955
Shareholders' Investment	741,995,896	693,643,331
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Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Investment	\$817,655,242	\$762,529,766
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 AUTO-DIMMING MIRROR UNIT SHIPMENTS
 (Thousands)

	Second Quarter Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2004	2003	% Change	2004	2003	% Change
Domestic Interior	1,006	968	4%	2,077	1,923	8%
Domestic Exterior	445	434	3%	908	859	6%
Total Domestic Units	1,452	1,403	4%	2,984	2,782	7%
Foreign Interior	1,138	802	42%	2,205	1,604	37%
Foreign Exterior	411	329	25%	794	683	16%
Total Foreign Units	1,550	1,131	37%	2,999	2,287	31%
Total Interior Mirrors	2,145	1,770	21%	4,281	3,527	21%
Total Exterior Mirrors	856	764	12%	1,702	1,542	10%
Total Mirror Units	3,001	2,534	18%	5,983	5,069	18%

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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