UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

DATE OF REPORT: APRIL 17, 2003

WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-13782	25-1615902
(State or Other Jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1001 AIR BRAKE AVENUE
WILMERDING, PENNSYLVANIA 15148

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(412) 825-1000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is are filed with this report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued April 17, 2003.

ITEM 9. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The information contained in this Item 9 is being furnished pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition," in accordance with the interim guidance provided by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release No. 33-8216 issued March 27, 2003. This information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or 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 a filing.

On April 17, 2003, Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release reporting the financial results of the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

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

WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE
TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

By: /s/ ALVARO GARCIA-TUNON

Name: Alvaro Garcia-Tunon
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 16, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Description	Method of Filing
99.1	Press release dated April 17, 2003	Filed herewith

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WABTEC REPORTS IMPROVED EARNINGS AND MARGINS IN 2003 FIRST QUARTER; AFFIRMS 2003 EARNINGS GUIDANCE

WILMERDING, Pa., April 17, 2003 -- Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) today reported improved earnings and margins, despite lower sales, in the 2003 first quarter.

For the quarter, Wabtec had earnings per diluted share of 13 cents and income from operations plus depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of $18 million. In the year-ago quarter, the company had a net loss per diluted share of $1.37, primarily due to a required change in accounting for goodwill, which resulted in a charge of $1.42 per diluted share. Excluding this charge, the company had adjusted earnings per diluted share of 5 cents in the year-ago quarter. The higher earnings for the 2003 first quarter also resulted from lower interest expense, lower operating expenses and improved margins.

"We're off to a solid start in 2003, with first quarter results that were better than expectations," said William E. Kassling, Wabtec's chairman. "We continue to see benefits from our lean initiatives during the past several years, and we expect to leverage those benefits as our end markets improve."

OUTLOOK

Wabtec continues to expect full-year 2003 earnings per diluted share to be between 50 cents and 60 cents, with sales of about $700 million. The company expects earnings per diluted share for the remaining quarters of 2003 to be between 13 cents and 16 cents, based on its current backlog and the expected timing of new business.

"So far this year, our Freight Group is seeing a stronger-than-expected market for new freight cars, which is having a favorable impact on sales of original equipment components," said Gregory T.H. Davies, president and chief executive officer. "On the other hand, our Transit Group is being negatively impacted by softer aftermarket sales and order delays. Taking all of these factors into account, we remain comfortable with our previous financial guidance for 2003. Beyond that, we continue to be optimistic about the future, based on our expectation that the locomotive market will grow in 2004 and the transit industry will rebound in 2005. As these market recoveries take shape, we will continue to benefit from the efficiency gains and cost reductions we have made during the past several years, as evidenced by our strong earnings growth and margin improvement in the first quarter of this year. In the meantime, we are focused on developing new products and services across the corporation, with continuous improvement as the engine that will drive future growth."

2003 FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

Sales were 4 percent lower than the prior-year quarter. In the Freight Group, sales increased 13 percent, due to higher sales of components for new freight cars. In the quarter, industry deliveries of new freight cars increased to 6,614 units, compared to 3,855 in the first quarter of 2002. Transit Group sales were 32 percent lower in the quarter, reflecting the completion of a major original equipment contract in 2002 and lower aftermarket sales. Despite the lower total sales, the company's gross margin was 26.7 percent compared to 25.3 percent, due to operating efficiencies and a favorable product mix, both within the Freight Group and for the corporation as a whole. Gross margin was 25.9 percent in the 2002 fourth quarter.

Operating expenses were 4 percent lower, due to lower selling, general and administrative expenses, and lower amortization expense. The company increased engineering expenses 2 percent as it continued to invest in new product development.

Interest expense was 55 percent lower due to the company's lower debt level in the first quarter of 2003 and lower interest rates, compared to a year ago. The company accrued income tax expense at a 36.5 percent rate, compared to 35 percent, due to lower tax credits.

Debt, net of cash, was $179 million (46 percent of total capital) at March 31, 2003, compared to $214 million (46 percent of total capital) at March 31, 2002. During the quarter, the company's net debt increased by $3.4 million due to strong sales at the end of the quarter, which resulted in a higher accounts receivable balance compared to Dec. 31, 2002. Despite this increase, the company still expects to generate about $40 million in free cash, or about $1 per share, during 2003.

Wabtec Corporation (www.wabtec.com) is one of North America's largest providers of value-added, technology-based products and services for the rail industry.

This press release contains forward-looking statements, such as the statements regarding the company's expectations about future earnings. The company's actual results could differ materially from the results suggested in any forward-looking statement. Factors that could cause or contribute to these material differences include, but are not limited to, a further slowdown in the North American economy; and other factors contained in the company's regulatory filings, which are herein incorporated by reference. The company assumes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements or advise of changes in the assumptions on which they were based.

THE COMPANY WILL CONDUCT A CONFERENCE CALL WITH ANALYSTS AT 1 P.M., EASTERN TIME, TODAY. TO LISTEN TO THE CALL VIA WEBCAST, PLEASE GO TO WWW.WABTEC.COM.

WABTEC CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 AND 2002
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	First Quarter 2003	First Quarter 2002
Net sales	$ 169,523	$ 177,325
Cost of sales	(124,247)	(132,545)
Gross profit	45,276	44,780
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(23,707)	(24,723)
Engineering expenses	(8,268)	(8,105)
Amortization expense	(1,000)	(1,485)
Total operating expenses	(32,975)	(34,313)
Income from operations	12,301	10,467
Interest expense	(2,399)	(5,310)
Other expense, net	(1,136)	(1,113)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	8,766	4,044
Income tax expense	(3,200)	(1,415)
Income from continuing operations	5,566	2,629
Discontinued operations	117	124
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	--	(529)
Loss on sale of discontinued operations (net of tax)	117	(405)
Total discontinued operations		
	5,683	2,224
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	--	(61,663)
Cumulative effect of accounting change for goodwill, net of tax	$ (5,683)	$ (59,439)
Net income (loss)		
EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE BASIC		
Income from continuing operations	$ 0.13	$ 0.06
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	--	(0.01)
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	$ 0.13	0.05
Cumulative effect of accounting change for goodwill, net of tax	--	(1.43)
Net income (loss)	$ 0.13	$ (1.38)
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Income from continuing operations	$ 0.13	$ 0.06
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	--	(0.01)
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	$ 0.13	0.05
Cumulative effect of accounting change for goodwill, net of tax	--	(1.42)
Net income (loss)	$ 0.13	$ (1.37)
Weighted average shares outstanding		
Basic	43,453	43,198
Diluted	43,599	43,512
SALES BY SEGMENT		
Freight Group	$ 122,634	$ 108,607
Transit Group	46,889	68,718
Total	$ 169,523	$ 177,325
EBITDA from continuing operations	$ 18,018	$ 17,025
Depreciation	$ 4,717	$ 5,073
Capital Expenditures	$ 2,804	$ 3,144