

American Locker Reports Finances

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Increased net income on decreased sales for the first six months this year as compared to the same period in 1984 has been reported by the American Locker Group Inc., formerly AVM Corp.

The company also reported slightly less net income for the second quarter on decreased sales compared to the same quarter last year.

American Locker recorded first half net income in 1985 of \$469,813 (25 cents

a share) from continuing operations on sales of \$11,839,629. This compares to returns of \$335,225 (a loss of 3 cents a share) on sales of \$13,480,807 during the first six months of 1984.

The second quarter showed income of \$175,900 (12 cents a share) from continuing operations on sales of \$5,851,774. This contrasts to a loss of \$275,543 (18 cents a share) on sales of \$6,214,355 in last year's second quarter.

Office-furniture sales were reported down 13 percent in the second quarter this year due to continued lower orders from customers associated with computer and high-technology businesses.

Locker and lock sales declined 4 percent during the most recent reporting period, with the explanation that sales of locker products to the U.S. Postal Service continues to be affected adversely by competition. Decreased sales to the recreation market also was cited as a factor.

The company's Rollform Division recorded a 12 percent increase in its metal-products sales during the quarter as compared to a year earlier. American Locker's financial report said 1985 second quarter net income includes \$65,000 (4 cents a share) earned from investing proceeds from the May 1 sale of the company's Automotive Products Division in South Carolina.

It was explained the second quarter 1984 loss was due primarily to production problems at the office-furniture and locker-manufacturing facility, and that these since have been corrected.

It was noted again that because the Internal Revenue Service denied a request that proceeds from the Automotive Products Division sale be distributed to stockholders as capital gains, they have been invested, with the net income to be distributed.

Directors declared a quarterly dividend of 7 cents a share, payable Aug. 30, to shareholders of record as of Aug. 9.