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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 (Date of earliest event reported): February 5, 2004

PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27460
(Commission File Number)

16-1158413
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

205 Indigo Creek Drive, Rochester, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

14626
(Zip Code)

(585) 256-0200
(Company's telephone number, including area code)

(Not Applicable)
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 12: Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Performance Technologies Announces
Fourth Quarter and 2003 Financial Results

"Record 2003 Revenue and Nine-Fold Increase in Year-Over-Year Profit"

ROCHESTER, NY -- February 5, 2004 -- Performance Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq NM: PTIX), a leading developer of embedded computing products and system-level solutions for the communications, military and commercial markets, today

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announced financial results for the fourth quarter and 2003.

Revenue in the fourth quarter 2003 amounted to \$13.3 million, compared to \$10.0 million in the corresponding quarter a year earlier. Revenue for 2003 amounted to \$50.0 million, compared to \$27.0 million in 2002. The Computing Products Group, acquired in October 2002, contributed \$18.3 million and \$5.0 million to revenue in 2003 and 2002, respectively.

GAAP Earnings Basis:

Net income for the fourth quarter 2003 amounted to \$1.1 million, or \$.09 per diluted share including non-recurring expenses, based on 13.2 million shares outstanding. Net income for the fourth quarter 2002 amounted to \$.7 million, or \$.06 per diluted share including non-recurring expense, based on 12.3 million shares outstanding.

Net income for 2003 amounted to \$3.0 million, or \$.24 per diluted share including non-recurring expenses, based on 12.7 million shares outstanding. Net income for 2002 amounted to \$.3 million, or \$.03 per diluted share including non-recurring expenses, based on 12.4 million shares outstanding.

Non-GAAP Information:

Net income for the fourth quarter 2003 amounted to \$1.6 million, or \$.12 per share excluding non-recurring expenses, based on 13.2 million shares outstanding. During the fourth quarter 2003, the Company recorded an incremental restructuring charge amounting to \$.1 million (pre-tax), or \$.01 per share, for a facility closed during 2002. In addition, the Company recorded an impairment charge on an equity investment in the amount of \$.4 million (after-tax), or \$.03 per share. Net income for the fourth quarter 2002 amounted to \$1.1 million, or \$.09 per share excluding non-recurring expense, based on 12.3 million shares outstanding. During the fourth quarter 2002, the Company recorded a non-recurring expense for in-process research and development costs associated with an acquisition amounting to \$.4 million (after-tax), or \$.03 per share.

Net income for 2003 amounted to \$3.5 million, or \$.28 per share excluding non-recurring expenses, based on 12.7 million shares outstanding. For 2003, using an effective income tax rate of 26%, non-recurring expenses were recorded for an incremental restructuring charge amounting to \$.1 million (pre-tax), or \$.01 per share and for an impairment charge amounting to \$.4 million (after-tax), or \$.03 per share.

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Net income for 2002 amounted to \$1.2 million, or \$.10 per share excluding non-recurring expenses, based on 12.4 million shares outstanding. For 2002, using an effective income tax rate of 31%, non-recurring expenses were recorded for restructuring charges amounting to \$.6 million (pre-tax), or \$.03 per share; class action settlement costs amounting to \$.1 million (pre-tax), or \$.01 per share; and in-process research and development costs amounting to \$.4 million (after-tax), or \$.03 per share. The income tax benefit during 2002 reflects tax credits due the Company relating to its international operations, as well as benefit derived from research activities, foreign sales and tax-exempt interest.

Cash and marketable securities amounted to \$29.6 million and \$24.1 million at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and no long-term debt existed at either date.

The following contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are subject to

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the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Early in 2003, a new corporate strategy was defined that emphasized the Company's combination of technological innovation and product breadth. The thrust of this strategy was to deliver fully-managed, system-level platform solutions to the embedded systems marketplace and to heighten the awareness of the Company's expanded capabilities. In spite of negative economic conditions at the beginning of the year, the Company initiated important investments in sales, marketing and engineering to launch the Company's new strategy.

"There are positive signs that the Company's strategic investments, initiated early in 2003, are gaining market traction," said Donald Turrell, president and chief executive officer. "Based on an improving market position and our fourth quarter financial performance, we feel the Company is starting to see an early payback from these initiatives. In addition, we have confidence that the organization is well positioned to benefit further as we enter what appears to be the beginning of the next positive business cycle."

Based on discussions with customers, management expects a number of "design wins," especially for the Company's IPnexus(TM) system level platforms, will reach the production stage during 2004. If these customers achieve their expected production level volumes, they will contribute meaningfully to the Company's continued growth as the general marketplace improves.

During January 2004, the Company completed the purchase of Mapletree Networks, Inc., located in Norwood, Massachusetts. Management expects that the addition of the Mapletree Networks voice, data and fax access technology solutions will allow Performance Technologies to better participate in the VoIP market, a resurging segment fueled by the growth of affordable broadband, and the ongoing expansion in the wireless market. During 2004, the new Voice Technology Group is expected to increase the Company's revenue by approximately \$6.5 million to \$7 million and operations are planned to be breakeven to slightly accretive from an earnings per share perspective.

The Company holds a minority equity investment in a developer of specialized single board computer solutions. While results from operations improved, the organization was still not profitable during 2003. During the fourth quarter 2003, the Company was able to reduce its investment in this firm from 47 percent to 30 percent and recorded an impairment write down.

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Guidance

The Company's integrated platform and component products are incorporated into current and next-generation embedded systems infrastructure. Traditionally, design wins have been an important metric for management to judge the Company's product acceptance in its marketplace. Design wins, if implemented, reach production volumes at varying rates, generally beginning twelve to eighteen months after the design win occurs. A variety of risks such as schedule delays, cancellations, changes in customer markets and economic conditions can adversely affect a design win before production is reached, or during deployment. In addition, during difficult economic periods, a substantial portion of the Company's revenue is frequently derived from orders placed within the quarter and shipped in the final month of the quarter. Unfortunately, forward-looking visibility on customer orders continues to be very limited.

During 2003, while very few companies in the Company's target markets were experiencing revenue growth, certain of the Company's customers began moving

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projects toward production. In addition, since mid-year, the Company's sales organization has seen a broad acceleration in design activity. During the fourth quarter 2003, the Company realized five design wins for its IPnexus and SEGwayTM product families.

The Company's fourth quarter revenue guidance did not reflect orders from a customer that had contributed greater than 10% of the Company's revenue in each of the first three quarters of the year. This customer typically provides very little visibility on future orders but has placed orders for delivery during the first quarter 2004.

Based upon the current business mix, the current backlog and review of sales forecasts, management expects revenue to be \$14.5 million to \$15.5 million in the first quarter 2004. Gross margin is expected to be approximately 50.5% to 52.5%, and diluted earnings per share for the first quarter is expected to be between \$.11 and \$.13. The effective income tax rate for the first quarter is assumed to be 31%.

More in-depth discussions of the Company's strategy and financial performance can be found in the Company's recent Annual and Quarterly Reports, on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

About Performance Technologies

Performance Technologies (Nasdaq NM: PTIX) is a leading developer of unified embedded computing products and system-level solutions for the communications, military and commercial markets. Serving the industry for over 20 years, our packet-based products enable equipment manufacturers and carriers to provide highly available and fully-managed systems with time-to-market, performance and cost advantages.

Performance Technologies is headquartered in Rochester, New York. Additional operational and engineering facilities are located in San Diego and San Luis Obispo, California; Norwood, Massachusetts and Ottawa, Canada. For more information, visit www.pt.com.

Forward Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for certain forward-looking statements. This press release contains forward-looking statements which reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and financial performance, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is subject to the safe harbor provisions of those Sections.

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These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, and the Company's actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among other factors, general business and economic conditions, rapid or unexpected changes in technologies, cancellation or delay of customer orders including those relating to design wins, changes in the product or customer mix of sales, delays in new product development, customer acceptance of new products and customer delays in qualification of products. These statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Notes thereto, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and

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Results of Operations of the Company as of December 31, 2002, as reported in its Annual Report on Form 10-K, and other documents as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A conference call will be held on Friday, February 6, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. EST to discuss the Company's financial performance for the fourth quarter. All interested institutional investors can participate in the conference call by dialing (888) 423-7081. The conference call will also be available simultaneously for all other investors at (888) 701-8678. The conference ID number is 5293370. A digital recording will be available two hours after the completion of the conference from February 6 through February 9, 2004. To access Encore, US/Canada participants should dial (800) 642-1687 or for International/Local participants, dial (706) 645-9291 and enter the conference ID 5293370. A live Webcast of the conference call will also be available on the Performance Technologies Web site at www.pt.com. The Webcast will be archived to the Web site within two hours after the completion of the call.

PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS

	December 31, 2003

Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,589,000
Marketable securities	
Accounts receivable	7,857,000
Inventories	5,443,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	626,000
Deferred taxes	1,714,000

Total current assets	45,229,000
Property, equipment and improvements	2,432,000
Software development costs	2,597,000
Note receivable from unconsolidated company	1,000,000
Investment in unconsolidated company	402,000

Total assets	\$ 51,660,000
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,231,000
Income taxes payable	1,760,000
Accrued expenses	4,019,000

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Total current liabilities	7,010,000
Deferred taxes	698,000
Total liabilities	7,708,000
Stockholders' equity:	
Preferred stock	
Common stock	133,000
Additional paid-in capital	9,780,000
Retained earnings	43,615,000
Treasury stock	(9,536,000)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(40,000)
Total stockholders' equity	43,952,000
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 51,660,000

PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGIES, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
FOR THE THREE AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	Three Months Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Sales	\$13,257,000	\$10,033,000	\$49,000
Cost of goods sold	6,231,000	5,302,000	25,000
Gross profit	7,026,000	4,731,000	24,000
Operating expenses:			
Selling and marketing	1,559,000	1,257,000	5,000
Research and development	2,202,000	2,157,000	9,000
General and administrative	1,209,000	1,018,000	4,000
Restructuring charge	118,000		
In-process research and development		366,000	
Class action legal settlement			
Total operating expenses	5,088,000	4,798,000	20,000
Income (loss) from operations	1,938,000	(67,000)	4,000
Other income, net	118,000	218,000	
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity loss in unconsolidated company	2,056,000	151,000	5,000
Income tax provision (benefit)	493,000	(649,000)	1,000

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Income before equity in loss of unconsolidated company	1,563,000	800,000	3,
Equity in loss of unconsolidated company	(37,000)	(83,000)	(
Impairment of minority interest investment	(392,000)		(
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Net income	\$ 1,134,000	\$ 717,000	\$ 3,
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Basic earnings per share	\$.09	\$.06	\$
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Weighted average common shares	12,374,000	12,274,000	12,
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Diluted earnings per share	\$.09	\$.06	\$
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Weighted average common and common equivalent shares	13,183,000	12,274,000	12,
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