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# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-K**

# x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE

# **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006

Commission File Number 001-00395

# NCR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 31-0387920 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1700 South Patterson Blvd.

Dayton, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices)

45479 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (937) 445-5000

registrant's telephone number, including area code. (737) 443-3000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

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Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES x NO "

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 (d) of the Act. YES "NO x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES x NO "

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). YES "NO x

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2006, was approximately \$6.6 billion. At January 31, 2007, there were approximately 179 million shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Part III: Portions of the registrant s Proxy Statement, dated March 1, 2007, issued in connection with the 2007 annual meeting of stockholders.

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#### PART I

#### Item 1. BUSINESS General

NCR Corporation and its subsidiaries (NCR or the Company, also referred to as we, us or our) provide technology and services that help businesses interact, connect and relate with their customers.

#### Businesses

NCR Corporation is a leading global technology company that provides innovative products and services to help businesses build stronger relationships with their customers. Our market-leading Teradata Data Warehousing solutions transform data into an integrated view of a company s business, allowing users to develop programs designed to lower their information technology-related costs; improve customer acquisition, retention and profitability; and to streamline their supply chain and business operations. Through our presence at customer interaction points, such as automated teller machines (ATMs), retail point-of-sale (POS) workstations, and self-check-in/out systems, our Financial Self Service and Retail Store Automation solutions enable companies to address consumer demand for convenience, value and individual service. Our Customer Services Division provides support services for NCR s solutions as well as select third-party products.

#### Industries Served

NCR provides specific solutions for industries such as retail, financial, telecommunications, transportation, insurance, healthcare and manufacturers, as well as governmental entities. NCR s solutions are built on a foundation of long-established industry knowledge and consulting expertise, value-adding software and hardware technology, global customer support services, and a complete line of business consumables and specialty media products.

## Company History

NCR was originally incorporated in 1884 and was a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange prior to its merger with a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T Corp. (AT&T) on September 19, 1991. Subsequently on December 31, 1996, AT&T distributed all of its interest in NCR to its stockholders (the Distribution ). NCR common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and trades under the symbol NCR.

On January 8, 2007, NCR announced its intention to separate into two independent publicly traded companies through the spin off of 100% of the Company s Teradata Data Warehousing business to holders of shares of NCR stock. The separation is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2007.

#### **Operating Segments**

NCR operates in the information technology industry and categorizes its operations into six reportable segments: Teradata Data Warehousing, Financial Self Service (which includes the Company s ATM business), Retail Store Automation, Customer Services, Systemedia, and Payment & Imaging and Other. Each segment generally integrates hardware, software, and professional and installation-related services, and is described below

Revenue by segment is reported in Item 8 of Part II of this Form 10-K report (Report) as part of Note 12 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Segment Information and Concentrations, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Geographic information is reported in Item 8 of Part II of this Report as part of Note 12 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Segment Information and Concentrations, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Teradata Data Warehousing Segment**

**Products** and Services

Under the Teradata brand name, NCR provides data warehousing solutions for customers worldwide that combine software, including the Teradata database and tools, data mining and analytical applications; hardware; and consulting and support services. These solutions can also include third-party products and services from other leading technology and service partners.

Teradata helps clients integrate detailed enterprise-wide data such as customer, financial and operational data into a single data warehouse and provides the analytical capabilities to transform that data into information. As a result, clients have a consistent, accurate view of their data and businesses which gives them more accurate, insightful and timely information when and where they need it so they can make better and faster decisions. This approach provides clients with better insight, faster access to new analytics and less redundancy within their information technology infrastructure so they can maximize business value while minimizing their total cost of ownership.

Our data warehousing technologies provide a high level of performance, scalability, availability, and manageability for strategic and operational analytic requirements. Our professional service consultants combine a proven methodology, deep industry expertise and years of hands-on experience to help clients quickly capture business value while minimizing risk. Our customer services professionals provide a single source of support services to allow customers to maximize use and fully leverage the value of their investments in data warehousing.

Through active enterprise intelligence, our Teradata Division is extending the use of traditional data warehousing by integrating advanced analytics into enterprise business processes, allowing companies to combine current and historical data so operations personnel can make decisions at the point of contact or service and take action as events occur.

Target Markets and Distribution Channels

Our Teradata Division offers data warehousing solutions to many major industries, including financial services, government, healthcare, insurance, logistics, manufacturing, retail, telecommunications, transportation, and travel.

The Teradata business delivers its solutions through mostly direct sales channels, as well as alliances with system integrators, other independent software vendors, value-added resellers, distributors and original equipment manufacturers.

### Competition

In the enterprise data warehousing market, our Teradata Division successfully competes with International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation and Oracle Corporation in the geographic areas where we sell. Key factors used to evaluate competitors in the data warehousing market generally are: data warehousing experience and customer references; technology leadership; product quality; performance and scalability; support and professional service capabilities; industry knowledge; and total cost of ownership. Teradata is one of only a few businesses that can provide complete, integrated and optimized data warehousing solutions that address all of these customer requirements.

#### **Financial Self Service Segment**

**Products and Services** 

Our Financial Self Service business provides financial institutions, retailers and independent deployers with financial-oriented self service technologies, such as ATMs, cash dispensers, and software solutions, including the APTRA—application suite. Financial Self Service solutions are designed to quickly and reliably process consumer transactions and incorporate advanced features such as automated check cashing/deposit, automated

cash deposit, web-enablement, bill payment and the dispensing of non-cash items. Financial Self Service solutions enable businesses to reduce costs and generate new revenue streams while enhancing customer loyalty.

Target Markets and Distribution Channels

NCR s Financial Self Service solutions primarily serve the financial services industry with particular focus on retail banking, which includes traditional providers of consumer banking and financial services. Financial Self Service solutions also serve the retail markets through convenience banking products for retailers designed to complement their core businesses. Customers are located throughout the world in both established and emerging markets. NCR has historically sold most of its Financial Self Service products and services through a direct sales channel, although a portion of revenues is derived through distributors. About 80% of product and service sales in recent years were made by the direct sales force; the remainder is sold through indirect channels.

#### Competition

Our Financial Self Service business competes with Diebold, Inc. and Wincor Nixdorf GmbH & Co. (Wincor) in markets where it operates. The primary factors of competition can vary, but typically include: value and quality of the solutions or products; total cost of ownership; industry knowledge of the vendor; the vendor s ability to provide and support a total end-to-end solution; the vendor s ability to integrate new and existing systems; the fit of the vendor s strategic vision with the customer s strategic direction; and the quality of the vendor s support and consulting services.

#### **Retail Store Automation Segment**

#### **Products and Services**

Retail Store Automation provides retail-oriented technologies such as POS terminals, self-check-in/out systems, self-service kiosks, bar-code scanners, software and services to companies worldwide. Combining our retail industry expertise, software and hardware technologies, and implementation and store performance consulting services, our Retail Store Automation solutions are designed to enable cost reductions and improve retailer operational efficiency while increasing satisfaction of the retailer s customers.

#### Target Markets and Distribution Channels

NCR delivers Retail Store Automation solutions for the general merchandise, food and drug, and hospitality segments. The general merchandise segment includes department stores, specialty retailers, mass merchandisers and catalog stores. The food and drug segment includes supermarkets, hypermarkets, grocery, drug, wholesalers and convenience stores. The hospitality segment includes fast food/quick service/table service, other restaurants and lodging. About 90% of NCR s Retail Store Automation solutions are sold through a direct sales force, with the remainder sold through alliances with value-added resellers, distributors and dealers. NCR has focused its investments and resources on self-service technologies with expanded offerings to include self-ticketing and self-check-in/out systems for the travel industry, including airlines and hotels, self-service food/deli ordering and patient management check-in/out in the healthcare sector.

#### Competition

NCR faces strong competition in the retail industry in all geographic areas where it operates around the world. The Company believes that key competitive factors can vary by geographic area but typically include; value and quality of the solutions or products; total cost of ownership; industry knowledge of the vendor; and knowledge, experience and quality of the vendor s consulting, deployment and support services. NCR s competitors vary by market segment, product, service offering and geographic area, and include IBM, Wincor, Fujitsu, Hewlett-Packard Company, Dell Inc., Metrologic Group and PSC Inc., among others.

## **Customer Services**

#### Services

Customer Services are an essential and integrated component of NCR s complete solution offerings. The Customer Services Division provides maintenance and support services for NCR s Financial Self Service, Retail Store Automation and Payment & Imaging businesses, as well as for select third-party companies. Our Customer

Services operating segment provides other services including site assessment and preparation, staging, installation and implementation, and complete systems management. The Customer Services operating segment also includes the resale and service of third-party computer hardware from select manufacturers such as Cisco Systems who value and leverage NCR s global service capability. However, NCR s strategy is to focus primarily on maintenance and support of NCR-branded products in order to capture higher margin services and significantly reduce redundant costs associated with supporting/servicing multiple third-party products.

### Target Markets and Distribution Channels

The focus of our Customer Services business is to provide service for NCR s other solutions. However, Customer Services is also pursuing managed service relationships with its key customers. Longer term managed service arrangements serve to improve the efficiency and performance of the customer s business, and increase the strategic and financial importance of its relationship with NCR. We also can and do provide services on competing technologies used in these segments for example, IBM retail technologies and Diebold ATMs. The primary sales channel for Customer Services is NCR s direct sales teams, which exist in all NCR operating segments. Our Customer Services team provides these services directly to end customers.

#### Competition

NCR faces competition for customer services from other technology providers, as well as from service-only firms, in all geographies where it operates around the world. The primary Customer Services competitors are the companies identified in NCR s other solutions. Global technology providers are becoming more focused on services as a core business strategy. NCR also competes with a range of smaller regional and local service companies that differ by geography.

#### Systemedia

#### Products

Systemedia develops, produces and markets a complete line of printer consumables for various print technologies. Systemedia products include paper rolls for receipts in ATMs and POS solutions, inkjet and laser printer supplies, thermal transfer and ink ribbons, labels, laser documents, business forms, and specialty media items such as photo and presentation papers, and two-sided thermal paper. Systemedia products are designed to optimize operations and improve transaction accuracy while reducing overall costs.

### Target Markets and Distribution Channels

The major industries targeted by Systemedia include retail, transportation, financial services and manufacturing. Systemedia s direct sales organization focuses on providing comprehensive solutions to customers in 26 countries. In addition, Systemedia products are sold through various channel partners including office product retailers, contract stationers, value-added resellers, original equipment manufactures as well as through telemarketing and the internet.

#### Competition

Competition in the printer consumable and media solutions industry is significant and varies by geographic area and product group. The primary areas of competitive differentiation are typically quality, logistics and supply chain management, and total cost of ownership. While price is always a factor, Systemedia focuses on the customer s total cost of ownership for its products. Total cost of ownership takes into account not only the per-unit cost of the media, but also service, usage reporting and support costs.

#### Payment & Imaging and Other Segment

#### **Products and Services**

Payment and Imaging provides end-to-end solutions for both traditional paper-based and image-based check and item processing. Payment and Imaging solutions utilize advanced image recognition and workflow technologies to automate item processing, helping financial institutions increase efficiency and reduce operating costs. Consisting of hardware, software, consulting and support services, our comprehensive Payment and Imaging

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solutions enable check and item-based transactions to be digitally captured, processed and retained within a flexible, scalable environment.

Other business activity included in this segment primarily relates to a small business in Japan.

Target Markets and Distribution Channels

NCR s Payment and Imaging solutions primarily serve the financial services industry worldwide with a major focus on banks. NCR has historically distributed most of its Payment and Imaging products and services through a direct sales channel, although certain revenues are derived through sales by value-added resellers and distributors. Approximately 85% of product sales in recent years were sold by our direct sales force; the remainder was sold through indirect channels.

#### Competition

NCR faces competition in the financial services industry in all geographic areas where it operates. The primary areas of competition can vary, but typically include: quality of the solutions or products; total cost of ownership; industry knowledge; the vendor s ability to provide and support a total end-to-end solution; the vendor s ability to integrate new and existing systems; the fit of the vendor s strategic vision with the customer s strategic direction; and the quality of the vendor s support and consulting services. NCR s competitors vary by product, service offering and geographic area, and include Metavante Corporation and Unisys Corporation, among others.

#### **Research and Development**

We remain focused on designing and developing products, services and solutions that anticipate our customers changing technological needs. Expenses for research and development were \$236 million in 2006, \$245 million in 2005 and \$242 million in 2004. We anticipate that we will continue to have significant research and development expenditures in the future to provide a continuing flow of innovative, high-quality products and services to maintain and enhance our competitive position. Information regarding the accounting and costs included in research and development activities is included in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of this Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Seasonality

Information regarding seasonality is included in Item 1A of this Report under the caption Operating Results Fluctuations, and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Sources and Availability of Raw Materials

Information regarding sources and availability of raw materials is included in Item 1A of this Report under the caption Reliance on Third Parties, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Patents and Trademarks**

NCR owns approximately 1,700 patents in the United States and a significant number in foreign countries. The foreign patents are generally counterparts of NCR s U.S. patents. Many of the patents owned by NCR are licensed to others and NCR is licensed to use certain patents owned by others. While NCR s portfolio of patents and patent applications in aggregate is of significant value to NCR, the Company does not believe that any particular individual patent is itself of material importance to NCR s business as a whole.

NCR has registered certain trademarks and service marks in the United States and in a number of foreign countries. NCR considers the marks NCR , Teradata , and many of its other trademarks and service marks to be valuable assets.

### **Employees**

On December 31, 2006, NCR had approximately 28,900 employees and contractors.

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#### Information

NCR makes available through its website, free of charge, its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to such reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after these reports are electronically filed or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. NCR will furnish, without charge to a security holder upon written request, the Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the 2007 Proxy Statement), portions of which are incorporated herein by reference. NCR will furnish the Code of Conduct and any other exhibit at cost. Document requests are available by calling or writing to:

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#### **Environmental Matters**

Information regarding environmental matters is reported in Item 8 of Part II of this Report as part of Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Commitments and Contingencies, and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

This report and other documents that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as well as other oral or written statements we may make from time to time, contain information based on management s beliefs and include forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and there are a number of factors including, but not limited to, those listed below, that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from the results contemplated by such forward-looking statements. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

**Economic Pressures** *Our business is affected by the global economies in which we operate.* The current economic climate, which includes decreased and more closely scrutinized capital spending by many industries, could impact our ability to meet our commitments to customers, the ability of our suppliers to meet their commitments to us, the timing of purchases by our current and potential customers, or the ability of our customers to fulfill their obligations to us on a timely basis. The extent of this impact, if any, is dependent on a number of factors, including the duration of the current economic climate, its effect on the markets and other general economic and business conditions.

Competition Our ability to compete effectively within the technology industry is critical to our future success. We operate in the intensely competitive information technology industry. This industry is characterized by rapidly changing technology, evolving industry standards, frequent new product introductions, price and cost reductions, and increasingly greater commoditization of products, making differentiation difficult. Our competitors include other large companies in the technology industry, such as: IBM, Inc., Hewlett-Packard Company, Oracle Corporation, Diebold, Inc., Wincor, Getronics NV, Fujitsu, and Unisys Corporation, some of which have widespread distribution and penetration of their platforms and service offerings. In addition, we compete with companies in specific markets, such as entry-level ATMs, payment and imaging, and business consumables and media products.

Our future competitive performance and market position depend on a number of factors, including our ability to: react to competitive product and pricing pressures (particularly in the ATM marketplace); penetrate and meet the

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changing competitive requirements and deliverables in developing and emerging markets, such as India and China in the ATM business; rapidly and continually design, develop and market, or otherwise maintain and introduce solutions and related products and services for our customers that are competitive in the marketplace; react on a timely basis to shifts in market demands; compete in reverse auctions for new and continuing business; take advantage of data warehousing market demands; reduce costs without creating operating inefficiencies; maintain competitive operating margins; improve product and service delivery quality; and effectively market and sell all of our diverse solutions. Our business and operating performance could be impacted by external competitive pressures, such as increasing price erosion and the addition of new competitors.

Our customers sometimes finance our product sales through third-party financing companies. In case of customer default, these financing companies may be forced to resell this equipment at discounted prices, thus impacting our ability to sell incremental units. The impact of these product and pricing pressures could include lower customer satisfaction, decreased demand for our solutions, loss of market share and reduction of operating profits.

**Operating Results Fluctuations** Our revenue and operating results could fluctuate for a number of reasons, including:

Seasonality Our sales are historically seasonal, with lower revenue in the first quarter and higher revenue in the fourth quarter of each year. Such seasonality also causes our working capital cash flow requirements to vary from quarter to quarter depending on the variability in the volume, timing and mix of product sales. In addition, revenue in the third month of each quarter is typically higher than in the first and second months. These factors, among other things, make forecasting more difficult and may adversely affect our ability to predict financial results accurately.

Foreign Currency Our revenue and operating income are subject to variability due to the effects of foreign currency fluctuations against the U.S. Dollar. We have exposure to approximately 50 functional currencies, in which our primary exposures are from fluctuations in the Euro, British Pound and Japanese Yen. Due to our global operations, weaknesses in some of these currencies are sometimes offset by strengths in others. Although the foreign currency environment is difficult to predict, the effects of currency fluctuations are partially mitigated by our hedging strategy.

Cost/Expense Reductions We are actively working to reduce our costs and expenses to improve operating profitability without jeopardizing the quality of our products or the effectiveness of our operations. Our success in achieving targeted cost and expense reductions depends on a number of factors, including our ability to achieve infrastructure rationalizations, drive lower component costs, improve supply chain efficiencies, and among other things optimize the efficiency of our customer services resources. If we do not successfully complete our cost reduction initiatives, our results of operations or financial condition could be adversely affected.

Contractual Obligations of Consulting Services We maintain a professional services consulting workforce to fulfill contracts that we enter into with our customers that may extend to multiple periods. Our profitability is largely a function of performing to customer contractual arrangements within the estimated costs to perform these obligations. If we exceed these estimated costs, our profitability related to these contracts may be negatively impacted. In addition, if we are unable to maintain appropriate utilization rates for our consultants, we may not be able to sustain profitability on these contracts.

Acquisitions and Divestitures As part of our strategy, we intend to selectively acquire and divest technologies, products and businesses. As these acquisitions and divestitures take place and we begin to include, or exclude as the case may be, the financial results related to these transactions, it could cause our operating results to fluctuate.

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Execution of the Strategic Separation Our focus on ensuring a successful spin-off of the Teradata Data Warehousing business could adversely affect our results of operations or financial condition.

Pension Funds Consistent with local competitive practice and regulations, we sponsor pension plans in many of the countries where we do business. A number of these pension plans are supported by pension fund investments that are subject to financial market risk. The liabilities, assets and costs of these plans are reported in our financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87 (SFAS 87), Employer s Accounting for Pensions, Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 132 (revised 2003), Employers Disclosures about Pensions and Other Postretirement Benefits, and Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158 (SFAS 158), Employer s Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans. In conforming to the requirements of SFAS 87 and SFAS 158, we are required to make a number of actuarial assumptions for each plan, including expected long-term return on plan assets and discount rate. Our future financial results could be materially impacted by volatility in financial market performance, changes in regulations regarding funding requirements, and changes in the actuarial assumptions, including those described in our Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates. Consistent with the requirements of paragraphs 44-45 of SFAS 87, we estimate our discount rate and long-term expected rate of return on asset assumptions on a country-by-country basis after consultation with independent actuarial consultants. We examine interest rate levels and trends within each country, particularly yields on high-quality long-term corporate bonds, relative to our expected future benefit payments to determine our discount rate assumptions. Our long-term expected rate of return on asset assumptions are developed by considering the asset allocation and implementation strategies employed by each pension fund relative to capital market expectations. Many countries around the world are in the process of updating their laws and regulations regarding pension funding, including the United States. These initiatives could require the Company to make significantly larger contributions to its pension plans in future years and increase the volatility of these contribution requirements.

Stock-based Accounting Similar to other companies, we use stock awards as a form of compensation for certain employees. The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R (SFAS 123R), Share-Based Payment, beginning January 1, 2006. SFAS 123R requires all stock-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair values. The amount recognized for stock compensation expense could vary depending on a number of assumptions or changes. For example, assumptions such as the risk-free rate, expected holding period and expected volatility that drive our valuation model could change. Other examples that could have an impact include changes in the mix and type of awards, changes in our compensation plans or tax rate, changes in our forfeiture rate, differences in actual results compared to management s estimates for performance-based awards or an unusually high amount of expirations of stock options.

Income Taxes We account for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 (SFAS 109), Accounting for Income Taxes, which recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities. We regularly review our deferred tax assets for recoverability and establish a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. If we are unable to generate sufficient future taxable income, if there is a material change in the actual effective tax rates or the time period within which the underlying temporary differences become taxable or deductible, or if the tax laws change unfavorably, then we could be required to increase our valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets, resulting in an increase in our effective tax rate.

*Real Estate* Our strategy over the past several years with respect to owned and leased real estate has been to reduce our holdings of excess real estate. In line with this strategy, we anticipate the exit of facilities, which may affect net income. Adverse real estate markets could impede our ability to reduce the size of our real estate portfolio.

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Multinational Operations Generating substantial revenues from our multinational operations helps to balance our risks and meet our strategic goals. In 2006, the percentage of revenues from outside of the United States was 58%. We believe that our geographic diversity may help to mitigate some risks associated with geographic concentrations of operations (e.g., adverse changes in foreign currency exchange rates and deteriorating economic environments or business disruptions due to economic or political uncertainties). However, our ability to sell our solutions domestically in the United States and internationally is subject to the following risks, among others: general economic and political conditions in each country that could adversely affect demand for our solutions in these markets; currency exchange rate fluctuations that could result in lower demand for our products as well as generate currency translation losses; changes to and compliance with a variety of local laws and regulations that may increase our cost of doing business in these markets or otherwise prevent us from effectively competing in these markets; changing competitive requirements and deliverables in developing and emerging markets; and the impact of civil unrest relating to war and terrorist activity on the economy or markets in general, or on our ability, or that of our suppliers, to meet commitments.

**Introduction of New Solutions** The solutions we sell are very complex, and we need to rapidly and successfully develop and introduce new solutions in a competitive, rapidly changing environment. The development process for our solutions, including our software application development programs and the migration of our Teradata Data Warehousing solution to the latest software and hardware platforms, requires high levels of innovation from both our software developers and our suppliers of the components embedded in our solutions. In addition, the development process can be lengthy and costly, and requires us to commit a significant amount of resources to bring our business solutions to market.

If we are unable to anticipate our customers needs and technological trends accurately, or are otherwise unable to complete development efficiently, we would be unable to introduce new solutions into the market on a timely basis, if at all, and our business and operating results could be impacted. Likewise, we sometimes make assurances to customers regarding new technologies, and our results could be impacted if we are unable to deliver such technologies as planned. Also, if we cannot successfully market and sell both existing and newly developed solutions, our business and operating results could be impacted.

Our hardware and software-based solutions may contain known, as well as undetected errors, which may be found after the products introduction and shipment. While we attempt to remedy errors that we believe would be considered critical by our customers prior to shipment, we may not be able to detect or remedy all such errors, and this could result in lost revenues, delays in customer acceptance and incremental costs, each of which would impact our business and operating results.

Reliance on Third Parties Third-party suppliers provide important elements to our solutions. In most cases, there are a number of vendors providing the services and producing the parts and components that we utilize. However, there are some components that are purchased from single sources due to price, quality, technology or other reasons. For example, we depend on transaction processing services from Accenture, computer chips and microprocessors from Intel Corporation, contract manufacturing from Solectron and operating systems from Microsoft Corporation. Certain parts and components used in the manufacturing of our ATMs and the delivery of many of our Retail Store Automation solutions are also supplied by single sources. In addition, there are a number of key suppliers for our businesses who provide us with critical products for our solutions. If we were unable to purchase the necessary services, including contract manufacturing, parts, components or products from a particular vendor and we had to find an alternative supplier, our new and existing product shipments and solution deliveries could be delayed, impacting our business and operating results.

We have, from time to time, formed alliances with third parties that have complementary products, software, services and skills. Many different relationships are formed by these alliances, such as outsourcing arrangements to manufacture hardware and subcontract agreements with third parties to perform services and provide products and software to our customers in connection with our solutions. For example, we rely on third parties for cash replenishment services for our ATM products. Also, some of these third parties have access to confidential NCR

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and customer data, the integrity and security of which we need to ensure. These alliances introduce risks that we cannot control, such as nonperformance by third parties and difficulties with or delays in integrating elements provided by third parties into our solutions.

Lack of information technology infrastructure, shortages in business capitalization, manual processes and data integrity issues of smaller suppliers can also create product time delays, inventory and invoicing problems, and staging delays, as well as other operating issues. The failure of third parties to provide high-quality products or services that conform to required specifications or contractual arrangements could impair the delivery of our solutions on a timely basis, create exposure for non-compliance with our contractual commitments to our customers and impact our business and operating results.

**Intellectual Property** As a technology company, our intellectual property portfolio is key to our continuing ability to be a leading technology and services solutions provider. To that end, it is critical that we continue to develop leading technologies to protect and enhance our proprietary rights in our intellectual property through patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws. These efforts include protection of the products and application, diagnostic and other software we develop. To the extent we are not successful, our business could be adversely impacted. Also, many of our offerings rely on technologies developed by others, and if we are unable to continue to obtain licenses for such technologies, our business would be impacted.

Over the last several years there has been an increase in the issuance of software and business method patents, and more companies are aggressively enforcing their intellectual property rights. This trend could impact NCR because, from time to time, we receive notices from third parties regarding patent and other intellectual property claims. Whether such claims are with or without merit, they may require significant resources to defend. If an infringement claim is successful, or in the event we are unable to license the infringed technology or to substitute similar non-infringing technology, our business could be adversely affected.

#### **Work Environment**

Restructuring and Re-engineering As part of our ongoing efforts to optimize our cost structure, from time to time, we shift and realign our employee resources, which could temporarily result in reduced productivity levels. In addition to reducing costs and expenses, our plan includes initiatives to grow revenue, such as improving sales training, addressing sales territory requirements, maintaining and monitoring customer satisfaction with our solutions, and focusing on our strong value propositions. We currently have many initiatives underway. If we are not successful in managing these initiatives and minimizing any resulting loss in productivity, our business and operating results could be impacted.

*Employees* Our employees are vital to our success. Our ability to attract and retain highly skilled technical, sales, consulting and other key personnel is critical, as these key employees are difficult to replace. If we are unable to attract or retain highly qualified employees by offering competitive compensation, secure work environments and leadership opportunities now and in the future, our business and operating results could be impacted. Furthermore, our current re-engineering efforts may adversely impact our workforce productivity.

Internal Controls / Accounting Policies and Practices Our internal controls, accounting policies and practices, and internal information systems enable us to capture and process transactions in a timely and accurate manner in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, laws and regulations, taxation requirements and federal securities laws and regulations. Our internal controls and policies are being closely monitored by management as we implement a worldwide Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system and complete the transition of our transaction support functions to Accenture. While we believe these controls, policies, practices and systems are adequate to ensure data integrity, unanticipated and unauthorized actions of employees or contractors (both domestic and international), temporary lapses in internal controls due to shortfalls in transition planning and oversight, or resource constraints could lead to improprieties and undetected errors that could impact our financial condition or results of operations. Moreover, while management has concluded that

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the Company s internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2006 (as set forth in Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting included in Item 9A of this Report), due to their inherent limitations, such controls may not prevent or detect misstatements in our reported financial statements. Such limitations include, among other things, the potential for human error or circumvention of controls. Further, the Company s internal control over financial reporting is subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of a failure to remediate control deficiencies, changes in conditions or a deterioration of the degree of compliance with established policies and procedures.

*Information Systems* It is periodically necessary to replace, upgrade or modify our internal information systems. If we are unable to replace, upgrade or modify such systems in a timely and cost-effective manner, especially in light of demands on our information technology resources, our ability to capture and process financial transactions and therefore our financial condition or results of operations may be impacted.

Acquisitions and Alliances Our ability to successfully integrate acquisitions or effectively manage alliance activities will help drive future growth. As part of our overall solutions strategy, we intend to make investments in companies, products, services and technologies, either through acquisitions, equity investments, joint ventures or strategic alliances. Acquisitions and alliance activities inherently involve risks. The risks we may encounter include those associated with assimilating and integrating different business operations, corporate cultures, personnel, infrastructures and technologies or products acquired or licensed, and the potential for unknown liabilities within the acquired or combined business. The investment or alliance may also disrupt our ongoing business, or we may not be able to successfully incorporate acquired products, services or technologies into our solutions and maintain quality. Further, we may not achieve the projected synergies once we have integrated the business into our operations. This may lead to additional costs not anticipated at the time of acquisition.

**Environmental** Our historical and ongoing manufacturing activities subject us to environmental exposures. Our facilities and operations are subject to a wide range of environmental protection laws, and we have investigatory and remedial activities underway at a number of facilities that we currently own or operate, or formerly owned or operated, to comply, or to determine compliance, with such laws. As a result of the Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (RoHS) and Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (the WEEE Directive ), our product distribution, logistics and waste management costs may increase and may adversely impact our financial condition. Given the uncertainties inherent in such activities, there can be no assurances that the costs required to comply with applicable environmental laws will not impact future operating results.

We have also been identified as a potentially responsible party in connection with certain environmental matters, including the Fox River matter, as further described in Environmental Matters under Note 11 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Commitments and Contingencies, and in the Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates section of the MD&A section of this Report, and we incorporate such disclosures by reference and make them a part of this risk factor. As described in more detail in such disclosures, we maintain an accrual for our potential liability relating to the Fox River matter that represents certain critical estimates and judgments made by us regarding our potential liability; however, both the ultimate costs associated with the Fox River matter and our share of those costs are subject to a wide range of potential outcomes.

Contingencies Like other companies, we face uncertainties with regard to regulations, lawsuits and other related matters. In the normal course of business, we are subject to proceedings, lawsuits, claims and other matters, including those that relate to the environment, health and safety, employee benefits, export compliance, intellectual property and other regulatory compliance and general matters. Because such matters are subject to many uncertainties, their outcomes are not predictable. While we believe that amounts provided in our consolidated financial statements are currently adequate in light of the probable and estimable liabilities, there can be no assurances that the amounts required to satisfy alleged liabilities from such matters will not impact future operating results. Additionally, we are subject to diverse and complex laws and regulations, including those relating to corporate governance, public disclosure and reporting, which are rapidly changing and subject to

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many possible changes in the future. Although we do not believe that recent regulatory and legal initiatives will result in significant changes to our internal practices or our operations, changes in accounting standards, taxation requirements, and federal securities laws and regulations, among others, may substantially increase costs to our organization and could have an impact on our future operating results.

#### Item 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### Item 2. PROPERTIES

As of January 1, 2007, NCR operated 241 facilities consisting of approximately 7.8 million square feet throughout the world. On a square footage basis, 55% of these facilities are owned and 45% are leased. Within the total facility portfolio, NCR operates 30 research and development and manufacturing facilities totaling 2.9 million square feet, 75% of which is owned. The remaining 4.9 million square feet of space includes office, repair, warehouse and other miscellaneous sites, and is 43% owned. NCR maintains facilities in 62 countries. NCR believes its plants and facilities are suitable and adequate, and have sufficient production capacity to meet its current needs.

NCR and certain operating divisions (Teradata Data Warehousing, Financial Self Service, Payment & Imaging and Other, Systemedia and Customer Services) are headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. The Retail Store Automation operating division is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

#### Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Information regarding legal proceedings is included in Item 8 of Part II of this Report as part of Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Commitments and Contingencies, and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

#### **PART II**

# Item 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

NCR common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and trades under the symbol NCR. There were approximately 338,000 holders of NCR common stock as of February 12, 2007. The following table presents the high and low per share prices for NCR common stock for each quarter of 2006 and 2005. These stock prices are adjusted for a two-for-one stock split that became effective on January 21, 2005.

	2006			2005	5
	High	Low		High	Low
1st Quarter	\$ 42.79	\$ 33.60	1st Quarter	\$ 39.84	\$ 31.25
2nd Quarter	\$ 44.45	\$ 34.05	2nd Quarter	\$ 38.11	\$ 32.37
3rd Quarter	\$ 39.59	\$ 31.64	3rd Quarter	\$ 36.81	\$ 29.42
4th Quarter	\$ 44.74	\$ 38.06	4th Quarter	\$ 35.13	\$ 29.09

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Although historically NCR has not paid cash dividends and does not anticipate the payment of cash dividends on NCR common stock in the immediate future, the declaration of dividends would be subject to the discretion of NCR s Board of Directors.

The following graph compares the relative investment performance of NCR stock, the Standard & Poor s 500 Stock Index and the Standard & Poor s Technology Sector Index. This graph covers the five-year period from December 31, 2001, through December 31, 2006.

Company / Index	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
NCR	\$ 100	\$ 64	\$ 105	\$ 188	\$ 184	\$ 232
S&P 500 Stock Index	\$ 100	\$ 78	\$ 100	\$ 111	\$ 117	\$ 135
S&P 500 Technology Sector	\$ 100	\$ 63	\$ 92	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$ 103

<sup>(1)</sup> In each case, assumes a \$100 investment on December 31, 2001, and reinvestment of all dividends, if any.

**Purchase of Company Common Stock** During 2006, the Company purchased 7.6 million shares of its common stock at an average price per share of \$36.96 under a 2000 Board of Directors share repurchase program and a 1999 Board of Directors share repurchase program. The 2000 Board of Directors share repurchase program authorized the Company to purchase NCR common stock to the extent of cash received from the exercise of stock options and the purchase of shares under the NCR Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP).

In addition to those share purchases, the Company occasionally purchases vested restricted stock shares from Section 16 officers, at the current market price to cover their withholding taxes. For 2006, the total of these purchases was 34,282 shares at an average price of \$35.66 per share.

The following table provides information relating to the Company s repurchase of common stock for the year ended December 31, 2006:

	Total Number of Shares	Average Price Paid	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be	
		per	2000 Board Authorized	1999 Board Authorized	Purchased Under	
Month	Purchased	Share	Dilution Offset Program	Program	the 1999 Program	
First quarter total	2,250,000	\$ 38.90	1,000,000	1,250,000	\$ 428,312,279	
Second quarter total	2,500,000	\$ 39.53	602,700	1,897,300	\$ 353,433,063	
Third quarter total	2,834,700	\$ 33.14	134,700	2,700,000	\$ 263,908,919	
October 1 through October 31, 2006	, ,	\$	,	, ,	, , ,	
November 1 through						
November 30, 2006		\$				
December 1 through						
December 31, 2006		\$				
Fourth quarter total		\$			\$	
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Year to date total	7,584,700	\$ 36.96	1,737,400	5,847,300	\$ 263,908,919	

The Company did not repurchase shares in the fourth quarter of 2006, as a result of the NCR Board of Directors evaluation of the potential spin-off of the Company s Teradata Data Warehousing business. Information regarding the potential spin-off of the Company s Teradata Data Warehousing business is included in Note 13 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of this Report.

On October 26, 2005, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of an additional \$500 million of the Company s outstanding shares of common stock. This authorization extends the Board s previous authorization under this stock repurchase program given in 1999. As of December 31, 2006, the Company had a total remaining authorization of \$264 million to repurchase outstanding shares of NCR common stock.

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# Item 6. NCR CORPORATION SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA Selected Financial Data

In millions, except per share and employee and contractor amounts

For the year ended December 31	$2006^{1}$	$2005^{2}$	$2004^{3}$	20034	20025
Revenue	\$ 6,142	\$ 6.028	\$ 5.984	\$ 5,598	\$ 5,585