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The diversified electronics company blamed the decline in the quarter ended Sept. 29 , on previously reported operating problems in its Electron Devices & Systems Group .

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For the full fiscal year , Varian posted a 13 % profit rise to \$ 31.5 million , or \$ 1.53 a share , up from \$ 27.8 million , or \$ 1.27 a share , last year .

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Sales for the year rose almost 15 % to \$ 1.34 billion from \$ 1.17 billion last year .

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A profit last year in both the quarter and year included a net gain of \$ 9.6 million , or 44 cents a share , from the sale of a division .

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Additionally , the full-year profit last year reflected an after-tax restructuring charge of \$ 22.8 million , or \$ 1.04 a share .

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Shares of Varian , which last month warned there would be a fourth-quarter plunge , closed at \$ 22.75 , down 62.5 cents in composite trading on the New York Stock Exchange .

[21333008]

Sales rose 18 % in the fiscal fourth quarter to \$ 364.1 million from \$ 307.9 million on the strength in semiconductors and other products .