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QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarter ended September 30, 2009
Commission file number 333-100047

KRONOS INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

22-2949593
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700
Dallas, Texas 75240-2697
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 233-1700

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 and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).*
Yes No

* The registrant has not yet been phased into the interactive data requirements.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

Number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding on October 31, 2009: 2,968.

The Registrant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kronos Worldwide, Inc. (File No. 1-31763) and meets the conditions set forth in General Instructions H(1)(a) and H(1)(b) of Form 10-Q for reduced disclosure format.

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KRONOS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions)

ASSETS	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009 (Unaudited)
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$10.8	\$39.0
Restricted cash	1.5	1.1
Accounts and other receivables	132.1	164.6
Inventories	303.9	190.8
Prepaid expenses and other	3.0	7.1
Total current assets	451.3	402.6
Other assets:		
Deferred financing costs, net	6.8	6.3
Deferred income taxes	166.4	189.7
Other	4.6	4.9
Total other assets	177.8	200.9
Property and equipment:		
Land	35.9	42.3
Buildings	171.9	181.6
Equipment	807.8	861.3
Mining properties	73.9	114.9
Construction in progress	37.9	14.7
	1,127.4	1,214.8
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	703.0	780.1
Net property and equipment	424.4	434.7
Total assets	\$1,053.5	\$1,038.2

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)

(In millions)

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009 (Unaudited)
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$.8	\$1.7
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	147.8	158.9
Income taxes	3.6	3.5
Deferred income taxes	4.6	4.9
Total current liabilities	156.8	169.0
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term debt	604.8	613.7
Deferred income taxes	13.0	13.6
Accrued pension cost	114.0	113.2
Other	27.6	28.3
Total noncurrent liabilities	759.4	768.8
Stockholder's equity:		
Common stock	.3	.3
Additional paid-in capital	1,947.6	1,958.3
Retained deficit	(1,425.1)	(1,472.3)
Notes receivable from affiliates	(214.5)	(230.0)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(171.0)	(155.9)
Total stockholder's equity	137.3	100.4
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$1,053.5	\$1,038.2

Commitments and contingencies (Notes 6 and 9)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In millions)

Three months ended		Nine months ended	
September 30,		September 30,	
2008	2009	2008	2009

	(Unaudited)			
Net sales	\$249.7	\$224.6	\$780.8	\$592.9
Cost of sales	211.9	184.5	647.8	560.2
Gross margin	37.8	40.1	133.0	32.7
Selling, general and administrative expense	34.8	30.2	105.5	83.4
Currency transaction gains (losses), net	2.7	1.6	(.6)	7.4
Other operating income, net	1.6	1.3	4.8	4.0
Income (loss) from operations	7.3	12.8	31.7	(39.3)
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	6.2	.1	18.1	.1
Interest expense	(10.8)	(10.3)	(31.7)	(29.6)
Income (loss) before income taxes	2.7	2.6	18.1	(68.8)
Income tax expense (benefit)	1.0	(.4)	(.3)	(21.6)
Net income (loss)	\$1.7	\$3.0	\$18.4	\$(47.2)

KRONOS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Nine months ended September 30, 2009

(In millions)

	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital	Retained deficit	Notes receivable from affiliates (Unaudited)	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Total stockholder's equity	Comprehensive income (loss)
Balance at December 31, 2008	\$.3	\$1,947.6	\$(1,425.1)	\$(214.5)	\$ (171.0)	\$ 137.3	
Net loss	-	-	(47.2)	-	-	(47.2)	\$(47.2)

Other comprehensive income, net	-	-	-	-	15.1	15.1	15.1
Intercompany interest – Kronos Worldwide, Inc., net	-	10.7	-	(15.5)	-	(4.8)	-
Balance at September 30, 2009	\$.3	\$ 1,958.3	\$ (1,472.3)	\$ (230.0)	\$ (155.9)	\$ 100.4	
Comprehensive loss							\$ (32.1)

KRONOS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In millions)

	Nine months ended September 30, 2008 2009 (Unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$18.4	\$(47.2)
Depreciation and amortization	35.7	30.4
Deferred income taxes	(5.2)	(21.5)
Defined benefit pension plan expense less than cash funding	(1.8)	(1.8)
Other, net	1.5	.9
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and other receivables	(24.6)	(24.4)
Inventories	(18.3)	117.2
Prepaid expenses	(1.4)	(3.7)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	21.9	5.2
Income taxes	(.7)	.5
Accounts with affiliates	(4.9)	2.6
Other, net	.1	(.2)
Net cash provided by operating activities	20.7	58.0
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(49.5)	(15.1)
Change in restricted cash, net	.6	.5

Net cash used in investing activities	(48.9)	(14.6)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Indebtedness:		
Borrowings	37.6	29.1
Principal payments	(14.4)	(48.3)
Deferred financing fees	(.9)	(.6)
Dividends paid	(35.0)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(12.7)	(19.8)
Cash and cash equivalents - net change from:		
Operating, investing and financing activities	(40.9)	23.6
Currency translation	(.3)	4.6
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	67.0	10.8
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$25.8	\$39.0
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash paid (received) for:		
Interest	\$22.0	\$19.6
Income taxes	4.9	(.4)
Accrual for capital expenditures	3.0	.3
Capital lease obligation incurred	-	3.6

KRONOS INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2009

(Unaudited)

Note 1 - Organization and basis of presentation:

Organization – We are a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kronos Worldwide, Inc. ("Kronos") (NYSE: KRO). We are incorporated in the state of Delaware, U.S.A., with our seat of management in Leverkusen, Germany. At September 30, 2009, Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) held approximately 59% of Kronos' outstanding common stock and NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) held an additional 36% of Kronos' common stock. Valhi owns approximately 83% of NL's outstanding common stock. Approximately 94% of Valhi's outstanding common stock is held by subsidiaries of Contran Corporation. Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons (for which Mr. Simmons is sole trustee), or is held directly by Mr. Simmons or other persons or entities related to Mr. Simmons. Consequently, Mr. Simmons may be deemed to control each of these companies.

Basis of presentation – The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report have been prepared on the same basis as the audited Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on

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March 12, 2009 (the “2008 Annual Report”). In our opinion, we have made all necessary adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) in order to state fairly, in all material respects, our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of the dates and for the periods presented. We have condensed the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Stockholder’s Equity and Comprehensive Income (Loss) at December 31, 2008 contained in this Quarterly Report as compared to our audited Consolidated Financial Statements at that date, and we have omitted certain information and footnote disclosures (including those related to the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2008) normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). Our results of operations for the interim periods ended September 30, 2009 may not be indicative of our operating results for the full year. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report should be read in conjunction with our 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our 2008 Annual Report.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this report to “we,” “us” or “our” refer to Kronos International, Inc. and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Note 2 – Accounts and other receivables:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009
	(In millions)	
Trade receivables	\$113.5	\$145.1
Recoverable VAT and other receivables	18.5	20.3
Refundable income taxes	.7	-
Receivable from affiliate - Kronos Canada	1.2	1.6
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1.8)	(2.4)
Total	\$132.1	\$164.6

Note 3 - Inventories:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009
	(In millions)	
Raw materials	\$58.7	\$38.1
Work in process	16.1	14.3
Finished products	183.2	89.6
Supplies	45.9	48.8
Total	\$303.9	\$190.8

Note 4 - Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009
	(In millions)	
Accounts payable	\$81.8	\$65.9

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Employee benefits	16.0	20.9
Accrued sales discounts and rebates	11.6	16.2
Payable to affiliates:		
Kronos (US), Inc.	13.3	16.3
Kronos Canada	-	1.2
Accrued interest	7.7	17.6
Other	17.4	20.8
 Total	 \$ 147.8	 \$ 158.9

Note 5 - Long-term debt:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009
	(In millions)	
Long term debt:		
6.5% Senior Secured Notes	\$560.0	\$582.2
Revolving credit facility	42.2	26.3
Other	3.4	6.9
 Total debt	 605.6	 615.4
Less current maturities	.8	1.7
 Total long-term debt	 \$604.8	 \$613.7

During the first nine months of 2009, we made net payments of euro 12.0 million (\$18.2 million when borrowed/repaid) under our bank credit facility. The average interest rate on these borrowings at September 30, 2009 was 3.44%.

Restrictions and Other. Under the cross-default provisions of the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes, the 6.5% Notes may be accelerated prior to their stated maturity if we or any of our subsidiaries default under any other indebtedness in excess of \$20 million due to a failure to pay such other indebtedness at its due date (including any due date that arises prior to the stated maturity as a result of a default under such other indebtedness). Under the cross-default provisions of the credit facility, any outstanding borrowings under the credit facility may be accelerated prior to its stated maturity if we or the borrowers default under any other indebtedness in excess of euro 5 million due to a failure to pay the other indebtedness at its due date (including any due date that arises prior to the stated maturity as a result of a default under such other indebtedness). The credit facility contains provisions that allow the lender to accelerate the maturity of the applicable facility in the event of a change of control, as defined in the respective agreement, of the applicable borrower. In the event the cross-default provisions or change of control provisions become applicable, and such indebtedness is accelerated, we would be required to repay such indebtedness prior to their stated maturity.

The credit facility described above requires the respective borrowers to maintain minimum levels of equity, requires the maintenance of certain financial ratios, limits dividends and additional indebtedness and contains other provisions and restrictive covenants customary in lending transactions of this type. In this regard, in the first half of 2009 we reduced our production levels in response to the current economic environment, which has favorably impacted our liquidity and cash flows by reducing our inventory levels. The reduced capacity utilization levels negatively impacted our 2009 results of operations due to the resulting unabsorbed fixed production costs that are charged to expense as incurred. Furthermore, our lower sales negatively impacted our results of operations in the first half of 2009. As a result, we did not expect we would be able to maintain compliance under our revolving credit facility with the required financial ratio of the borrowers' net secured debt to earnings before income taxes, interest and depreciation, as

defined in the credit facility, for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2009. Beginning March 20, 2009, the lenders associated with our revolving credit facility agreed to a series of waivers for compliance with such required financial ratio. On September 15, 2009 we and the lenders entered into the Fourth Amendment to the credit facility. Among other things, the Fourth Amendment added two additional financial covenants and increased the rate on outstanding borrowings to LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 3% to 4% depending on the amount of outstanding borrowings. Upon achieving a specified financial covenant, these two additional financial covenants will no longer be in effect, and the interest rate on outstanding borrowings would be reduced to LIBOR plus 1.75%. Additionally the borrowing availability under the line has been limited to euro 51 million (\$74.5 million) until we are in compliance with certain specified financial covenants, and in any event no earlier than March 31, 2010. The maturity date of the Amended Revolving Credit Facility remains May 26, 2011. We believe we will be able to comply with the new financial covenants through the maturity of the facility; however if future operating results differ materially from our expectations we may be unable to maintain compliance.

The terms of the indenture governing the Senior Secured Notes limits our ability to pay dividends and make other restricted payments. At September 30, 2009, the maximum amount of dividends and other restricted payments that we could make (the "Restricted Payment Basket") was \$1.6 million. However, the indenture currently prohibits us from utilizing such Restricted Payment Basket because we have not met a specified financial ratio contained in the indenture; such prohibition will continue until such time as we meet the specified financial ratio.

Note 6 - Income taxes:

	Nine months ended September 30, 2008 2009 (In millions)	
Expected tax expense (benefit), at U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35%	\$6.3	\$(24.1)
Non-U.S. tax rates	(.9)	2.3
Nondeductible expenses	1.0	1.5
German tax attribute	(7.2)	(.4)
Change in reserve for uncertain tax positions	.8	(.2)
Other	(.3)	(.7)
Total	\$(.3)	\$(21.6)

Certain of our non-U.S. tax returns are being examined and tax authorities may propose tax deficiencies including interest and penalties. We cannot guarantee that these tax matters will be resolved in our favor due to the inherent uncertainties involved in settlement initiatives and court and tax proceedings. We believe we have adequate accruals for additional taxes and related interest expense which could ultimately result from tax examinations. We believe the ultimate disposition of tax examinations should not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity. We do not currently believe that our unrecognized tax benefits will change significantly within the next twelve months.

Note 7 – Employee benefit plans:

The components of net periodic defined benefit pension cost are presented in the table below.

Three months ended September 30, 2008 2009		Nine months ended September 30, 2008 2009	
(In millions)			

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Service cost	\$1.1	\$1.4	\$3.2	\$4.1
Interest cost	4.9	4.4	14.9	13.4
Expected return on plan assets	(3.5)	(2.9)	(10.4)	(8.8)
Amortization of prior service cost	.1	.1	.4	.4
Amortization of net transition obligations	-	-	.1	.1
Recognized actuarial losses	1.2	1.1	3.3	3.2
Total	\$3.8	\$4.1	\$11.5	\$12.4

Contributions – We expect our 2009 contributions for our pension plans to be approximately \$18 million during 2009.

Note 8 – Other noncurrent liabilities:

	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2009
(In millions)		
Reserve for uncertain tax positions	\$13.1	\$13.6
Employee benefits	8.8	9.0
Insurance claims and expenses	1.5	1.3
Other	4.2	4.4
Total	\$27.6	\$28.3

Note 9 – Commitments and contingencies:

Litigation matters – From time-to-time we are involved in various environmental, contractual, product liability, patent (or intellectual property), employment and other claims and disputes incidental to our operations. In certain cases, we have insurance coverage for these items. We currently believe the disposition of all claims and disputes, individually or in the aggregate, should not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity beyond the accruals we have already provided for.

Please refer to our 2008 Annual Report for a discussion of certain other legal proceedings to which we are a party.

Note 10 – Financial Instruments:

The following table summarizes the valuation of our short-term investments and financial instruments recorded on a fair value basis as of December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2009:

	Fair Value Measurements		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Total	(in millions)		
Currency forward contracts December 31, 2008	\$ (2.6)	\$ (2.6)	\$ -

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Certain of our sales generated by our operations are denominated in U.S. dollars. We periodically use currency forward contracts to manage a nominal portion of currency exchange rate risk associated with trade receivables denominated in a currency other than the holder's functional currency or similar exchange rate risk associated with future sales. We have not entered into these contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the past, nor do we currently anticipate entering into such contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the future. The fair value of the currency forward contracts is determined using Level 1 inputs as defined by Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820-10-35 based on the currency spot forward rates quoted by banks or currency dealers.

At September 30, 2009, we had currency forward contracts to exchange an aggregate euro 21.4 million for an equivalent value of Norwegian kroner at exchange rates ranging from kroner 8.70 to kroner 9.22 per euro. These contracts with DnB Nor Bank ASA mature from October 2009 through September 2010 at a rate of euro ..1 million to euro 1.8 million per month, subject to early redemption provisions at our option. At September 30, 2009, the actual exchange rate was kroner 8.46 per euro. The estimated fair value of our currency forward contracts at September 30, 2009 was a \$1.5 million asset, which is the result of \$1.5 million recognized as part of Prepaid Expenses and Other in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. There is also a corresponding \$1.5 million currency transaction gain in our Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations. To the extent we held such contracts during 2008, we did not use hedge accounting for any of such contracts, and we are not currently using hedge accounting for our existing contracts.

The following table presents the financial instruments that are not carried at fair value but which require fair value disclosure.

	December 31, 2008		September 30, 2009	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
(In millions)				
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$12.3	\$12.3	\$40.1	\$40.1
Notes payable and long-term debt:				
Fixed rate with market quotes -				
6.5% Senior Secured Notes	\$560.0	\$129.4	\$582.2	\$370.0
European revolving credit facility	42.2	42.2	26.3	26.3

At September 30, 2009, the estimated market price of the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes was approximately euro 633 per euro 1,000 principal amount. The fair value of our 6.5% Senior Secured Notes is based upon quoted market prices at each balance sheet date; these quoted market prices represent Level 2 inputs as defined by the ASC Topic 820-10-35 because the markets in which the Senior Secured Notes trade are not active. The fair value of variable interest rate debt is deemed to approximate book value. Due to their near-term maturities, the carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accounts payable are considered equivalent to fair value.

Note 11 – Recent accounting pronouncements:

Fair Value Disclosure. In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standard Board ("FASB") issued FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, which is now included with ASC Topic 825-10 Financial Instruments. This FSP requires us to disclose the fair value of all financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate the value, whether recognized or not in the statement of financial position, as required by SFAS No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments at interim as well as annual periods. Prior to

the adoption of the FSP, we were only required to disclose this information annually. This FSP became effective for us in the second quarter of 2009, and is included in Note 10 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The adoption of the FSP did not affect our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Derivative Disclosures. In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133, which is now included with ASC Topic 815-10 Derivatives and Hedging. SFAS No. 161 changes the disclosure requirements for derivative instruments and hedging activities to provide enhanced disclosures about how and why we use derivative instruments, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133 and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect our financial position and performance and cash flows. This statement became effective for us in the first quarter of 2009. We periodically use currency forward contracts to manage a portion of our currency exchange rate market risk associated with trade receivables or future sales. See Note 10. Because our prior disclosures regarding these forward contracts substantially met all of the applicable disclosure requirements of the new standard, its effectiveness did not have a significant effect on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Benefit Plan Asset Disclosures. During the fourth quarter of 2008, the FASB issued FSP SFAS 132 (R)-1, Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets, which is now included with ASC Topic 715-20 Defined Benefit Plans. This statement amends SFAS No. 87, 88 and 106 to require expanded disclosures about employers' pension plan assets. FSP 132 (R)-1 will become effective for us beginning with our 2009 annual report, and we will provide the expanded disclosures about our pension plan assets at that time.

Other-Than-Temporary-Impairments. In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary-Impairments, which is now included with ASC Topic 320-10 Debt and Equity Securities. The FSP amends existing guidance for the recognition and measurement of other-than-temporary impairments for debt securities classified as available-for-sale and held-to-maturity, and expands the disclosure requirements for interim and annual periods for available-for-sale and held-to-maturity debt and equity securities, including information about investments in an unrealized loss position for which an other-than-temporary impairment has or has not been recognized. This FSP became effective for us in the second quarter of 2009 and it did not have a material effect on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Subsequent Events. In May 2009, the FASB issued SFAS No. 165, Subsequent Events, which is now included with ASC Topic 855-10 Subsequent Events. SFAS No. 165 establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued, which are referred to as subsequent events. The statement clarifies existing guidance on subsequent events including a requirement that a public entity should evaluate subsequent events through the issue date of the financial statements, the determination of when the effects of subsequent events should be recognized in the financial statements and disclosures regarding all subsequent events. SFAS No. 165 also requires a public entity to disclose the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events; we have evaluated for subsequent events through November 2, 2009 which is the date this report was filed with the SEC. SFAS No. 165 became effective for us in the second quarter of 2009 and its adoption did not have a material effect on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Business and results of operations overview

We are a leading global producer and marketer of value-added titanium dioxide pigments ("TiO₂"). TiO₂ is used for a variety of manufacturing applications, including plastics, paints, paper and other industrial products. For the nine

months ended September 30, 2009, approximately three-fourths of our sales volumes were into European markets. We believe we are the second largest producer of TiO₂ in Europe with an estimated 19% share of European TiO₂ sales volumes. Our production facilities are located throughout Europe.

We reported net income of \$3 million in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to net income of \$1.7 million in the third quarter of 2008. For the first nine months of 2009, we reported a net loss of \$47.2 million, compared to net income of \$18.4 million in the first nine months of 2008. Our net income increased for the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same period of 2008 primarily due to higher income from operations resulting from lower maintenance and other costs. Our net income decreased for the first nine months of 2009 as compared to the same period of 2008 primarily due to the net effects of lower income from operations in 2009 resulting principally from lower sales and production volumes in the 2009 periods. In late 2008, as a result of the sharp decline in global demand, we experienced a build up in our inventory levels. In order to decrease our inventory levels and improve our liquidity, we implemented production curtailments during the first half of 2009. In addition, throughout all of 2009 we have implemented cost controls and reduced our capital spending. Through these actions we have successfully reduced our inventory and increased our liquidity, although the resulting curtailments led to a net loss in the first six months of 2009 due to the large amounts of unabsorbed fixed production costs we charged to expense as incurred.

Our net income for the first nine months of 2008 includes a second quarter income tax benefit of \$7.2 million related to a European Court ruling that resulted in the favorable resolution of certain income tax issues in Germany.

Forward-looking information

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not historical in nature are forward-looking in nature about our future that are not statements of historical fact. Statements in this report including, but not limited to, statements found in Item 2 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," are forward-looking statements that represent our beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. In some cases you can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expected" or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategies or trends. Although we believe the expectations reflected in forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know if these expectations will be correct. Forward-looking statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results. Actual future results could differ materially from those predicted. While it is not possible to identify all factors, we continue to face many risks and uncertainties. Among the factors that could cause our actual future results to differ materially from those described herein are the risks and uncertainties discussed in this Quarterly Report and those described from time to time in our other filings with the SEC including, but not limited to, the following:

- Future supply and demand for our products
- The extent of the dependence of certain of our businesses on certain market sectors
 - The cyclicity of our businesses
- Customer inventory levels (such as the extent to which our customers may, from time to time, accelerate purchases of TiO₂ in advance of anticipated price increases or defer purchases of TiO₂ in advance of anticipated price decreases)
 - Changes in raw material and other operating costs (such as energy costs)
- General global economic and political conditions (such as changes in the level of gross domestic product in various regions of the world and the impact of such changes on demand for TiO₂)
 - Competitive products and substitute products
 - Customer and competitor strategies
 - Potential consolidation or solvency of our competitors
 - The impact of pricing and production decisions
 - Competitive technology positions

- Possible disruption of our business or increases in the cost of doing business resulting from terrorist activities or global conflicts
 - The introduction of trade barriers
- Fluctuations in currency exchange rates (such as changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and each of the euro and the Norwegian krone)
- Operating interruptions (including, but not limited to, labor disputes, leaks, natural disasters, fires, explosions, unscheduled or unplanned downtime and transportation interruptions)
 - The timing and amounts of insurance recoveries
 - Our ability to renew, amend, refinance or comply with our credit facilities
 - Our ability to maintain sufficient liquidity
 - The ultimate outcome of income tax audits, tax settlement initiatives or other tax matters
- The ultimate ability to utilize income tax attributes, the benefits of which have been recognized under the more-likely-than-not recognition criteria
- Environmental matters (such as those requiring compliance with emission and discharge standards for existing and new facilities)
 - Government laws and regulations and possible changes therein
 - The ultimate resolution of pending litigation
 - Possible future litigation

Should one or more of these risks materialize (or the consequences of such a development worsen), or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those forecasted or expected. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement whether as a result of changes in information, future events or otherwise.

Results of operations

We consider TiO₂ to be a “quality of life” product, with demand affected by gross domestic product (or “GDP”) in various regions of the world. Over the long-term, we expect that demand for TiO₂ will grow by 2% to 3% per year, consistent with our expectations for the long-term growth in GDP. However, even if we and our competitors maintain consistent shares of the worldwide market, demand for TiO₂ in any interim or annual period may not change in the same proportion as the change in GDP, in part due to relative changes in the TiO₂ inventory levels of our customers. We believe that our customers’ inventory levels are partly influenced by their expectation for future changes in market TiO₂ selling prices. The majority of our TiO₂ grades and substantially all of our production are considered commodity pigment products; we compete for sales primarily on the basis of price.

The factors having the most impact on our reported operating results are:

- Our TiO₂ sales and production volumes,
 - Our TiO₂ selling prices,
- Currency exchange rates (particularly the exchange rate for the U.S. dollar relative to the euro), and
 - Manufacturing costs, particularly raw materials, maintenance and energy-related expenses.

Our key performance indicators are our TiO₂ average selling prices, and our level of TiO₂ sales and production volumes. TiO₂ selling prices generally follow industry trends and prices will increase or decrease generally as a result of competitive market pressures.

Quarter ended September 30, 2009 compared to the Quarter ended September 30, 2008-

	Three months ended September 30, 2009
2008	

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(Dollars in millions)

Net sales	\$249.7	100	%	\$224.6	100	%
Cost of sales	211.9	85		184.5	82	
Gross margin	37.8	15		40.1	18	
Other operating expenses, net	30.5	12		27.3	12	
Income from operations	\$7.3	3	%	\$12.8	6	%

% Change

TiO2 operating statistics: