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SCHEDULE 13E-3  
RULE 13E-3 TRANSACTION STATEMENT  
UNDER SECTION 13(e) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)

CAREGUIDE, INC.  
(Name of the Issuer)

CareGuide, Inc.  
Psilos Group Partners II, L.P.  
Psilos Group Partners, L.P.  
Psilos/Careguide Investment, L.P.  
Derace Schaffer  
John Pappajohn  
Essex Woodlands Health Ventures IV, L.P.  
Essex Woodlands Health Ventures V, L.P.  
Hickory Venture Capital Corporation  
(Names of Persons Filing Statement)

Common Stock, \$0.01 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

702915109  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Chief Executive Officer  
CareGuide, Inc.  
4401 N.W. 124th Avenue  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Persons Authorized to Receive  
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- None of the above.

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Transaction Value*		Filing Fee**
\$ 818,672.26		\$ 163.73

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\*\*Determined pursuant to Rule 0-11(b)(1) as the product of \$818,672.26 and one-fiftieth of one percent. A fee of \$213.27 was previously paid with the original filing of the Schedule 13E-3 based on the originally estimated transaction value.

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## INTRODUCTION

This Amendment No. 3 amends and supplements the Rule 13e-3 Transaction Statement on Schedule 13E-3 filed on September 5, 2008 (as amended, the “Schedule 13E-3”) by (i) CareGuide, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), (ii) Psilos Group Partners II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Psilos Fund II”), (iii) Psilos Group Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Psilos Fund I”), (iv) Psilos/Careguide Investment, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Psilos/Careguide,” and, together with Psilos Fund II and Psilos Fund I, the “Psilos Funds”), (v) Derace L. Schaffer, an individual, (vi) John Pappajohn, an individual, (vii) Essex Woodlands Health Ventures IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Essex Fund IV”), (viii) Essex Woodlands Health Ventures V, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Essex Fund V” and, together with Essex Fund IV, the “Essex Funds”), and (ix) Hickory Venture Capital Corporation, an Alabama corporation (“Hickory” and, together with the Psilos Funds, the Essex Funds, Dr. Schaffer and Mr. Pappajohn, the “Investor Group”).

Concurrently with the filing of this Schedule 13E-3, the Company is filing its definitive Information Statement (the “Information Statement”) pursuant to Regulation 14C under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The Information Statement is Exhibit (a) to the Schedule 13E-3. The information in the Information Statement, including all annexes thereto, is expressly incorporated by reference herein in its entirety and the responses to each item herein are qualified in their entirety by the information contained in the Information Statement and the annexes thereto. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Information Statement.

All references to subsections in the Items below are to the subsection of the applicable Item in Regulation M-A.

### Item 1. Summary Term Sheet.

The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet” and “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase” is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 2. Subject Company Information.

(a) Name and Address. CareGuide, Inc. is the subject company. Its principal executive offices are located at 4401 N.W. 124th Avenue, Coral Springs, Florida 33065 and its telephone number is (954) 796-3714.

(b) Securities. As of December 19, 2008, there were 67,538,976 outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01, of the Company.

(c) Trading Market and Price. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Price Range of Common Stock” is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Dividends. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Dividends” is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Prior Public Offerings. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Prior Public Offerings and Stock Purchases” is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) Prior Stock Purchases. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Potential Disadvantages of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Background of the

Reverse/Forward Stock Split” “Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing,” “Special Factors—Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” and “Information About the Company—Prior Public Offerings and Stock Purchases” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 3. Identity And Background Of The Filing Person.

(a) Name and Address. With respect to the Company, the information set forth in Item 2(a) above is incorporated herein by reference. With respect to each current executive officer and director of the Company, the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Executive Officers and Directors” is incorporated herein by reference. With respect to all Filing Persons other than the Company, the information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About Other Filing Persons—Business and Background of Entities and Certain Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Business and Background of Entities. With respect to all Filing Persons other than the Company, the information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About Other Filing Persons—Business and Background of Entities and Certain Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Business and Background of Natural Persons. With respect to each current executive officer and director of the Company, the information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Executive Officers and Directors” is incorporated herein by reference. With respect to natural persons affiliated with the Investor Group, the information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Information About the Company—Executive Officers and Directors” and “Information About Other Filing Persons—Business and Background of Entities and Certain Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Terms Of The Transaction.

(a) Material Terms. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing,” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Different Terms. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Potential Disadvantages of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing,” “Special Factors—Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Appraisal Rights. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Appraisal Rights” is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Provisions for Unaffiliated Security Holders. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Provisions for Unaffiliated Stockholders” and “Special Factors—Factors Considered in Determining Fairness—Procedural Fairness” is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) Eligibility for Listing or Trading. Not applicable.

Item 5. Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations And Agreements.

(a) Transactions. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Information About the Company—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Company and Its Directors and Officers” and “Information About Other Filing Persons—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Investor Group and Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Significant Corporate Events. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About Other Filing Persons—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Investor Group and Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Negotiations or Contacts. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Information About the Company—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Company and Its Directors and Officers” and “Information About Other Filing Persons—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Investor Group and Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

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(e) Agreements Involving the Company's Securities. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions "Information About the Company—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Company and Its Directors and Officers" and "Information About Other Filing Persons—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Investor Group and Related Persons" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Purposes Of The Transaction And Plans Or Proposals.

(b) Use of Securities Acquired. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption "Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing—Effects on the Number of Our Authorized and Outstanding Shares and Registered Holders" is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Plans.

(1) Not applicable.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions "Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing—Effects on the Number of Our Authorized and Outstanding Shares and Our Registered Holders" and "General Information About the Authorized Share Increase" is incorporated herein by reference.

(4) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions "Summary Term Sheet," "General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Conduct of Our Business After the Reverse/Forward Stock Split" and "General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Financing of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Stockholders Agreement" is incorporated herein by reference.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions "Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase," "Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing—Effects on the Number of Our Authorized and Outstanding Shares and Our Registered Holders" and "Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing—Effects on Continuing Stockholders" is incorporated herein by reference.

(7) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions "Summary Term Sheet," "Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase," "Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split," "Special Factors—Purposes of and Reasons for the Reverse/Forward Stock Split," "Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock and the Financing," and "General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split" is incorporated herein by reference.

(8) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions "Summary Term Sheet," "Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase," "Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split," "Special Factors—Purposes of and Reasons for the Reverse/Forward Stock Split," "Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock and the Financing," and "General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split" is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Purposes, Alternatives, Reasons And Effects.



(a) Purposes. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” and “Special Factors—Purposes of and Reasons for the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Alternatives. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” and “Special Factors—Strategic Alternatives Considered By the Board” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Reasons. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” and “Special Factors—Purposes of and Reasons for the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Effects. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Effects of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Financing,” “Special Factors—Potential Advantages of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Potential Disadvantages of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8. Fairness Of The Going-Private Transaction.

(a) Fairness. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase” and “Special Factors—Fairness of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Factors Considered in Determining Fairness. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and Authorized Share Increase” and “Special Factors—Factors Considered in Determining Fairness” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Approval of Security Holders. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Special Factors—Factors Considered in Determining Fairness—Procedural Fairness” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Vote Required” is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Unaffiliated Representative. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Special Factors—Factors Considered in Determining Fairness—Procedural Fairness” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Provisions for Unaffiliated Stockholders” is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Approval of Directors. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Recommendation of the Board” is incorporated herein by reference.

(f) Other Offers. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Reports, Opinions, Appraisals And Negotiations.

(a) Report, Opinion or Appraisal. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Fairness of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Factors Considered in Determining Fairness” and “Special Factors—Summary of Fairness Opinion” and in Annex B to the Information Statement and in Exhibit (c.2) hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Preparer and Summary of the Report, Opinion or Appraisal. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase,” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Fairness of the

Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “Special Factors—Factors Considered in Determining Fairness” and “Special Factors—Summary of Fairness Opinion” and in Annex B to the Information Statement and in Exhibit (c.2) hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Availability of Documents. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Special Factors—Summary of Fairness Opinion” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Source And Amounts Of Funds Or Other Consideration.

(a) Source of Funds. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Financing of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Conditions. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Financing of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Purchase Agreement” is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Expenses. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Fees and Expenses” is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Borrowed Funds. Not applicable.

Item 11. Interest In Securities Of The Subject Company.

(a) Security Ownership. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Securities Transactions. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Information About the Company—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Company and Its Directors and Officers” and “Information About Other Filing Persons—Prior Share Purchases, Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements Involving the Investor Group and Related Persons” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. The Solicitation Or Recommendation.

(d) Intent to Tender or Vote in a Going-Private Transaction. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the captions “Summary Term Sheet,” “Questions and Answers About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split and the Authorized Share Increase” “Special Factors—Background of the Reverse/Forward Stock Split,” “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Vote Required” and “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Intent to Participate and Recommendations of Others” is incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Recommendations of Others. The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “General Information About the Reverse/Forward Stock Split—Intent to Participate and Recommendations of Others” is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Financial Statements.

(a) Financial Information.

(1) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Financial Information” and Annex E-1 to the Information Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

(2) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Financial Information” and Annex E-2 to the Information Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

(3) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges” is incorporated herein by reference.

(4) The information set forth in the Information Statement under the caption “Information About the Company—Book Value Per Share” is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Pro Forma Information. Not applicable.

Item 14. Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated Or Used.

(a) Solicitations or Recommendations. Not applicable.

(b) Employees and Corporate Assets. Not applicable.

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Item 15. Additional Information.

(b) Other Material Information. The information set forth in the Information Statement, including all annexes thereto, and each exhibit hereto, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 16. Exhibits.

(a) The Information Statement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission concurrently with this Schedule 13E-3, is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Not applicable.

(c.1) The Opinion of Navigant Consulting, Inc., dated June 18, 2008, attached as Annex B to the Information Statement, is incorporated herein by reference.

(c.2) The Fairness Analysis prepared by Navigant Consulting, Inc., presented to the Board of Directors on June 18, 2008.\*

(d.1) Stockholders Agreement, dated as of January 25, 2006, by and among the Company and certain of its stockholders, previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 31, 2006, is incorporated herein by reference.

(d.2) Series A Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 28, 2007, by and among the Company and certain of its stockholders, previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 3, 2008, is incorporated herein by reference.

(d.3) Series A Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 17, 2008, as amended, by and among the Company and certain of its stockholders.\*\*

(d.4) Form of Stockholders Agreement by and among the Company and certain of its stockholders, attached as Annex C to the Information Statement filed concurrently with the Schedule 13E-3, is incorporated herein by reference.

(d.5) Form of Unconditional Guaranty, by and between Comerica Bank and certain guarantors of the Company's line of credit with Comerica Bank (the "Comerica Guarantors").\*

(d.6) Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued to the Comerica Guarantors.\*

(d.7) Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued to certain providers of funding guarantees.\*

(d.8) Convertible Promissory Note, dated as of December 8, 2006, issued to Michael Barber, M.D.\*

(d.9) Joinder Agreement, dated as of August 22, 2008, by and among the Company, Psilos/CareGuide Investment, L.P., Psilos Group Partners, L.P. and Psilos Group Partners II, L.P.\*

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Not applicable.

\* Previously filed with the Schedule 13E-3 filed by the Company on September 5, 2008.

\*\* Previously filed with the Schedule 13E-3 (Amendment No. 2) filed by the Company on December 8, 2008.

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SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this transaction statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 24, 2008

CAREGUIDE, INC.

By:

/s/ Chris E. Paterson

Name: Chris E. Paterson

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: PSILOS GROUP PARTNERS II, L.P.  
December  
22, 2008

By: Psilos Group Investors II, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Albert S. Waxman

Name: Albert Waxman

Title: Senior Managing Member

Dated: PSILOS GROUP PARTNERS, L.P.  
December  
22, 2008

By: Psilos Group Investors, LLC, its General Partner

By:

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Accessory components complete the engineered building system. These components include doors, windows, sp  
gutters and interior partitions.

Our patented Long Bay<sup>®</sup> System allows for construction of metal buildings with bay spacings of up to 65 feet w  
internal supports. This compares to bay spacings of up to 30 feet under other engineered building systems. The L  
System virtually eliminates all welding at the site, significantly reducing construction time compared with conve  
construction. Our patented Long Bay<sup>®</sup> System is designed for larger buildings that typically require less custom  
and design than our other engineered building systems, which allows us to meet our customers' needs more effi

The following characteristics of engineered building systems distinguish them from other methods of constructio

*Shorter construction time.* In many instances, it takes less time to construct an engineered building than other b  
In addition, because most of the work is done in the factory, the likelihood of weather interruptions is reduced.

*More efficient material utilization.* The larger engineered building systems manufacturers use computer-aided a  
design to fabricate structural members with high strength-to-weight ratios, minimizing raw materials costs.

*Lower construction costs.* The in-plant manufacture of engineered building systems, coupled with automation, a  
substitution of less expensive factory labor for much of the skilled on-site construction labor otherwise required  
building methods.

*Greater ease of expansion.* Engineered building systems can be modified quickly and economically before, dur  
the building is completed to accommodate all types of expansion. Typically, an engineered building system can  
by removing the end or side walls, erecting new framework and adding matching wall and roof panels.

*Lower maintenance costs.* Unlike wood, metal is not susceptible to deterioration from cracking, rotting or insect  
Furthermore, factory-applied roof and siding panel coatings resist cracking, peeling, chipping, chalking and fadi

*Environmentally friendly.* Our buildings utilize recycled steel materials and our roofing and siding utilize painte  
with high reflectance and emissivity, which help conserve energy and operating costs.

*Manufacturing.* We currently operate 9 facilities for manufacturing and distributing engineered building system  
the United States and Monterrey, Mexico.

After we receive an order, our engineers design the engineered building system to meet the customer's requirem  
satisfy applicable building codes and zoning requirements. To expedite this process, we use computer-aided des  
engineering systems to generate engineering and erection drawings and a bill of materials for the manufacture of  
engineered building system. From time-to-time, depending on our volume, we outsource to third-parties portio  
drafting requirements.

Once the specifications and designs of the customer's project have been finalized, the manufacturing of frames  
building systems begins at one of our frame manufacturing facilities. Fabrication of the primary structural fram  
a process in which steel plates are punched and sheared and then routed through an automatic welding machine  
through further fitting and welding processes. The secondary structural framing and the covering system are roll  
products that are manufactured at our full manufacturing facilities as well as our components plants.

Upon completion of the manufacturing process, structural framing members and metal roof and wall systems ar  
the job site for assembly. Since on-site construction is performed by an unaffiliated, independent general contrac  
one of our authorized builders, we generally are not responsible for claims by end users or owners attributable to

on-site construction. The time elapsed between our receipt of an order and shipment of a completed building system typically ranged from four to eight weeks,

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although delivery can extend somewhat longer if engineering and drafting requirements are extensive or, where the permitting process is protracted.

*Sales, Marketing and Customers.* We are one of the largest domestic suppliers of engineered building systems engineer, manufacture and market engineered building systems and self-storage building systems for all non-residential markets including commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental and community.

Over the last 25 years, engineered building systems have significantly increased penetration of the market for non-residential low-rise structures and are being used in a broad variety of other applications. According to the Metal Building Manufacturers Association ( MBMA ), domestic and export sales of engineered building systems by its members represent a limited number of actual buildings manufactured, for 2008 and 2007, totaled approximately \$3.3 billion and \$3.1 billion, respectively. Although final 2009 sales information is not yet available from the MBMA, we estimate that sales of engineered building systems decreased in 2009 compared with 2008. McGraw-Hill Construction reported that non-residential construction, measured in square footage, actually declined by 42.2% during our fiscal year. McGraw-Hill Construction's forecast for calendar 2009 indicates a total non-residential construction reduction of 42% in square footage and 30% in dollar value. The forecast for calendar 2010 indicates a total non-residential construction reduction of 42% in square footage and 2% in dollar value prior to increasing in 2011.

We believe the cost of an engineered building system generally represents approximately 20% to 30% of the total cost of constructing a building, which includes the cost of the land, labor, plumbing, electricity, heating and air conditioning, installation and interior finish. Technological advances in products and materials, as well as significant improvements in engineering and design techniques, have led to the development of structural systems that are compatible with non-traditional construction materials. Architects and designers now often combine an engineered building system with traditional concrete, glass and wood exterior facades to meet the aesthetic requirements of end users while preserving the inherent characteristics of engineered building systems. As a result, the uses for engineered building systems now include schools, buildings, showrooms, retail shopping centers, banks, schools, places of worship, warehouses, factories, distribution centers, government buildings and community centers for which aesthetics and architectural features are important considerations for the end users. In addition, advances in our products such as insulated steel panel systems for roof and wall applications provide buildings the perfect balance of strength, thermal efficiency and attractiveness.

We sell engineered building systems to builders, general contractors, developers and end users nationwide under the names Metallic, Mid-West Steel, A & S, All American, Steel Systems, MESCO, Star, Ceco and SteelBuilding.com. We market engineered building systems through an in-house sales force to authorized builders over 5,700 builders. We also sell engineered building systems to various private labels. In addition to a traditional business-to-business channel, we sell small custom-engineered metal buildings through two other marketing channels targeting end-use consumers and small general contractors. We sell through Heritage Building Systems ( Heritage Building Systems ) direct-response, phone-based sales organization and Steelbuilding.com which allows customers to design, price and purchase metal buildings online. During fiscal 2009, our largest customer for engineered building systems accounted for approximately 1% of our total consolidated sales.

Our authorized builder networks consist of independent general contractors that market our products and services to end users. Most of our sales of engineered building systems are made through our authorized builder networks. We enter into an agreement with an authorized builder, which generally grants the builder the non-exclusive right to market our products in a specified territory. Generally, the agreement is cancelable by either party on 60 days' notice. The agreement does not prevent the builder from marketing engineered building systems of other manufacturers. We establish an annual sales goal with the builder and provide the builder with sales and pricing information, drawings and assistance, application program support, estimating and quoting jobs and advertising and promotional literature. We also defray a portion of the builder's marketing costs and provide volume purchasing and other pricing incentives to encourage it to deal exclusively or principally with us. The builder is required to maintain a place of business in its designated territory, provide a



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sales organization, conduct periodic advertising programs and perform construction, warranty and other services customers and potential customers. An authorized builder usually is hired by an end-user to erect an engineered system on the customer's site and provide general contracting and other services related to the completion of the system. We sell our products to the builder, which generally includes the price of the building as a part of its overall construction contract with its customer. We rely upon maintaining a satisfactory business relationship for continuing job orders from our authorized builders and do not consider the builder agreements to be material to our business.

Our patented Long Bay<sup>®</sup> System provides us with an entry to builders that focus on larger buildings. This also provides us with new opportunities to cross-sell our other products to these new builders and to compete with the conventional construction industry.

## **Business Strategy**

We intend to expand our business, enhance our market position and increase our sales and profitability by focusing on the implementation of a number of key initiatives that we believe will help us grow and reduce costs. Our current strategy focuses primarily on organic initiatives, but also considers the use of opportunistic acquisitions to achieve our growth objectives:

### Corporate-Wide Initiatives

Through introduction of new products and services, we expect to capture an increasing share of the growing market for building products. We will continue our focus on leveraging technology and automation to be the lowest cost producer and enhance plant utilization through expanded use of our hub & spoke distribution model. We will also implement our ERP/ MRP platform, financial shared services model, and supply chain automation and efficiencies to allow for more cost reductions across all businesses. Finally, we will continue to identify and assess opportunistic acquisition candidates.

### Metal Coil Coating Segment

Through diversification of our external customer base, we plan to substantially increase toll and package sales in the metal coil coating segment somewhat less dependent on the construction industry. We will continue to leverage efficiency improvements to become the lowest cost producer.

### Components Segment

We intend to maintain our leading positions in these markets and seek opportunities to profitably expand our customer base. We plan to expand our insulated panel product offering utilizing our new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Mississippi. In addition, we plan to accelerate and expand Nu-Roof<sup>™</sup>, our retrofit roofing product.

### Buildings Segment

We intend to maintain our leading positions in these markets and seek opportunities to profitably expand our customer base. We will continue to enhance and share engineering and drafting technologies across all Buildings brands, while continuing to increase product standardization. We will expand material sales by offering furnish & erect services and the ability to supply higher complexity structures for the Industrial market. In addition, we are deploying web-based software to enhance small building sales across our brands. Finally, as construction markets improve, we will expand our low-cost frame production as additional capacity is required.

## **Raw Materials**

The principal raw material used in manufacturing of our metal components and engineered building systems is steel. Various products are fabricated from steel produced by mills including bars, plates, structural shapes, sheets, hot rolled and galvanized or Galvalume<sup>®</sup>-coated coils. During fiscal 2009 and 2008, we purchased approximately 30% and 25% of our steel requirements, respectively, from one vendor. No other vendor accounted for over 10% of our steel requirements in fiscal 2009 or 2008. Although we

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believe concentration of our steel purchases among a small group of suppliers that have mills and warehouse facilities near our facilities enables us, as a large customer of those suppliers, to obtain better pricing, service and delivery, and that if all of these suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our ability to obtain the raw materials required to meet our delivery schedules to our customers. These suppliers generally maintain an inventory of the types of materials we purchase.

Our raw materials on hand decreased to \$48.1 million at November 1, 2009 from \$142.6 million at November 2, 2008, primarily due to the decrease in the quantity on hand and a decrease in steel costs. During fiscal 2009, we recorded a charge of \$40.0 million to reduce the carrying amount on certain raw material inventory to the lower of cost or market.

Our business is heavily dependent on the price and supply of steel. The steel industry is highly cyclical in nature and steel prices have been volatile in recent years and may remain volatile in the future. Steel prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions domestically and internationally, the availability of raw materials, competition, labor costs, freight and transportation costs, production costs, import duties and other trade restrictions. We believe the CRU North American Steel Price Index, published by the CRU Group since 1994, accurately depicts the volatility in steel prices. See Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk. During fiscal 2009, steel prices fluctuated significantly due to market conditions ranging from a high point on the index of 187 to a low point of 112. Steel prices decreased rapidly during the first eight months of fiscal 2009 but increased during July 2009 and October 2009. Rapidly declining demand for steel due to the effects of the credit crisis and global economic slowdown on the construction, automotive and industrial markets has resulted in many steel manufacturers around the world announcing plans to cut production by closing plants and furloughing workers. Steel suppliers such as US Steel and Mittal are among those manufacturers who have cut production. Given reduced steel production, higher input costs and higher inventories in the industry, we believe steel prices will increase in fiscal 2010 as compared with the prices we experienced during the second half of fiscal 2009.

Although we have the ability to purchase steel from a number of suppliers, a production cutback by one or more of our current suppliers could create challenges to meet delivery schedules to our customers. Because we have periodic price reviews of our contract prices, particularly in the engineered building systems segment, we have generally been able to pass on our raw material costs through to our customers. We do not have any long-term contracts for the purchase of steel. We normally do not maintain an inventory of steel in excess of our current production requirements. However, from time to time we may purchase steel in advance of announced steel price increases. In addition, it is our current practice to purchase steel consignment inventory that remains in consignment after an agreed term. Therefore, our inventory may increase if demand for our products declines. For additional information about the risks of our raw material supply and pricing, see Item 1A. Risk Factors.

**Backlog**

At November 1, 2009, the total backlog of orders for our products we believe to be firm was \$253.7 million. This compares with a total backlog for our products of \$332.4 million at November 2, 2008. Backlog at November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 primarily consisted of engineered building systems orders in the amount of \$252.6 million and \$330.0 million, respectively. Job orders are generally cancelable by customers at any time for any reason. Current economic conditions have resulted in higher levels of cancellations than we historically have experienced. See Item 1A. Risk Factors. Our business is highly cyclical and highly sensitive to macroeconomic conditions; as a result, our industry is currently experiencing a downturn, which, if sustained, will materially and adversely affect our business, liquidity and results of operations. Occasionally, orders in the backlog are not completed and shipped for reasons that include changes in the requirements of the customer or the inability of customers to obtain necessary financing or zoning variances. We do not anticipate that any significant portion of this backlog will extend beyond one year.

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### **Competition**

We and other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems compete in the building industry with other alternative methods of building construction such as tilt-wall, concrete and wood, single-ply and built up, and may be perceived as more traditional, more aesthetically pleasing or having other advantages over our products. We compete with all manufacturers of building products, from small local firms to large national firms.

In addition, competition in the metal components and engineered building systems market of the building industry is based primarily on:

- quality;
- service;
- on-time delivery;
- ability to provide added value in the design and engineering of buildings;
- price; and
- speed of construction.

We compete with a number of other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems for the building industry, ranging from small local firms to large national firms. Most of these competitors operate on a regional basis, although we believe that at least two other manufacturers of engineered building systems and three manufacturers of metal components have nationwide coverage.

We are comprised of a family of companies operating 32 manufacturing facilities across the United States and Mexico, with additional sales and distribution offices throughout the United States and Canada. These facilities are used for the manufacturing of metal components and engineered building systems for the building industry, including three finished building operations. We believe this broad geographic distribution gives us an advantage over our components and building system competitors because major elements of a customer's decision are the speed and cost of delivery from the manufacturing facility to the product's ultimate destination. We operate a fleet of trucks to deliver our products to our customers in a timely manner than most of our competitors.

We compete with a number of other providers of metal coil coating services to manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems for the building industry, ranging from small local firms to large national firms. Most of our competitors operate on a regional basis, although we believe there are at least three other providers of light gauge metal coil coating services that have a nationwide market presence. Also, there are two other providers of heavy gauge metal coil coating services who have substantially the same geographic reach as our heavy gauge coil coating facilities. Competition in the metal coil coating industry is intense and is based primarily on quality, service, delivery and price.

### **Consolidation**

Over the last several years, there has been a consolidation of competitors within the industries of the metal coil coating, metal components and engineered building systems segments, which include many small local and regional firms. We believe that these industries will continue to consolidate, driven by the needs of manufacturers to increase anticipated long-term manufacturing capacity, achieve greater process integration and add geographic diversity to meet customers' price and delivery needs, improve production efficiency and manage costs. When beneficial to our long-term goals and strategy,



have sought to consolidate our business operations with other companies. The resulting synergies from these efforts have allowed us to reduce costs while continuing to serve our customers' needs. In January 2007, we completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of Garco Building Systems, Inc. which designs, manufactures and distributes building systems primarily for markets in the northwestern United States and western Canada. In April 2006, we acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of RCC. RCC operates the Ceco

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Building Systems, Star Building Systems and Robertson Building Systems divisions and is a leader in the metal segment. For more information, see Acquisitions.

In addition to the consolidation of competitors within the industries of the metal coil coating, metal components engineered building systems segments, in recent years there has been consolidation between those industries and producers. Several of our competitors have been acquired by steel producers, and further similar acquisitions are a discussion of the possible effects on us of such consolidations, see Item 1A. Risk Factors.

## **Acquisitions**

We have a history of making acquisitions within our industry, and we regularly evaluate growth opportunities by acquisitions and internal investment. We believe that there remain opportunities for growth through consolidation buildings and components segments, and our goal is to continue to grow through opportunistic strategic acquisitions as organically.

In furtherance of this strategy, on January 31, 2007, we completed the purchase of substantially all the assets of is headquartered in Spokane, Washington, where it operates a manufacturing facility for metal building systems commercial, institutional and agricultural applications. The addition of Garco has strengthened our presence in g markets in the northwestern United States and western Canada. In addition to an established distribution and bui Garco has built a well-respected brand name. Garco also provides us with an advanced manufacturing facility, w first in the Northwest, a highly experienced operating team and a 33-acre site suitable for future expansion.

Consistent with our growth strategy, we frequently engage in discussions with potential sellers regarding the purchase by us of businesses, assets and operations that are strategic and complementary to our existing operations. Assets and operations include engineered building systems and metal components, but may also include assets th related to, or intertwined with, these business lines, and enable us to leverage our asset base, knowledge base and Such acquisition efforts may involve participation by us in processes that have been made public, involve a num potential buyers and are commonly referred to as auction processes, as well as situations in which we believe party or one of the very limited number of potential buyers in negotiations with the potential seller. These acquis often involve assets that, if acquired, would have a material effect on our financial condition and results of opera

We also evaluate from time to time possible dispositions of assets or businesses when such assets or businesses core to our operations and do not fit into our long-term strategy.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains a number of covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict the ab Company and its subsidiaries to dispose of assets, make acquisitions and engage in mergers.

## **Environmental Matters**

The operation of our business is subject to stringent and complex laws and regulations pertaining to health, safety environment. As an owner or operator of manufacturing facilities, we must comply with these laws and regulatio federal, state and local levels. These laws and regulations can restrict or impact our business activities in many v

restricting the way we can handle or dispose of our waste;

requiring investigative or remedial action to mitigate or address certain environmental conditions that ma caused by our operations or attributable to former operators; and

enjoining the operations of facilities deemed in non-compliance with environmental laws and regulations issued pursuant to such laws or regulations.

Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may trigger a variety of administrative, civil and criminal enforcement measures, including the assessment of monetary penalties, the imposition of investigative

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or remedial requirements, and the issuance of orders enjoining future operations. Certain environmental statutes impose joint and several liability for costs required to clean up and restore sites where hazardous substances have been or otherwise released. Moreover, it is not uncommon for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the release of substances or other waste products into the environment.

The trend in environmental regulation is to place more restrictions and limitations on activities that may affect human health or the environment. As a result, there can be no assurance as to the amount or timing of future expenditures for compliance or remediation, and actual future expenditures may be different from the amounts we currently anticipate to anticipate future regulatory requirements that might be imposed and plan accordingly to remain in compliance with changing environmental laws and regulations and to minimize the costs of such compliance.

We do not believe that compliance with federal, state or local environmental laws and regulations will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position or results of operations. In addition, we believe that the various environmental activities in which we are presently engaged are not expected to materially interrupt or diminish our operational ability to manufacture our products. We cannot assure you, however, that future events, such as changes in existing laws, the promulgation of new laws, or the development or discovery of new facts or conditions will not incur significant costs. The following is a discussion of certain environmental and safety concerns that relate to our operations.

*Air Emissions.* Our operations are subject to the federal Clean Air Act and comparable state laws and regulations. These laws and regulations govern emissions of air pollutants from various industrial sources, including our manufacturing operations. They also impose various monitoring and reporting requirements. Such laws and regulations may require that we obtain pre-approval for the construction or modification of certain projects or facilities expected to produce air emissions, the increase of existing air emissions, obtain and strictly comply with air permits containing various emissions and operational limitations, or utilize specific emission control technologies to limit emissions. Our failure to comply with these requirements could subject us to monetary penalties, injunctions, conditions or restrictions on operations, and, in some cases, criminal enforcement actions. We will be required to incur certain capital and other expenditures in the future for air control equipment in connection with obtaining and maintaining operating permits and approvals for air emissions. We believe, however, that our operations will not be materially adversely affected by such requirements.

*Hazardous and Solid Waste.* Our operations generate wastes, including some hazardous wastes that are subject to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or RCRA, and comparable state laws, which impose detailed requirements for the handling, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous and solid waste. For example, ordinary industrial waste such as waste solvents, and waste oils may be regulated as hazardous waste. RCRA currently exempts many of our manufacturing wastes from classification as hazardous waste. However, these non-hazardous or exempted wastes may be regulated under state law or the less stringent solid waste requirements of RCRA.

*Site Remediation.* The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, or CERCLA and comparable state laws impose liability, without regard to fault or the legality of the original conduct, on several classes of persons responsible for the release of hazardous substances into the environment. Such classes of persons include the current and past owners or operators of sites where a hazardous substance was released, and companies that arranged for disposal of hazardous substances at off-site locations such as landfills. In the course of our ordinary operations we generate wastes that may fall within the definition of a hazardous substance. CERCLA authorizes the EPA, in certain cases, third parties to take actions in response to threats to the public health or the environment and to seek to recover from the responsible classes of persons the costs they incur. Under CERCLA, we could be subject to joint and several liability for the costs of cleaning up and restoring sites where hazardous substances have been released, for damages to natural resources, and for the costs of certain health studies.

We currently own or lease, and have in the past owned or leased, numerous properties that for many years have manufacturing operations. Hazardous substances or wastes may have been disposed

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of or released on or under the properties owned or leased by us, or on or under other locations where such waste taken for disposal. In addition, some of these properties have been operated by third parties or by previous owners. Treatment and disposal or release of hazardous substances or wastes was not under our control. These properties and substances disposed or released on them may be subject to CERCLA, RCRA and analogous state laws. Under such laws, we could be required to remove previously disposed wastes (including waste disposed by prior owners or operators), or remediate contaminated property (including soil and groundwater contamination, whether from prior owners or other historic activities or spills), or perform remedial plugging or pit closure operations to prevent future contamination. See Item 3. Legal Proceedings for further discussion of specific environmental remediation activities.

*Waste Water Discharges.* Our operations are subject to the federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended, known as the Clean Water Act, and analogous state laws and regulations. These laws and regulations impose detailed requirements and strict controls regarding the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States. The unpermitted discharge of pollutants, including discharges resulting from a spill or leak incident, is prohibited. Any unpermitted discharges of pollutants from our facilities could result in fines or penalties as well as significant remedial obligations.

*Employee Health and Safety.* We are subject to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, or OSHA, and comparable state laws that regulate the protection of the health and safety of workers. In addition, the OSHA hazard communication standard requires that information be maintained about hazardous materials used or produced in our operations and that this information be provided to employees, state and local government authorities and citizens. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with these requirements.

## **Zoning and Building Code Requirements**

The engineered building systems and components we manufacture must meet zoning, building code and uplift requirements adopted by local governmental agencies. We believe that our products are in substantial compliance with applicable zoning, building code and uplift requirements. Compliance does not have a material adverse affect on our business.

## **Patents, Licenses and Proprietary Rights**

We have a number of United States patents, pending patent applications and other proprietary rights, including those relating to metal roofing systems, metal overhead doors, our pier and header system, our Long Bay® System and our building estimating and design system. We also have several registered trademarks and pending registrations in the United States.

## **Research and Development Costs**

Total expenditures for research and development were \$1.0 million, \$1.8 million and \$1.9 million for fiscal 2008, 2007, respectively. We incur research and development costs to develop new products, improve existing products and improve safety factors of our products in the metal components segment. These products include building and roof systems, panels, clips, purlins, and fasteners.

## **Employees**

As of November 1, 2009, we had approximately 3,673 employees, of whom 2,071 were manufacturing and engineering personnel. We regard our employee relations as satisfactory. Approximately 10.0% of our workforce, including employees at our subsidiary in Mexico, are represented by a collective bargaining agreement or union. As part of our cost reduction program, during fiscal 2009 we reduced our overall employee headcount by approximately 40%.

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**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

***Our industry is cyclical and highly sensitive to macroeconomic conditions; as a result, our industry is currently experiencing a downturn which, if sustained, will materially and adversely affect our business, liquidity and operations.***

The non-residential construction industry is highly sensitive to national and regional macroeconomic conditions. The United States economy is currently undergoing a period of slowdown and unprecedented volatility, which is having an adverse impact on our business. When we began fiscal 2009, McGraw-Hill was predicting a 12% decline in non-residential construction activity in 2009 compared to 2008. Subsequently, McGraw-Hill revised its forecast further downward and, as of October 2008, was predicting a 42% square-footage decline in non-residential construction activity in 2009 compared to 2008. This decline contributed to a 37.9% decline in our total tons shipped, though we experienced the greatest impact in our building systems segment.

Continued uncertainty about current economic conditions has had a negative effect on our business, and will continue to pose a risk to our business as our customers may postpone spending in response to tighter credit, negative financial news, declines in income or asset values, which could have a material negative effect on the demand for our products. Factors that could influence demand include fuel and other energy costs, conditions in the non-residential real estate market, rising energy and healthcare costs, access to credit and other macroeconomic factors. From time to time, our industry has also been adversely affected in various parts of the country by declines in non-residential construction starts, including but not limited to, high vacancy rates, changes in tax laws affecting the real estate industry, high interest rates and the unavailability of financing. Sales of our products may be adversely affected by continued weakness in demand for our products within particular customer groups, or a continued decline in the general construction industry or particular geographic markets, and other economic factors could have a material adverse effect on demand for our products and on our financial condition and operating results.

We cannot predict the ultimate severity or length of the current economic crisis, or the timing or severity of future economic or industry downturns. A prolonged economic downturn, particularly in states where many of our sales are made, could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition, including potential asset impairment.

***Current challenges in the credit markets may adversely affect our business and financial condition.***

The current financial turmoil affecting the banking system and financial markets and the possibility that financial institutions may consolidate or go out of business have resulted in a tightening in the credit markets, a low level of liquidity in financial markets, and extreme volatility in fixed income, credit, currency and equity markets. The current challenges in the credit markets have had, and will continue to have, a negative impact on our business and our financial condition. We face significant challenges if conditions in the financial markets do not improve, including raw material shortages from the insolvency of key suppliers and the inability of customers to obtain credit to finance purchases of our products. In addition, declining customer spending will result in higher levels of order cancellations and a lower level of demand for our products than we have historically experienced, and will drive us to sell our products at lower prices, which would have an adverse effect on our margins and profitability. The lack of credit also adversely affects non-residential construction, which is the focus of our business.

***We may not be able to service our debt, obtain future financing or may be limited operationally.***

The debt that we carry may have important consequences to us, including the following:

Our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisition and other purposes may be impaired or additional financing may not be available on favorable terms;

We must use a portion of our cash flow to pay the principal and interest on our debt. These payments reduce the amount of cash that would otherwise be available for our operations and future business opportunities;



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A substantial decrease in our net operating cash flows could make it difficult for us to meet our debt service requirements and force us to modify our operations; and

We may be more vulnerable to a downturn in our business or the economy generally.

If we cannot service our debt, we will be forced to take actions such as reducing or delaying acquisitions and/or expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our debt or seeking additional equity capital. We can give no assurance that we can do any of these things on satisfactory terms or at all.

We may incur additional debt from time to time to finance acquisitions, capital expenditures or for other purposes. We must comply with the restrictions in our Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility.

***Restrictive covenants in the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility may adversely affect us.***

We must comply with operating and financing restrictions in the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility. We also have similar restrictions with any future debt. These restrictions affect, and in many respects limit or prevent

incurring additional indebtedness;

making restricted payments, including dividends or other distributions;

incurring liens;

making investments, including joint venture investments;

selling assets;

repurchasing our debt and our capital stock; and

merging or consolidating with or into other companies or sell substantially all our assets.

We are required to make mandatory payments under the Amended Credit Agreement upon the occurrence of certain events, including the sale of assets and the issuance of debt, in each case subject to certain limitations and conditions set forth in the Amended Credit Agreement. The Amended Credit Agreement also requires us, beginning with the fourth quarter of 2011, to satisfy set financial tests relating to our leverage ratio, provided that these financial tests will not apply in any quarter in which certain amortization targets are met.

Under the ABL Facility, a **Dominion Event** occurs if either an event of default is continuing or excess availability falls below certain levels, during which period, and for certain periods thereafter, the administrative agent may apply all available cash and the Company's concentration account to the repayment of the loans outstanding under the ABL Facility, subject to the agreement between the lenders under the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility. In addition, during a **Dominion Event**, we are required to make mandatory payments on the ABL Facility upon the occurrence of certain events, including the sale of assets and the issuance of debt, in each case subject to certain limitations and conditions set forth in the ABL Facility. If excess availability under the ABL Facility falls below certain levels, our asset-based loan facility also requires us to satisfy set financial tests relating to our fixed charge coverage ratio.

These restrictions could limit our ability to plan for or react to market conditions or meet extraordinary capital needs. These restrictions otherwise could restrict our activities. In addition, under certain circumstances and subject to the limitations set forth in the

Amended Credit Agreement, the Amended Credit Agreement requires us to pay down our term loan to the extent of positive cash flow each fiscal year. These restrictions could also adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or to engage in other business activities that would be in our interest.

*We may recognize additional goodwill or other intangible asset impairment charges.*

Based on lower than projected sales volumes in our first quarter of fiscal 2009 and based on a revised lower outlook for non-residential construction activity in 2009, management reduced the Company's cash flow

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projections. We concluded this reduction was an impairment indicator requiring us to perform an interim goodwill impairment test for each of our six reporting units as of February 1, 2009. As a result of this impairment indicator, we updated the first step of our goodwill impairment test in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. As of February 1, 2009, the market implied fair value of our goodwill was less than its carrying value by approximately \$508.9 million. We recorded a goodwill impairment charge in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. This charge was an estimate based on the preliminary allocation of fair value in the second step of the goodwill impairment test. However, due to the complexity of the valuation calculations required under the second step of the test, we finalized our allocation of value during the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

Based on the Phase III restructuring, management determined we were required to perform another interim goodwill impairment test for each of our reporting units that had goodwill remaining as of May 3, 2009. As a result, we updated the first step of our goodwill impairment test in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 and determined that the carrying value of goodwill exceeded its fair value at most of the applicable reporting units and as a result, we initiated the second goodwill impairment test. As of May 3, 2009, we determined the market implied fair value of our goodwill was less than its carrying value by approximately \$102.5 million, and we recorded a goodwill impairment charge for such amount in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

However, future triggering events, such as declines in our cash flow projections, may cause additional impairment of goodwill or intangible assets based on factors such as our stock price, projected cash flows, assumptions used, currency premiums or other variables.

We completed our annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 and determined that no further impairments of our goodwill or long-lived intangibles were required.

***Our businesses are seasonal, and our results of operations during our first two fiscal quarters may be adversely affected by seasonality.***

The metal coil coating, metal components and engineered building systems businesses, and the construction industry, in general, are seasonal in nature. Sales normally are lower in the first calendar quarter of each year compared to the other quarters because of unfavorable weather conditions for construction and typical business planning cycles affecting construction. This seasonality adversely affects our results of operations for the first two fiscal quarters. Prolonged weather conditions can delay construction projects and otherwise adversely affect our business.

***Price volatility and supply constraints in the steel market could prevent us from meeting delivery schedules to our customers or reduce our profit margins.***

Our business is heavily dependent on the price and supply of steel. The steel industry is highly cyclical in nature and steel prices have been volatile in recent years and may remain volatile in the future. Steel prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions domestically and internationally, the availability of raw materials, competition, labor costs, freight and transportation costs, production costs, import duties and other trade restrictions. Rapidly declining demand for steel due to the effects of the credit crisis and global economic slowdown in construction, automotive and industrial markets has resulted in many steel manufacturers around the world announcing plans to cut production by closing plants and furloughing workers. Steel suppliers such as US Steel and Arcelor Mittal have announced those production cuts. With such production cuts, a sudden increase in demand could affect our ability to purchase steel and result in rapidly increasing steel prices.

We do not have any long-term contracts for the purchase of steel and normally do not maintain an inventory of steel in excess of our current production requirements. However, from time to time, we may purchase steel in advance of announced price increases. In addition, it is our current practice to purchase all consignment inventory that remains in consignment.

an agreed term. Therefore, our inventory may increase if demand for our products declines. We can give you no  
that steel will remain available or

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that prices will not continue to be volatile. While most of our contracts have escalation clauses that allow us, under certain circumstances, to pass along all or a portion of increases in the price of steel after the date of the contract but prior to delivery, we may, for competitive or other reasons, not be able to pass such price increases along. If the available price of steel declines, we could experience price increases that we are not able to pass on to our customers, a deterioration in our relationships with our suppliers or interruptions or delays that may cause us not to meet delivery schedules to our customers. Such problems could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. For more information about steel price trends in recent years, see Item 1. Business Raw Materials and Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk Steel Prices.

***We rely on a few major suppliers for our supply of steel, which makes us more vulnerable to supply constraints, pricing pressure, as well as the financial condition of those suppliers.***

We rely on a few major suppliers for our supply of steel and may be adversely affected by the bankruptcy, financial difficulties or other factors affecting those suppliers. During fiscal 2009, we purchased approximately 30% of our steel requirements from one vendor in the United States. No other vendor accounted for over 10% of our steel requirements during fiscal 2009. Due to unfavorable market conditions and our inventory supply requirements during fiscal 2009, we purchased significant amounts of steel from foreign suppliers. Limiting purchases to domestic suppliers further reduces our available supply base. Therefore, production cutbacks in the first half of fiscal 2009 or a prolonged labor strike against one or more of our principal domestic suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our operations. Furthermore, if one or more of our current suppliers is unable for financial or any other reason to continue in business or to produce steel sufficient to meet our requirements, essential supply of our primary raw materials could be temporarily interrupted, and our business could be adversely affected.

***Failure to retain or replace key personnel could hurt our operations.***

Our success depends to a significant degree upon the efforts, contributions and abilities of our senior management, key managers and other highly skilled personnel, including our sales executives. These executives and managers have accumulated years of experience in our industry and have developed personal relationships with our customers that are important to our business. If we do not retain the services of our key personnel or if we fail to adequately plan for the succession of such individuals, our customer relationships, results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected.

***If we are unable to enforce our intellectual property rights or if our intellectual property rights become obsolete, our competitive position could be adversely affected.***

We utilize a variety of intellectual property rights in our services. We have a number of United States patents, pending patent applications and other proprietary rights, including those relating to metal roofing systems, metal overhead door systems and header system, our Long Bay® System and our building estimating and design system. We also have several trademarks and pending registrations in the United States. We view our portfolio of process and design technologies as one of our competitive strengths. We may not be able to successfully preserve these intellectual property rights in the future if these rights could be invalidated, circumvented, or challenged. If we are unable to protect and maintain our intellectual property rights, or if there are any successful intellectual property challenges or infringement proceedings against us, our business and revenue could be materially and adversely affected.

***We incur costs to comply with environmental laws and have liabilities for environmental investigations, clean-up costs and claims.***

Because we emit and discharge pollutants into the environment, own and operate real property that has historical and current use for industrial purposes, and generate and handle hazardous substances and waste, we incur costs and liabilities to

environmental laws and regulations. We may incur significant additional costs as those laws and regulations or t  
enforcement change in the future, if there is a release of hazardous substances into the environment or if a histor  
hazardous substances or other

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contamination is identified. The operations of our manufacturing facilities are subject to stringent and complex federal and local environmental laws and regulations. These include, for example, (i) the federal Clean Air Act and comparable state laws and regulations that impose obligations related to air emissions, (ii) the federal RCRA and comparable state laws that impose requirements for the storage, treatment, handling and disposal of waste from our facilities and (iii) the CERCLA and comparable state laws that regulate the investigation and cleanup of hazardous substances that may have been released at properties currently or previously owned or operated by us or locations to which we have sent waste for disposal. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may trigger a variety of administrative, civil and criminal enforcement actions, including the assessment of monetary penalties, the imposition of investigative or remedial requirements, personal injury or property or natural resource damages claims and the issuance of orders enjoining future operations. For more information about costs we have incurred for environmental matters in recent years, see Item 3. Legal Proceedings and Environmental Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

***The industries in which we operate are highly competitive.***

We compete with all other alternative methods of building construction, which may be viewed as more traditional methods that are aesthetically pleasing or having other advantages over our products. In addition, competition in the metal components and metal buildings markets of the building industry and in the metal coil coating segment is intense. It is based primarily on

quality;

service;

on-time delivery;

ability to provide added value in the design and engineering of buildings;

price;

speed of construction in buildings and components; and

personal relationships with customers.

We compete with a number of other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems and metal coil coating services ranging from small local firms to large national firms. In addition, we and other manufacturers of metal components and engineered building systems compete with alternative methods of building construction. If these alternative building methods compete successfully against us, such competition could adversely affect us.

In addition, several of our competitors have recently been acquired by steel producers. Competitors owned by steel producers may have a competitive advantage on raw materials that we do not enjoy. Steel producers may prioritize delivery of raw materials to such competitors or provide them with more favorable pricing, both of which could enable them to compete more effectively with us to customers at lower prices or accelerated delivery schedules.

***Our stock price has been and may continue to be volatile.***

The trading price of our common stock has fluctuated in the past and is subject to significant fluctuations in response to the following factors, some of which are beyond our control:

variations in quarterly operating results;

deviations in our earnings from publicly disclosed forward-looking guidance;

declines in our revenues;

changes in earnings estimates by analysts;

our announcements of significant contracts, acquisitions, strategic partnerships or joint ventures;



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general conditions in the metal components and engineered building systems industries;

uncertainty about current global economic conditions;

fluctuations in stock market price and volume; and

other general economic conditions.

During fiscal 2009, our closing stock price on the New York Stock Exchange ranged from a high of approximately per share to a low of approximately \$1.60 per share. In recent years, the stock market in general has experienced price and volume fluctuations that have affected the market price for many companies in industries similar to our. These fluctuations have been unrelated to the operating performance of the affected companies. These market fluctuations may decrease the market price of our common stock in the future.

***Acquisitions may be unsuccessful if we incorrectly predict operating results or are unable to identify and complete acquisitions and integrate acquired assets or businesses.***

We have a history of expansion through acquisitions, and we believe that if our industry continues to consolidate, our success may depend, in part, on our ability to successfully complete acquisitions. Growing through acquisitions and managing that growth will require us to continue to invest in operational, financial and management information systems to attract, retain, motivate and effectively manage our employees. Pursuing and integrating acquisitions, including the acquisition of RCC, involves a number of risks, including:

the risk of incorrect assumptions or estimates regarding the future results of the acquired business or expected synergies or other synergies expected to be realized as a result of acquiring the business;

diversion of management's attention from existing operations;

unexpected losses of key employees, customers and suppliers of the acquired business;

integrating the financial, technological and management standards, processes, procedures and controls of the acquired business with those of our existing operations; and

increasing the scope, geographic diversity and complexity of our operations.

Although the majority of our growth strategy is organic in nature, if we do pursue opportunistic acquisitions, we can provide no assurance that we will be successful in identifying or completing any acquisitions or that any businesses or assets we are able to acquire will be successfully integrated into our existing business. We cannot predict the effect, if any, of an announcement or consummation of an acquisition would have on the trading prices of our securities.

***Acquisitions subjects us to numerous risks that could adversely affect our results of operations.***

If we pursue further acquisitions, depending on conditions in the acquisition market, it may be difficult or impossible to identify businesses or operations for acquisition, or we may not be able to make acquisitions on terms that we consider economically acceptable. Even if we are able to identify suitable acquisition opportunities, our acquisition strategy is dependent upon, among other things, our ability to obtain financing and, in some cases, regulatory approvals, including under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act.

Our incurrence of additional debt, contingent liabilities and expenses in connection with our acquisition of RCC connection with any future acquisitions, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, our financial position and results of operations may fluctuate significantly from period to period based on whether significant acquisitions are completed in particular periods. Competition for acquisitions is intense and may increase the cost of, or cause us to refrain from, completing acquisitions.

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***The Convertible Preferred Stock will be dilutive to our stockholders. The Convertible Preferred Stock accrues dividends which may be paid in cash or in-kind. If dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock are paid in-kind, they will dilute the ownership interest of our stockholders. In addition, the dividend rate of the Convertible Preferred Stock will increase upon the occurrence of certain events which constitute defaults under the terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock and will cause further dilution. Furthermore, the Convertible Preferred Stock also provides for anti-dilution rights, which will dilute the ownership interest of stockholders in the future.***

The Convertible Preferred Stock accrues dividends at a rate per annum of 12.00% if paid in-kind or at a rate per annum of 8.00% if paid in cash, unless and until such dividends are reduced to 0.00%, which will occur if the trading price of the common stock equals or exceeds two times a specified target price (which is equal to \$1.2748 as of November 1, 2009, subject to adjustments thereafter) for each trading day during any period of 20 consecutive trading days occurring within the 30-month anniversary of October 20, 2009.

If dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock are paid in-kind, it will dilute the ownership interest of stockholders. Furthermore, upon the occurrence of a default, the applicable dividend rate is subject to increase by:

6.00% per annum, if the default is the result of a failure by us after June 30, 2011 to reserve and keep available for issuance a number of shares of common stock equal to 110% of the number of shares of common stock into which the Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible upon conversion of all outstanding shares of Convertible Preferred Stock; or

3.00% per annum for any other specified default.

We do not have sufficient authorized and unissued shares of common stock to permit the conversion of all 250,000 shares of Convertible Preferred Stock owned by the CD&R Funds. The Company intends to submit to a shareholder vote at the next meeting of stockholders of the Company, a proposal to amend the certificate of incorporation of the Company to effect a reverse stock split at a conversion ratio of 1-for-5, 1-for-7 or 1-for-9. If the shareholders vote in favor of the reverse stock split at the annual meeting, we expect that, following the completion of the reverse stock split, the CD&R Funds will be able to convert 100% of their Preferred Shares into shares of common stock of the Company. In the event that we do not have sufficient authorized and unissued shares of common stock prior to June 30, 2010, beginning on that date and until we receive stockholder approval for an increase in the number of shares available for conversion of the Preferred Shares, the CD&R Funds will receive a higher dividend rate per share of Convertible Preferred Stock owned by them than the dividend rate that is currently payable on the Convertible Preferred Stock.

The conversion price of the Convertible Preferred Stock is subject to adjustment, including if the Company issues common stock or other securities below the then-current market price or, during the first three years after October 20, 2009, below the then-current conversion price. Adjustments to the conversion price will dilute the ownership interest of stockholders.

In connection with the Equity Investment, we entered into a stockholders agreement with the CD&R Funds pursuant to which the CD&R Funds have substantial governance and other rights and setting forth certain terms and conditions regarding the Equity Investment and the ownership of the CD&R Funds' shares of Convertible Preferred Stock. Pursuant to the stockholders agreement with the CD&R Funds, subject to certain ownership and other requirements and conditions, the CD&R Funds have the right to appoint a majority of directors to our board of directors, including the Lead Director or Chairman of the Board, the right to appoint a majority of members to the Audit Committee of our board of directors, and have consent rights over a variety of significant corporate and financing matters, including, subject to certain customary exceptions and specified baskets, sales and acquisitions of assets, issuance of common stock, redemptions of equity, incurrence of debt, the declaration or payment of extraordinary distributions or dividends to the Company's line of business. In addition, the CD&R Funds are granted subscription rights under the terms and conditions of the stockholders agreement.

Further, effective as of the closing of the Equity Investment, the Company has taken all corporate action and filed all notices or other documentation with the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) necessary

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to elect to take advantage of the exemptions to the requirements of sections 303A.01, 303A.04 and 303A.05 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual and, for so long as we qualify as a controlled company within the meaning set forth in the NYSE Listed Company Manual or any similar provision in the rules of a stock exchange on which the securities of the Company are quoted or listed for trading, we have agreed to use our reasonable best efforts to take advantage of the exemptions. Such exemptions exempt us from compliance with the NYSE's requirements for companies listed on the NYSE, including (1) a majority of independent directors, (2) a nominating/corporate governance committee and a compensation committee, in each case, composed entirely of independent directors, and (3) charters for the nominating/corporate governance committee and the compensation committee, in each case, addressing certain specified matters.

***The Convertible Preferred Stock issued in connection with the Equity Investment has substantial rights and preferences relative to the common stock.***

Shares of our common stock rank junior as to dividend rights, redemption payments and rights (including as to conversion rights) in any liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of the affairs of the Company and otherwise to the shares of our Convertible Preferred Stock issued to the CD&R Funds in connection with the Equity Investment. The terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock entitle the holders thereof to vote on an as-converted basis (without taking into account any limitations on convertibility that may then be applicable) with the holders of common stock. The CD&R Funds have a majority voting position and holders of common stock are in the minority. In addition, certain actions by the Company, including the occurrence of certain specified defaults, the adoption of an annual budget, the hiring and firing, or the changing of compensation, of executive officers and the commitment, resolution or agreement to effect any business combination or other, require the prior affirmative vote or written consent of the holders representing at least a majority of the then-outstanding shares of Convertible Preferred Stock, voting together as a separate class. This level of control, together with the CD&R Funds' rights under the stockholders agreement, could discourage others from initiating any potential takeover or other change of control transaction that may otherwise be beneficial to our business or our stockholders.

Furthermore, the terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock provide for anti-dilution rights, which may dilute the interest of stockholders in the future, and change of control redemption rights, which may entitle the holders of our Convertible Preferred Stock to receive higher value for their shares of Convertible Preferred Stock than the shares of common stock they would receive in the event of a change of control. In addition, the terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock also provide that the CD&R Funds participate in common stock dividends, receive preferred dividends and have preferential rights in liquidation, including make-whole rights.

***Increases in energy prices will increase our operating costs, and we may be unable to pass all these increases on to our customers in the form of higher prices for our products.***

Increases in energy prices will increase our operating costs and may reduce our profitability and cash flows if we are unable to pass all the increases on to our customers. We use energy in the manufacture and transport of our products. In our manufacturing plants use considerable electricity and natural gas. Consequently, our operating costs typically increase when energy costs rise. During periods of higher energy costs, we may not be able to recover our operating cost increases through price increases without reducing demand for our products. To the extent we are not able to recover these cost increases through price increases or otherwise, our profitability and cash flow will be adversely impacted. We partially hedge our exposure to higher prices via fixed forward positions.

***Breaches of our information system security measures could disrupt our internal operations.***

We are dependent upon information technology for the distribution of information internally and also to our customers and suppliers. This information technology is subject to theft, damage or interruption from a variety of sources, including but not limited to malicious computer viruses, security breaches and defects in design. Various measures have been implemented to manage our risks related to information system and network disruptions, but a system failure or breach of these measures

could negatively impact our operations and financial results.

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***Our operations are subject to hazards that may cause personal injury or property damage, thereby subjecting liabilities and possible losses, which may not be covered by insurance.***

Our workers are subject to the usual hazards associated with work in manufacturing environments. Operating hazards can cause personal injury and loss of life, as well as damage to or destruction of business personal property, and possible environmental impairment. We are subject to either deductible or self-insured retention (SIR) amounts, per claim occurrence, under our Property/Casualty insurance programs, as well as an individual stop-loss limit per claim under our group medical insurance plan. We maintain insurance coverage to transfer risk, with aggregate and per-occurrence deductibles or retention levels that we believe are consistent with industry practice. The transfer of risk through insurance cannot guarantee that coverage will be available for every loss or liability that we may incur in our operations.

Exposures that could create insured (or uninsured) liabilities are difficult to assess and quantify due to unknown factors including but not limited to injury frequency and severity, natural disasters, terrorism threats, third-party liability claims that are incurred but not reported (IBNR). Although we engage third-party actuarial professionals to assist us in estimating our probable future loss exposure, it is possible that claims or costs could exceed our estimates or our insurance coverage could be uninsurable. In such instances we might be required to use working capital to satisfy these losses rather than maintain or expand our operations, which could materially and adversely affect our operating results and our financial condition.

**Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments.***

There are no unresolved staff comments outstanding with the Securities and Exchange Commission at this time.

**Item 2. *Properties.***

As of November 1, 2009, we conduct manufacturing operations at the following facilities.

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<b>Facility</b>	<b>Products</b>	<b>Square Feet</b>
<b>Domestic:</b>		
Chandler, Arizona	Doors and related metal components	37,975
Tolleson, Arizona	Metal components(1)	70,956
Atwater, California	Engineered building systems(2)	219,870
Rancho Cucamonga, California	Metal coil coating	111,611
Adel, Georgia	Metal components(1)	78,809
Lithia Springs, Georgia	Metal components(3)	125,081
Douglasville, Georgia	Doors and related metal components	83,775
Marietta, Georgia	Metal coil coating	194,836
Shelbyville, Indiana	Metal components(1)	71,734
Monticello, Iowa	Engineered building systems(4)	232,368
Oskaloosa, Iowa	Metal components(5)	74,771
Nicholasville, Kentucky	Metal components(5)	26,943
Jackson, Mississippi	Metal components(9)	171,790
Jackson, Mississippi	Metal coil coating	354,350
Hernando, Mississippi	Metal components(1)	132,752
Omaha, Nebraska	Metal components(5)	55,460
Rome, New York	Metal components(5)	83,500
Caryville, Tennessee	Engineered building systems(4)	218,430
Elizabethton, Tennessee	Engineered building systems(4)	228,113
Lexington, Tennessee	Engineered building systems(6)	140,504
Memphis, Tennessee	Metal coil coating	65,895
Ennis, Texas	Metal components(1)	68,627
Houston, Texas	Metal components(3)	335,756
Houston, Texas	Metal coil coating	36,509
Houston, Texas	Engineered building systems(4)	497,856
Houston, Texas	Engineered building systems(7)	117,208
Houston, Texas	Doors and related metal components	42,500
Lubbock, Texas	Metal components(1)	95,361
San Antonio, Texas	Metal components(5)	42,400
Stafford, Texas	Metal components(8)	72,504
Salt Lake City, Utah	Metal components(3)	93,508
Spokane, Washington	Engineered building systems(4)	157,000
<b>Foreign:</b>		
Monterrey, Mexico	Engineered building systems(6)	246,075

(1) Secondary structures and metal roof and wall systems.

(2) End walls, secondary structures and metal roof and wall systems for components and engineered building systems.

(3) Full components product range.

(4) Primary structures, secondary structures and metal roof and wall systems for engineered building systems.

(5) Metal roof and wall systems.



- (6) Primary structures for engineered building systems.
- (7) Structural steel.
- (8) Insulated panel systems.
- (9) Closed during fiscal 2008 and 2009 to be retooled to manufacture insulated panel systems.

We also operate six NCI Metal Depots facilities that sell our products directly to the public. In addition, we lease facilities that serve as distribution centers for our sectional doors. We also maintain several drafting office facilities in various states. We have short-term leases for these additional facilities. We believe that our present facilities are adequate for current and projected operations.

Additionally, we own approximately 7 acres of land in Houston, Texas and have a 60,000 square foot facility there for our principal executive and administrative offices. We also own approximately 5 acres of land at another location adjacent to one of our manufacturing facilities. We own approximately 15 acres of undeveloped land adjacent to a facility in Spokane, Washington.

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As a result of the current market downturn, we began a phased process to resize and realign our manufacturing operations. The purpose of these closures is to rationalize our least efficient facilities and to retool certain of these facilities to better utilize our assets and expand into new markets or better provide products to our customers, such as insulated building systems. As a result of the restructuring, we expect to realize an annualized fixed cost savings in the amount of approximately \$120 million upon the full implementation of this three phase restructuring plan.

In November 2008, we approved the Phase I plan to close three of our engineered building systems manufacturing facilities. In addition, as part of the restructuring, we implemented a general employee reduction program. Specifically, one of our facilities, which was closed during fiscal 2008, is being retooled for use in connection with our insulated panel system product line. We have incurred facility closure costs of approximately \$3.4 million related to these Phase I facilities. Most of these expenses were recorded during the first and second quarters of fiscal 2009. We expect only minor additional costs as we wind down Phase I of our restructuring plan.

In February 2009, we approved the Phase II plan to close one of our facilities within the engineered building systems segment in a continuing effort to rationalize our least efficient facilities. We have incurred facility closure costs of \$0.9 million to this facility. Most of these expenses were recorded during the second quarter of fiscal 2009. We expect only minor additional costs as we wind down Phase II of our restructuring plan.

In April 2009, we approved the Phase III plan to close or idle three of our manufacturing facilities within the engineered building systems segment and two facilities within the metal components segment in a continuing effort to rationalize our least efficient facilities. In addition, manufacturing at one of our metal components facilities was temporarily suspended and currently functions as a distribution and customer service site. As part of the restructuring, we also added to the employee reduction program. We have incurred facility closure costs of approximately \$7.0 million related to these Phase III facility closures and expect to incur additional facility closure costs of \$1.6 million in fiscal 2010.

During fiscal 2008, we closed our residential door facility in Houston, Texas, and we sold the facility in April 2008. During fiscal 2007, we closed our manufacturing facility located in Hamilton, Ontario, and we sold the facility in August 2007. We also sold our Colonial Heights, Virginia facility in August 2007 and built a new, larger facility which was completed in August 2007. This facility is also located in Colonial Heights, Virginia. During fiscal 2003, we closed our manufacturing facility located in Southlake, Texas, which is currently under contract to be sold. We have a new 31,500 square foot office facility in Irving, Texas that replaced our office in Southlake, Texas. During fiscal 2002, we closed our manufacturing facility located in Chester, South Carolina, and we sold this facility in January 2007.

**Item 3. *Legal Proceedings.***

From time to time, we are involved in various legal proceedings and contingencies considered to be in the ordinary course of business. While we are not able to predict whether we will incur any liability in excess of insurance coverages or accurately estimate the damages, or the range of damages, if any, we might incur in connection with these legal proceedings, we believe these legal proceedings and claims will not have a material adverse effect on our business, consolidated financial position or results of operations.

**Item 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.***

Not applicable.

**Table of Contents****PART II****Item 5. *Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.*****PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK**

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol NCS. As of December 18, 2009, there were 79 holders and an estimated 10,000 beneficial owners of our common stock. The following table sets forth the quarterly high and low sale prices of our common stock, as reported by the NYSE, for the prior two fiscal years. We have never paid dividends on our common stock and the terms of our Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility restrict our ability to do so.

**Fiscal Year 2009**

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>High</b>
February 1	\$ 19.35
May 3	\$ 13.26
August 2	\$ 7.50
November 1	\$ 5.12

**Fiscal Year 2008**

<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>High</b>
January 27	\$ 39.90
April 27	\$ 34.13
July 27	\$ 39.81
November 2	\$ 40.95

The following table shows our purchases of our common stock during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009:

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

<b>Period</b>	<b>(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased(1)</b>	<b>(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)</b>	<b>(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>(d) Total Number of Shares Purchased Under the Plan or Program</b>

August 3, 2009 to August 30, 2009	82	3.72
August 31, 2009 to September 27, 2009		
September 28, 2009 to November 1, 2009	145,530	2.51
Total	145,612	2.51

- (1) Our board of directors has authorized a stock repurchase program. Subject to applicable federal securities law, repurchases occur at times and in amounts that we deem appropriate. Shares repurchased are used primarily for the re-issuance in connection with our equity incentive and 401(k) profit sharing plans. On February 28, 2007, we announced that our board of directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 1.0 million shares of our common stock. There is no time limit on the duration of the program. Although we did not repurchase any shares of common stock during fiscal 2009, we did withhold shares of restricted stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of awards of restricted stock. At November 1, 2009, there were 0.6 million shares authorized for repurchase under the program.

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**STOCK PERFORMANCE CHART**

The following chart compares the yearly percentage change in the cumulative stockholder return on our common stock from November 1, 2004 to the end of the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009 with the cumulative total return on the S&P 500 Stock Exchange Index and the Hemscoff Industry Group 634 - General Building Materials, a peer group. The chart assumes \$100 was invested on November 1, 2004 in our common stock and in each of the foregoing indices and the reinvestment of dividends.

**COMPARISON OF 5-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN  
AMONG NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.,  
NYSE MARKET INDEX AND HEMSCOTT GROUP INDEX**

ASSUMES \$100 INVESTED ON NOV. 1, 2004  
ASSUMES DIVIDEND REINVESTED  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING NOV. 1, 2009

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC, the above stock performance chart shall not be deemed to be a soliciting material or to be filed with the SEC or subject to Regulations 14A or 14C of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933 (the Exchange Act) or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, notwithstanding any general incorporation by reference of this proxy statement into any other filed document.

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The selected financial data for each of the three fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and as of November 1, 2008 and November 2, 2008 has been derived from the audited Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere here. The selected financial data for each of the two fiscal years ended October 29, 2006 and as of October 28, 2007, October 29, 2007 and October 29, 2005 have been derived from audited Consolidated Financial Statements not included herein. This data should be read in conjunction with Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included under Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008(2)</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>In thousands, except per share data</b>			
Sales	<b>\$ 967,923</b>	\$ 1,764,159	\$ 1,625,068	\$ 1,571,183
Net income (loss)	<b>(746,964)(1)</b>	78,881(3)	63,729	73,796
Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	(758,677)			
Earnings (loss) per share:				
Basic	<b>(34.06)</b>	4.08	3.25	3.70
Diluted	<b>(34.06)(1)</b>	4.05(3)	3.06	3.45
Cash flow from operating activities	<b>95,370</b>	40,194	137,625	121,514
Total assets	<b>613,848</b>	1,380,701	1,343,058	1,299,701
Total debt	<b>150,249</b>	474,400	497,037	497,984
Convertible Preferred Stock	<b>222,815</b>			
Stockholders' equity	<b>\$ 49,665</b>	\$ 623,829	\$ 539,696	\$ 498,409
Diluted average common shares	<b>22,013(4)</b>	19,486	20,793	21,395

(1) Includes goodwill and other intangible asset impairment of \$622.6 million (\$600.0 million after tax), debt extinguishment and refinancing costs of \$100.3 million (\$94.1 million after tax), lower of cost or market charge of \$40.0 million (\$25.8 million after tax), change in control charges of \$11.2 million (\$6.9 million after tax), restructuring charges of \$9.1 million (\$5.6 million after tax), asset impairments of \$6.3 million (\$3.9 million after tax), interest swap of \$3.1 million (\$1.9 million after tax) and environmental and other contingencies of \$1.1 million (\$0.7 million after tax) in fiscal 2009.

(2) Fiscal 2008 includes 53 weeks of operating activity.

(3) Includes executive retirement costs of \$2.9 million (\$1.8 million after tax), lower of cost or market charge of \$2.7 million (\$1.6 million after tax), restructuring charges of \$1.1 million (\$0.7 million after tax) and asset impairment of \$0.2 million (\$0.12 million after tax) in fiscal 2008.

(4) In October 2009, we consummated an exchange offer to acquire all our 2.125% Convertible Senior Subordinated due 2024 in an exchange for cash and 70.2 million shares of our common stock.

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

**OVERVIEW**

We are one of North America's largest integrated manufacturers and marketers of metal products for the non-residential construction industry. We provide metal coil coating services and design, engineer, manufacture and market metal components and engineered building systems primarily for non-residential construction use. We manufacture an extensive lines of metal products for the non-residential construction market under multiple brand names through a nationwide network of plants and distribution centers. We sell our products for both new construction and repair applications.

Metal components offers builders, designers, architects and end-users several advantages, including lower long-term life, attractive aesthetics and design flexibility. Similarly, engineered building systems

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offer a number of advantages over traditional construction alternatives, including shorter construction time, more of materials, lower construction costs, greater ease of expansion and lower maintenance costs.

We use a 52/53 week year with our fiscal year end on the Sunday closest to October 31. As a result, our fourth quarter fiscal 2008 included an additional week of operating activity.

We assess performance across our business segments by analyzing and evaluating (i) gross profit, operating income and (ii) non-financial efficiency indicators such as revenue per employee, man hours per ton of steel produced and sales per employee. In assessing our overall financial performance, we regard return on adjusted operating assets, as well as earnings per share, as key indicators of shareholder value.

***Recapitalization Plan and Refinancing Transaction***

On October 20, 2009, we issued and sold to the CD&R Funds 250,000 shares of Convertible Preferred Stock for a purchase price of \$250.0 million. The Preferred Shares are convertible into shares of our common stock, and represent 10% of our voting power and common stock on an as-converted basis.

As of December 21, 2009, the Preferred Shares are convertible into 196.1 million shares of common stock, at a conversion price of \$1.2748. However, as of that date, only approximately 8.4 million shares of common stock were authorized and unissued, and therefore the CD&R Funds could not fully convert the Preferred Shares. To the extent that the CD&R Funds elect to convert their Preferred Shares, as of December 21, 2009, their conversion right is limited to conversion of the Preferred Shares into the approximately 8.4 million shares of common stock that are currently authorized and unissued. We intend to submit to a shareholder vote, at our annual meeting of shareholders, a proposal to amend the Company's certificate of incorporation to effect a reverse stock split of the common stock of the Company. We expect the shareholders to vote in favor of the reverse stock split at the annual meeting and we expect that, following the completion of the reverse stock split, the CD&R Funds will be able to convert 100% of their Preferred Shares into shares of common stock. During fiscal 2010, we recorded an initial beneficial conversion feature of \$10.5 million and the remaining \$230.9 million of the beneficial conversion feature will be recognized when the contingency related to the availability of authorized shares is resolved.

Dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock are payable, on a cumulative daily basis, as, if and when declared by a majority of directors, at a rate per annum of 12% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances, if paid in-kind or at a rate per annum of 8% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share, subject to adjustment under certain circumstances, if paid in cash. We have the right to choose whether dividends are paid in cash or in-kind, subject to the conditions of the Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility including, but not limited to, contractually limited in our ability to pay cash dividends until the first quarter of fiscal 2011 under the Amended Credit Agreement and October 20, 2010 under the ABL Facility, except for certain specified purposes.

Simultaneously with the closing of the Equity Investment, we took the following actions (together with the Equity Investment, the Recapitalization Plan ):

we refinance our existing credit agreement as in effect prior to such date (the Credit Agreement ), which matures on June 18, 2010, by repaying approximately \$143 million in principal amount of the approximately \$293 million in principal amount then outstanding and amending the terms and extending the maturity of the remaining \$150 million balance of the term loans. The Amended Credit Agreement requires quarterly principal payments of 0.25% of the principal amount of the term loan then outstanding as of the last day of each quarter, with a final payment of approximately \$131.1 million in principal at maturity on April 20, 2014.

we entered into the ABL Facility, an asset-based revolving credit facility agreement with a maximum availability of up to \$125 million which has an additional \$50 million incremental credit facility. The ABL Facility



replaces the revolving credit facility, and letters of credit, subfacility under our Credit Agreement, which  
June 18, 2009. The ABL Facility has a maturity of April 20, 2014 and

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includes borrowing capacity of up to \$25 million for letters of credit and up to \$10 million for swingline

The refinancing of our term loan and our entry into the revolving credit facility are further described in Debt Credit Agreement and Debt ABL Facility below.

In connection with the closing of the Equity Investment, we also completed an exchange offer (the Exchange Offer) to acquire the \$180 million of our then-outstanding 2.125% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2024 (the Notes) for an aggregate combination of \$90.0 million in cash and 70.2 million shares of common stock. The Exchange Offer is further described in Debt Convertible Notes below.

### ***Fiscal 2009 Overview***

In fiscal 2009, we survived the deepest decline in non-residential construction in the 44 years since McGraw-Hill has compiled data, and we have emerged with a strengthened financial position with the completion of our refinancing. We have the resources to withstand the continued weakness projected for our markets and to re-start our growth strategy. We are committed to significantly re-building the value of our Company over the next several years.

Business conditions in our fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 continued to be difficult, across all our markets. According to McGraw-Hill statistics, non-residential construction activity measured in square feet was down 47% in calendar year 2009 through October 2009, compared to the same period in calendar 2008. Our traditionally strong commercial and industrial markets were even weaker, down 60% in calendar year to date through October 2009, compared to the same period in calendar 2008. At the same time, steel prices in fiscal 2009 declined 34% compared to fiscal 2008.

The AIA's Architectural Billing Index published for October indicated that inquiry levels have somewhat stabilized but remain positive, but billings are still negative. McGraw-Hill is now forecasting that non-residential construction activity measured in square feet will be 42% lower in calendar 2009 compared to calendar 2008. Steel prices have increased to June of 2009 levels, but were 34% lower in fiscal 2009 than the comparable period of 2008 according to the CRU North American Steel price index.

### ***Industry Conditions***

Our sales and earnings are influenced by general economic conditions, interest rates, the price of steel relative to other building materials, the level of non-residential construction activity, roof repair and retrofit demand and the availability and cost of financing for construction projects.

The overall decline in economic conditions beginning in the third quarter of 2008 has reduced demand for our products and adversely affected our business. In addition, the tightening of credit in financial markets over the same period has adversely affected the ability of our customers to obtain financing for construction projects. As a result, we have experienced delays in and cancellations of orders for our products, and the ability of our customers to make payments has been adversely affected. Similar factors could cause our suppliers to experience financial distress or bankruptcy, resulting in temporary material shortages. The lack of credit also adversely affects non-residential construction, which is the focus of our business.

Over the same period, there has been significant volatility in the price of steel, the primary raw material in our production process. In fiscal 2009, steel prices decreased at a precipitous rate until July 2009 when steel prices began to increase. According to the CRU North American Steel Price Index, steel prices were 36% lower in October 2009 compared to October 2008. This unusual level of volatility has negatively impacted our business. First, in the first two quarters of 2009, we wrote down inventory to net realizable value given these declines because our sales volume was significantly lower than previously anticipated while raw material prices have declined more rapidly than anticipated. Second, some of our customers have delayed projects, waiting to see where steel prices would bottom out.



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The uncertainty surrounding future economic activity levels and the tightening of credit availability have resulted in significantly decreased activity levels for our business. During fiscal 2009, our sales volumes were significantly below expectations, primarily in our engineered buildings and components segments. See [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#). When we began fiscal 2009, McGraw-Hill was predicting a 12% decline in non-residential construction in 2009 compared to 2008. Subsequently, McGraw-Hill revised its forecast further downward and, as of October 2009, was predicting a 42.2% square-footage decline in non-residential construction activity in 2009 compared to 2008. McGraw-Hill has also predicted a 42.2% reduction in low-rise non-residential (less than 5 stories) square-footage starts during fiscal 2009 compared to 2008.

As a result of the current market downturn, we began a phased process to resize and realign our manufacturing operations. The purpose of these closures is to rationalize our least efficient facilities and to retool certain of these facilities to better utilize our assets and expand into new markets or better provide products to our customers, such as insulated panel systems. As a result of the restructuring, we expect to realize an annualized fixed cost savings in the amount of approximately \$120 million upon full implementation of this three phase restructuring plan.

In November 2008, we approved the Phase I plan to close three of our engineered building systems manufacturing facilities. In addition, as part of the restructuring, we implemented a general employee reduction program. Specifically, one of our facilities, which was closed during fiscal 2008, is being retooled for use in connection with our insulated panel system product line. We have incurred facility closure costs of approximately \$3.4 million related to these Phase I facilities. Most of these expenses were recorded during the first and second quarters of fiscal 2009. We expect only minor additional costs as we wind down Phase I of our restructuring plan.

In February 2009, we approved the Phase II plan to close one of our facilities within the engineered building systems segment in a continuing effort to rationalize our least efficient facilities. We have incurred facility closure costs of \$0.9 million to this facility. Most of these expenses were recorded during the second quarter of fiscal 2009. We expect only minor additional costs as we wind down Phase II of our restructuring plan.

In April 2009, we approved the Phase III plan to close or idle three of our manufacturing facilities within the engineered building systems segment and two facilities within the metal components segment in a continuing effort to rationalize our least efficient facilities. In addition, manufacturing at one of our metal components facilities was temporarily suspended and currently functions as a distribution and customer service site. As part of the restructuring, we also added to the general employee reduction program. We have incurred facility closure costs of approximately \$7.0 million related to the facility closures and expect to incur additional facility closure costs of \$1.6 million in fiscal 2010.

As a result of the management actions taken in the Recapitalization Plan and restructuring plan, we have right sized our structure and solidified our liquidity position which we believe will enable us to withstand a sustained downturn in the industry.

One of the primary challenges we face both short and long term is the volatility in the price of steel. Our business is dependent on the price and supply of steel. For the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009, steel represented approximately 15% of our costs of goods sold. The steel industry is highly cyclical in nature, and steel prices have been volatile in the past and may remain volatile in the future. Steel prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including economic conditions domestically and internationally, competition, labor costs, production costs, import duties and trade restrictions. For additional discussion of steel prices, see [Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk](#).

During the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009, we experienced a significant decrease in the value of our total inventory primarily due to the decrease in volume and decreases in the price of steel. During the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009, we experienced significant increases in the value of our total inventory,



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primarily due to the substantial increases in the price of steel, as well as significant increases in our fuel and transportation costs.

We do not have any long-term contracts for the purchase of steel and normally do not maintain an inventory of steel in excess of our current production requirements. However, from time to time, we may purchase steel in advance of announced price increases. We can give no assurance that steel will remain available or that prices will not continue to be volatile. Most of our contracts have escalation clauses that allow us, under certain circumstances, to pass along all or a portion of price increases in the price of steel after the date of the contract but prior to delivery, we may, for competitive or other reasons, be able to pass such price increases along. If the available supply of steel declines, we could experience price increases that we are not able to pass on to the end users, a deterioration of service from our suppliers or interruptions or delays that could cause us not to meet delivery schedules to our customers. Any of these problems could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. For additional discussion please see Item 1. Business - Raw Materials, Item 1. Business - Risk Factors - We rely on a few major suppliers for our supply of steel, which makes us more vulnerable to supply constraints, pricing pressure, as well as the financial condition of those suppliers, Item 2. Liquidity and Capital Resources - Steel Prices, Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk - Steel Prices.

In assessing the state of the metal construction market, we rely upon various industry associations, third party research and various government reports such as industrial production and capacity utilization. One such industry association is the Building Manufacturers Association ( MBMA ), which provides summary member sales information and production and construction of metal buildings and metal roofing systems. Another is McGraw-Hill Construction Information Group, which we look to for reports of actual and forecasted growth in various construction related industries, including the non-residential construction market. McGraw-Hill Construction's forecast for calendar 2010 indicates a total non-residential construction reduction of 4% in square footage and a reduction of 2% in dollar value prior to increasing in 2011. Additionally, we review the American Institute of Architects' survey for inquiry and billing activity for the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors.

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The following table presents, as a percentage of sales, certain selected consolidated financial data for the periods

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal year ended November 2, 2008</b>
Sales	<b>100.0%</b>	100.0%
Cost of sales	<b>77.8</b>	74.9
Lower of cost or market adjustment	<b>4.1</b>	0.2
Asset impairments	<b>0.7</b>	
Gross profit	<b>17.4</b>	24.9
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<b>21.6</b>	16.1
Goodwill and other intangible asset impairments	<b>64.3</b>	
Restructuring charge	<b>0.9</b>	0.1
Change in control charges	<b>1.2</b>	
Income (loss) from operations	<b>(70.6)</b>	8.8
Interest income	<b>0.0</b>	0.1
Interest expense	<b>(2.1)</b>	(1.3)
Debt extinguishment and refinancing costs	<b>(10.3)</b>	
Other (expense) income, net	<b>0.2</b>	(0.1)
Income (loss) before income taxes	<b>(82.8)</b>	7.4
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	<b>(5.6)</b>	2.9
Net income (loss)	<b>(77.2)%</b>	4.5%

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION**

We have aggregated our operations into three reportable segments based upon similarities in product lines, manufacturing processes, marketing and management of our businesses: metal coil coating; metal components; and engineered building systems. All business segments operate primarily in the non-residential construction market. Sales and earnings are influenced by general economic conditions, the level of non-residential construction activity, metal roof repair and replacement demand and the availability and terms of financing available for construction.

Products of all our business segments use similar basic raw materials. The metal coil coating segment consists of treating, painting and slitting continuous steel coils before the steel is fabricated for use by construction and industrial markets. The metal components segment products include metal roof and wall panels, doors, metal partitions, metal trim and related accessories. The engineered building systems segment includes the manufacturing of main frames, Longspan Systems and value-added engineering and drafting, which are typically not part of metal components or metal coil coating products or services. The reporting segments follow the same accounting policies used for our Consolidated Financial Statements.

We evaluate a segment's performance based primarily upon operating income before corporate expenses. Interests are recorded based on standard material costs plus a standard markup to cover labor and overhead and consist of (i) hot-rolled, light gauge painted, and slit material and other services provided by the metal coil coating segment to the metal components and engineered building systems segments; (ii) building components provided by the metal coil coating segment to the engineered building systems segment; and (iii) structural framing provided by the engineered building systems segment to the metal components segment.



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Corporate assets consist primarily of cash but also include deferred financing costs, deferred taxes and property, equipment associated with our headquarters in Houston, Texas. These items (and income and expenses related to) are not allocated to the business segments. Segment information is included in Note 25 of our Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table represents sales, operating income and total assets attributable to these business segments for 2009 and 2008 indicated (in thousands, except percentages):

	2009	%	2008	%	2007
<b>Sales:</b>					
Metal coil coating	\$ 169,897	18	\$ 305,657	17	\$ 272,54
Metal components	458,734	47	715,255	41	663,33
Engineered building systems	541,609	56	1,110,534	63	1,021,54
Intersegment sales	(202,317)	(21)	(367,287)	(21)	(332,35)
Total net sales	\$ 967,923	100	\$ 1,764,159	100	\$ 1,625,06
<b>Operating income (loss):</b>					
Metal coil coating	\$ (99,631)		\$ 29,381		\$ 25,13
Metal components	(129,975)		82,094		49,60
Engineered building systems	(389,309)		107,851		113,26
Corporate	(64,583)		(64,616)		(56,27)
Total operating income (loss) (% of sales)	\$ (683,498)		\$ 154,710		\$ 131,73
Unallocated other expense	(117,990)		(24,330)		(26,90)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (801,488)		\$ 130,380		\$ 104,82
<b>Total assets as of fiscal year end 2009 and 2008:</b>					
Metal coil coating	\$ 57,208	9	\$ 196,615	14	
Metal components	159,690	26	371,464	27	
Engineered building systems	241,260	39	716,671	52	
Corporate	155,690	26	95,951	7	
Total assets	\$ 613,848	100	\$ 1,380,701	100	

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL 2009 COMPARED TO FISCAL 2008**

*Consolidated sales* for fiscal 2009 decreased 45.1%, or \$796.2 million, from fiscal 2008. This decrease resulted from a decrease in external tonnage volumes, partially offset by higher relative sales prices as a result of higher steel coil sales in the metal coil coating, engineered building systems and metal components segments. Lower tonnage volumes in all three of our segments for fiscal 2009 compared with fiscal 2008 were driven by reduced demand for such products which is affirmed by the 42.3% decrease in low-rise non-residential (less than 5 stories) square-footage starts as reported by McGraw Hill during fiscal 2009 compared with fiscal 2008.

*Consolidated cost of sales* decreased by 43.1% for fiscal 2009 compared to fiscal 2008. Gross margins were 17.4% for fiscal 2009 compared to 24.9% for the prior fiscal year. During fiscal 2009, we recorded a \$40.0 million inventory adjustment which accounted for 4.1% of the reduction in the gross margin percentage, to adjust the carrying amount on certain

material inventory to the lower of cost or market because this inventory exceeded our current estimates of net realizable value and was sold at less normal profit margins. Although we have taken steps to reduce our variable and fixed costs throughout the year, our operating margins decreased across all three segments due to increased price competition and allocation of fixed costs over substantial sales. In addition, we recorded a \$6.3 million asset impairment charge, which accounted for 0.6% of the reduction in net income.

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gross margin percentage, for certain assets primarily within the engineered building systems segment and at our operations.

*Metal coil coating sales* decreased 44.4%, or \$135.8 million to \$169.9 million in fiscal 2009, compared to \$305.7 million in the prior fiscal year. Sales to third parties for fiscal 2009 decreased 45.1% to \$53.2 million from \$97.0 million in the prior fiscal year as a result of a 16.1% decrease in external tonnage volumes, a 19.9% decrease in sales prices, and a shift in product mix from package sales of coated steel products to toll processing revenue for coating services. These results were primarily driven by reduced demand and increased competition in the market resulting from the general weakness in non-residential construction activity in fiscal 2009. In addition, there was a \$92.0 million decrease in intersegment sales during fiscal 2009 compared with fiscal 2008, which represents a 44.1% reduction in intersegment volume. Metal coil coating third-party sales accounted for 5.5% of total consolidated third-party sales in both fiscal 2009 and 2008.

Operating income (loss) of the metal coil coating segment decreased in fiscal 2009 to a loss of \$(99.6) million, compared to income of \$29.4 million in the prior fiscal year primarily due to goodwill and other intangible asset impairments of \$99.0 million, an incremental \$5.4 million charge to adjust inventory to lower of cost or market, and a remaining \$26.3 million decrease in gross profit due to the declines in volumes and relative sales prices discussed above. Total gross margins were lower primarily due to lower relative sales prices than in the prior year, a 16.1% decrease in tonnage on sales to third parties compared to the prior year, and a 38.5% decrease in intersegment tonnage sold compared to the prior year. In addition, operating income in fiscal 2008 included an out of period pretax charge of \$0.9 million to correct work-in-process standard costs.

*Metal components sales* decreased 35.9%, or \$256.5 million to \$458.7 million in fiscal 2009, compared to \$715.2 million in the prior fiscal year. Sales were down primarily due to a 30.5% decrease in external tons shipped compared to the prior year. Sales to third parties for fiscal 2009 decreased \$210.9 million to \$389.1 million from \$600.0 million in the prior year. The remaining \$45.6 million represents a similar decrease in intersegment sales. These results are primarily driven by reduced demand and increased competition in the market resulting from the general weakness of non-residential construction activity in 2009. Metal components third-party sales accounted for 40.2% of total consolidated third-party sales in fiscal 2009 compared to 34.0% in fiscal 2008.

Operating income (loss) of the metal components segment decreased in fiscal 2009 to a loss of \$(130.0) million, compared to income of \$82.1 million in the prior fiscal year. This \$212.1 million decrease resulted from charges related to goodwill and other intangible asset impairments of \$147.2 million, a \$17.2 million inventory lower of cost or market adjustment, a \$0.3 million increase in restructuring charges, and a remaining \$60.3 million decrease in gross profit due to the declines in volumes and relative sales prices noted above, all partially offset by a \$13.7 million decrease in selling and administrative expenses. We have recorded restructuring charges of \$1.3 million in fiscal 2009 related to the closure of one of our manufacturing plants compared to restructuring charges of \$1.0 million in fiscal 2008 to exit our residential overhead door product line. The \$13.4 million decrease in selling and administrative expenses was primarily due to a \$10.2 million decrease in wage and benefit costs due to lower headcount and incentive compensation and across the board decreases in selling expenses in response to the lower levels of business activity.

*Engineered building systems sales* decreased 51.2%, or \$568.9 million to \$541.6 million in fiscal 2009, compared to \$1.11 billion in the prior fiscal year. This decrease resulted from a 52.1% decrease in external tons shipped, partially offset by slightly higher average sales prices. Sales to third parties for fiscal 2009 decreased \$541.6 million to \$525.6 million from \$1.07 billion in the prior fiscal year. Intersegment sales decreased by \$27.3 million compared to fiscal 2008. The decrease was primarily driven by reduced demand, increased competition in the market, and the impact of the significant rise in steel prices in the second half of fiscal 2008 that declined throughout fiscal 2009. Engineered building systems third-party sales accounted for 54.3% of total consolidated third-party sales in fiscal 2009 compared to 60.5% in fiscal 2008.

Operating income (loss) of the engineered building systems segment decreased in fiscal 2009 to a loss of \$(389.2 million) compared to income of \$107.9 million in the prior fiscal year. This \$497.2 million decrease resulted from charge-offs of goodwill and other intangible asset impairments of \$376.4 million,

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restructuring charges of \$7.4 million in fiscal 2009, a \$14.7 million inventory lower of cost or market adjustment, a \$4.2 million asset impairment charge and a remaining \$141.0 million decrease in gross profit due to the declines and relative sales prices noted above, partially offset by a \$46.5 million decrease in selling and administrative expenses. The \$46.5 million decrease in selling and administrative expenses was primarily due to a \$40.9 million decrease in wage and benefit costs and temporary labor costs due to lower headcount and lower incentive compensation and across the decreases in other various expenses in response to the lower levels of business activity.

*Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses*, consisting of engineering, drafting, selling and administrative costs, decreased to \$209.6 million in fiscal 2009 compared to \$283.6 million in the prior fiscal year. The decrease in selling and administrative expenses was primarily due to a \$59.3 million decrease in wage and benefit costs and temporary labor costs due to lower headcount and lower incentive compensation. We also had a \$2.9 million decrease in executive incentive costs due primarily to accelerated vesting of certain restricted stock grants of former executives upon retirement in 2008. The remaining decrease was the result of a \$2.5 million decrease in pre-tax share-based compensation costs, a \$2.2 million decrease in bad debt expense, a \$1.7 million decrease in travel and entertainment costs, a \$1.6 million decrease in advertising costs and decreases in other various expenses due to managed lower levels of activity. As a percentage of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses were 21.7% for fiscal 2009 compared to 16.1% for fiscal 2008.

*Consolidated goodwill and other intangible asset impairment* was \$622.6 million in fiscal 2009 compared with \$100.0 million recorded in the prior fiscal year. This increase impacted all three of our reporting segments and was the result of changes in our future cash flow projections in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, our lowering projected cash flows and implementation of Phase III of our restructuring plan in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

*Consolidated restructuring charge* increased to \$9.1 million in fiscal 2009 compared with \$1.1 million in the prior period. This increase was primarily related to our plan to close six of our engineered building systems manufacturing facilities. The purpose of these closures was to rationalize our least efficient facilities and to retool certain of these facilities to better utilize our assets and expand into new markets or better provide products to our customers. The \$0.9 million increase in the prior year was related to the plan to exit our residential overhead door product line, included in our metal building segment.

*Consolidated change in control charges* for fiscal 2009 in the amount of \$11.2 million related primarily to \$9.1 million of share-based compensation expense upon the accelerated vesting of our stock incentive plans upon the change in control of our Company. We also incurred a \$1.5 million charge related to a new director and officer insurance policy upon the change of our board of directors.

*Consolidated interest income* for fiscal 2009 decreased by 63.8% to \$0.4 million, compared to \$1.1 million for the prior fiscal year. This decrease was primarily due to lower interest rates on our cash balances during fiscal 2009 compared to the prior fiscal year.

*Consolidated interest expense* for fiscal 2009 decreased by 13.3% to \$20.4 million, compared to \$23.5 million for the prior fiscal year. Lower market interest rates reduced the interest expense associated with the variable portion of our debt, partially offset by a \$3.1 million charge related to our interest rate swap contract. In connection with our 2008 refinancing, we concluded the interest rate swap agreement was no longer an effective hedge, based on the modification of the Amended Credit Agreement which includes a 2% LIBOR floor. As a result, we have reclassified to interest expense the remaining deferred losses previously recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

*Consolidated provision for income taxes* for fiscal 2009 decreased to a benefit of \$(54.5) million, compared to a charge of \$51.5 million for the prior fiscal year. The decrease was primarily due to a \$931.8 million decrease in pre-tax earnings. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2009 was 6.8% compared to 39.5% for the prior fiscal year. This decrease was primarily due to non-deductible goodwill impairment costs and the non-deductible premium on the retirement of our Convertible



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*Consolidated debt extinguishment and refinancing costs* for fiscal 2009 were \$100.3 million and related to our refinancing which was completed on October 20, 2009. These costs primarily consisted of \$84.5 million related to debt extinguishment on our Convertible Notes, \$6.4 million related to payments to non-creditors on the modification of our Credit Agreement, \$4.8 million of costs related to our abandoned plan for pre-packaged bankruptcy and \$3.5 million related to the remaining deferred financing costs on our Convertible Notes.

*Consolidated convertible preferred stock dividends and accretion* for fiscal 2009 was \$1.2 million and related to \$1.1 million of accrued dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock which accrues and accumulates on a daily basis and was accrued for the last thirteen days of fiscal 2009 at the 12% paid in-kind rate.

*Consolidated convertible preferred stock beneficial conversion feature* for fiscal 2009 was \$10.5 million and related to the beneficial conversion feature on the Convertible Preferred Stock because it was issued with a conversion price of one common share equivalent and the closing stock price per common share just prior to the execution of the Equity Exchange Agreement was \$2.51. Because only 8.2 million of the potentially 196.1 million common shares, if converted, are authorized and unissued at November 1, 2009, only \$10.5 million of the beneficial conversion feature is recognized in fiscal 2009.

*Diluted earnings per share* for fiscal 2009 decreased to a loss of \$(34.06) per diluted share, compared to earnings of \$1.00 per diluted share for the prior fiscal year. The decrease was primarily due to an \$837.5 million decrease in net income applicable to common shares resulting from the factors described above. In addition, the weighted average number of common shares outstanding increased by 2.5 million due to the completion of our Convertible Notes exchange offer in the last month of our fiscal year. In connection with the exchange offer, we issued 70.2 million common shares. In addition to the Convertible Notes exchange offer, our 2009 refinancing transaction included the issuance of \$250 million of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock which required the use of the two-class method in determining diluted earnings per share and will not increase the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The Convertible Preferred Stock will be convertible into 196.1 million common shares and will only be included in the weighted average common shares outstanding under the if-converted method which is required when it results in a lower earnings per share than determined under the two-class method.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL 2008 COMPARED TO FISCAL 2007**

*Consolidated sales* for fiscal 2008 increased 8.6%, or \$139.1 million, over fiscal 2007. Of this increase, \$180.3 million was related to increased pricing on increased steel costs and \$18.6 million was attributable to the Garco acquisition. These sales increases were partially offset by a 5.6% decrease in tonnage volumes in all three of our segments in fiscal 2008 compared with fiscal 2007, which were driven by reduced demand for such products resulting from the 17.5% reduction in non-residential square footage starts as reported by McGraw Hill.

*Consolidated cost of sales* increased by 8.5% for fiscal 2008 compared to fiscal 2007. Gross margins were 24.9% for fiscal 2008 compared to 24.8% for the prior fiscal year. The gross margin percentage was higher as a result of increased pricing on the metal components and metal coil coating segments, partially offset by decreased margins at the engineered building systems segments.

*Metal coil coating sales* increased \$33.1 million to \$305.7 million in fiscal 2008, compared to \$272.5 million in fiscal 2007. Sales to third parties for fiscal 2008 increased 16.0% to \$97.0 million from \$83.6 million in the prior fiscal year as a result of a shift in product mix from toll processing sales for coating services to package sales of coated steel products and increased pricing on higher raw material costs, partially offset by an 11.4% decrease in external tonnage volume. Package sales of coated steel products contribute lower margin dollars per ton compared to toll processing sales, as a percentage of revenue. The dominant component of the price in package sales is steel which only allows for a minimal mark-up. The remaining \$19.7 million represents an increase in intersegment sales. Metal coil coating third-party sales accounted for 10.0% of total consolidated third-party sales in fiscal 2008 compared with 5.1% in fiscal 2007.





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Operating income of the metal coil coating segment increased by 16.8% to \$29.4 million, compared to \$25.1 million in the prior fiscal year primarily due to increased gross profit. The margins increased primarily due to higher sales prices, partially offset by higher costs. During fiscal 2008, we recorded a charge to cost of sales to reduce the carrying amount of material inventory to the lower of cost or market in the amount of \$2.7 million. In addition, operating income included an expense of period pretax charge of \$0.9 million to correct work-in-process standard costs in our metal coil coating segment. As a percentage of total segment sales, operating income in fiscal 2008 was 9.6% compared to 9.2% in fiscal 2007.

*Metal components sales* increased \$51.9 million to \$715.3 million in fiscal 2008, compared to \$663.3 million in the prior fiscal year. Sales were up primarily due to increased pricing on account of increased raw material costs, partially offset by a 6.5% decrease in external tons shipped. Sales to third parties for fiscal 2008 increased \$38.4 million to \$600.0 million compared to \$561.6 million in the prior fiscal year. The remaining \$13.5 million represents an increase in intersegment sales. Metal components third-party sales accounted for 34.0% of total consolidated third-party sales in fiscal 2008 compared to 33.5% in fiscal 2007.

Operating income of the metal components segment increased by 65.5% in fiscal 2008 to \$82.1 million, compared to \$49.6 million in the prior fiscal year. This \$32.5 million increase resulted from a \$32.3 million increase in gross profit, partially offset by a \$0.2 million decrease in selling and administrative expenses. The gross margins were higher due to increased pricing, compared to the prior fiscal year, which had been depressed due to an over abundance of steel inventory in the market at the time, and due to our ability to effectively manage our raw material and manufacturing costs. In addition, we incurred an expense of \$1.7 million in cost of sales related to the exit of our residential overhead door product line, which were partially offset by a \$1.0 million gain on the disposition of related property and equipment. Cost of sales also included an offset of \$1.0 million out-of-period reversal of amounts previously recorded in accounts payable related to inventory received but not yet invoiced.

*Engineered building systems sales* increased \$89.0 million to \$1.11 billion in fiscal 2008, compared to \$1.02 billion in the prior fiscal year. This increase resulted from increased pricing as a result of increased steel costs and by sales of new products attributable to the Garco acquisition. Sales to third parties for fiscal 2008 increased \$87.3 million to \$1.07 billion compared to \$0.98 billion in the prior fiscal year. Intersegment sales increased by \$1.7 million compared to fiscal 2007. Engineered building systems third-party sales accounted for 60.5% of total consolidated third-party sales in fiscal 2008 compared to 60.3% in fiscal 2007.

Operating income of the engineered building systems segment decreased 4.8% in fiscal 2008 to \$107.9 million, compared to \$113.3 million in the prior fiscal year. This \$5.4 million decrease resulted from a \$1.5 million decrease in gross profit, partially offset by a \$3.9 million increase in selling and administrative expenses. Although gross profit was relatively flat, gross margins were lower due to increased raw material costs, primarily related to steel price increases as well as a 3.9% decrease in organic tons shipped. In addition, the Garco acquisition partially offset the decrease in gross margins and accounted for a \$5.7 million increase in gross profit. The increase in selling and administrative expenses was primarily due to a \$3.1 million increase as a result of the Garco acquisition, a \$2.2 million increase in bonus expense on higher consolidated profit activity, a \$1.9 million increase in 401(k) matching costs. This increase was partially offset by a \$1.6 million decrease in depreciation and amortization costs due to intangible assets being fully amortized and a \$1.0 million decrease in advertising costs.

*Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses*, consisting of engineering, drafting, selling and administrative expenses, increased to \$283.8 million in fiscal 2008 compared to \$271.9 million in the prior fiscal year. Of this \$11.9 million increase, \$5.2 million related to bonus expense on higher profit activity and \$3.1 million related to the Garco acquisition. In addition, \$2.9 million related to the accelerated vesting of certain benefits and restricted stock grants of former employees upon retirement. The remaining increase related to a \$2.5 million increase in partially self-insured health insurance expense, a \$2.3 million increase in bad debt expense and \$2.0 million increase in wages and increases in other various expenses. These increases were partially offset by reductions of \$2.1 million in workers compensation and general liability insurance, \$1.4 million in advertising costs, \$1.3 million in stock compensation costs, \$1.2 million in compensation costs related to

deferred compensation plan and \$1.2 million in amortization and depreciation due to certain

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intangible costs being fully amortized. As a percentage of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses were 17.7% for fiscal 2008 compared to 16.7% for fiscal 2007.

*Consolidated interest income* for fiscal 2008 increased by 49.7% to \$1.1 million, compared to \$0.7 million for the prior fiscal year. This increase was primarily due to higher invested cash balances during fiscal 2008 compared to the prior fiscal year.

*Consolidated interest expense* for fiscal 2008 decreased by 18.4% to \$23.5 million, compared to \$28.8 million for the prior fiscal year. We repaid \$21.7 million of the loans under our Credit Agreement in January 2008. In addition, lower interest rates reduced the interest expense associated with the variable portion of our outstanding debt. During the year, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement relating to \$160 million of the \$400 million principal term loans under the Credit Agreement to manage our risk associated with changing interest rates.

*Consolidated provision for income taxes* for fiscal 2008 increased by 25.3% to \$51.5 million, compared to \$41.1 million for the prior fiscal year. The increase was primarily due to a \$25.6 million increase in pre-tax earnings and the increase in the effective tax rate. The effective tax rate for fiscal 2008 was 39.5% compared to 39.2% for the prior fiscal year. The increase was due to an increase of the deferred tax asset and corresponding valuation allowance related to our Canadian operations, which was partially offset by a statutory increase in the rate for the production activities deduction.

*Diluted earnings per share* for fiscal 2008 increased by 32.4% to \$4.05 per diluted share, compared to \$3.06 per diluted share for the prior fiscal year. The increase was primarily due to a \$15.2 million increase in net income resulting from the items described above and a decrease in the number of weighted average shares assumed to be outstanding in the diluted earnings per share calculation. There was no dilution effect of the Convertible Notes in fiscal 2008 compared to a \$0.15 per share dilution effect in fiscal 2007.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### ***General***

On November 1, 2009, we had working capital of \$140.5 million compared to \$230.7 million at the end of fiscal 2008, a \$90.2 million decrease. The decrease in working capital was primarily due to reduced needs for working capital resulting from lower business activity levels and reduced transactional prices for inventory leading up to the end of the fiscal year. The reduction in working capital was offset by the development of an income tax receivable generated during the period from the taxable losses incurred. During the fiscal year, our cash and cash equivalents increased \$22.2 million to \$90.4 million at the end of fiscal 2009 from \$68.2 million at the end of fiscal 2008. The increase in cash resulted from \$95.4 million of cash provided by operating activities, partially offset by \$19.1 million of cash used in investing activities and \$54.0 million of cash used in financing activities. The cash provided by operating activities was impacted by a \$22.2 million reduction in current working capital and non-current assets and \$42.9 million cash generated from operating activities. The cash used in investing activities was primarily related to \$21.7 million used for capital expenditures predominantly for new IPS facilities and computer software. The cash used in financing activities was primarily impacted by the Recapitalization Plan where the proceeds from the issuance of the Convertible Preferred Stock of \$250.0 million were utilized to repay \$90.0 million of the Convertible Notes and \$143.3 million in connection with the Amended Credit Agreement. In addition, we paid \$54.7 million in transaction costs to complete the Recapitalization Plan.

We invest our excess cash in various overnight investments.

### ***Debt***

*Capital Structure.* On October 20, 2009 (the Closing Date), we closed the \$250 million Equity Investment. As a result of the Equity Investment, the CD&R Funds own 250,000 shares of Convertible Preferred Stock, representing approximately 10% of our total equity.

of the voting power and common stock of the Company on an as-converted basis. Simultaneously with the closing of the Equity Investment,

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we refinanced our existing credit agreement as in effect prior to such date (the Credit Agreement ), which matured on June 18, 2010, by repaying approximately \$143 million in principal amount of the approximately \$293 million in principal amount then outstanding and amending the terms and extending the maturity of the remaining \$150 million balance of the term loans. The Amended Credit Agreement, our amended term loan provides for quarterly principal payments of 0.25% of the principal amount of the term loan then outstanding as of the last day of each quarter and a final payment of approximately \$131.1 million in principal at maturity on April 20, 2014.

we entered into the ABL Facility, an asset-based revolving credit facility agreement, with a maximum availability amount of up to \$125 million which has an additional \$50 million incremental credit facility. The ABL Facility replaces the revolving credit facility and letters of credit subfacility under our Credit Agreement, which expired on June 18, 2009. The ABL Facility has a maturity of April 20, 2014 and includes borrowing capacity of up to \$25 million for letters of credit and up to \$10 million for swingline borrowings.

we completed the Exchange Offer to acquire the \$180 million of our then-outstanding Convertible Notes with an aggregate combination of \$90.0 million in cash and 70.2 million shares of common stock.

*Amended Credit Agreement.* The term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement will mature on April 20, 2014, and six months from the Closing Date and, prior to that date, will amortize in nominal quarterly installments equal to 0.25% of the principal amount of the term loan then outstanding as of the last day of each quarter.

The Company's obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement and any interest rate protection agreements or permitted hedging agreement entered into with any lender under the Amended Credit Agreement are irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed on a joint and several basis by each direct and indirect domestic subsidiary of the Company other than any domestic subsidiary that is a foreign subsidiary holding company or a subsidiary of a foreign subsidiary. The obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement and the permitted hedging agreements and the guarantees thereunder are secured pursuant to a guarantee and collateral agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, made by the Company and its guarantors (as defined therein), in favor of the term loan administrative agent and term loan collateral agent, by (i) all of the capital stock of all direct domestic subsidiaries owned by the Company and the guarantors, (ii) up to 65% of the capital stock of certain direct foreign subsidiaries of the Company or any guarantor (it being understood that a foreign subsidiary holding company or a domestic subsidiary of a foreign subsidiary will be deemed a foreign subsidiary) and (iii) substantial portions of the tangible and intangible assets owned by the Company and each guarantor, in each case to the extent permitted by applicable law and subject to certain exceptions.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains a number of covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay existing indebtedness, make dividends and other restricted payments, create liens, make investments, make acquisitions, enter into mergers, change the nature of their business and engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

The Amended Credit Agreement has no financial covenant test until the conclusion of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, at which time the maximum ratio of total debt to Consolidated EBITDA is 5 to 1. This ratio steps down by 0.25 each quarter until October 28, 2012 at which time the maximum ratio is 4 to 1. The ratio continues to step down by 0.125 each quarter until November 3, 2013, to a ratio of 3.5 to 1, which remains the maximum ratio for each fiscal quarter thereafter. However, the Company will not be subject to this financial covenant with respect to a specified period if certain prepayments or repayments of the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement are made in the specified period.

Borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement may be repaid at any time, without premium or penalty but subject to customary LIBOR breakage costs. We also have the ability to repurchase a portion of the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Amended Credit Agreement.



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Amended Credit Agreement. In addition, subject to certain exceptions, the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement are subject to mandatory prepayment and reduction in an amount equal to:

the net cash proceeds of (1) certain asset sales, (2) certain debt offerings and (3) certain insurance recoveries and condemnation events;

50% of annual excess cash flow (as defined in the Amended Credit Agreement) for any fiscal year ending on or before October 31, 2010, unless a specified leverage ratio target is met; and

the greater of \$10.0 million and 50% of certain 2009 tax refunds (as defined in the Amended Credit Agreement) received by the Company.

We expect to make a mandatory prepayment on the Amended Credit Agreement in May 2010 in connection with the receipt of a tax refund. Therefore, an additional \$12.9 million of principal under the Amended Credit Agreement has been classified as a current portion of long-term debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheet at November 1, 2009.

Term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement bear interest, at our option, as follows:

(1) Base Rate loans at the Base Rate plus a margin, which for term loans is 5% until October 30, 2011. After that date, the margin fluctuates based on our leverage ratio and shall be either 5% or 3.5%. For revolving loans, the Base Rate is the greater of the Base Rate plus a margin based on our leverage ratio and ranges from 0.25% to 1.25%. As of the first fiscal quarter commencing January 30, 2012, the margin in each case increases by 0.25% per annum on the first day of each fiscal quarter unless the aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement in the immediately preceding fiscal quarter of the Company has been reduced by \$3,750,000 (excluding scheduled principal amortization payments), less any prior reductions not previously applied to prevent an increase in the applicable margin, and

(2) LIBOR loans at LIBOR (having a minimum rate of 2%) plus a margin, which for term loans is 6% until October 30, 2011. After that date, the LIBOR-linked margin fluctuates based on our leverage ratio and shall be either 6% or 4.5%. As of the first fiscal quarter commencing January 30, 2012, the margin in each case increases by 0.25% per annum on the first day of each fiscal quarter unless the aggregate principal amount of term loans outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement in the immediately preceding fiscal quarter of the Company has been reduced by \$3,750,000 (excluding scheduled principal amortization payments), less any prior reductions not previously applied to prevent an increase in the applicable margin, and

Overdue amounts will bear interest at a rate that is 2% higher than the rate otherwise applicable. Base rate is the highest of the Wachovia Bank, National Association prime rate, the overnight Federal Funds rate plus 0.5% and the applicable LIBOR. LIBOR is defined as the applicable London interbank offered rate adjusted for reserves.

*ABL Facility.* The ABL Facility provides for an asset-based revolving credit facility which allows aggregate maximum borrowings by the Company of up to \$125.0 million. Borrowing availability on the ABL Facility is determined by a borrowing base collateral calculation that is based on specified percentages of the value of qualified cash, eligible accounts receivable and eligible accounts receivable, less certain reserves and subject to certain other adjustments. At November 1, 2009, the excess availability under the ABL Facility was \$70.4 million.

An unused commitment fee is paid monthly on the ABL Facility at an annual rate of 1% through May 1, 2010 and thereafter at 1% or, if the average daily balance of the loans and letters of credit obligations for a given month is higher than the maximum credit then available, 0.75%. The calculation is determined on the amount by which the maximum credit available exceeds the average daily principal balance of outstanding loans and letter of credit obligations. Additional customary fees and charges in connection with the ABL Facility also apply.

The obligations under the ABL Facility, and the guarantees therefore, are secured by a first priority lien on our accounts receivable, inventory, certain deposit accounts, and our associated intangibles, subject to



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certain exceptions, and a second priority lien on the assets securing the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement on a first-lien basis.

Our obligations under the ABL Facility are guaranteed by the Company and each direct and indirect domestic subsidiary of the Company (other than any domestic subsidiary that is a foreign subsidiary holding company or a subsidiary of a foreign subsidiary) that is not a borrower under the ABL Facility. The obligations of the Company under certain specific products agreements are guaranteed by each borrower and each other direct and indirect domestic subsidiary of the Company and the other guarantors. These guarantees are made pursuant to a guarantee agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, entered into by the Company and each other guarantor with Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC, as administrative agent.

In addition, the obligations under the ABL Facility and the guarantees thereof are secured pursuant to a pledge agreement dated as of October 20, 2009, made by the Company and other pledgors (as defined therein), in favor of Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC, as administrative agent, by (i) all of the capital stock of all direct domestic subsidiaries owned by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company and (ii) up to 65% of the capital stock of certain direct foreign subsidiaries owned by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company (it being understood that a foreign subsidiary holding company or a domestic subsidiary of a foreign subsidiary is deemed a foreign subsidiary).

The ABL Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict our ability to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, engage in sale and leaseback transactions, prepay other debt, incur indebtedness, modify organizational documents and certain other agreements, create restrictions affecting subsidiary dividends and other restricted payments, create liens, make investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers, reorganizations, changes of nature of their business and engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

Under the ABL Facility, a *Dominion Event* occurs if either an event of default is continuing or excess availability falls below certain levels, during which period, and for certain periods thereafter, the administrative agent may apply all amounts available in the Company's concentration account to the repayment of the loans outstanding under the ABL Facility, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement. In addition, during such *Dominion Event*, we are required to make mandatory payments to the ABL Facility upon the occurrence of certain events, including the sale of assets and the issuance of debt, in each case subject to certain limitations and conditions set forth in the ABL Facility. If excess availability under the ABL Facility falls below certain levels, our ABL Facility also requires us to satisfy set financial tests relating to our fixed charge coverage ratio.

The ABL Facility includes a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of one to one, which will apply if we fail to maintain a specified minimum level of borrowing capacity.

Loans under the ABL Facility bear interest, at our option, as follows:

- (1) Base Rate loans at the Base Rate plus a margin, which shall be 3.50% through April 30, 2010 and shall thereafter range from 3.25% to 3.75% depending on the quarterly average excess availability under such facility, and
- (2) LIBOR loans at LIBOR plus a margin, which shall be 4.50% through April 30, 2010 and shall thereafter range from 4.25% to 4.75% depending on the quarterly average excess availability under such facility.

During an event of default, loans under the ABL Facility will bear interest at a rate that is 2% higher than the rate that would otherwise be applicable. *Base rate* is defined as the highest of the Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. prime rate or the overnight Federal Reserve rate plus 0.5% and *LIBOR* is defined as the applicable London interbank offered rate adjusted for reserves.

*Intercreditor Agreement.* The liens securing the obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement, the permitted agreements and the guarantees thereof are first in priority (as between the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility) with respect to stock, material real property and assets other than accounts receivable, inventory, certain deposits

associated intangibles and certain other property of the

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Company and the guarantors, subject to certain exceptions. Such liens are second in priority (as between the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility) with respect to accounts receivable, inventory, certain deposit accounts, associated intangibles and certain other property of the Company and the guarantors, subject to certain exceptions. The details of the respective collateral rights between lenders under the Amended Credit Agreement and lenders under the ABL Facility are governed by an intercreditor agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the borrowers, the term loan administrative agent, the ABL Facility administrative agent and the other parties thereto.

*Convertible Notes.* In connection with the Equity Investment, we completed the Exchange Offer to acquire \$180 million aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes. Approximately 99.9% of the outstanding Convertible Notes were tendered in the Exchange Offer, and holders of Convertible Notes received \$500 in cash and 390 shares of common stock of the Company for each \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes tendered. The proceeds of the Equity Investment were used to pay the cash portion of the Exchange Offer, in an amount of \$90.0 million. At November 1, 2009, we had redeemed approximately \$0.06 million of the Convertible Notes.

On December 9, 2009, we gave to holders of Convertible Notes irrevocable notice of our intent to redeem the \$100 million of remaining Convertible Notes on December 29, 2009. As of December 9, 2009 until December 28, 2009, at the option of any holder of Convertible Notes, we are required to convert the principal amount of such holder's Convertible Notes and a portion of such principal amount that is a multiple of \$1,000, into cash and fully paid shares of common stock of the Company, in accordance with the terms, procedures and conditions outlined in the indenture pursuant to which the Convertible Notes were issued. As of November 1, 2009, the conversion rate for the Convertible Notes was 24.9 shares of common stock per \$1,000 in principal amount of the Convertible Notes. The terms of our Amended Credit Agreement and our ABL Facility require us to redeem the Convertible Notes by January 15, 2010. We expect to redeem the Convertible Notes by January 15, 2010, but if for any reason, we do not redeem the Convertible Notes by January 15, 2010, such failure to redeem will constitute an event of default under both our Amended Credit Agreement and our ABL Facility.

Interest on the Convertible Notes is not deductible for income tax purposes, which creates a permanent tax difference reflected in our effective tax rate. For more information, see Note 17 to our Consolidated Financial Statements and our Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data. The Convertible Notes are general unsecured obligations and are subject to our present and future senior indebtedness.

### ***Interest Rate Swap***

On June 15, 2006, we entered into a forward interest rate swap transaction (the "Swap Agreement") hedging a portion of our \$400 million variable rate term loan under our Credit Agreement with a notional amount of \$160 million beginning on October 11, 2006. The notional amount decreased to \$145 million on October 11, 2007, decreased to \$105 million on October 14, 2008 and decreased again to \$65 million on October 13, 2009. The term of the Swap Agreement is 5 years, ending in June 2010. Under the Swap Agreement, we will pay a fixed rate of 5.55% on a quarterly basis in exchange for receiving floating rate payments based on the three-month LIBOR rate. We are exposed to interest rate risk associated with fluctuations in the interest rates on our variable interest rate debt.

The fair value of the Swap Agreement as of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, was a liability of approximately \$2.2 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, and is included in other accrued expenses in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The fair value of the Swap Agreement excludes accrued interest and takes into consideration current interest rates and the creditworthiness of us or the counterparty, as applicable. Fair value estimates presented for the Swap Agreement were determined based on the present value of all future cash flows, the fixed rate in the contract and assumptions regarding forward interest rates from a yield curve. The interest rate swap agreement resulted in additional interest expense of approximately \$6.1 million in fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2008 of approximately \$6.1 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, in connection with our refinancing, we concluded the Swap Agreement  
longer an effective hedge, based on the terms of the Amended Credit Agreement which

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includes a 2% LIBOR floor. We do not believe the LIBOR rates over the remaining term of the Swap Agreement, the LIBOR floor stated in the Amended Credit Agreement which in effect results in fixed rate debt. Therefore, in 2009, we reclassified to interest expense the remaining \$3.1 million of deferred losses recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). For fiscal 2009, we have reduced interest expense by \$2.5 million as a result of the fair value of the hedge and we reclassified \$4.8 million into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of the hedge designation of the Swap Agreement.

### ***Cash Flow***

We periodically evaluate our liquidity requirements, capital needs and availability of resources in view of inventory expansion plans, debt service requirements and other operating cash needs. To meet our short- and long-term liquidity requirements, including payment of operating expenses and repaying debt, we rely primarily on cash from operations. However, we have recently, as well as in the past, sought to raise additional capital.

We expect that, for the next fiscal year, cash generated from operations will be sufficient to provide us the ability to fund operations, provide the increased working capital necessary to support our strategy and fund planned capital expenditures between \$10 million and \$12 million for fiscal 2010 and expansion when needed.

We have used available funds to repurchase shares of our common stock under our stock repurchase program. As of the end of fiscal 2009, we did not purchase any shares of common stock during fiscal 2009 under the stock repurchase program, we did purchase shares of restricted stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations arising in connection with the vesting of awards of restricted stock related to our 2003 long-term stock incentive plan, which are included in treasury stock purchases in the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity. We also used the proceeds of our Equity Investment to purchase the Convertible Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer.

Our corporate strategy points to the synergistic value of potential acquisitions in our metal coil coating, metal construction and engineered building systems segments. From time to time, we may enter into letters of intent or agreements to acquire assets or companies in these business lines. The consummation of these transactions could require cash payments and the issuance of additional debt.

### ***Steel Prices***

Our business is heavily dependent on the price and supply of steel. Our various products are fabricated from steel by mills including bars, plates, structural shapes, sheets, hot rolled coils and galvanized or Galvalume®-coated coils. The steel industry is highly cyclical in nature, and steel prices have been volatile in recent years and may remain volatile in the future. Steel prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions domestically and internationally, the availability of raw materials, competition, labor costs, freight and transportation costs, production and import duties and other trade restrictions. We believe the CRU North American Steel Price Index, published by the Conference Board since 1994 appropriately depicts the volatility in steel prices. See Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk - Steel Prices. During fiscal 2009, steel prices fluctuated significantly due to market conditions, starting from a high point on the CRU Index of 187 to a low point of 112. Steel prices decreased rapidly during the first half of fiscal 2009 but increased slightly between July 2009 and October 2009. Rapidly declining demand for steel due to the effects of the credit crisis and global economic slowdown on the construction, automotive and industrial markets, as well as in many steel manufacturers around the world announcing plans to cut production by closing plants and furloughing workers. Steel suppliers such as US Steel and Arcelor Mittal are among these manufacturers who have cut production. Given the current state of steel production, higher input costs and low inventories in the industry, we believe steel prices will increase in fiscal 2010 compared with prices we experienced during the second half of fiscal 2009.

Although we have the ability to purchase steel from a number of suppliers, a production cutback by one or more current suppliers could create challenges in meeting delivery schedules to our customers. Because we have periodically adjusted our contract prices, particularly in the engineered building systems segment, we have generally been able to pass through increases in our raw material costs through to our customers.

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Because the metal coil coating and metal components segments have shorter lead times, they have the ability to price increases closer to the time they occur without revising contract prices for existing orders.

We do not have any long-term contracts for the purchase of steel and normally do not maintain an inventory of steel in excess of our current production requirements. However, from time to time, we may purchase steel in advance of announced price increases. We can give no assurance that steel will remain available or that prices will not continue to be volatile. Most of our contracts have escalation clauses that allow us, under certain circumstances, to pass along all or a portion of price increases in the price of steel after the date of the contract but prior to delivery, we may, for competitive or other reasons, be able to pass such price increases along. If the available supply of steel declines, we could experience price increases that we are not able to pass on to the end users, or a deterioration of service from our suppliers or interruptions or delays that cause us not to meet delivery schedules to our customers. Any of these problems could adversely affect our results of operations and financial position.

We rely on a few major suppliers for our supply of steel and may be adversely affected by the bankruptcy, changing financial condition or other factors affecting those suppliers. During fiscal 2009, we purchased approximately 30% of our steel requirements from one vendor in the United States. No other vendor accounted for over 10% of our steel requirements during fiscal 2009. Due to unfavorable market conditions and our inventory supply requirements, during fiscal 2009 we purchased insignificant amounts of steel from foreign suppliers. Limiting purchases to domestic suppliers further reduces our available steel supply base. Therefore, recently announced cutbacks, a prolonged labor strike against one or more of our principal domestic suppliers, or financial or other difficulties of a principal supplier that affects its ability to produce steel could have a material adverse effect on our operations. Furthermore, if one or more of our current suppliers is unable to continue in business or any other reason to continue in business or to produce steel sufficient to meet our requirements, essential components of our primary raw materials could be temporarily interrupted and our business could be adversely affected. However, alternative sources, including foreign steel, are currently believed to be sufficient to maintain required deliveries. For additional information about the risks of our raw material supply and pricing, see Item 1A. Risk Factors.

**OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

As part of our ongoing business, we do not participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities (SPEs), that would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually limited purposes. As of November 1, 2009, we were not involved in any unconsolidated SPE transactions.

**CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The following table shows our contractual obligations as of November 1, 2009 (in thousands):

Contractual Obligation	Total	Payments due by period		
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years
Total debt(1)	\$ 150,249	\$ 14,164	\$ 2,698	\$ 133,387
Interest payments on debt(2)	69,661	17,424	29,919	22,318
Convertible Preferred Stock dividend(3)	202,590		45,020	45,020
Operating leases	16,423	7,162	6,745	1,042
Other purchase obligations(4)	14,464	7,703	6,761	
Projected pension obligations(5)	10,730		2,860	3,170
Other long-term obligations(6)	4,864	4,107	300	300

Total contractual obligations	\$ 468,981	\$ 50,560	\$ 94,303	\$ 205,237
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- (1) As of November 1, 2009, the aggregate principal amount and accrued and unpaid interest thereon of the our Convertible Notes was approximately \$59,000. As of December 9, 2009 until December 28, 2009, the Company may be converted at the option of the holder. We are required to convert the principal amount of a holder's Convertible Notes, or any portion of such principal amount that is a multiple of \$1,000, into cash and fully paid shares of common stock of the Company in accordance with the terms, procedures and conditions outlined in the indenture pursuant to which the Convertible Notes were issued. As of November 1, 2009, the conversion rate is 24.9121 shares of common stock per \$1,000 in principal amount of the Convertible Notes. On December 29, 2009, we have an obligation to convert all outstanding Convertible Notes.
- (2) Interest payments were calculated based on the stated interest rate for fixed rate obligations and rates in effect as of November 1, 2009 for variable rate obligations and the interest rate swap payments.
- (3) We have assumed that the dividends required by our Convertible Preferred Stock will be paid in-kind during 2010 because we are limited in our ability to pay cash dividends until October 2010 under the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility, except for certain specified purposes. For simplicity, we have assumed cash dividends will be paid subsequent to fiscal 2010 until the Convertible Preferred Stock can be either called by us or put to us by the holders. CD&R funds on the tenth anniversary of the Closing Date. However, if at any time after the 30 month anniversary of the Closing Date, the trading price of the common stock of the Company exceeds 200% of the initial conversion price (as defined in the Certificate of Designation) for each of 20 consecutive trading days, the dividend rate (excluding any applicable adjustments as a result of a default) will become 0.00%.
- (4) Includes various agreements for steel delivery obligations, gas contracts, transportation services and telephone and other obligations. In general, purchase orders issued in the normal course of business can be terminated in whole or in part for any reason without liability until the product is received. Steel consignment inventory from our suppliers do not constitute a purchase commitment and are not included in our table of contractual obligations. However, it is our practice to purchase all consignment inventory that remains in consignment after an agreed term. Consignment inventory at November 1, 2009 is estimated to be approximately \$22 million.
- (5) Amounts represent our estimate of the minimum funding requirements as determined by government regulations. Amounts are subject to change based on numerous assumptions, including the performance of the assets in the portfolio and bond rates.
- (6) Includes contractual payments and projected supplemental retirement benefits to or on behalf of former executives.

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS**

Our insurance carriers require us to secure standby letters of credit as a collateral requirement for our projected claims for future period claims growth and loss development which includes incurred but not reported, or IBNR, claims. For our insurance carriers, the total standby letters of credit are approximately \$12.1 million and \$13.1 million at November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, respectively.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those that may have a significant effect on our financial condition and results of operations. Our significant accounting policies are disclosed in Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. The following discussion of critical accounting

policies addresses those policies that are both important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations and require significant judgment and estimates. We base our estimates and judgment on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates based on different assumptions or conditions.

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*Revenue recognition.* We recognize revenues when all of the following conditions are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the price is fixed or determinable, and collection is reasonably assured. Generally, these criteria are met at the time product is shipped or services are complete. Provisions are made upon the sale for estimated product returns. Costs associated with shipping and handling our products are included in the cost of sales.

*Insurance accruals.* We are self insured for a substantial portion of the cost of employee group health insurance, workers' compensation, cost of workers' compensation benefits and general liability and automobile claims. We purchase third party insurance that provides individual and aggregate stop loss protection for these costs. Each reporting period, we record the costs of the insurance plan, including paid claims, an estimate of the change in incurred but not reported ( IBNR ) claims, and administrative fees (collectively the Plan Costs ) as general and administrative expenses and cost of sales in our Statements of Operations. The estimated IBNR claims are based upon (i) a recent average level of paid claims under the plan, (ii) an estimated lag factor and (iii) an estimated growth factor to provide for those claims that have been incurred but not yet paid. For workers' compensation costs, we monitor the number of accidents and the severity of such accidents to develop appropriate estimates for expected costs to provide both medical care and benefits during the period an employee is unable to work based on industry statistics for the cost of similar disabilities. For general liability and automobile claims, accruals are developed based on third-party estimates of the expected cost to resolve each claim based on industry statistics and the nature and severity of the claim and include estimates for IBNR claims, taxes and administrative fees. This information is trended to provide estimates of future expected costs based on factors developed from our experience with similar claims cost compared to original estimates.

We believe that the assumptions and information used to develop these accruals provide the best basis for these accruals each quarter because, as a general matter, the accruals have historically proven to be reasonable and accurate. However, significant changes in expected medical and health care costs, negative changes in the severity of previously reported claims, or changes in laws that govern the administration of these plans could have an impact on the determination of the amount of these accruals in future periods. Our methodology for determining the amount of health insurance accruals considers expected growth and claims lag, which is the length of time between the incurred date and processing date. For the health insurance accrual, a change of 10% in the lag assumption would result in a financial impact of \$0.3 million.

*Share-Based Compensation.* Under ASC Topic 718, *Compensation - Stock Compensation*, the fair value and compensation expense of each option award is estimated as of the date of grant using a Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing formula. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of our stock over a preceding period commensurate with the expected term of the option. The expected volatility considers factors such as the volatility of our share price, implied volatility, share price, length of time our shares have been publicly traded, appropriate and regular intervals for price observations, our corporate and capital structure. The forfeiture rate in our calculation of share-based compensation expense is based on our historical experience and is estimated at 10% for our non-officers and 0% to 10% for our officers. The risk-free rate is the expected term of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Expected dividends were not considered in the option pricing formula since we historically have not paid dividends and have no current plans to do so in the future. There were no options granted during the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 1, 2008.

The compensation cost related to these share-based awards is recognized over the requisite service period. The requisite service period is generally the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award.

Our option awards and restricted stock awards are subject to graded vesting over a service period, which is typically 3 to 4 years. We recognize compensation cost for these awards on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each award. In addition, certain of our awards provide for accelerated vesting upon qualified retirement. We recognize compensation cost for such awards over the period from grant date to the date the employee first becomes eligible for retirement.



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*Income taxes.* The determination of our provision for income taxes requires significant judgment, the use of estimates, interpretation and application of complex tax laws. Our provision for income taxes reflects a combination of income earned and taxed in the various U.S. federal and state, Canadian federal and provincial as well as Mexican federal jurisdictions. Jurisdictional tax law changes, increases or decreases in permanent differences between book and tax items, accruals, adjustments of accruals for tax contingencies or valuation allowances, and the change in the mix of earnings from different taxing jurisdictions all affect the overall effective tax rate.

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, we must consider whether it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. We consider all available evidence in determining whether a valuation allowance is required. Such evidence includes the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment, and judgment is required in considering the relative weight of negative and positive evidence. The entire U.S. federal net operating loss will be fully utilized through carryback to taxable income generated in fiscal 2008 and 2007. At both November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, we had a valuation allowance in the amount of \$5.0 million on the deferred tax assets of Robertson Building Systems Ltd., our Canadian subsidiary.

*Accounting for acquisitions, intangible assets and goodwill.* Accounting for the acquisition of a business requires the allocation of the purchase price to the various assets and liabilities of the acquired business. For most assets and liabilities, purchase price allocation is accomplished by recording the asset or liability at its estimated fair value. The most difficult estimations of individual fair values are those involving property, plant and equipment and identifiable intangible assets. We use all available information to make these fair value determinations and, for major business acquisitions such as Garco, we typically engage an outside appraisal firm to assist in the fair value determination of the acquired long-lived assets.

In connection with the acquisition of Garco, we recorded intangible assets for trade names, backlog, customer relationships and non-competition agreements in the amount of \$0.8 million, \$0.7 million, \$2.5 million and \$1.8 million, respectively. Garco's intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives. Garco's trade names are amortized over 15 years based on our expectation of our use of the trade names. Garco's backlog was amortized over one year because items in Garco's backlog were expected to be delivered within one year. Garco's customer lists and relationships are being amortized over fifteen years based on a review of the historical length of Garco's customer retention expectations. Garco's non-competition agreements are being amortized over their agreement terms of five years.

At November 1, 2009, we have total goodwill of \$5.2 million which is all included in our engineered building systems segment. At November 2, 2008, we had total goodwill of \$616.6 million, of which \$99.0 million, \$147.2 million and \$370.4 million is included in the metal coil coating, metal components and engineered building systems segments, respectively.

In connection with the acquisition of RCC, we recorded intangible assets for trade names, backlog and customer relationships in the amount of \$24.7 million, \$2.3 million and \$6.3 million, respectively. Trade names were determined to have indefinite useful lives and so are not amortized. Trade names were determined to have indefinite lives due to the length of time the names have been in place, with some having been in place for decades. Our past practice with other acquisitions and our current intentions are to maintain the trade names indefinitely. This judgmental assessment of an indefinite useful life is continuously evaluated in the future. If, due to changes in facts and circumstances, management determines that these intangible assets then have definite useful lives, amortization will commence at that time on a prospective basis. If these intangible assets are judged to have indefinite lives, they will be subject to periodic impairment tests that require management's judgment of the estimated fair value of these intangible assets. We assess impairment of our non-amortizable intangibles at least annually in accordance with ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other* (ASC 350). RCC's backlog was amortized over one year because items in RCC's backlog were expected to be delivered within one year. RCC's customer lists and relationships are being



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amortized over fifteen years based on a review of the historical length of RCC's customer retention experience. Acquisitions in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, for additional information.

We had recorded approximately \$277.3 million of goodwill as a result of the RCC acquisition. Goodwill of \$17.8 million and \$242.5 million had been recorded in our metal coil coating, metal components and engineered systems segments, respectively. We perform a test for impairment of all our goodwill annually as prescribed by The fair value of our reporting units is based on a blend of estimated discounted cash flows, publicly traded company multiples and acquisition multiples. The results from each of these models are then weighted and combined into estimate of fair value for our one remaining reporting unit. Estimated discounted cash flows are based on projected related cost of sales. Publicly traded company multiples and acquisition multiples are derived from information shares and analysis of recent acquisitions in the marketplace, respectively, for companies with operations similar primary assumptions used in these various models include earnings multiples of acquisitions in a comparable industry cash flow estimates of each of our reporting units, weighted average cost of capital, working capital and capital requirements. During fiscal 2008, we adopted an approach to the computation of the terminal value in the discounted cash flow method, using the Gordon growth model instead of a market based EBITDA multiple approach. We have not made material changes in our impairment assessment methodology during each fiscal year of 2009 and 2007. We do not know if estimates used in the analysis are reasonably likely to change materially in the future but we will continue to assess estimates in the future based on the expectations of the reporting units. Changes in assumptions used in the fair value calculation could result in an estimated reporting unit fair value that is below the carrying value, which may give rise to impairment of goodwill.

We perform an annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles. Additionally, we test goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that carrying values may not be recoverable. Unforeseen events, changes in circumstances and market conditions and differences in the value of intangible assets due to changes in estimates of future cash flows could negatively affect the value of our assets and result in a non-cash impairment charge. Some factors considered important that could trigger an impairment review include the following: significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected operating results, significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall operations and significant sustained negative industry or economic trends.

Subsequent to our fiscal 2008 annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets, beginning largely in late September, our stock price and market capitalization decreased from \$36.51 and \$720.3 million, respectively, at July 27, 2008 to \$18.61 and \$367.3 million, respectively, at November 2, 2008. We evaluated whether the recent decline in our stock price and market capitalization represented a significant decline in the underlying fair value of the Company. Based upon our analysis, we concluded that the decline in our stock price and the resulting decline in market capitalization did not require us to perform an additional goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles impairment test. We did not believe the decline was caused by significant underperformance of the Company relative to historical or projected future operating results, a significant change in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business, or a significant negative industry or economic trend.

Based on lower than projected sales volumes in our first quarter of fiscal 2009 and based on a revised lower outlook for non-residential construction activity in 2009, management reduced the Company's cash flow projections. We concluded that this reduction was an impairment indicator requiring us to perform an interim goodwill impairment test for each of our reporting units as of February 1, 2009. As a result of this impairment indicator, we updated the first step of our goodwill impairment test in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. The first step of our goodwill impairment test determines fair value of each reporting unit based on a blend of estimated discounted cash flows, publicly traded company multiples and acquisition multiples reconciled to our recent publicly traded stock price, including a reasonable control premium. The results of this model was then weighted and combined into a single estimate of fair value. We determined that our carrying value of goodwill at our fair value at most of our reporting units in each of our operating segments, indicating that goodwill was potentially impaired.

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impairment test which involves calculating the implied fair value of our goodwill by allocating the fair value of our reporting unit to all assets and liabilities other than goodwill and comparing it to the carrying amount of goodwill. The fair value of each of the reporting unit's assets and liabilities were determined based on a combination of prices of comparable assets and present value techniques.

As of February 1, 2009, we estimated the market implied fair value of our goodwill was less than its carrying value of approximately \$508.9 million, which was recorded as a goodwill impairment charge in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. This charge was an estimate based on the result of the preliminary allocation of fair value in the second step of the goodwill impairment test. However, due to the timing and complexity of the valuation calculations required under the second step of the test, we were not able to finalize our allocation of the fair value until the second quarter of fiscal 2009 with respect to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets in which their respective values are dependent on property, plant and equipment. The finalization was included in our goodwill impairment charge in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

Further declines in cash flow projections and the corresponding implementation of the Phase III restructuring plan led our management to determine that there was an indicator requiring us to perform another interim goodwill impairment test on each of our reporting units with goodwill remaining as of May 3, 2009. As a result of this impairment indicator, we performed the first step of our goodwill impairment test in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, the results of which indicated that our carrying value exceeded our fair value at most of our reporting units with goodwill remaining, indicating that goodwill was potentially impaired. As a result, we initiated the second step of the goodwill impairment test. As of May 3, 2009, we determined the market implied fair value of our goodwill was less than the carrying value for certain reporting units by approximately \$102.5 million, which has been recorded as a goodwill impairment charge in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

As a result of the aforementioned goodwill impairment indicators and in accordance with ASC 350, we performed a goodwill impairment analysis on our indefinite lived intangible asset related to RCC's trade names in our engineered building segment to determine the fair value. Based on changes to our projected cash flows in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and on the lower projected cash flows and related Phase III restructuring plan in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, we determined the carrying cost exceeded the future fair value attributable to the intangible asset, and recorded impairment charges of \$8.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and \$2.4 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 related to the intangible asset.

The results of our fiscal year 2009 annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets indicated that the fair value of the Company's one remaining reporting unit was in excess of the carrying value of the reporting unit, including goodwill, and thus no impairment existed in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009. In fiscal 2009, the remaining reporting unit's fair value would have had to have been lower by more than 50% compared to the fair value estimated in our impairment analysis before its carrying value would exceed the fair value of the reporting unit, indicating that goodwill was potentially impaired.

*Allowance for doubtful accounts.* Our allowance for doubtful accounts reflects reserves for customer receivable losses on receivables to amounts expected to be collected. Management uses significant judgment in estimating uncollectible accounts. In estimating uncollectible accounts, management considers factors such as current overall economic conditions, industry-specific economic conditions, historical customer performance and anticipated customer performance. We believe these processes effectively address our exposure for doubtful accounts and credit losses have historically been within our expectations, changes in the economy, industry, or specific customer conditions may require adjustments to the allowance for doubtful accounts. During fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, we established new reserves for doubtful accounts of \$1.2 million, \$3.5 million and \$0.3 million, respectively. Additionally, in each of the three fiscal years ended November 30, 2009, we wrote off uncollectible accounts of \$2.5 million, \$2.1 million and \$6.6 million, respectively, all of which were previously reserved.

*Inventory valuation.* In determining the valuation of inventory and record an allowance for obsolete inventory u  
specific identification method for steel coils and other raw materials. Management also reviews the carrying val  
inventory for lower of cost or market. Our primary raw material is steel coils

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which have historically shown significant price volatility. We generally manufacture to customers' orders, and raw materials with a variety of ultimate end uses. We record a lower of cost or market charge to cost of sales with a net realizable value (selling price less estimated cost of disposal), based on our intended end usage, is below our estimated product cost at completion. Estimated net realizable value is based upon assumptions of targeted inventory turnover, demand, anticipated finished goods sales prices, management strategy and market conditions for steel. If project costs or projected sales prices change significantly from management's current estimates or actual market conditions are more favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required and in the case of a downturn in market conditions, such write-downs could be significant.

We adjusted our raw material inventory to the lower of cost or market because this inventory exceeded our current estimate of net realizable value less normal profit margins. At November 1, 2009, all inventory with a lower of cost or market adjustment was fully utilized. The balance of the lower of cost or market adjustment was \$2.7 million at November 1, 2009.

*Property, plant and equipment valuation.* We assess the recoverability of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment if certain events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable, such as a significant decrease in market value of the assets or a significant change in our business conditions. If we determine that the carrying value of an asset is not recoverable based on expected undiscounted future cash flows, excluding interest charges, we record an impairment loss equal to the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. The fair value of assets is determined based on prices of similar assets adjusted for their remaining useful life.

During fiscal 2009, we adjusted our property, plant and equipment because we determined that the carrying value of certain assets were not recoverable based on expected undiscounted future cash flows. We recorded asset impairments of \$6.3 million in fiscal 2009.

*Contingencies.* We establish reserves for estimated loss contingencies when we believe a loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Our contingent liability reserves are related primarily to litigation and environmental matters. Revisions to contingent liability reserves are reflected in income in the period in which there are changes in circumstances that affect our previous assumptions with respect to the likelihood or amount of loss. Reserves for contingencies are based upon our assumptions and estimates regarding the probable outcome of the matter. We estimate the probable cost by evaluating historical precedent as well as the specific facts relating to each particular contingency (including the opinion of outside advisors, professionals and experts). Should the outcome differ from our assumptions and other events result in a material adjustment to the accrued estimated reserves, revisions to the estimated reserves for contingencies would be required and would be recognized in the period the new information becomes known.

## **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In December 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 715-20, *Defined Benefit Pensions - General* (ASC 715-20). ASC 715-20 provides guidance on an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined pension or other postretirement plan. The disclosures about plan assets required by ASC 715-20 are effective for the year ended 2010 and are not required for earlier periods presented for comparative purposes. We will adopt the provisions required by ASC 715-20 in fiscal 2010.

In June 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 260-10, *Earnings Per Share* (ASC 260-10). This pronouncement provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents are participating securities and, therefore, should be included in computing earnings per share using the two class method. We will implement this statement in our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009 and apply it prospectively. All prior period earnings per share data would be adjusted retrospectively to conform with the provisions of the pronouncement. We are currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement.



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In May 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 470-20, *Debt with Conversion Options* ( ASC 470-20 ). ASC 470-20 will change the accounting for certain convertible debt instruments, including Convertible Notes. Under the new rules, for convertible debt instruments that may be settled entirely or partially in cash upon conversion, an entity shall separately account for the liability and equity components of the instrument in a manner that reflects the issuer's economic interest cost. The effect of ASC 470-20 for our Convertible Notes is that the equity component will be included in the paid-in-capital section of stockholders' equity on our consolidated balance sheet and the liability component will be treated as an original issue discount for purposes of accounting for the debt component of our Convertible Notes. Higher interest expense will result by recognizing the accretion of the discounted carrying value of our Convertible Notes to their face amount as interest expense over the term of the Convertible Notes using an effective interest rate method. ASC 470-20 is effective for our fiscal year ended 2010, does not permit early application, and will be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. While this accounting pronouncement does not change the economic substance of our cash flow requirements for the Convertible Notes, the amount reported as interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations will increase due to the accretion of the discounted carrying value of the Convertible Notes to their face amount. The Convertible Notes will also reflect higher than previously reported interest expense due to retrospective application. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting ASC 470-20 but anticipate the reported interest expense on our Convertible Notes will increase from 2.125% to 7.5%. The retroactive application of this pronouncement to fiscal years 2005 through 2009 will result in an increase to annual interest expense of approximately \$7.5 million in fiscal 2005, gradually increasing to approximately \$9.9 million in fiscal 2009. In October 2009, we completed the Exchange Offer to acquire \$180 million of the aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes. Therefore, we will not have additional prospective interest expense upon adoption.

In February 2008, the FASB issued additional guidance codified under ASC 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ( ASC 820-10 ). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 partially delays the effective date for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). We will adopt ASC 820-10 in our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009 for nonrecurring non-financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value. However, we do not believe that this accounting pronouncement for nonrecurring, non-financial assets and liabilities will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 810, *Consolidations* ( ASC 810 ). This Statement amends previous guidance to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is a noncontrolling interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. It requires consolidated net income to be reported at amounts that include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the noncontrolling interest. It also requires disclosure, on the face of the consolidated statement of income, of the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest. ASC 810 established a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation and requires a parent to recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. In addition, ASC 810 requires disclosures in the consolidated financial statements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners of a subsidiary. We will implement this statement in our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009 and apply it as applicable. We currently do not have any ownership interest which would be impacted by ASC 810.

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* ( ASC 805 ). This statement replaces previous guidance but retains the fundamental requirements of the previous guidance. It establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable intangible assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree. In addition, it requires the acquirer to recognize and measure the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase as of the acquisition date.

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users of the financial statement to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. We will use this statement for all future acquisitions following the date of adoption in our fiscal year that begins November 2009. The impact of adoption of ASC 805 on our financial position or results of operations is dependent upon the nature and timing of business combinations, if any, that we may consummate in fiscal 2010 and thereafter.

**Item 7A. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.***

***Steel Prices***

We are subject to market risk exposure related to volatility in the price of steel. For the fiscal year ended November 2009, steel constituted approximately 71% of our cost of sales. Our business is heavily dependent on the price and supply of steel. Our various products are fabricated from steel produced by mills to forms including bars, plates, structural shapes, hot-rolled coils and galvanized or Galvalume®-coated coils. The steel industry is highly cyclical in nature, and steel prices have been volatile in recent years and may remain volatile in the future. Steel prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including general economic conditions domestically and internationally, the availability of raw materials, competition, labor costs, freight and transportation costs, production costs, import duties and other trade restrictions. The declining demand for steel due to the effects of the credit crisis and global economic slowdown on the construction, automotive and industrial markets has resulted in many steel manufacturers around the world announcing plans to reduce production by closing plants and furloughing workers. Steel suppliers such as US Steel and Arcelor Mittal are among the manufacturers who have cut production. Given reduced steel production, higher input costs and low inventories in the steel industry, we believe steel prices will increase in fiscal 2010 as compared with the prices we experienced during the first half of fiscal 2009.

Although we have the ability to purchase steel from a number of suppliers, a production cutback by one or more of our current suppliers could create challenges in meeting delivery schedules to our customers. Because we have periodically adjusted our contract prices, particularly in the engineered building systems segment, we have generally been able to pass increases in our raw material costs through to our customers. The graph below shows the monthly CRU Index of the North American Steel Price Index over the historical five-year period. The CRU North American Steel Price Index is published by the CRU Group since 1994 and we believe this index appropriately depicts the volatility of steel prices. The index, based on a CRU survey of industry participants, is now commonly used in the settlement of physical and derivative contracts in the steel industry. The prices surveyed are purchases for forward delivery, according to lead time, which may vary. For example, the October index would likely approximate our fiscal November or December steel purchases based on current lead-times. The volatility in this steel price index is comparable to the volatility we experienced in our average cost of steel. Further, due to the market conditions described above, the most recent CRU prices have been at a lower than normal trading volume.

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Source: [www.crugroup.com](http://www.crugroup.com)

We do not have any long-term contracts for the purchase of steel and normally do not maintain an inventory of steel in excess of our current production requirements. However, from time to time, we may purchase steel in advance of announced price increases. We can give no assurance that steel will remain available or that prices will not continue to be volatile. Most of our contracts have escalation clauses that allow us, under certain circumstances, to pass along all or a portion of price increases in the price of steel after the date of the contract but prior to delivery, we may, for competitive or other reasons, be able to pass such price increases along. If the available supply of steel declines, we could experience price increases that we are not able to pass on to the end users, a deterioration of service from our suppliers or interruptions or delays in delivery that cause us not to meet delivery schedules to our customers. Any of these problems could adversely affect our results of operations and financial position.

We rely on a few major suppliers for our supply of steel and may be adversely affected by the bankruptcy, changing financial condition or other factors affecting those suppliers. During fiscal 2009, we purchased approximately 30% of our steel requirements from one vendor in the United States. No other vendor accounted for over 10% of our steel requirements during fiscal 2009. Due to unfavorable market conditions and our inventory supply requirements, during fiscal 2009 we purchased insignificant amounts of steel from foreign suppliers. Limiting purchases to domestic suppliers further reduces our available steel supply base. Therefore, recently announced cutbacks, a prolonged labor strike against one or more of our principal domestic suppliers, or financial or other difficulties of a principal supplier that affects its ability to produce steel could have a material adverse effect on our operations. Furthermore, if one or more of our current suppliers is unable to continue in business or any other reason to continue in business or to produce steel sufficient to meet our requirements, essential components of our primary raw materials could be temporarily interrupted and our business could be adversely affected. However, alternative sources, including foreign steel, are currently believed to be sufficient to maintain required deliveries.

With steel accounting for approximately 71% of our cost of sales for fiscal 2009, a one percent change in the cost of steel would have resulted in a pre-tax impact on cost of sales of approximately \$5.7 million for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, if such costs were not passed on to our customers. The impact to our financial results of operations would be significantly dependent on the competitive environment and the costs of other alternative building products, which could impact our ability to pass on these higher costs.



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We are subject to market risk exposure related to changes in interest rates on our Amended Credit Agreement and Facility. These instruments bear interest at an agreed upon percentage point spread from either the prime interest rate or LIBOR. Under our Amended Credit Agreement, we may, at our option, fix the interest rate for certain borrowing at a fixed rate spread over LIBOR for 30 days to six months. At November 1, 2009, we had \$150.0 million outstanding under our Amended Credit Agreement. Based on this balance and considering the Swap Agreement discussed below, an immediate change of one percent in the interest rate would cause a change in interest expense of approximately \$1.1 million on an annual basis. The fair value of our Convertible Notes at November 1, 2009 was approximately \$0.1 million compared to the face value of \$0.1 million. The fair value of our Convertible Notes at November 2, 2008 was approximately \$149.5 million compared to the face value of \$180.0 million. The fair value of our Amended Credit Agreement at November 1, 2009 was approximately \$138.0 million compared to the face value of \$150.0 million. The fair value of our Credit Agreement at November 2, 2008 was approximately \$252.0 million compared to the face value of \$293.2 million.

We may from time to time utilize interest rate swaps to manage overall borrowing costs and reduce exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. We do not purchase or hold any derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. As disclosed in Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, we initially converted \$160 million of our \$293 million term loan outstanding on our \$400 million term loan under the Credit Agreement to fixed rate debt by entering into an interest rate swap agreement ( " Swap Agreement " ). At November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, the notional amount of the Swap Agreement was \$65 million and \$105 million, respectively. However, in connection with our refinancing, we converted the Swap Agreement to a fixed rate debt. The Swap Agreement was no longer an effective hedge, based on the modified terms of the Amended Credit Agreement which includes a 2% LIBOR floor. We do not believe the LIBOR rates over the remaining term of the Swap Agreement will be above the LIBOR floor stated in the Amended Credit Agreement which in effect results in fixed rate debt.

See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on the material terms of our long-term debt.

The table below presents scheduled debt maturities and related weighted-average interest rates for each of the fiscal years ending relating to debt obligations as of November 1, 2009. Weighted-average variable rates are based on LIBOR rates as of November 1, 2009, plus applicable margins.

	<b>Scheduled Maturity Date(a)</b>						
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In millions, except interest rate percentages)</b>						
Total Debt:							
Fixed Rate(b)	\$ 0.2	\$					\$ 0.2
Interest Rate	2.1%						2.1%
Variable Rate	\$ 13.9	1.4	1.3	1.3	132.1		\$ 150.0
Average interest rate	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%		8.0%

(a) Expected maturity date amounts are based on the face value of debt and do not reflect fair market value of debt.

(b) Fixed rate debt excludes the Swap Agreement.

(c) Based on recent trading activities of comparable market instruments.

***Foreign Currency Exchange Rates***

We are exposed to the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on the U.S. dollar value of foreign currency denominated revenue and expenses. The functional currency for our Mexico operations is the U.S. dollar. Adjustments resulting from the re-measurement of the local currency financial statements into the U.S. dollar functional currency, which uses a combination of current and historical exchange rates, are

included in net income in the current period. Net foreign currency re-measurement losses for the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009 was immaterial and for the fiscal years ended November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007 was \$ and \$(0.3) million, respectively.

The functional currency for our Canada operations is the Canadian dollar. Translation adjustments resulting from the functional currency financial statements into U.S. dollar equivalents are reported separately in accumulated comprehensive income in stockholders' equity. Net foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax, and included in comprehensive income for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 was \$(0.2) million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

**Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.***

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**MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Management of NCI Building Systems, Inc. (the Company or our ) is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting for the Company as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to the Company's management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal control over financial reporting includes the controls themselves, monitoring (including internal auditing) and actions taken to correct deficiencies as identified.

Internal control over financial reporting has inherent limitations and may not prevent or detect misstatements. The design of an internal control system is also based in part upon assumptions and judgments made by management about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that an internal control will be effective under all potential future conditions. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance with respect to the financial statement preparation and presentation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting may vary over time.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of November 1, 2009. In making this assessment, management used the criteria for internal control over financial reporting described in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Management's assessment included an evaluation of the design of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and testing of the operating effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting. Management reviewed the results of this assessment with the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. Based on this assessment, management concluded that, as of November 1, 2009, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that has audited the Company's consolidated financial statements, has audited the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of November 1, 2009. Their report included elsewhere herein expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of November 1, 2009.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**The Board of Directors and Shareholders of NCI Building Systems, Inc.**

We have audited NCI Building Systems, Inc.'s (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of November 1, 2009, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our primary responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing additional procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that all expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become ineffective because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, NCI Building Systems, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of November 1, 2009, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, cash flows and comprehensive income (loss) for each of the three periods ended November 1, 2009 of the Company and our report dated December 22, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Houston, Texas  
December 22, 2009



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**The Board of Directors and Shareholders of NCI Building Systems, Inc.**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of NCI Building Systems, Inc. (the Company) as of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, cash flows and comprehensive income (loss) for each of the three years in the period ended November 1, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company at November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, and the consolidated results of their operations, cash flows and their comprehensive income (loss) for each of the three years in the period ended November 1, 2009, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Notes 3 and 23 to the consolidated financial statements, effective October 28, 2007, the Company adopted the guidance originally issued in Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 108, "Considering the effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements" and the guidance originally issued in Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 109, "Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans—an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R) (codified in FASB Accounting Standards Codification Compensation-Retirement Benefits)". Also, discussed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, effective October 28, 2007, the Company adopted the guidance originally issued in FASB Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertain Income Taxes—an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" (codified in FASB ASC Topic 740, "Income Taxes").

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of November 1, 2009, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Our report dated December 22, 2009 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Houston, Texas  
December 22, 2009

Table of Contents**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.**

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	
	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share)</b>	
Sales	<b>\$ 967,923</b>	\$ 1,764,159
Cost of sales	<b>752,793</b>	1,321,917
Lower of cost or market adjustment	<b>39,986</b>	2,739
Asset impairments	<b>6,291</b>	157
Gross profit	<b>168,853</b>	439,346
Selling, general and administrative expenses	<b>209,567</b>	283,577
Goodwill and other intangible asset impairments	<b>622,564</b>	
Restructuring charge	<b>9,052</b>	1,059
Change of control charges	<b>11,168</b>	
Income (loss) from operations	<b>(683,498)</b>	154,710
Interest income	<b>393</b>	1,085
Interest expense	<b>(20,410)</b>	(23,535)
Debt extinguishment and refinancing costs	<b>(100,260)</b>	
Other (expense) income, net	<b>2,287</b>	(1,880)
Income (loss) before income taxes	<b>(801,488)</b>	130,380
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	<b>(54,524)</b>	51,499
Net income (loss)	<b>\$ (746,964)</b>	\$ 78,881
Convertible preferred stock dividends and accretion	<b>1,187</b>	
Convertible preferred stock beneficial conversion feature	<b>10,526</b>	
Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	<b>\$ (758,677)</b>	\$ 78,881
Earnings (loss) per share:		
Basic	<b>\$ (34.06)</b>	\$ 4.08
Diluted	<b>\$ (34.06)</b>	\$ 4.05
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	<b>22,013</b>	19,332
Diluted	<b>22,013</b>	19,486

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.





**Table of Contents****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.**

	November 1, 2009	November 1, 2008
	(In thousands, except share amounts)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 90,419	\$ 5,154
Restricted cash, current	82,889	71,537
Accounts receivable, net	18,787	27,622
Inventories, net	3,359	14,494
Deferred income taxes	4,963	319,224
Income tax receivable	231,840	5,200
Investments in debt and equity securities, at market	28,370	7,825
Prepaid expenses and other	21,389	613,848
Assets held for sale	\$ 613,848	\$ 21,389
Total current assets	319,224	231,840
Property, plant and equipment, net	231,840	5,200
Goodwill	5,200	28,370
Intangible assets, net	28,370	7,825
Restricted cash, net of current portion	7,825	21,389
Other assets, net	21,389	613,848
Total assets	\$ 613,848	\$ 21,389
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 14,164	\$ 481
Note payable	481	73,594
Accounts payable	73,594	37,215
Accrued compensation and benefits	37,215	776
Accrued interest	776	52,455
Other accrued expenses	52,455	178,685
Total current liabilities	178,685	136,085
Long-term debt	136,085	18,591
Deferred income taxes	18,591	8,007
Other long-term liabilities	8,007	114

Total long-term liabilities	<b>162,683</b>	
Series B cumulative convertible participating preferred stock	<b>222,815</b>	
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 90,410,147 and 22,403,711 shares issued in 2009 and 2008, respectively; and 90,410,147 and 19,734,025 shares outstanding in 2009 and 2008, respectively	<b>904</b>	
Additional paid-in capital	<b>263,620</b>	
Retained earnings (deficit)	<b>(206,000)</b>	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<b>(8,859)</b>	
Treasury stock, at cost, (2,669,686 shares in 2008)		
Total stockholders' equity	<b>49,665</b>	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<b>\$ 613,848</b>	<b>\$</b>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended November 2, 2008 (In thousands)</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (746,964)	\$ 78,881
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	32,776	35,588
Share-based compensation expense	4,835	9,504
Accelerated vesting of share-based compensation	9,066	
Debt extinguishment and refinancing costs	95,418	
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	(928)	(1,264)
Provision for inventory obsolescence		
Lower of cost or market reserve	39,986	2,739
Provision for doubtful accounts	1,221	3,468
Interest rate swap ineffectiveness	3,072	
Provision (benefit) for deferred income taxes	(24,452)	266
Asset impairments	6,291	
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	622,564	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	78,895	(5,008)
Inventories	79,362	(57,025)
Income tax receivable	(32,332)	
Prepaid expenses and other	(1,423)	(9,724)
Accounts payable	(30,754)	(23,738)
Accrued expenses	(41,599)	7,445
Other, net	336	(938)
Net cash provided by operating activities:	<b>95,370</b>	40,194
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		
Capital expenditures	(21,657)	(24,803)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	2,589	4,238
Cash surrender value life insurance		2,101
Other, net	(34)	(226)
Net cash used in investing activities:	<b>(19,102)</b>	(18,690)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from stock options exercised	12	698
Deposits of restricted cash	(12,979)	

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Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation arrangements		215
Borrowings on revolving lines of credit		
Payments on revolving lines of credit		
Payments on long-term debt	<b>(920)</b>	(22,637)
Payments on note payable	<b>(1,693)</b>	(3,892)
Issuance of convertible preferred stock	<b>250,000</b>	
Payment of convertible notes	<b>(89,971)</b>	
Payment of on term loan	<b>(143,290)</b>	
Payment of refinancing costs	<b>(54,659)</b>	(914)
Purchase of treasury stock	<b>(451)</b>	(2,226)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities:	<b>(53,951)</b>	(28,756)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	<b>(99)</b>	399
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	<b>22,218</b>	(6,853)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<b>68,201</b>	75,054
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<b>\$ 90,419</b>	\$ 68,201

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Treasury Stock	
	Shares	Amount			Shares	Amount	
Balance, October 29, 2006	21,793,914	\$ 218	\$ 175,121	\$ 403,125	\$ (1,804)	(1,816,516)	\$ (7,000)
Cumulative effect of adopting SAB 108, net of taxes (Note 3)				(4,410)		(773,888)	(3,000)
Treasury stock purchases							
Common stock issued for stock option exercises	109,233	1	3,922				
Tax benefit from employee stock incentive plan			1,596				
Issuance of restricted stock	190,641	2	(2)				
Other comprehensive income					142		
Share-based compensation			8,610				
Shares issued for acquisition	35,448		1,800				
Adoption of ASC 715-20, net of taxes (Note 23)					2,019		
Net income				63,729			
Balance, October 28, 2007	22,129,236	\$ 221	\$ 191,047	\$ 462,444	\$ 357	(2,590,404)	\$ (11,000)
Treasury stock purchases						(79,282)	(3,000)
Common stock issued for stock option exercises	34,343		698				
Tax benefit from employee stock incentive plan			(566)				
Issuance of restricted stock	240,132	3	(3)				
Other comprehensive loss					(1,797)		
Share-based compensation			9,504				
Adoption of ASC 740-10 (Note 17)				(361)			
Net income				78,881			
Balance, November 2, 2008	22,403,711	\$ 224	\$ 200,680	\$ 540,964	\$ (1,440)	(2,669,686)	\$ (11,000)
Treasury stock purchases						(176,918)	(3,000)

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Retirement of treasury shares	(2,846,604)	(29)	(117,021)		2,846,604	11
Common stock issued for stock option exercises	825		12			
Tax benefit from employee stock incentive plan			(5,073)			
Convertible Notes exchange	70,177,085	702	169,725			
Convertible Preferred Stock dividends payable			(1,186)			
Tax benefit from Convertible Preferred Stock issuance costs			2,585			
Issuance of restricted stock	675,130	7	(3)			
Other comprehensive loss					(7,419)	
Share-based compensation			13,901			
Net loss					(746,964)	
<b>Balance, November 1, 2009</b>	<b>90,410,147</b>	<b>\$ 904</b>	<b>\$ 263,620</b>	<b>\$ (206,000)</b>	<b>\$ (8,859)</b>	<b>\$</b>

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)****NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.**

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended November 2, 2008 (In thousands)</b>
Comprehensive income (loss):		
Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	\$ (758,677)	\$ 78,881
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Foreign exchange translation gain (loss) (net of income tax of \$107 in 2009, \$140 in 2008 and \$135 in 2007)	(198)	259
Unrecognized actuarial gain (loss) on pension obligation (net of income tax of \$6,010 in 2009, \$1,046 in 2008 and \$(290) in 2007)	(9,641)	(1,628)
Loss in fair value of interest rate swap (net of income tax of \$345 in 2009, \$272 in 2008 and \$357 in 2007)	(554)	(428)
Reclassification adjustment for losses on derivative instruments (net of income tax of \$1,854 in 2009)	2,974	
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(7,419)	(1,797)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (766,096)	\$ 77,084

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.



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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.**

**1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION**

NCI Building Systems, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated, the Company, we, America's largest integrated manufacturer and marketer of metal products for the non-residential construction industry) provide metal coil coating services and design, engineer, manufacture and market metal components and engineered systems primarily for non-residential construction use. We manufacture and distribute extensive lines of metal products for the non-residential construction market under multiple brand names through a nationwide network of plants and distribution centers. We sell our products for both new construction and repair and retrofit applications.

On October 20, 2009 the Company issued and sold to Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. and CD&R Friedberg Fund VIII, L.P. (together, the CD&R Funds), an aggregate of 250,000 shares of a newly created class of convertible common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Company, designated the Series B Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock (the Convertible Preferred Stock, and shares thereof, the Preferred Shares), representing approximately 8.2% of the voting power and common stock of the Company on an as-converted basis (such purchase and sale, the Equity Investment).

In connection with the closing of the Equity Investment, the Company, among other things took the following actions (together with the Equity Investment, the Recapitalization Plan):

consummated its exchange offer (the Exchange Offer) to acquire all of the Company's existing 2.125% convertible notes due 2024 in exchange for a combination of \$90 million in cash and 70.2 million shares of our common stock;

refinanced the Company's existing credit agreement, which included the partial prepayment of approximately \$143 million in principal amount of the existing \$293 million in principal amount of outstanding term loans thereunder and a modification of the terms and an amendment and extension of the maturity of the remaining \$150 million outstanding balance of the term loans (the Amended Credit Agreement); and

entered into an asset-based revolving credit facility with a maximum available amount of up to \$125 million (the ABL Facility). Borrowing availability on the asset-based revolving credit facility is determined by a monthly asset-based collateral calculation that is based on specified percentages of the value of qualified cash, eligible inventory and eligible accounts receivable, less certain reserves and subject to certain other adjustments. At November 1, 2009, excess availability under the asset-based revolving credit facility was \$70.4 million.

As of November 1, 2009, the Preferred Shares were convertible into 196.1 million shares of common stock, at a price of \$1.2748. However, as of that date, only approximately 8.2 million shares of common stock were authorized and unissued, and therefore the CD&R Funds could not fully convert the Preferred Shares. To the extent that the CD&R Funds elect to convert their Preferred Shares, as of November 1, 2009, their conversion right was limited to conversion of the Preferred Shares into the approximately 8.2 million shares of common stock that were authorized and unissued.

Dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock are payable, on a cumulative daily basis, as, if and when declared by a majority of directors, at a rate per annum of 12% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share, subject to certain adjustments, if paid in-kind or at a rate per annum of 8% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share, if paid in cash. We have the right to choose whether dividends are paid in cash or in-kind, subject to the conditions of the Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility including being contractually limited in our

cash dividends until the first quarter of fiscal 2011 under the Amended Credit Agreement and until October 20, 2010, the ABL Facility, except for certain specified purposes.

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We use a 52/53 week year with our fiscal year end on the Sunday closest to October 31. The year end for fiscal 2008 was October 31, 2008 and for fiscal 2009 was November 1, 2009. Our fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 includes an additional week of operating activity.

We have evaluated our subsequent events through December 22, 2009.

We aggregate our operations into three reportable business segments: metal coil coating, metal components and building systems. We base this aggregation on similarities in product lines, manufacturing processes, marketing and how we manage our business. We market the products in each of our business segments nationwide through a direct sales force. In the case of our engineered building systems segment, through authorized builder networks.

Our Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and all majority-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts, transactions and profits arising from consolidated entities have been eliminated in consolidation.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(a) *Use of Estimates.* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Examples include provisions for bad debts and inventory reserves and accrued liabilities, employee benefits, general liability insurance, warranties and certain contingencies. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) *Cash and Cash Equivalents.* Cash equivalents are stated at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value. Cash equivalents are highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less and may consist of deposits with a number of commercial banks with high credit ratings, Eurodollar time deposits, money market instruments, certificates of deposit and commercial paper. Our policy allows us to also invest excess funds in no-load, open-ended management investment trusts ( mutual funds ). The mutual funds invest exclusively in high quality money market instruments. As of November 1, 2009, our cash equivalents were all invested in money market instruments.

(c) *Accounts Receivable and Related Allowance.* We report accounts receivable net of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Trade accounts receivable are the result of sales of building systems, components and coating services to customers throughout the United States and affiliated territories, including international builders who resell to end users. Sales are denominated in U.S. dollars with the exception of sales at our Canadian operations which are denominated in Canadian dollars. Credit sales do not normally require a pledge of collateral; however, various types of liens may be used to enhance the collection process.

We establish reserves for doubtful accounts on a customer by customer basis when we believe the required payment of specific amounts owed is unlikely to occur. In establishing these reserves, we consider changes in the financial condition of the customer, availability of security, lien rights and bond rights as well as disputes, if any, with our customers. Our allowance for doubtful accounts reflects reserves for customer receivables to reduce receivables to amounts expected to be collectible. We determine past due status as of the contractual payment date. Interest on delinquent accounts receivable is included in the trade accounts receivable balance and recognized as interest income when chargeable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Uncollectible accounts are written off when a settlement is reached for an amount that is less than the outstanding balance or we have exhausted all collection efforts. The following table represents the

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rollforward of our uncollectible accounts activity for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007 (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>	
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,330</b>	<b>\$ 8,975</b>	
Provision for bad debts	<b>1,221</b>	<b>3,468</b>	
Amounts charged against allowance for bad debts, net of recoveries	<b>(2,512)</b>	<b>(2,113)</b>	
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 9,039</b>	<b>\$ 10,330</b>	

(d) *Inventories.* Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value less allowance for inventory obsolescence determined by specific identification or the weighted-average method for steel coils and other raw materials. During fiscal 2009, we recorded lower of cost or market adjustments of \$8.1 million in the metal coil coating segment, \$17.2 million in the metal coil segment and \$14.7 million in the engineered building systems segment for a total of \$40.0 million. During fiscal 2008, we incurred lower of cost or market adjustment \$2.7 million in the metal coil coating segment. Lower of cost or market adjustments were recorded because this inventory exceeded our current estimates of net realizable value less normal margins. At November 1, 2009, all inventory with a lower of cost or market adjustment was fully utilized. The balance of the lower of cost or market adjustment was \$2.7 million at November 2, 2008.

The components of inventory are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	
Raw materials	<b>\$ 48,081</b>	
Work in process and finished goods	<b>23,456</b>	
	<b>\$ 71,537</b>	

The following table represents the rollforward of reserve for obsolete materials and supplies activity for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007 (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>	
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,807</b>	<b>\$ 4,433</b>	
Provisions	<b>1,409</b>	<b>252</b>	
Dispositions	<b>(1,624)</b>	<b>(2,878)</b>	
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,592</b>	<b>\$ 1,807</b>	

During fiscal 2009, we purchased approximately 30% of our steel requirements from one vendor. No other vendor purchased for over 10% of our steel requirements during fiscal 2009.

*(e) Property, Plant and Equipment.* Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are capitalized and amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the term of the underlying lease. Computer software depreciable purchased for internal use is depreciated using the straight-line method over its estimated useful life.

Depreciation expense for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$29.9 million, \$32.5 million and \$29.3 million, respectively. Depreciation expense, \$7.1 million, \$4.5 million and \$4.3 million was related to software depreciation for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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Property, plant and equipment consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>N</b>
Land	\$ 22,141	\$
Buildings and improvements	165,846	
Machinery, equipment and furniture	225,367	
Transportation equipment	3,326	
Computer software and equipment	77,407	
	<b>494,087</b>	
Less accumulated depreciation	<b>(262,247)</b>	
	<b>\$ 231,840</b>	<b>\$</b>

Estimated useful lives for depreciation are:

Buildings and improvements  
Machinery, equipment and furniture  
Transportation equipment  
Computer software and equipment

We capitalize interest on capital invested in projects in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) guidance codified under ASC Topic 835, *Interest*. For fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, the total amount of interest capitalized was \$0.4 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. Upon commencement of operations, capitalized interest component of the total cost of the asset, is amortized over the estimated useful life of the asset.

*(f) Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.* We review the carrying values of goodwill and identifiable intangible assets. If events or changes in circumstances indicate that such carrying values may not be recoverable and annually for goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets as required by guidance codified under ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. Unforeseen events, changes in circumstances, market conditions and material differences in the value of intangible assets due to changes in estimates of future cash flows could negatively affect the fair value of our assets and result in a non-reversible impairment charge. Some factors considered important that could trigger an impairment review include the following: significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results, significant change in the manner of our use of acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business and significant negative industry or company trends. In fiscal 2009, our one remaining reporting unit's fair value would have had to have been lower by more than 10% compared to the fair value estimated in our impairment analysis before its carrying value would exceed the fair value of the reporting unit, indicating that goodwill was potentially impaired. See Note 16.

*(g) Revenue Recognition.* We recognize revenues when the following conditions are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Generally, these criteria are met at the time product is shipped or services are complete. Provisions are made upon sale for estimated product returns.

*(h) Equity Raising and Deferred Financing Costs.* Equity raising costs are recorded as a reduction to additional capital upon the execution of an equity transaction. In connection with the Exchange Offer on the Convertible Note, we incurred \$5.7 million in equity raising costs. Deferred financing costs are capitalized as incurred and amortized using the effective interest method over the expected life of the debt. In a modification of debt, costs paid to the creditor are capitalized and costs paid to non-creditors are expensed as incurred.

*(i) Cost of sales.* Cost of sales includes the cost of inventory sold during the period, including costs for manufacturing, inbound freight, receiving, inspection, warehousing, and internal transfers less vendor rebates.

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Costs associated with shipping and handling our products are included in cost of sales. Purchasing costs and engineering and drafting costs are included in selling, general and administrative expense. Purchasing costs were \$3.2 million, \$3.7 million and \$3.7 million and engineering and drafting costs were \$38.2 million, \$53.9 million and \$50.0 million in each of 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively. Approximately \$2.2 million and \$3.9 million of these selling, general and administrative costs were capitalized and remained in inventory at the end of fiscal 2009 and 2008, respectively.

(j) *Warranty.* We sell weathertightness warranties to our customers for protection from leaks in our roofing systems due to weather. These warranties range from two years to 20 years. We sell two types of warranties, standard and SureSource™, and three grades of coverage for each. The type and grade of coverage determines the price to the customer. For standard warranties, our responsibility for leaks in a roofing system begins after 24 consecutive leak-free months. For SureSource™ warranties, the roofing system must pass our inspection before warranty coverage will be issued. Inspections are typically performed at three stages of the roofing project: (i) at the project start-up; (ii) at the project mid-point; and (iii) at project completion. These inspections are included in the cost of the warranty. If the project requires or the customer requests additional inspections, those inspections are billed to the customer. Upon the sale of a warranty, we record the revenue as deferred revenue, which is included in other accrued expenses in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We amortize the deferred warranty revenue over the warranty coverage period in a manner that matches our estimated expenses over the warranty period. Additionally, we assumed a warranty obligation relating to our acquisition of Robertson-Ceco II Corp. (RCC) of \$7.6 million which represents the fair value of the future warranty obligations at the time of purchase. Our other accrued warranty programs have similar terms and characteristics to our other warranty programs. See Note 8.

(k) *Insurance.* Group medical insurance is purchased through Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS). The plans include a Preferred Provider Organization, or PPO, plan and an Exclusive Provider Organization, or EPO, plan. These plans are managed through networks utilizing networks to achieve discounts through negotiated rates with the providers within these networks. Claims incurred under these plans are self-funded for the first \$250,000 of each claim. We purchase specific stop loss reinsurance to limit our claims liability to \$250,000 per claim. BCBS administers all claims, including claims processing, utilization management and network access charges.

Insurance is purchased for workers compensation and employer liability, general liability, property and auto liability and physical damage. We utilize either deductibles or self-insurance retentions (SIR) to limit the exposure to catastrophic claims. The workers compensation insurance has a \$500,000 per occurrence deductible. The property and auto liability insurance have per-occurrence deductibles of \$250,000. The general liability insurance has a \$250,000 SIR. Umbrella insurance coverage is purchased to protect us against claims that exceed our per-occurrence or aggregate limits set forth in our respective policies. All claims are adjusted utilizing a third-party claims administrator.

Each reporting period, we record the costs of our health insurance plan, including paid claims, an estimate of the incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims, taxes and administrative fees (collectively the Plan Costs) as general and administrative expenses in our Consolidated Statements of Operations. The estimated IBNR claims are based upon (i) the recent average level of paid claims under the plan, (ii) an estimated lag factor and (iii) an estimated growth factor for those claims that have been incurred but not yet paid. We use an independent actuary to determine the claims liability and estimated liability for IBNR claims.

For workers compensation costs, we monitor the number of accidents and the severity of such accidents to develop appropriate estimates for expected costs to provide both medical care and benefits during the period of time an employee is unable to work. These accruals are developed using independent actuarial estimates of the expected cost and length of time an employee will be unable to work based on industry statistics for the cost of similar disabilities. For general liability and automobile claims, accruals are developed based on independent actuarial estimates of the expected cost to resolve a claim based on industry statistics and the nature and severity of the claim. This statistical information is trended and used to develop estimates of future expected costs based on factors developed from our own experience of actual claims cost over



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estimates. Each reporting period, we record the costs of our workers' compensation, general liability and automobile insurance, including paid claims, an estimate of the change in incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims, taxes and administrative expenses in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

*(l) Advertising Costs.* Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$5.4 million, \$6.9 million and \$7.4 million in fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

*(m) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets.* We assess impairment of property, plant, and equipment in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*. We assess the recoverability of the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment if certain events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable, such as a significant decrease in market value of the assets or a significant change in our business conditions. If we determine that the carrying value of an asset is not recoverable based on the undiscounted future cash flows, excluding interest charges, we record an impairment loss equal to the excess of the carrying amount of the asset over its fair value. The fair value of assets is determined based on prices of similar assets adjusted for their remaining useful life. During fiscal 2009, we adjusted our property, plant and equipment because we determined the carrying value of certain assets were not recoverable based on expected undiscounted future cash flows. We recorded impairments of \$6.3 million in fiscal 2009. See Note 4 for asset impairments in fiscal 2009. We had no impairments in fiscal 2008 or 2007.

*(n) Share-Based Compensation.* Compensation expense recorded for restricted stock awards under the intrinsic value method is consistent with the expense that is recorded under the fair value-based method. We recorded the recurring restricted stock compensation expense relating to restricted stock awards of \$4.3 million, \$7.8 million and \$5.9 million for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The acceleration of the unamortized compensation expense upon the change in control was \$9.0 million and was included in change of control charges on the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

*(o) Reclassifications.* Certain reclassifications have been made to prior period amounts to conform to the current presentation.

*(p) Foreign Currency Re-measurement and Translation.* In accordance with guidance codified under ASC Topic 830, *Foreign Currency Matters*, the functional currency for our Mexico operations is the U.S. dollar. Adjustments resulting from the re-measurement of the local currency financial statements into the U.S. dollar functional currency, which use a combination of current and historical exchange rates, are included in net income in the current period. Net foreign currency re-measurement losses are reflected in income for the period. For the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009, foreign currency re-measurement losses were immaterial and for the fiscal years ended November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007, foreign currency re-measurement losses were \$(1.1) million and \$(0.3) million, respectively.

The functional currency for our Canada operations is the Canadian dollar. Translation gains (losses) resulting from the re-measurement of the functional currency financial statements into U.S. dollar equivalents are reported separately in accumulated other comprehensive income in stockholders' equity. Net foreign currency translation gain (loss), net of tax, and included in other comprehensive income for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 was \$(0.2) million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

*(q) Recent Accounting Pronouncements.* In December 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 715-20, *Defined Benefit Plans - General* (ASC 715-20). ASC 715-20 provides guidance on an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. The disclosures about plan assets required by ASC 715-20 are effective for our fiscal year ended 2010 and are not required for earlier periods presented for comparative purposes. We will adopt the disclosure provisions required by ASC 715-20 in fiscal 2010.

In June 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 260-10, *Earnings Per Share* ( This pronouncement provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividend equivalents are participating securities and, therefore, should be included in computing earnings per two class method. We will implement this statement in

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our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009 and apply it as applicable. All prior period earnings per share data adjusted retrospectively to conform with the provisions of this pronouncement. We are currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement.

In May 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 470-20, *Debt with Conversion Options* ( ASC 470-20 ). ASC 470-20 will change the accounting for certain convertible debt instruments, including Convertible Notes. Under the new rules, for convertible debt instruments that may be settled entirely or partially through conversion, an entity shall separately account for the liability and equity components of the instrument in a manner that reflects the issuer's economic interest cost. The effect of ASC 470-20 for our Convertible Notes is that the equity component will be included in the paid-in-capital section of stockholders' equity on our consolidated balance sheet and the liability component will be treated as an original issue discount for purposes of accounting for the debt component of our Convertible Notes. Higher interest expense will result by recognizing the accretion of the discounted carrying value of our Convertible Notes to their face amount as interest expense over the term of the Convertible Notes using an effective interest rate method. ASC 470-20 is effective for our fiscal year ended 2010, does not permit early application, and will be applied retrospectively to all periods presented. While this accounting pronouncement does not change the economic substance or cash flow requirements for the Convertible Notes, the amount reported as interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations will increase due to the accretion of the discounted carrying value of the Convertible Notes to their face amount. The Convertible Notes will also reflect higher than previously reported interest expense due to retrospective application. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting ASC 470-20 but anticipate the reported interest expense on our Convertible Notes will increase from 2.125% to 7.5%. The retroactive application of this pronouncement to fiscal years 2005 through 2009 will result in an increase to annual interest expense of approximately \$7.5 million in fiscal 2005, gradually increasing to approximately \$9.9 million in fiscal 2009. In October 2009, we completed the Exchange Offer to acquire \$180 million aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes. Therefore, we will not have additional prospective interest expense upon adoption.

In February 2008, the FASB issued additional guidance codified under ASC 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ( ASC 820-10 ). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and requires disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 partially delays the effective date for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). We will adopt ASC 820-10 in our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009 for nonrecurring non-financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value. However, we do not believe the adoption of this accounting pronouncement for nonrecurring, non-financial assets and liabilities will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 810, *Consolidations* ( ASC 810 ). This Statement amends previous guidance to establish accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. It clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary is a noncontrolling interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. It requires consolidated net income to be reported at amounts that include the amounts attributable to both the parent and the noncontrolling interest. It also requires disclosure, on the face of the consolidated statement of income, of the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest. ASC 810 established a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation and requires the parent recognize a gain or loss in net income when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. In addition, ASC 810 requires disclosures in the consolidated financial statements that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners of a subsidiary. We will implement this statement in our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009 and apply it as applicable. We currently do not have any ownership interest which would be impacted by ASC 810.

In December 2007, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations* (ASC 805). This pronouncement replaces previous guidance but retains the fundamental requirements of the previous guidance. ASC 805 establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer

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recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and a noncontrolling interest in the acquiree. In addition, ASC 805 recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in a combination or a gain from a bargain purchase and determines disclosures to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. We will implement this statement for all future acquisitions following the date of adoption in our fiscal year that begins November 2, 2009. The impact of adopting ASC 805 on our financial position or results of operations is dependent upon the nature and terms of business combinations that we may consummate in fiscal 2010 and thereafter.

**3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING*****FASB Codification Adoption***

In June 2009, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 105, *Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* ( ASC 105 ). This Statement establishes the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ( Codification ) officially launched July 1, 2009, to become the source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. Rules and interpretive releases of the Securities Exchange Commission ( SEC ) under authority of federal securities laws are also sources of authoritative U.S. GAAP for registrants. The subsequent issuances of new standards will be in the form of Accounting Standards Updates that are included in the Codification. Generally, the Codification is not expected to change U.S. GAAP. All other accounting literature excluded from the Codification will be considered nonauthoritative. This pronouncement is effective for financial statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. We adopted this pronouncement in the fourth quarter of our fiscal year ending November 1, 2009 and have revised all references to authoritative accounting literature in accordance with the Codification.

***ASC 825-10 Adoption***

In April 2009, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 825-10, *Financial Instruments - Fair Value* ( ASC 825-10 ). ASC 825-10 amends previous guidance to increase the frequency of fair value disclosures to a quarterly basis instead of an annual basis. The guidance relates to fair value disclosures for any financial instruments that are not reflected on the balance sheet at fair value. This guidance also amends previous guidance to require those disclosures in interim financial statements. We adopted ASC 825-10 on May 4, 2009. See Note 11 Fair Value of Financial Instruments.

***ASC 815-10 Adoption***

In March 2008, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 815-10, *Derivatives and Hedging* ( ASC 815-10 ). This Statement requires enhanced disclosures about an entity's derivative and hedging activities and improves the transparency of financial reporting. Disclosing the fair values of derivative instruments and their gains and losses in a tabular format provides a more complete picture of the location in an entity's financial statements of derivative positions existing at period end and the effect of using derivatives during the reporting period. Entities are required to provide enhanced disclosures about (a) how and why an entity uses derivative instruments; (b) how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under Statement 133 and its related interpretations; and (c) how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance and cash flows. We adopted ASC 815-10 on February 2, 2009. See Note 12 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Strategy.

***ASC 820-10 Adoption***

In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* ( ASC 820-10 ). This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value,

expands disclosures about fair value measurements. We adopted ASC 820-10 on November 3, 2008 for financial liabilities carried at fair value and non-financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at a recurring basis. The adoption of ASC

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820-10 did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements. See Note 13 Fair Value Measurements

***ASC 740-10 Adoption***

In June 2006, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 740-10, *Income Taxes* ( ASC 740-10 ). ASC 740-10 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes. ASC 740-10 prescribes a recognition and measurement model for uncertain tax positions. ASC 740-10 requires that we recognize in the financial statements the impact of a tax position only if that position is more likely than not of being sustained upon examination, based on the technical merits of the position. ASC 740-10 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. We adopted ASC 740-10 on October 29, 2007. See discussion of the impact of adoption in Note 17 Income Taxes.

***SAB 108 Adoption***

In September 2006, the SEC released SAB No. 108, *Considering the Effects of Prior Years Misstatements When Financial Statements in Current Year* ( SAB No. 108 ). SAB 108 requires that public companies utilize a dual approach to assess the quantitative effects of financial misstatements. This dual approach includes both an income statement focused assessment, known as the rollover method, and a balance sheet focused assessment, known as the iron curtain method. The guidance in SAB 108 was initially required to be applied for NCI for the year ending October 28, 2007. The transition provisions of SAB 108 permitted companies to record errors identified during the year of adoption, if deemed to be immaterial using a company's previous method of evaluating errors, as a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings. The transition provisions also required prior quarterly financial statements within the fiscal year of adoption to be audited, although the transition provisions did not require those quarterly reports, previously filed with the SEC, to be audited.

We adopted the provisions of SAB 108 as of October 28, 2007. In accordance with the transition provisions of SAB 108, we recorded a \$4.4 million cumulative decrease, net of tax of \$2.8 million, to retained earnings as of October 30, 2007. This adjustment was a cumulative adjustment to decrease opening retained earnings related to an error identified in fiscal 2007 in our accrual of employee paid time off liabilities which had historically been accrued one year in arrears from when the actual compensation was earned by employees. The impact on fiscal 2007 of \$0.5 million, net of tax of \$0.3 million, was recorded as an increase in compensation expense in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007.

We believe the impact of this adjustment is immaterial to prior years Consolidated Financial Statements under the dual approach method of assessing materiality, and therefore elected, as permitted under the transition provisions of SAB 108, to record the effect of this adjustment in the opening balance of the accrual for compensation and benefits as of October 30, 2007, with an offsetting adjustment reflected as a cumulative effect adjustment to opening retained earnings as of October 30, 2007.

***ASC 715-20 Adoption***

In September 2006, the FASB issued guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 715-20, *Compensation - Defined Benefit Plans* ( ASC 715-20 ). ASC 715-20 has two major provisions. The recognition and measurement provision requires an employer to recognize a plan's funded status in its statement of financial position and record changes in a defined benefit postretirement plan's funded status in comprehensive income in the year in which the change occurs. The measurement date provision requires an employer to measure a plan's assets and obligations as of the end of the employer's fiscal year. We adopted this pronouncement's recognition and disclosure requirements as of October 29, 2007. We currently meet the ASC 715-20 requirement that the measurement date for plan assets and liabilities must coincide with the sponsor's year end. See discussion of the impact of adoption in Note 23 Employee Benefit Plans.





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**4. PLANT RESTRUCTURING AND ASSET IMPAIRMENTS**

*Fiscal 2008 and 2009 Plans*

As a result of the current market downturn, we began a phased process to resize and realign our manufacturing operations. The purpose of these closures is to rationalize our least efficient facilities and to retool certain of these facilities to better utilize our assets and expand into new markets or better provide products to our customers, such as insulation systems.

In November 2008, we approved the Phase I plan to close three of our engineered building systems manufacturing facilities. In addition, as part of the restructuring, we implemented a general employee reduction program. In a continuing effort to rationalize our least efficient facilities, in February 2009, we approved the Phase II plan to close one of our facilities within the engineered building systems segment, and in April 2009, we approved the Phase III plan to close or idle three manufacturing facilities within the engineered building systems segment and two facilities within the metal components segment. In addition, manufacturing at one of our metal components facilities was temporarily suspended and converted to distribution functions as a distribution and customer service site. As part of the restructuring, we also added to the general employee reduction program. As a result of actions taken in Phase III, certain facilities are being actively marketed for sale and have been classified as held for sale in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. We plan to sell these facilities by the end of fiscal 2009.

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The following table summarizes our restructuring plan costs and charges related to the General, Phase I, Phase II and Phase III restructuring plans during each of the fiscal years presented (in thousands):

	Fiscal 2009	Fiscal 2008	Cost Incurred to Date	Remaining Anticipated Cost
<b>General</b>				
Severance	\$ 2,987	\$ 87	\$ 3,074	\$
Asset Relocation				
Other Cash Costs	57		57	
Asset Impairment	1,234		1,234	
<b>Total General Program</b>	4,278	87	4,365	
<b>Repurposing and Phase I</b>				
Severance	\$ 1,016	\$ 106	\$ 1,122	\$
Asset Relocation	303		303	181
Other Cash Costs	199		199	
Asset Impairment	1,634	157	1,791	
<b>Total Plant Closing Phase I</b>	3,152	263	3,415	181
<b>Plant Closing Phase II</b>				
Severance	\$ 399	\$	\$ 399	\$
Asset Relocation	22		22	
Other Cash Costs	442		442	92
Asset Impairment	30		30	
<b>Total Plant Closing Phase II</b>	893		893	92
<b>Plant Closing Phase III</b>				
Severance	\$ 2,349	\$	\$ 2,349	\$
Asset Relocation	219		219	339
Other Cash Costs	1,060		1,060	1,283
Asset Impairment	3,393		3,393	
<b>Total Plant Closing Phase III</b>	7,021		7,021	1,622
<b>Total All Programs</b>	\$ 15,344	\$ 350	\$ 15,694	\$ 1,895
<b>Restructuring by Segment</b>				
Buildings	7,522	61	7,583	1,645
Components	1,216	106	1,322	250
Coaters	103		103	
Corporate	211	27	238	
<b>Total</b>	\$ 9,052	\$ 194	\$ 9,246	\$ 1,895
<b>Asset Impairments by Segment(1)</b>				
Buildings	4,316	157	4,473	

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Components	766	766		
Coaters				
Corporate	1,209	1,209		
<b>Total</b>	\$ 6,291	\$ 157	\$ 6,448	\$

(1) The fair value of assets was determined based on prices of similar assets adjusted for their remaining useful life.

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The following table summarizes our restructuring liability related to the Phase I, Phase II and Phase III restructuring (in thousands):

	<b>Employee or Severance Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>
Balance at November 2, 2008	\$ 193	\$
Costs incurred	6,751	2,303
Cash payments	(5,622)	(2,303)
Other adjustments(1)	65	
Balance at November 1, 2009	\$ 1,387	\$

(1) Relates to the foreign currency translation.

***Fiscal 2007 Plan***

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2007, we committed to a plan to exit our residential overhead door product line in our metal components segment. During the fiscal year ended November 2, 2008, we incurred expenses of \$0.5 million related to this exit plan. In fiscal 2007, the residential door business produced revenue of \$12.4 million and pretax loss of \$0.5 million. This line of business is not considered material and is, therefore, not presented as discontinued operations in our consolidated financial statements.

**5. ACQUISITIONS**

On January 31, 2007, we completed the purchase of substantially all of the assets of Garco Building Systems, Inc. which designs, manufactures and distributes steel building systems primarily for markets in the northwestern United States and western Canada. Garco is now a division of our Company and the results of Garco's operations beginning January 1, 2007 are included in our Consolidated Financial Statements. Garco is headquartered in Spokane, Washington, and operates a manufacturing facility for steel building systems for industrial, commercial, institutional and agricultural applications. The aggregate purchase price for this acquisition was \$17.2 million, comprised of \$15.4 million in cash and \$1.8 million in restricted common stock (35,448 shares). At the date of purchase, there was no excess of cost over book value of the acquired assets. We obtained third-party valuations of certain tangible and intangible assets. As a result of this acquisition, we recorded \$5.7 million in intangible assets which includes \$2.5 million in customer relationships. The \$1.8 million in restricted NCI common stock relates to a 5-year non-compete agreements with certain of the sellers of Garco. We will expense the fair value of the restricted stock ratably over the terms of the agreements. In addition, we recorded \$1.8 million in property, plant and equipment and \$5.0 million in working capital. Garco's results of operations are included in our consolidated financial statements in the building systems segment. This acquisition was not material to the financial statements as a whole, and accordingly, no pro forma information has not been provided.

**6. RESTRICTED CASH**

On May 21, 2009, we entered into a cash collateral agreement with our agent bank to obtain letters of credit secured by cash collateral which, in the aggregate, may not exceed \$13.5 million. The restricted cash is invested in a secured cash account. As of November 1, 2009, we had restricted cash in the amount of \$13.0 million as collateral related to \$12.1 million of letters of credit. Restricted cash is classified as current and non-current as the underlying letters of credit expire by December 2010.

**Table of Contents****7. OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES**

Other accrued expenses are comprised of the following (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	N
Accrued income tax	\$	\$
Customer deposits	<b>3,651</b>	
Accrued warranty obligation and deferred warranty revenue	<b>16,116</b>	
Accrued workers compensation and general liability insurance	<b>9,604</b>	
Sales and use tax payable	<b>2,121</b>	
Other accrued expenses	<b>20,963</b>	
Total other accrued expenses	<b>\$ 52,455</b>	\$

**8. WARRANTY**

The following table represents the rollforward of our accrued warranty obligation and deferred warranty revenue for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	N
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,484</b>	\$
Warranties sold	<b>2,628</b>	
Revenue recognized	<b>(1,273)</b>	
Costs incurred	<b>(259)</b>	
Adjustment(1)	<b>(1,313)</b>	
Other	<b>(151)</b>	
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,116</b>	\$

- (1) This adjustment relates to certain of the RCC warranty claims liabilities that were updated based on a change in claims processing procedures and revised analysis. This change was recorded in cost of sales in our Consolidated Statement of Operations during the first quarter of fiscal 2009.

**9. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The following table sets forth interest and taxes paid in each of the three fiscal years presented (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended November 2, 2008</b>
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	<b>\$ 18,445</b>	\$ 26,872
Taxes paid	<b>5,645</b>	57,837

In October 2009, we completed an exchange offer to acquire our existing \$180 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior subordinated notes due 2024 (the Convertible Notes) in exchange for a combination of \$50 million of NCI common stock and 390 shares of NCI common stock for each \$1,000 of Convertible Notes tendered and not withdrawn, with approximately 99.9% of the outstanding Convertible Notes tendered and not withdrawn as of the expiration of the offer and by us subsequently accepted. This resulted in a non-cash reclassification from long-term debt to stockholders' equity of approximately 70.2 million shares. See further discussion of these Convertible Notes in Note 10 Long-term Debt Payable.



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The dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock accrue and accumulate on a daily basis and are included in the preference. Accrued dividends are recorded into Convertible Preferred Stock on the accompanying Consolidated Sheet. Dividends are accrued at the 12% paid in-kind rate and increased the Convertible Preferred Stock by \$1.1 during fiscal 2009.

**10. LONG-TERM DEBT AND NOTE PAYABLE**

Debt is comprised of the following (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>N</b>
Amended and Restated Term Loan Credit Agreement (due April 2014, interest at 8.0% and 4.7% 6.3%, respectively)	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
2.125% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes	<b>59</b>	
Industrial Revenue Bond	<b>190</b>	
	<b>150,249</b>	
Current portion of long-term debt	<b>(14,164)</b>	
Total long-term debt, less current portion	<b>\$ 136,085</b>	<b>\$</b>

The scheduled maturity of our debt is as follows (in thousands):

2010  
2011  
2012  
2013  
2014 and thereafter

***Amended Credit Agreement***

Concurrently with the closing of the Equity Investment, on the Closing Date, we entered into the Amended Credit Agreement, an amendment to our Credit Agreement as in effect prior to such date with Wachovia Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, pursuant to which we repaid approximately \$143.3 million of the \$293.3 million principal amount of term loans outstanding under such credit agreement and modified the terms and maturity of the remaining \$150.0 million balance. The modified terms of the term loan require quarterly principal payments of 0.2% of the principal amount of the term loan then outstanding as of the last day of each quarter and a final payment of approximately \$131.1 million at maturity on April 20, 2014.

The obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement are secured by a first priority lien on property, plant and equipment and related assets such as our software, chattel paper, instruments and contract rights (excluding foreign operations).

100% of the capital stock and other equity interests in each of our direct and indirect operating domestic subsidiaries and a second lien on our accounts receivable and inventory of the capital stock in each of our foreign subsidiaries and a second lien on our accounts receivable and inventory

The Amended Credit Agreement contains a number of covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, prepay indebtedness, make dividends and other restricted payments, create liens, make investments, make acquisitions, effect mergers, change the nature of their business and engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

The Amended Credit Agreement has no financial covenant test until October 30, 2011 which is the conclusion of the third quarter of fiscal 2011, at which time the maximum ratio of total debt to Consolidated EBITDA is 5 to 1. This ratio will be reduced down by 0.25 each quarter until October 28, 2012 at which time the

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maximum ratio is 4 to 1. The ratio continues to step down by 0.125 each quarter until November 3, 2013 to a ratio which remains the maximum ratio for each fiscal quarter thereafter. We will, however, not be subject to this financial covenant with respect to a specified period if certain prepayments or repurchases of the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement are made in the specified period. At November 1, 2009, we had no financial compliance covenants in the Amended Credit Agreement.

Borrowings under the Amended Credit Agreement may be repaid at any time, without premium or penalty but subject to customary LIBOR breakage costs. We also have the ability to repurchase a portion of the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement, subject to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Amended Credit Agreement. In addition to certain exceptions, the Amended Credit Agreement requires mandatory prepayment and reduction in an amount

the net cash proceeds of (1) certain asset sales, (2) certain debt offerings and (3) certain insurance recoveries and condemnation events;

50% of annual excess cash flow (as defined in the Amended Credit Agreement) for any fiscal year ending on or before October 31, 2010, unless a specified leverage ratio target is met; and

the greater of \$10.0 million and 50% of certain 2009 tax refunds (as defined in the Amended Credit Agreement) received by the Company.

We expect to make a mandatory prepayment on the Amended Credit Agreement in May 2010 in connection with a tax refund. Therefore, an additional \$12.9 million of principal under the Amended Credit Agreement has been classified as a current portion of long-term debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheet at November 1, 2009.

The Amended Credit Agreement limits our ability to pay cash dividends, except in certain specified circumstances, prior to October 31, 2010 after which time we may pay any dividend in an amount not to exceed the available amount, which is defined as the sum of 50% of the consolidated net income from August 2, 2009 to the end of the most recent fiscal year, less 100% of any negative consolidated net income amount, plus net proceeds of property or assets received as a result of contributions, less the sum of all dividends, payments or other distributions of such available amounts.

Term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement bear interest, at our option, as follows:

(1) Base Rate loans at the Base Rate plus a margin, which for term loans is 5%, until October 30, 2011. After that date, the margin fluctuates based on our leverage ratio and shall be either 5% or 3.5%. As of the first fiscal quarter commencing January 30, 2012, the margin in each case increases by 0.25% per annum on the first day of each fiscal quarter unless the aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement in the immediately preceding quarter of the Company has been reduced by \$3,750,000 (excluding scheduled principal amortization payments), less any prior reductions not previously applied to prevent an increase in the applicable margin, and

(2) LIBOR loans at LIBOR (having a minimum rate of 2%) plus a margin, which for term loans is 6% until October 30, 2011. After that date, the LIBOR-linked margin fluctuates based on our leverage ratio and shall be either 6% or 4.5%. As of the first fiscal quarter commencing January 30, 2012, the margin in each case increases by 0.25% per annum on the first day of each fiscal quarter unless the aggregate principal amount of term loans outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement in the immediately preceding fiscal quarter of the Company has been reduced by \$3,750,000 (excluding scheduled principal amortization payments), less any prior reductions not previously applied to prevent an increase in the applicable margin.

Overdue amounts will bear interest at a rate that is 2% higher than the rate otherwise applicable. Base rate is the highest of the Wachovia Bank, National Association prime rate or the overnight Federal Funds rate plus 0.5% and

LIBOR is defined as the applicable London interbank offered rate adjusted for reserves. The applicable margin for loans commencing on or after October 30, 2011 will be 5.00% on base rate loans and 6.00% on LIBOR loans under the Amended Credit Agreement.

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In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 470-50, *Debt Modifications and Extinguishment*, we accounted for the amendment to our Amended Credit Agreement as a modification, and we have expensed \$6.4 million of legal and other professional fees paid to third-parties in connection with amending the facility in fiscal 2009.

During June 2006, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement relating to \$160 million of the term credit agreement in effect, prior to its amendment and restatement as the Amended Credit Agreement due June 2010. At November 1, 2007 and November 2, 2008, the notional amount of the interest rate swap agreement was \$65 million and \$105 million, respectively. See Note 12 for further information.

### ***ABL Facility***

Concurrently with the closing of the Equity Investment, on October 20, 2009, the subsidiaries of the Company, Inc. and Robertson-Ceco II Corporation and the Company entered into the ABL Facility, a loan and security agreement for a \$125.0 million asset-based loan facility. The ABL Facility allows us an aggregate maximum borrowing of up to \$125.0 million. Borrowing availability on the ABL Facility is determined by a monthly borrowing base collateral formula that is based on specified percentages of the value of qualified cash, eligible inventory and eligible accounts receivable, certain reserves and subject to certain other adjustments. At November 1, 2009, our excess availability under the ABL Facility was \$70.4 million. The ABL Facility has a maturity of April 20, 2014 and includes borrowing capacity of up to \$25 million for letters of credit and up to \$10 million for swingline borrowings.

An unused commitment fee is paid monthly on the ABL Facility at an annual rate of 1% through May 1, 2010 and thereafter at 1% or, if the average daily balance of the loans and letters of credit obligations for a given month is higher than the maximum credit then available, 0.75%. The calculation is determined on the amount by which the maximum credit available under the ABL Facility exceeds the average daily principal balance of outstanding loans and letter of credit obligations. Additional customary fees in connection with the ABL Facility also apply.

The ABL Facility limits our ability to pay cash dividends, except in certain specified circumstances, prior to October 1, 2010, after which time we may pay dividends in the aggregate amount not to exceed the available amount which is the sum of 50% of the adjusted consolidated net income from August 3, 2009 to the end of the most recent fiscal year, subject to there being no event default and the satisfaction of either certain excess availability conditions or a fixed charge coverage ratio.

The obligations under the ABL Facility are secured by a first priority lien on 100% of our accounts receivable, in certain deposit accounts and our associated intangibles, subject to certain exceptions, and a second priority lien on the assets securing the term loans under the Amended Credit Agreement on a first-lien basis.

The ABL Facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict our ability to dispose of assets, incur additional indebtedness, incur guarantee obligations, engage in sale and leaseback transactions, prepay other debt, incur indebtedness, modify organizational documents and certain other agreements, create restrictions affecting subsidiary dividends and other restricted payments, create liens, make investments, make acquisitions, engage in mergers, change the nature of their business and engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

Under the ABL Facility, a *Dominion Event* occurs if either an event of default is continuing or excess availability falls below certain levels, during which period, and for certain periods thereafter, the administrative agent may apply all amounts in the Company's concentration account to the repayment of the loans outstanding under the ABL Facility, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement (described below). In addition, during such *Dominion Event*, we are required to make certain payments on our ABL Facility upon the occurrence of certain events, including the sale of assets and the issuance of debt, in each case subject to certain limitations and conditions set forth in the ABL Facility. If excess availability under the

Facility falls below certain levels, our ABL Facility also requires us to satisfy set financial tests relating to our fi  
coverage ratio.

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The ABL Facility includes a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of one to one, which will apply if we fail to meet the specified minimum level of borrowing capacity. The minimum level of borrowing capacity as of November 1, 2009, is \$15.0 million.

Loans under the ABL Facility bear interest, at our option, as follows:

(1) Base Rate loans at the Base Rate plus a margin, which shall be 3.50% through April 30, 2010 and shall thereafter range from 3.25% to 3.75% depending on the quarterly average excess availability under such facility, and

(2) LIBOR loans at LIBOR plus a margin, which shall be 4.50% through April 30, 2010 and shall thereafter range from 4.25% to 4.75% depending on the quarterly average excess availability under such facility.

During an event of default, loans under the ABL Facility will bear interest at a rate that is 2% higher than the rate that would otherwise be applicable. Base rate is defined as the highest of the Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. prime rate or the overnight Federal Reserve rate plus 0.5% and LIBOR is defined as the applicable London interbank offered rate adjusted for reserves.

### ***Intercreditor Agreement***

The liens securing the obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement, the permitted hedging agreements and the guarantees thereof are first in priority (as between the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility) with respect to real estate, stock, material real property and assets other than accounts receivable, inventory, certain deposit accounts, associated intangibles and certain other property of the Company and the guarantors, subject to certain exceptions. Such liens are also first in priority (as between the Amended Credit Agreement and the ABL Facility) with respect to accounts receivable, certain deposit accounts, associated intangibles and certain other property of the Company and the guarantors, subject to certain exceptions. The details of the respective collateral rights between lenders under the Amended Credit Agreement and lenders under the ABL Facility are governed by an intercreditor agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the lenders, borrowers, the term loan administrative agent, the ABL Facility administrative agent and the other parties thereto.

### ***Convertible Notes***

In October 2009, we completed the Exchange Offer to acquire \$180 million aggregate principal amount of the Convertible Notes. Approximately 99.9% of the outstanding Convertible Notes were tendered in the Exchange Offer, and holders of Convertible Notes received \$500 in cash and 390 shares of our common stock for each \$1,000 of Convertible Notes. The proceeds of the Equity Investment were used to pay the cash portion of the Exchange Offer, in an amount of approximately \$90.0 million. At November 1, 2009, we had retired all but \$0.06 million of the Convertible Notes.

On December 9, 2009, we provided to holders of Convertible Notes irrevocable notice of our intent to redeem the \$0.06 million of remaining Convertible Notes on December 29, 2009. As of December 9, 2009 until December 29, 2009, at the option of any holder of Convertible Notes, we are required to convert the principal amount of such holder's Convertible Notes, or any portion of such principal amount that is a multiple of \$1,000, into cash and fully paid shares of common stock of the Company, in accordance with the terms, procedures and conditions outlined in the indenture pursuant to which the Convertible Notes were issued. As of November 1, 2009, the conversion rate for the Convertible Notes was 24.9 shares of common stock per \$1,000 in principal amount of the Convertible Notes. The terms of our Amended Credit Agreement and our ABL Facility require us to redeem the Convertible Notes by January 15, 2010. We expect to redeem the Convertible Notes by January 15, 2010, but if for any reason, we do not redeem the Convertible Notes by January 15, 2010, such failure to redeem will constitute an event of default under both our Amended Credit Agreement and our ABL Facility.





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Interest on the Convertible Notes is not deductible for income tax purposes, which creates a permanent tax difference reflected in our effective tax rate (as discussed further in Note 17). The Convertible Notes are general unsecured and are subordinated to our present and future senior indebtedness.

In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 470-50, *Debt - Modifications and Extinguishments*, we have expensed \$3.5 million of unamortized deferred financing costs related to the Convertible Notes. In addition, we recorded \$84.5 million of debt extinguishment costs and \$5.7 million of capitalized equity raising costs.

The debt extinguishment costs are determined based on the net of the inducement loss and the settlement gain. In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 470-20, *Debt - Debt with Conversion and Other Options* (ASC 470-20), we are required to recognize an expense equal to the fair value of all securities issuable pursuant to the conversion terms. In accordance with the original conversion terms of the Convertible Notes, the expected fair value of common stock issuable upon conversion is approximately \$266.1 million (based on a \$2.51 closing stock price for common stock as of October 19, 2009) as compared to the expected fair value of common stock issuable pursuant to the original offer of approximately \$11.3 million. This resulted in an induced conversion charge of \$254.8 million. ASC 470-20 requires us to account for the settlement of the Convertible Notes as a debt extinguishment. When extinguishment debt is reacquired, the reacquisition price of the debt would include the cash payment for the accreted value of the debt and the fair value of equity instruments issued to settle the conversion spread. The original conversion rate is 24.9121 shares per \$1,000 of principal and the exchange of the Convertible Notes results in 390 shares per \$1,000 of principal. The change in conversion rate based on a \$2.51 closing stock price for common stock as of October 19, 2009 resulted in a gain on settlement of \$170.3 million.

### ***Potential Pre-packaged bankruptcy costs***

Costs related to potential pre-packaged bankruptcy are expensed as incurred. During fiscal 2009, we expensed \$1.2 million of pre-packaged bankruptcy costs which are included in debt extinguishment and refinancing costs in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. All potential pre-packaged bankruptcy costs were incurred in connection with the Recapitalization Plan and were expensed in fiscal 2009.

### ***Deferred Financing Costs***

At November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, the unamortized balance in deferred financing costs was \$20.6 million and \$4.6 million, respectively. During fiscal 2008, we deferred financing costs of \$0.9 million related to the Recapitalization Plan which was included in prepaid expenses and other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

### ***Insurance Note Payable***

The note payable is related to financed insurance premiums and, as of November 1, 2009 we had outstanding a note payable in the amount of \$0.5 million. Insurance premium financings are generally secured by the unearned premiums under the policies.

## **11. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their fair values as of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 because of the relatively short maturity

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of these instruments. The fair values of the remaining financial instruments recognized on our Consolidated Balance Sheet at the respective fiscal year ends were:

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>		<b>November 2, 2008</b>
	<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Carrying Amount</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		<b>(In thousands)</b>
2.125% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes	<b>\$ 59</b>	<b>\$ 97</b>	\$ 180,000
\$150 Million Amended Credit Agreement	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>\$ 138,000</b>	
\$400 Million Credit Agreement			\$ 293,200

The fair value of the Convertible Notes was determined from the market rates as of the last trading day prior to the end of the respective fiscal year. The fair value of each of the Amended Credit Agreement and the Credit Agreement was based on recent trading activities of comparable market instruments.

**12. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENT AND HEDGING STRATEGY*****Interest Rate Risk***

We are exposed to interest rate risk associated with fluctuations in the interest rates on our variable interest rate debt. To manage this risk, on June 15, 2006, we entered into a forward interest rate swap agreement (the "Swap Agreement") as a portion of our \$400 million Credit Agreement with a notional amount of \$160 million beginning October 11, 2006. The notional amount decreased to \$145 million on October 11, 2007, decreased to \$105 million on October 14, 2008, and decreased again to \$65 million on October 13, 2009. The term of the Swap Agreement expires on June 17, 2010. Under the Swap Agreement, we will pay a fixed rate of 5.55% on a quarterly basis in exchange for receiving floating rate payments based on the three-month LIBOR rate. We designated the Swap Agreement as a cash flow hedge. The fair value of the Swap Agreement as of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, was a liability of approximately \$2.2 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, and is included in other accrued expenses in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The fair value of the Swap Agreement excludes accrued interest and takes into consideration current interest rates and current creditworthiness of the counterparty, as applicable.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009, in connection with our refinancing and Amended Credit Agreement, we amended the terms of the Credit Agreement to include a 2% LIBOR minimum market interest rate. Based on the current expected interest rates over the remaining term of the Swap Agreement, the forecasted market rate interest payments have been effectively converted to fixed rate interest payments making the Swap Agreement both ineffective and the underlying hedge no longer probable. Therefore, during fiscal 2009, we reclassified to interest expense the remaining \$3.1 million of losses recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). For fiscal 2009, we have reduced interest expense by \$2.5 million as a result of the changes in fair value of the hedge and we reclassified \$4.8 million into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of the hedge designation of the Swap Agreement.

***Embedded Derivative Bifurcated From Convertible Preferred Stock (See Note 14)***

The terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock include a default dividend rate of 3% per annum if, with certain exceptions, we fail to (1) pay holders of Convertible Preferred Stock, on an as-converted basis, in cash, dividends paid on shares of common stock; (2) following the date that there are no Convertible Notes outstanding, pay, in cash or kind, any amount (other than dividends payable pursuant to the preceding clause (1)) payable to holders of Preferred Shares pursuant to the terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock.

Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of the Series B Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designations") on the applicable quarterly dividend payment date; (3) after June 30, 2010, reserve the number of shares of our common stock equal to 110% of the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of all outstanding shares of Convertible Preferred Stock; (4) maintain the listing of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange or another U.S. national securities exchange; (5) comply with our obligations to convert the Convertible Preferred Stock in accordance with our obligations under the Certificate of Designations and to convert the Convertible Preferred Stock in compliance with the Certificate of Designations.

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Designations; or (7) comply with any dividend payment restrictions with respect to junior securities dividends. If when a 3% per annum default dividend rate is in effect after June 30, 2011 we fail to reserve and keep available common shares pursuant to the terms of the Certificate of Designations the default dividend rate shall increase to such default is no longer continuing. The default dividend represents an embedded derivative which is bifurcated Equity Investment host contract. See Note 14 for further discussion of the Convertible Preferred Stock Investment Agreement.

To determine the level 3 fair value of the embedded derivative, we used a probability-weighted discounted cash flow and assigned probabilities for each qualified default event. At November 1, 2009, we recorded the fair value of the derivative of \$1.0 million in other accrued liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The majority of the value of the derivative was derived from the default dividend rate. As discussed further in Note 14, our majority equity holder has its intent to vote for the proposed reverse stock split. As this event is expected to occur in the second quarter of fiscal 2010, the value of this derivative is expected to decrease substantially in fiscal 2010. The change in fair value in other accrued liabilities expense was inconsequential in fiscal 2009.

At November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, the fair value carrying amount of our derivative instruments were as follows (in thousands):

	Balance Sheet Location	Liability Derivatives November 1, 2009 Fair Value	November 2, 2008 Fair Value
<b>Derivative designated as hedging instrument under ASC 815:</b>			
Interest rate contract	Other long-term liabilities	\$	\$
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815:</b>			
Interest rate contract	Other accrued expenses	\$ 2,208	\$
Embedded derivative	Other accrued expenses	1,041	
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instrument under ASC 815		\$ 3,249	\$
Total derivatives		\$ 3,249	\$

The effect of derivative instruments on the Consolidated Statement of Income for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 was as follows (in thousands):

Derivative in ASC 815 Cash Flow Hedging	Amount of Loss Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion)	Location of Loss Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Loss)	Amount Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion) November 1, 2009

<b>Relationship</b>	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>	<b>(Effective Portion)</b>	<b>2009</b>
Interest rate contract	\$ (739)	\$ (428)	Interest expense	\$ (1,756)

<b>Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments Under ASC 815</b>	<b>Amount of Loss Recognized in Income (Loss) on Derivative</b>		<b>Location of Loss Recognized (Loss) on Derivative</b>
	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>	
Interest rate contract	\$ (3,072)	\$	Interest expense

At November 2, 2008, accumulated other comprehensive loss associated with the Swap Agreement previously qualified for hedge accounting treatment was \$(2.4) million, net of income tax effects.

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Effective November 3, 2008, we adopted the guidance that has been codified under ASC 820-10 related to asset and liability valuations. ASC 820-10 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or settle a liability recognized or disclosed in the financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis. ASC 820-10 defines fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820-10 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, but does not require fair value measurements. The adoption of these provisions did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

ASC 820-10 clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the price that would be received to sell an asset or settle a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants based on the highest and best use of the asset or liability. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. ASC 820-10 requires us to use valuation techniques to measure fair value that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. These inputs are categorized as follows:

*Level 1:* Observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

*Level 2:* Other inputs that are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, market-corroborated inputs.

*Level 3:* Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data and which require us to develop our own assumptions about how market participants would price the assets or liabilities.

The following table summarizes information regarding our financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value as of November 1, 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Short-term investments in deferred compensation plan(1)	\$ 3,359		
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Deferred compensation plan liability	\$ (3,480)		
Interest rate contract		(2,208)	
Embedded derivative			(1,041)
Total liabilities	\$ (3,480)	(2,208)	(1,041)

(1) Unrealized holding gains (losses) for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008 was \$1.1 million and \$(1.1) million, respectively. These unrealized holding gains (losses) are primarily offset by changes in compensation plan liability.

The following table summarizes the activity in Level 3 financial instruments during fiscal 2009:

**Beginning balance**  
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\$

**Ending balance**

**14. SERIES B CUMULATIVE CONVERTIBLE PARTICIPATING PREFERRED STOCK**

*Execution of Investment Agreement*

On August 14, 2009, the Company entered into an Investment Agreement (as amended, the Investment Agreement) between the Company and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. ( CD&R Fund VIII ), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to CD&R Fund VIII, and CD&R Fund VIII agreed to purchase from the Company, for a purchase price of \$250 million (less

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reimbursement to CD&R Fund VIII or direct payment to its service providers of up to \$14.5 million in the aggregate transaction expenses and a deal fee, paid to Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Inc. ( CD&R, Inc. ), the manager of CD&R Fund VIII (the CD&R Funds) of \$8.25 million), 250,000 Preferred Shares. Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, on October 20, 2009 (the Closing Date), the Company issued and sold to the CD&R Funds, and the CD&R Funds purchased from the Company, an aggregate of 250,000 Preferred Shares, representing approximately 196.1 million common shares or 68.4% of the voting power of the common stock of the Company on an as-converted basis.

***Certain Terms of the Convertible Preferred Stock***

In connection with the consummation of the Equity Investment, on October 19, 2009 we filed the Certificate of Designations setting forth the terms, rights, obligations, and preferences of the Convertible Preferred Stock.

*Liquidation Value.* Each Convertible Preferred Share has an initial liquidation preference of \$1,000.

*Rank.* The Convertible Preferred Stock ranks senior as to dividend rights and liquidation to the common stock of the Company and all other classes of capital or series of our Company's preferred stock and junior to each class or series of securities of the Company, whether currently issued or issued in the future, that by its terms ranks senior to the Convertible Preferred Stock.

*Dividends.* Dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock are payable, on a cumulative daily basis, as and if declared by our board of directors, at a rate per annum of 12% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share if paid in cash or at a rate per annum of 8% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share if paid in cash. Member of our board of directors who are independent of directors affiliated with the CD&R Funds, have the right to choose whether dividends are paid in cash or in-kind, subject to the conditions of the Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility, being limited in our ability to pay cash dividends until the first quarter of fiscal 2011 under the Amended Credit Agreement and until October 20, 2010 under the ABL Facility, except for certain specified purposes.

The dividend rate will increase by 3% per annum above the rates described in the preceding paragraph upon and during any such specified default if due to the failure to have sufficient authorized but unissued shares of common stock of the Company to convert all outstanding Preferred Shares.

In addition to any dividends declared and paid as described in the preceding paragraphs, holders of the outstanding Preferred Shares also have the right to participate equally and ratably, on an as-converted basis, with the holders of shares of common stock of the Company in all cash dividends and distributions paid on the common stock.

If, at any time after the 30-month anniversary of the Closing Date, the trading price of the common stock of the Company exceeds 200% of the initial conversion price (as defined in the Certificate of Designations) for each of 20 consecutive trading days, the dividend rate (excluding any applicable adjustments as a result of a default) will become 0.00%. However, this shall not preclude the payment of default dividends after the 30-month anniversary of the Closing Date. We expect that dividends for each quarter of fiscal 2010 to be paid in-kind as a result of certain restrictions on our Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility and have, therefore, accrued a pro rata 12% rate per annum. See Note 10 for more information on our Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility.

*Convertibility and Antidilution Adjustments.* To the extent that we have authorized but unissued shares of common stock, holders of Preferred Shares will have the right, at any time and from time to time, at their option, to convert any of their Preferred Shares, in whole or in part, into fully paid and non-assessable shares of our common stock at the conversion price initially equal to \$1.2748 and subject to adjustment as set forth in the Certificate of Designations. The number of



common stock of the Company into which a Preferred Share can be convertible is determined by dividing the liquidation preference in effect at the time of conversion by the conversion price in effect at the time of conversion.

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The conversion price is subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments, including stock dividends and issuance of common stock at a price below the then-current market price and, within the first three years after the Closing Date, of our common stock below the conversion price.

*Vote.* Holders of Preferred Shares generally are entitled to vote with the holders of the shares of our common stock on matters submitted for a vote of holders of shares of our common stock (voting together with the holders of shares of our common stock as one class) and are entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of votes to which shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of such available Preferred Shares would have been entitled (without any limitation on our authorized but unissued shares of our common stock) if such shares of our common stock had been outstanding at the time of the applicable vote and related record date.

Additionally, certain matters require the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding available Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, including (1) amendments or modifications to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or the Certificate of Designation, (2) authorization, creation, increase in the authorized amount of, or issuance of any series of senior securities or any security convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, shares of senior securities, (3) any increase or decrease in the authorized number of Preferred Shares or the issuance of additional Preferred Shares, subject to certain exceptions.

*Milestone Redemption Right.* The Company has the right, at any time on or after the tenth anniversary of the Closing Date, to redeem in whole, but not in part, all then-issued and outstanding shares of Convertible Preferred Stock in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Certificate of Designations. Any holder of Convertible Preferred Stock has the right, on or after the tenth anniversary of the Closing Date, to require that the Company redeem all, but not less than all, of its Convertible Preferred Stock in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Certificate of Designations.

*Change of Control Redemption Right.* Upon a Change of Control (as defined in the Certificate of Designations) in which the CD&R Funds do not own 45% or more of the voting power of the Company or are otherwise able to designate a majority of the directors on the board of directors, holders of Preferred Shares are able to require redemption by the Company, in whole but not in part, of the Convertible Preferred Stock (1) if redeemed after the fourth anniversary of the Closing Date at the liquidation value of such Preferred Shares or (2) if redeemed prior to the fourth anniversary of the Closing Date at the liquidation value of such Preferred Shares plus a make-whole premium equal to the net present value of the sum of all dividends that would otherwise be payable on and after the redemption date, to and including such fourth anniversary, assuming that such dividends are paid in cash.

In the event of a merger or other business combination in which the holders of shares of our common stock receive securities of an unaffiliated entity as consideration for such shares, if the holder of Preferred Shares does not exercise its change of control redemption right as described above, such holder will be entitled to receive, pursuant to such merger or business combination, the consideration such holder would have received for its Preferred Shares had it converted its shares immediately prior to the merger or business combination transaction.

*Restriction on Dividends on Junior Securities.* Except for ordinary cash dividends and dividends payable solely on shares of our common stock or other junior securities, the Company is prohibited from paying any dividend with respect to shares of common stock or other junior securities or repurchasing or redeeming any shares of our common stock or other junior securities, unless, in each case, we have sufficient access to lawful funds immediately following such action such that we would be legally permitted to redeem in full all Preferred Shares then outstanding.

***Accounting for Convertible Preferred Stock***

In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, and ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*, we classified the Convertible Preferred Stock as mezzanine equity because the Convertible Preferred Stock (1) can be settled in cash or common shares,

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(2) contains change of control rights allowing for early redemption, and (3) contains Milestone Redemption Right which allows the convertible preferred stock to remain outstanding without a stated maturity date.

In addition, the Convertible Preferred Stock includes features that are required to be bifurcated and recorded at fair value. We classified the Convertible Preferred Stock as an equity host contract because of (1) the voting rights, (2) the participation in dividends on common stock and mandatory, cumulative preferred stock dividends, and (3) the Milestone Redemption Right which allows the convertible preferred stock to remain outstanding without a stated maturity date. We then determined that the conditions resulting in the application of the default dividend rate are not clearly and closely related to this equity contract and we bifurcated and separately recorded these features at fair value (See Note 12 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Strategy).

The Convertible Preferred Stock, at execution, was recorded with a book value of \$221.6 million which is the \$228.3 million initial liquidation preference less \$27.7 million of direct transaction costs and \$0.6 million for the fair value, net of income tax, of the bifurcated embedded derivative liability related to the dividend default rate. The \$28.4 million difference between the book value and the initial liquidation preference is accreted using the effective interest rate method from the date of the contract to the Milestone Redemption Right date or 10 years. The accretion recorded for fiscal 2009 is \$0.1 million.

Because the dividends accrue and accumulate on a daily basis and are included in the liquidation preference, all dividends are recorded into Convertible Preferred Stock. Dividends are accrued at the 12% paid in-kind rate and increased the book value of Convertible Preferred Stock by \$1.1 million during fiscal 2009. As such, as of November 1, 2009, the book value of Convertible Preferred Stock is \$222.8 million.

In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 470-20, *Debt with Conversion and Other Options*, the Convertible Preferred Stock contains a beneficial conversion feature because it was issued with a conversion price of \$25.12 per common share equivalent and the closing stock price per common share just prior to the execution of the Equity Investment was \$2.51. The intrinsic value of the beneficial conversion feature cannot exceed the issuance proceeds of the Convertible Preferred Stock less the cash paid to the CDR Funds, and thus is \$241.4 million. At November 1, 2009, 8.2 million of the potentially 196.1 million common shares, if converted, are authorized and unissued. Therefore, \$10.5 million of the beneficial conversion feature was recognized in fiscal 2009. The remaining \$230.9 million of the beneficial conversion feature will be recognized when the contingency related to the availability of authorized shares is resolved.

As of November 1, 2009, the Preferred Shares are convertible into 196.1 million shares of common stock, at a conversion price of \$1.2748. However, as of that date, only approximately 8.2 million shares of common stock were authorized and unissued, and therefore, the CD&R Funds may not fully convert the Preferred Shares. To the extent that the CD&R Funds want to convert their Preferred Shares, as of November 1, 2009, their conversion right was limited to conversion of their Preferred Shares into the approximately 8.2 million shares of common stock that are currently authorized and unissued. We will submit to a shareholder vote, at our annual meeting of shareholders, a proposal to amend the Company's certificate of incorporation to effect a reverse stock split of the common stock of the Company. We expect the shareholders to approve the reverse stock split at the annual meeting and we expect that, following the completion of the reverse stock split, the CD&R Funds will be able to convert 100% of their Preferred Shares into shares of common stock.

**15. RELATED PARTIES**

Pursuant to the Investment Agreement and a Stockholders Agreement (the "Stockholders Agreement"), dated as of November 1, 2009, between the Company and the CD&R Funds, the CD&R Funds have the right to designate a number of directors to the board of directors that is equivalent to the CD&R Funds' percentage interest in the Company. Among other directors appointed by the CD&R Funds, our board of directors appointed to the board of directors James G. Berges, Nathaniel

Sleeper and Jonathan L. Zrebiec. Messrs. Berges and Sleeper are partners and Mr. Zrebiec is a principal of Clay Dubilier & Rice, LLC, ( CD&R, LLC ), an affiliate of the CD&R Funds.

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As a result of their respective positions with CD&R, LLC and its affiliates, one or more of Messrs. Berges, Sleeper and Zrebiec may be deemed to have an indirect material interest in certain agreements executed in connection with the Equity Investment. Messrs. Berges, Sleeper and Zrebiec may be deemed to have an indirect material interest in the following agreements:

the Investment Agreement, pursuant to which the CD&R Funds acquired a 68.4% interest in the Company, and the CD&R Funds' transaction expenses were reimbursed and a deal fee of \$8.25 million was paid to CD&R, LLC, which indirectly controls CD&R, LLC, on the Closing Date;

the Stockholders Agreement, which sets forth certain terms and conditions regarding the Equity Investment, including the CD&R Funds' ownership of the Preferred Shares, including certain restrictions on the transfer of the Preferred Shares and the shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion thereof and on certain actions of the CD&R Funds and their controlled affiliates with respect to the Company, and to provide for, among other things, subscription rights, corporate governance rights and consent rights as well as other obligations and rights;

a Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), between the Company and the CD&R Funds, pursuant to which the Company granted to the CD&R Funds, together with any other stockholder of the Company that may become a party to the Registration Rights Agreement in accordance with its terms, certain customary registration rights with respect to the shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of the Preferred Shares; and

an Indemnification Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date between the Company, NCI Group, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, Robertson-Ceco II Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, the CD&R Funds and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Inc., pursuant to which the Company, NCI Group, Inc. and Robertson-Ceco II Corporation agreed to indemnify CD&R, Inc., the CD&R Funds and their general partners, the special limited partners of CD&R Fund VIII and any other investment vehicle that is a stockholder of the Company and is managed by CD&R, Inc. or any of its affiliates, their respective affiliates and successors and assigns and the respective officers, partners, members, employees, agents, representatives and controlling persons of each of them, against certain liabilities arising out of the Equity Investment, including, but not limited to, the Amended Credit Agreement, the ABL Facility, the Exchange Offer, and certain other liabilities and claims.

## **16. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*, goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually at the reporting unit level, which is defined as an operating segment or a part of an operating segment that constitutes a business for which financial information is available and is regularly reviewed by management. Management has determined that we have six reporting units for the purpose of allocating goodwill and subsequent testing of goodwill for impairment. Our metal components and engineered building systems segment is split into two reporting units and the metal coil coating segment is its own reporting unit for goodwill impairment purposes.

Subsequent to our fiscal 2008 annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangible assets beginning largely in late September, our stock price and market capitalization decreased from \$36.51 and \$720.3 million, respectively, at July 27, 2008 to \$18.61 and \$367.3 million, respectively, at November 2, 2008. We evaluated the recent decline in our stock price and market capitalization represents a significant decline in the underlying fair value of the Company. Based upon our analysis we concluded that the decline in our stock price and the resulting decline in market capitalization did not require us to perform an additional goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles impairment test.

did not believe the decline was caused by significant underperformance of the Company relative to historical or future operating results, a significant change in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our business, or a significant sustained negative industry or economic trend.

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However, based on lower than projected sales volumes in our first quarter of fiscal 2009 and based on a revised forecast for non-residential construction activity in 2009, management reduced the Company's cash flow projections. We determined that this reduction was an impairment indicator requiring us to perform an interim goodwill impairment test for our six reporting units as of February 1, 2009. As a result of this impairment indicator, we updated the first step of our goodwill impairment test in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. The first step of our goodwill impairment test determines fair value for each reporting unit based on a blend of estimated discounted cash flows, publicly traded company multiples and acquired company multiples reconciled to our recent publicly traded stock price, including a reasonable control premium. The results of this model was then weighted and combined into a single estimate of fair value. We determined that our carrying value exceeded our fair value at most of our reporting units in each of our operating segments, indicating that goodwill was potentially impaired. As a result, we initiated the second step of the goodwill impairment test which involved calculating the fair value of our goodwill by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit to all assets and liabilities other than goodwill and comparing it to the carrying amount of goodwill. The fair value of each of the reporting unit's assets and liabilities was determined based on a combination of prices of comparable businesses and present value techniques.

As of February 1, 2009, we estimated the market implied fair value of our goodwill was less than its carrying value for approximately \$508.9 million, which was recorded as a goodwill impairment charge in the first quarter of fiscal 2009. This charge was an estimate based on the result of the preliminary allocation of fair value in the second step of the goodwill impairment test. However, due to the timing and complexity of the valuation calculations required under the second step of the test, we were not able to finalize our allocation of the fair value until the second quarter of fiscal 2009 with respect to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets in which their respective values are dependent on property, plant and equipment. The finalization was included in our goodwill impairment charge in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

Further declines in cash flow projections and the corresponding implementation of the Phase III restructuring plan led management to determine that there was an indicator requiring us to perform another interim goodwill impairment test for each of our reporting units with goodwill remaining as of May 3, 2009. As a result of this impairment indicator, we performed the first step of our goodwill impairment test in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, the results of which indicated that our carrying value exceeded our fair value at most of our reporting units with goodwill remaining, indicating that goodwill was potentially impaired. As a result, we initiated the second step of the goodwill impairment test. As of May 3, 2009, we determined the market implied fair value of our goodwill was less than the carrying value for certain reporting units by approximately \$102.5 million, which has been recorded as a goodwill impairment charge in the second quarter of fiscal 2009.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter of each fiscal year, we perform an annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles. Additionally, we assess goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that such carrying values may not be recoverable. We completed our annual assessment of the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009 and determined that no further impairments of our goodwill or long-lived intangibles were required.

Our goodwill balance and changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by operating segment are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Metal Coil Coating</b>	<b>Metal Components</b>	<b>Engineered Building Systems</b>
Balance as of October 28, 2007	\$ 98,959	\$ 149,180	\$ 368,261
Transfer(1)		(1,940)	1,940
Other			226



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Balance as of November 2, 2008	\$ 98,959	\$ 147,240	\$ 370,427
Impairments	(98,959)	(147,240)	(365,227)
<b>Balance as of November 1, 2009</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 5,200</b>

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- (1) During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, we changed the reporting structure and management team responsibilities to better align certain of our products in order to respond effectively to current market opportunities. As a result of this change, certain amounts of goodwill have been transferred accordingly. Fiscal 2007 segment presentation has been reclassified to conform to fiscal 2008 presentation.

The following table represents all our intangible assets activity for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009 and November 1, 2008 (in thousands):

	<b>Range of Life (Years)</b>	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 1, 2008</b>
Amortized intangible assets:			
Cost:			
Trade names	15	\$ 5,588	\$ 5,588
Backlog	1	3,019	3,019
Customer lists and relationships	15	8,710	8,710
Non-competition agreements	5-10	8,132	8,132
Property rights	7	990	990
		<b>\$ 26,439</b>	<b>\$ 26,439</b>
Accumulated Amortization:			
Trade names		\$ (1,719)	\$ (1,719)
Backlog		(3,019)	(3,019)
Customer lists and relationships		(1,937)	(1,937)
Non-competition agreements		(4,236)	(4,236)
Property rights		(613)	(613)
		<b>\$ (11,524)</b>	<b>\$ (11,524)</b>
Net book value		<b>\$ 14,915</b>	<b>\$ 14,915</b>
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:			
Trade names, beginning of year		\$ 24,704	\$ 24,704
Impairments		(11,249)	(11,249)
Trade names, end of year		<b>13,455</b>	<b>13,455</b>
Total intangible assets at net book value		<b>\$ 28,370</b>	<b>\$ 28,370</b>

RCC's Star and Ceco trade name assets have an indefinite life and are not amortized, but are reviewed annually for impairment. The RCC trade names were determined to have indefinite lives due to the length of time the trade names have been in place, with some having been in place for decades. Our past practice with other significant acquisitions and our current intentions are to maintain the trade names indefinitely.

As a result of the aforementioned goodwill impairment indicators and in accordance with SFAS 142, we performed an impairment analysis on our indefinite lived intangible asset related to RCC's trade names in our engineered building segment to determine the fair value. Based on changes to our projected cash flows in the first quarter of fiscal 2009, on the lower projected cash flows and related Phase III restructuring plan in the second quarter of fiscal 2009, when the carrying cost exceeded the future fair value attributable to the intangible asset, and recorded impairment charges of \$8.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2009 and \$2.4 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2009 related to the asset.

All other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives. As of November 30, 2008, the weighted average amortization period for all our intangible assets was 13.3 years.

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Amortization expense of intangibles was \$2.1 million, \$2.2 million and \$3.4 million for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 respectively. We expect to recognize amortization expense over the next five fiscal years as follows (in thousands):

2010  
2011  
2012  
2013  
2014

In accordance with SFAS 142, we evaluate the remaining useful life of these intangible assets on an annual basis. We perform a review for recoverability when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying values may not be recoverable in accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 360, *Property, Plant and Equipment*.

**17. INCOME TAXES**

Income tax expense is based on pretax financial accounting income. Deferred income taxes are recognized for the differences between the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and such amounts for income tax purposes. The income tax provision (benefit) for the fiscal years ended 2009, 2008 and 2007, consists of the following (in thousands):

	November 1, 2009	Fiscal Year Ended November 2, 2008	
Current:			
Federal	\$ (28,706)	\$ 44,330	\$
State	(1,366)	6,903	
Total current	(30,072)	51,233	
Deferred:			
Federal	(21,368)	179	
State	(3,084)	87	
Total deferred	(24,452)	266	
Total provision (benefit)	\$ (54,524)	\$ 51,499	\$

The reconciliation of income tax computed at the United States federal statutory tax rate to the effective income tax rate follows:

	November 1, 2009	Fiscal Year Ended November 2, 2008	

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Statutory federal income tax rate	<b>35.0%</b>	35.0%
State income taxes	<b>3.3%</b>	3.5%
Non-deductible goodwill impairment	<b>(27.0)%</b>	
Canadian valuation allowance	<b>(0.1)%</b>	1.3%
Non-deductible interest expense	<b>(0.2)%</b>	1.2%
Production activities deduction		(2.0)%
Premium on Convertible Notes exchange offer	<b>(4.1)%</b>	
Other	<b>(0.1)%</b>	0.5%
Effective tax rate	<b>6.8%</b>	39.5%

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The decrease in our effective tax rate for the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009 as compared to the prior year is primarily due to the following:

The \$611.4 million goodwill impairment charges discussed in Note 16 Goodwill and Other Intangible

The \$84.5 million premium paid on the exchange offer to retire our Convertible Notes which is not deducible

Deferred income taxes reflect the net impact of temporary differences between the amounts of assets and liabilities recognized for financial reporting purposes and such amounts recognized for income tax purposes. The tax effect of temporary differences for fiscal 2009 and 2008 are as follows (in thousands):

	As of November 1, 2009	N
Deferred tax assets:		
Inventory obsolescence	\$ 1,008	\$
Bad debt reserve	2,137	
Accrued and deferred compensation	11,545	
Accrued insurance reserves	1,878	
Deferred revenue	6,266	
Interest rate swap	847	
Net operating loss carryover	6,469	
Depreciation and amortization	454	
Deferred financing costs	2,390	
Other reserves	725	
Total deferred tax assets	33,719	
Less valuation allowance	(5,018)	
Net deferred tax assets	28,701	
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Depreciation and amortization	(25,163)	
Pension	(2,566)	
Other	(776)	
Total deferred tax liabilities	(28,505)	
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ 196	\$

There were no amounts of accrued income taxes payable included in other accrued expenses at November 1, 2009. Accrued expenses include accrued income taxes payable of \$4.9 million at November 2, 2008.

We carry out our business operations through legal entities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. These operations require us to file corporate income tax returns that are subject to U.S., state and foreign tax laws. We are subject to income taxes in these multiple jurisdictions.



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The entire U.S. federal net operating loss will be fully utilized through carryback against taxable income generated in 2008 and 2007. Our foreign operations have a net operating loss carryforward of approximately \$15.6 million that will expire in fiscal 2025 if unused. The utilization of these losses is uncertain and we currently have a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset related to this loss carryforward. Of the \$5.0 million valuation allowance, \$3.3 million was recorded as part of the purchase accounting related to the acquisition of RCC. The following table represents the activity of the valuation allowance on deferred taxes activity for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008, and October 28, 2007 (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>
<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,972</b>	<b>\$ 4,603</b>
Additions	<b>46</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,018</b>	<b>\$ 4,972</b>

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Prior to fiscal 2008, in evaluating the exposures connected with the various tax filing positions, the company estimated the tax accrual when, despite management's belief that the company's tax return positions are supportable, management determined that certain positions may be successfully challenged and a loss was probable. When facts and circumstances changed, the tax accruals were adjusted.

We adopted guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 740-10, *Income Taxes - Overall* (ASC 740-10) effective for fiscal 2007. The cumulative effect of adopting ASC 740-10 was recorded as of October 29, 2007 as a decrease to retained earnings of \$0.4 million. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefit at November 1, 2009 was \$0.7 million, of which \$0.4 million would impact the Company's effective tax rate if recognized. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits at November 2, 2008 was \$1.3 million, of which \$0.9 million would impact the Company's effective tax rate if recognized. We do not anticipate any material change in the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to occur within the next twelve months.

The following table summarizes the activity related to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits during fiscal 2009 (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 2, 2008</b>
Unrecognized tax benefits at beginning of year	<b>\$ 1,321</b>	<b>\$ 1,321</b>
Additions for tax positions related to prior years	<b>239</b>	<b>239</b>
Reductions due to lapse of applicable statute of limitations	<b>(875)</b>	<b>(875)</b>
Unrecognized tax benefits at end of year	<b>\$ 685</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>

We recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. To the extent accrued interest and penalties do not ultimately become payable, amounts accrued will be reduced and reflected as a reduction of income tax expense.



income tax provision in the period that such determination is made. We did not have a material amount of accrued and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as of November 1, 2009.

We file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. Our tax year closed with the IRS through the year ended October 30, 2005 as the statute of limitations related to these tax years. In addition, open tax years related to state and foreign jurisdictions remain subject to examination but are not considered material.

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Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>N</b>
Foreign exchange translation adjustments	\$ 391	\$
Defined benefit pension plan	(9,250)	
Unrealized losses on interest rate swap		
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	\$ (8,859)	\$

**19. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

We have operating lease commitments expiring at various dates, principally for real estate, office space, office equipment and transportation equipment. Certain of these operating leases have purchase options that entitle us to purchase the equipment at fair value at the end of the lease. In addition, many of our leases contain renewal options at rates similar to current arrangements. As of November 1, 2009, future minimum rental payments related to noncancellable operating leases are as follows (in thousands):

2010	\$ 7
2011	4
2012	2
2013	
2014	
Thereafter	1

Rental expense incurred from operating leases, including leases with terms of less than one year, for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$11.9 million, \$12.4 million and \$12.2 million, respectively.

**20. STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM**

Our board of directors has authorized a stock repurchase program. Subject to applicable federal securities law, shares may be repurchased at times and in amounts that we deem appropriate. Shares repurchased are used primarily for later re-issuance in connection with our equity incentive and 401(k) profit sharing plans. Although we did not repurchase any shares of common stock during fiscal 2009 and 2008, we did withhold shares of restricted stock to satisfy tax withholding requirements arising in connection with the vesting of awards of restricted stock, which are included in treasury stock purchases in our Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity. At November 1, 2009, there were 0.6 million shares remaining for repurchase under the program. While there is no time limit on the duration of the program, our Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility apply certain limitations on our repurchase of shares of our common stock. During 2009, we retired all treasury shares outstanding.

Changes in treasury common stock, at cost, were as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Number of Shares</b>
Balance, October 28, 2007	2,590
Purchases	80
Balance, November 2, 2008	2,670
Purchases	177
Retirements	(2,847)
<b>Balance, November 1, 2009</b>	

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Our 2003 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan ) is an equity-based compensation plan that allows a variety of types of awards, including stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, performance share awards, phantom stock awards and cash awards. In fiscal 2009, our stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the Incentive Plan to increase the number of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan to approximately 1.1 million shares of common stock and provide for the extension of the effective date of the Incentive Plan to 10 years after its approval. As amended, the aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be issued under the plan may not exceed 3.66 million.

In fiscal 2005, our stockholders approved the amendment and restatement of the Incentive Plan, which, among other things, increased the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan by approximately 1.1 million shares of common stock and allowed us to grant performance awards, including performance-based cash awards, under the plan. As a general rule, awards terminate on the earlier of (i) 10 years from the date of grant, (ii) 30 days after termination of employment or service for a reason other than death, disability or retirement, (iii) one year after death or (iv) one year after the termination of incentive stock options or five years for other awards after disability or retirement. Awards are non-transferable and may be disposed of on death or to certain family members, trusts and other family entities as the Compensation Committee or the Board of Directors (the Committee ) may approve. Awards may be paid in cash, shares of our common stock or a combination, in lump sum or installments and currently or by deferred payment, all as determined by the Committee. As of November 1, 2009 and for all periods presented, our share-based awards under these plans have consisted of restricted stock grants and stock option grants, neither of which can be settled through cash payments. Both our stock options and restricted stock awards contain only service condition requirements and typically vest over four years, although from time to time certain individuals have received special one-time restricted stock awards that vest at retirement, upon a change of control and on termination without cause or for good reason, as defined by the agreements governing such awards. As of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, respectively, approximately 567,000 and 495,000 shares were available at November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, respectively, for the further grants of awards under the Incentive Plan.

Since December 2006, the Committee's policy has been to provide for grants of restricted stock once per year, with the amount of the awards based on a dollar amount set by the Committee. For executive officers and designated members of senior management, a portion of the award may be fixed and a portion may be subject to adjustment, up or down, depending on the average rate of growth in NCI's earnings per share over the three fiscal years ended prior to the award date. The number of shares awarded on the grant date equals the dollar value specified by the Committee (after adjustment with regard to the variable portion) divided by the closing price of the stock on the grant date, or if the grant date is not a trading day, the closing price on the trading day prior to the grant date. The restricted stock vests ratably over four years. All restricted stock awards granted to recipients, including executive officers, are subject to a cap in value set by the Committee.

Our option awards and restricted stock awards are typically subject to graded vesting over a service period, which is typically four years. We recognize compensation cost for these awards on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period over the entire award. In addition, certain of our awards provide for accelerated vesting upon qualified retirement, after a change of control or upon termination without cause or for good reason. We recognize compensation cost for such awards on a straight-line basis over the period from grant date to the date the employee first becomes eligible for retirement. On October 20, 2009, we completed a financial restructuring that resulted in a change of control of the Company. With the exception of certain executive officers who received 2004 Long-Term Restricted Stock Awards that vest in full only on retirement, the vesting of all unvested restricted stock and stock options within our stock incentive plans accelerated upon the change of control. As a result, we recorded \$9.1 million in share-based compensation expense upon the accelerated vesting of our stock incentive awards. In December 2008, the Committee determined to change its policy to provide for semi-annual grants of restricted stock in December and June of each year.

The fair value of each option award is estimated as of the date of grant using a Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of our stock over a preceding period.

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commensurate with the expected term of the option. The risk-free rate for the expected term of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Expected dividend yield was not considered in the option pricing formula since we historically have not paid dividends and have no current plans to do so in the future. There were 1,000 options granted during the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007. We have estimated a forfeiture rate of 10% for our non-officers and 0% to 10% for our officers in our calculation of share-based compensation expense for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007. These estimates are based on historical forfeiture behavior exhibited by our employees.

The following is a summary of stock option transactions during fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 (in thousands, except average exercise prices, weighted average remaining life):

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Life</b>
Balance October 29, 2006	901	\$ 27.43	
Granted			
Cancelled	(3)	(35.75)	
Exercised	(153)	(25.59)	
Balance October 28, 2007	745	\$ 27.78	
Granted			
Cancelled	(18)	(31.21)	
Exercised	(34)	(19.86)	
Balance November 2, 2008	693	\$ 28.09	
Granted			
Cancelled	(41)	(27.78)	
Exercised	(1)	(15.15)	
Balance November 1, 2009	<b>651</b>	<b>\$ 28.13</b>	4.2 years
Exercisable at November 1, 2009	<b>651</b>	<b>\$ 28.13</b>	4.2 years

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during fiscal 2009 was insignificant and during fiscal 2008 and 2007 was \$0.4 million and \$3.9 million, respectively. Options exercisable at fiscal years ended 2009, 2008 and 2007 were 0.6 million and 0.6 million, respectively. The weighted average exercise prices for options exercisable at fiscal years ended 2009, 2008 and 2007 were \$28.13, \$27.22 and \$25.71, respectively. The following summarizes additional information concerning outstanding options at November 1, 2009:

<b>Range of Exercise Prices</b>	<b>Options Outstanding and Exercisable</b>		
	<b>Number of Options</b>	<b>Weighted Average Remaining Life</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price</b>

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\$	15.13	19.38	130,824	2.4 years	\$
	20.64	30.18	232,863	4.2 years	
	31.00	38.01	245,490	4.8 years	
	44.00	60.64	42,093	6.1 years	
			651,270	4.2 years	\$

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Restricted stock transactions during fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 were as follows (in thousands, except weighted prices):

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted Grant Price</b>
Balance October 29, 2006	436,272	\$
Granted	151,456	
Distributed	(67,482)	
Forfeited	(5,346)	
Balance October 28, 2007	514,900	\$
Granted	251,295	
Distributed	(273,685)	
Forfeited	(10,791)	
Balance November 2, 2008	481,719	\$
Granted	708,789	
Distributed	(136,018)	
Forfeited	(33,659)	
<b>Balance November 1, 2009</b>	<b>1,020,831</b>	<b>\$</b>

The total recurring pre-tax share-based compensation cost that has been recognized in results of operations was \$9.5 million and \$8.6 million for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007, respectively. Of these amounts, \$4.3 million, \$8.5 million and \$7.8 million were included in selling, general and administrative expense for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007, respectively, with the remaining costs in each period in cost of goods sold. On October 20, 2009, upon the change of control, \$9.1 million of accelerated unamortized compensation expense which was included in the change of control charge was recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. As of November 1, 2009, we do not have any amounts capitalized for share-based compensation cost in inventory or similar assets. The total income tax benefit recognized in results of operations from share-based compensation arrangements was \$5.3 million, \$3.6 million and \$3.3 million for the fiscal years ended November 1, 2009, November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007, respectively. As a result of the change of control, share-based compensation cost related to share-based compensation arrangements have been recognized as of November 1, 2009.

Cash received from option exercises was insignificant during fiscal 2009 and was \$0.7 million and \$3.9 million for fiscal 2008 and 2007, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercises totaled \$1.5 million and \$1.5 million for fiscal 2008 and 2007, respectively.



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Basic earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings (loss) per common share considers the effect of common stock equivalents. The reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used for the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended November 2, 2008</b>
<b>Numerator for Basic and Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share</b>		
Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	\$ (758,677)	\$ 78,881
<b>Denominator for Diluted Earnings (Loss) Per Share</b>		
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic earnings (loss) per share	<b>22,013</b>	19,332
Common stock equivalents:		
Employee stock options		104
Unvested restricted stock awards		50
Convertible Notes(1)		
Adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions for diluted earnings (loss) per share	<b>22,013</b>	19,486
<b>Earnings (loss) per share</b>		
Basic	\$ (34.06)	\$ 4.08
Diluted	\$ (34.06)	\$ 4.05

- (1) The indenture under which the Convertible Notes were issued contains a net share settlement provision in accordance with the guidance that has been codified under ASC Topic 260-10, *Earnings Per Share - Overall*, whereby conversion is required for a combination of cash and shares, and shares are only issued to the extent the conversion value exceeds the cash amount. The incremental shares that we would have been required to issue had the Convertible Notes been converted at the average trading price during the period have been included in the diluted earnings per share calculation if the average stock trading price had exceeded the \$40.14 conversion threshold. However, during fiscal 2009, the Convertible Notes could only be converted by the holders if our stock price traded above the initial conversion price of \$40.14. Convertible Notes (see Note 10) for at least 20 trading days in each of the 30 consecutive trading day periods preceding calendar quarter or upon other specified events. At November 1, 2009, the Convertible Notes were not convertible.

The weighted average number of common shares outstanding increased by 2.5 million due to the completion of the Exchange Offer in October 2009. In connection with the exchange offer, we issued 70.2 million common shares. In addition to the Exchange Offer, our 2009 refinancing transaction included the issuance of \$250 million shares of Convertible Preferred Stock which required the use of the two-class method in determining diluted earnings per share, but did not increase the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The Convertible Preferred Stock will be convertible into 196.1 million shares of common stock.

common shares and will only be included in the weighted average common shares outstanding under the if-converted method, which is required when it results in a lower earnings per share than determined under the two-class method.

Dividends on the Convertible Preferred Stock are payable, on a cumulative daily basis, as, if and when declared by the board of directors, at a rate per annum of 12% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share, subject to certain adjustments, if paid in-kind or at a rate per annum of 8% of the liquidation preference of \$1,000 per Preferred Share, if paid in cash. We have the right to choose whether dividends are

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paid in cash or in-kind, subject to the conditions of the Amended Credit Agreement and ABL Facility including contractually limited in our ability to pay cash dividends until the first quarter of fiscal 2011 under the Amended Agreement and until October 20, 2010 under the ABL Facility, except for certain specified purposes.

For the fiscal year ended November 1, 2009, all options and unvested restricted shares were anti-dilutive and, therefore, included in the diluted loss per share calculation. The number of weighted average options that were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because the effect would have been anti-dilutive was approximately 309,000 and 2,500 shares for the fiscal years ended November 2, 2008 and October 28, 2007, respectively. The anti-dilutive weighted average unvested restricted shares that were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation was approximately 142,000 shares for the fiscal year ended November 2, 2008. For the fiscal year ended October 28, 2007, there were approximately 142,000 anti-dilutive weighted average unvested restricted shares excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation.

**23. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

*Defined Contribution Plan* We have a 401(k) profit sharing plan (the "Savings Plan") that covers all eligible employees. The Savings Plan requires us to match employee contributions up to 6% of a participant's salary. On February 27, 2009, the Savings Plan was amended effective January 1, 2009 to make the matching contributions fully discretionary and the matching contributions were temporarily suspended. Additional amounts may be contributed depending upon our annual return on assets. Contributions expense for the fiscal years ended 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$0.8 million, \$8.6 million and \$8.6 million, respectively, for contributions to the Savings Plan. In fiscal 2008 and 2007, Company matching contributions were made in cash. Our match ranges from 67% to 100% of the participant's contribution, depending on the return on adjusted assets. Our match was 83.3% in fiscal years 2008 and 2007.

As a result of the economic downturn and restructuring, we have determined our Savings Plan has experienced a partial termination which is defined by the IRS as 20% or more of the participating employees being involuntarily terminated. As a result, the affected employee participants of the Savings Plan become fully vested upon termination. As of November 1, 2009, the impact of this partial plan termination was immaterial, excluding the impact of the employer contributions.

*Deferred Compensation Plan* On October 23, 2006, the board of directors approved an Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Plan for NCI (as amended and restated, the "Deferred Compensation Plan") effective for compensation beginning in calendar 2007. The Deferred Compensation Plan allows our officers and key employees to defer up to 90% of their annual salary and up to 90% of their bonus until a specified date in the future, including at or after retirement. Additionally, the Deferred Compensation Plan allows our directors to defer up to 100% of their annual fees and attendance fees until a specified date in the future, including at or after retirement. The Deferred Compensation Plan also permits us to make contributions on behalf of our key employees who are impacted by the federal tax compensation limits under the NCI 401(k) plan, and to receive a restoration matching amount which, under the current NCI 401(k) terms, is limited to 4% and up to 6% of compensation in excess of those limits, based on our Company's performance. On February 27, 2009, restoration matching contributions were indefinitely suspended, effective January 1, 2009. In addition, the Deferred Compensation Plan provides for us to make discretionary contributions to employees who have elected to defer compensation under the plan. Deferred Compensation Plan participants will vest in our discretionary contributions ratably over 10 years from the date of each of our discretionary contributions. Any unvested matching contributions in a participant's Deferred Compensation Plan account became vested upon consummation of the Equity Investment on October 20, 2009. The Deferred Compensation Plan also permitted participants to have their account balances paid out upon a change of control which reduced the rabbi trust assets and corresponding liability by \$2.6 million. As of November 1, 2009 and November 2, 2008, the liability balance of the Deferred Compensation Plan is \$3.5 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, and is included in accrued compensation and benefits in the Consolidated Balance Sheet. We have accrued restoration matching contributions in the amount of \$0.3 million for 2008. We have not made any discretionary contributions to the Deferred Compensation Plan.



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With the Deferred Compensation Plan, the Board also approved the establishment of a rabbi trust to fund the Deferred Compensation Plan and the formation of an administrative committee to manage the Deferred Compensation Plan assets. The investments in the rabbi trust are \$3.4 million and \$2.6 million at November 1, 2009 and November 1, 2008 respectively. The rabbi trust investments include debt and equity securities, along with cash equivalents and are classified as trading securities.

*Defined Benefit Plan* As a result of the closing of the RCC acquisition on April 7, 2006, we assumed a defined benefit plan (the RCC Benefit Plan). Benefits under the RCC Benefit Plan are primarily based on years of service and the employee's compensation. The RCC Benefit Plan is frozen and, therefore, employees do not accrue additional service benefits. The assets of the RCC Benefit Plan are invested in broadly diversified portfolios of government obligations, hedge funds, stocks, bonds and fixed income securities. In accordance with guidance that has been codified under ASC 715-20, we have quantified the projected benefit obligation and fair value of the plan assets of the RCC Benefit Plan and recorded the difference between these two amounts as an assumed liability.

As a result of the economic downturn and restructuring, we have determined our RCC Benefit Plan has experienced a partial plan termination which is defined by the IRS as 20% or more of the participating employees being involuntarily terminated. As a result, the affected employee participants become fully vested upon termination. However, the RCC Benefit Plan is frozen, therefore, accrued benefits are already fully vested. As of November 1, 2009, the impact of this partial plan termination was immaterial.

*Adoption of ASC 715-20.* On October 28, 2007, we adopted the recognition and disclosure provisions of guidance that has been codified under ASC 715-20. This Statement requires us to recognize the funded status of the RCC Benefit Plan in our statement of financial position and recognize the changes in the RCC Benefit Plan's funded status in comprehensive income in the year in which the changes occur. The effects of the adoption of the recognition and disclosure provisions of ASC 715-20 on our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of October 28, 2007 are presented in the following table. The adoption of ASC 715-20 had no effect on our Consolidated Statements of Operations for the fiscal year ended October 28, 2007, or for any other period presented, and it will not affect our Consolidated Statements of Operations in future periods.

The impact of adopting ASC 715-20 on our Consolidated Balance Sheet at October 28, 2007 is as follows (in thousands):

	<b>As of October 28, 2007</b>	<b>Effect of Adopting ASC 715-20</b>	<b>As of October 28, 2007</b>
Non-current pension asset	\$ 2,292		\$ 2,292
Non-current accrued pension liability	1,016		1,016
Long-term deferred tax liability	(1,289)		(1,289)
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax	(2,019)		(2,019)

The following table reconciles the change in the benefit obligation for the RCC Benefit Plan from the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of the fiscal year (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	<b>November 1, 2008</b>
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$ 46,091	\$ 46,091

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Projected benefit obligation	beginning of fiscal year	\$	<b>38,127</b>	\$
Interest cost			<b>3,077</b>	
Benefit payments			<b>(4,253)</b>	
Actuarial losses (gains)			<b>9,236</b>	
Plan amendments			<b>(96)</b>	
Projected benefit obligation	end of fiscal year	\$	<b>46,091</b>	\$

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Actuarial assumptions used to determine benefit obligations were as follows:

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>
Assumed discount rate	<b>5.75%</b>

The following table reconciles the change in plan assets of the RCC Benefit Plan from the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of the fiscal year (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	N
Fair value of assets beginning of fiscal year	\$ 38,859	\$
Actual return on plan assets	4,868	
Benefit payments	(4,253)	
Fair value of assets end of fiscal year	\$ 39,474	\$

The following table sets forth the funded status of the RCC Benefit Plan and the amounts recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheet (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	N
Fair value of assets	\$ 39,474	\$
Benefit obligation	46,091	
Funded status	\$ (6,617)	\$
Unrecognized actuarial loss (gain)	6,428	
Unrecognized prior service cost	(95)	
Prepaid benefit cost (benefit)	\$ (284)	\$

The amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income that have not yet been recognized as components of net periodic benefit income (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	N
Unrecognized actuarial loss (gain)	6,428	
Unrecognized prior service cost	(95)	

Total	\$	<b>6,333</b>	\$
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The following table sets forth the components of the net periodic benefit income (in thousands):

	<b>November 1, 2009</b>	N	
Interest cost	\$	<b>3,076</b>	\$
Expected return on assets		<b>(2,694)</b>	
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	\$	<b>382</b>	\$

At November 1, 2009, there are no amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive income that are expected to be recognized during the next fiscal year.

Actuarial assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit income were as follows:

	<b>Fiscal 2009</b>
Assumed discount rate	<b>5.75%</b>
Expected rate of return on plan assets	<b>7.1%</b>

The basis used to determine the overall expected long-term asset return assumption was a ten year forecast of expected returns based on the target asset allocation for the plan. The expected return for this portfolio over the forecast period is net of investment related expenses.



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The weighted-average asset allocations by asset category are as follows:

<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>November 1, 2009</b>
Equity securities	27%
Debt securities	38
Hedge funds	13
Cash and cash equivalents	9
Real estate	4
Other	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The investment policy is to maximize the expected return for an acceptable level of risk. Our expected long-term return on plan assets is based on a target allocation of assets, which is based on our goal of earning the highest return while maintaining risk at acceptable levels. The RCC Benefit Plan strives to have assets sufficiently diversified so that adverse or unexpected results from one security class will not have an unduly detrimental impact on the entire portfolio. We regularly review our actual asset allocation and the RCC Benefit Plan's investments are periodically rebalanced to the target allocation when considered appropriate. We have set the target asset allocation for the plan as follows: 2% cash, 38% bonds, 13% alpha strategies (hedge funds), 16% large cap US equities, 5% small cap US equities, 4% real estate trusts, 7% foreign equity, 4% emerging markets and 6% commodity futures.

We do not expect to contribute any amount to the RCC Benefit Plan in fiscal 2010.

We expect the following benefit payments to be made (in thousands):

**Fiscal Years Ended**

2010  
2011  
2012  
2013  
2014  
2015-2019

**24. CONTINGENCIES**

From time to time, we are involved in various legal proceedings and contingencies, including environmental matters, which are considered to be in the ordinary course of business. While we are not able to predict whether we will incur any loss in excess of insurance coverages or to accurately estimate the damages, or the range of damages, if any, we might incur in connection with these legal proceedings, we believe these legal proceedings and claims will not have a material effect on our business, consolidated financial position or results of operations.

**25. BUSINESS SEGMENTS**

We have aggregated our operations into three reportable segments based upon similarities in product lines, manufacturing processes, marketing and management of our businesses: metal coil coating; metal components; and engineered systems. All business segments operate primarily in the non-residential construction market. Sales and earnings are influenced by general economic conditions, the level of non-residential construction activity, metal roof repair and replacement demand and the availability and terms of financing available for construction. Products of our business segments include basic raw materials. The metal coil coating segment consists of cleaning, treating, painting and slitting continuous coil before the steel is fabricated for use by construction and industrial users. The metal components segment produces metal roof and wall panels, doors, metal partitions, metal trim and other related accessories. The engineered building segment includes the manufacturing of main frames, Long Bay® Systems and value-added engineering and drafting services. These services are typically not part of metal components or metal coil coating products or services. The reporting segments follow the accounting policies used for our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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We evaluate a segment's performance based primarily upon operating income before corporate expenses. Intersegment sales are recorded based on standard material costs plus a standard markup to cover labor and overhead and consist of (i) hot-rolled, light gauge painted and slit material and other services provided by the metal coil coating segment to the metal components and engineered building systems segments; (ii) building components provided by the metal coil coating segment to the engineered building systems segment; and (iii) structural framing provided by the engineered building systems segment to the metal components segment.

Corporate assets consist primarily of cash but also include deferred financing costs, deferred taxes and property, plant and equipment associated with our headquarters in Houston, Texas. These items (and income and expenses related to them) are not allocated to the business segments.

Summary financial data by segment is as follows (in thousands):

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Total sales:</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ 169,897	\$ 305,657
Metal components	458,734	715,255
Engineered building systems	541,609	1,110,534
Intersegment sales	(202,317)	(367,287)
Total net sales	\$ 967,923	\$ 1,764,159
<b>External sales:</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ 53,189	\$ 96,957
Metal components	389,132	600,010
Engineered building systems	525,602	1,067,192
Total net sales	\$ 967,923	\$ 1,764,159
<b>Operating income (loss):</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ (99,631)	\$ 29,381
Metal components	(129,975)	82,094
Engineered building systems	(389,309)	107,851
Corporate	(64,583)	(64,616)
Total operating income (loss)	\$ (683,498)	\$ 154,710
Unallocated other expense	(117,990)	(24,330)
Income (loss) before income taxes	\$ (801,488)	\$ 130,380

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	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Depreciation and amortization:</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ 5,456	\$ 6,574
Metal components	9,282	9,384
Engineered building systems	14,823	15,940
Corporate	3,215	3,690
Total depreciation and amortization expense	\$ 32,776	\$ 35,588
<b>Capital expenditures:</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ 1,865	\$ 3,073
Metal components	14,726	9,109
Engineered building systems	1,347	10,912
Corporate	3,719	1,709
Total capital expenditures	\$ 21,657	\$ 24,803
<b>Property, plant and equipment, net:</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ 36,116	\$ 39,738
Metal components	89,256	84,026
Engineered building systems	77,551	108,876
Corporate	28,917	18,523
Total property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 231,840	\$ 251,163
<b>Total assets as of fiscal year end 2009 and 2008:</b>		
Metal coil coating	\$ 57,208	\$ 196,615
Metal components	159,690	371,464
Engineered building systems	241,260	716,671
Corporate	155,690	95,951
	\$ 613,848	\$ 1,380,701

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Shown below are selected unaudited quarterly data (in thousands, except per share data):

	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>	
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2009</b>				
Sales	\$ 260,364	\$ 224,719	\$ 238,439	\$
Gross profit	\$ 16,527	\$ 31,212	\$ 61,080	\$
Net income (loss)	\$ (528,610)	\$ (120,207)	\$ 3,971	\$
Net income (loss) applicable to common shares	\$ (528,610)	\$ (120,207)	\$ 3,971	\$
Earnings (loss) per share:(1)				
Basic	\$ (27.20)	\$ (6.17)	\$ 0.20	\$
Diluted	\$ (27.20)	\$ (6.17)	\$ 0.20	\$
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2008</b>				
Sales	\$ 361,489	\$ 416,143	\$ 477,596	\$
Gross profit	\$ 82,431	\$ 103,440	\$ 128,525	\$
Net income	\$ 7,510	\$ 14,866	\$ 31,891	\$
Earnings per share:(1)				
Basic	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.65	\$
Diluted	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.76	\$ 1.63	\$

- (1) The sum of the quarterly income per share amounts may not equal the annual amount reported, as per share amounts are computed independently for each quarter and for the full year based on the respective weighted average common shares outstanding.
- (2) Included in net income (loss) is pre-tax debt extinguishment and refinancing costs of \$99.2 million incurred in connection with the completion of the Recapitalization Plan.

The quarterly income (loss) amounts were impacted by the following special income (expense) items:

	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>Third Quarter</b>
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2009</b>			
Goodwill and other intangible asset impairment	\$ (517,628)	\$ (104,936)	\$
Lower of cost or market charge	(29,378)	(10,608)	
Restructuring charges	(2,479)	(3,796)	(1,213)
Change in control charges			
Asset impairment	(623)	(5,295)	(26)
Pre-acquisition contingency adjustments			
Total special charges in operating income (loss)	\$ (550,108)	\$ (124,635)	\$ (1,239)

**FISCAL YEAR 2008**

Lower of cost or market charge	\$		\$		\$
Executive retirement costs		(663)		(2,189)	
Restructuring charges		(226)		(640)	(43)
Asset impairment					
Total special charges in operating income	\$	(889)	\$	(2,829)	\$ (43)

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**Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.***

Not applicable.

**Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures.***

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of November 1, 2009. The term "disclosure controls and procedures" as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Such controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding the required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of November 1, 2009, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Management's report on internal control over financial reporting is included in the financial statement pages at the end of this Form 10-K.

No change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended November 1, 2009 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. *Other Information.***

None.

**PART III**

**Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.***

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, a copy of which is available on our website at [www.ncilp.com](http://www.ncilp.com) under the heading "Corporate Governance - NCI Guidelines". Any amendments to, or waivers from the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that apply to our executive officers and directors will be posted on the "Corporate Governance - NCI Guidelines" section of our Internet web site located at [www.ncilp.com](http://www.ncilp.com). However, the information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

The information under the captions "Election of Directors", "Management", "Section 16(a) Beneficial Owners", "Compliance", "Board of Directors" and "Corporate Governance" in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of shareholders to be held on February 19, 2010 is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 11. *Executive Compensation.***

The information under the captions "Compensation Discussion and Analysis", "Report of the Compensation Committee" and "Executive Compensation" in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of shareholders to be held on February 19, 2010 is incorporated by reference herein.





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**Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters***

The information under the captions Outstanding Capital Stock and Securities Reserved for Issuance Under the Compensation Plans in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of shareholders to be held on February 19, 2010 is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.***

The information under the captions Board of Directors and Transactions with Directors, Officers and Affiliated Persons in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of shareholders to be held on February 19, 2010 is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 14. *Principal Accounting Fees and Services.***

The information under the caption Audit Committee and Auditors Our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and Audit Fees in our definitive proxy statement for our annual meeting of shareholders to be held on February 19, 2010 is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 15. *Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.***

(a) The following documents are filed as a part of this report:

1. Consolidated Financial Statements (see Item 8).
2. Consolidated Financial Statement Schedules.

All schedules have been omitted because they are inapplicable, not required, or the information is included elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

3. Exhibits

Those exhibits required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed in the Index to Exhibits immediately preceding the exhibits filed herewith and such listing is incorporated herein by reference.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has du this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on the 22nd day of December

NCI BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Norman C. Chambers  
**Norman C. Chambers, President and  
 Chief Executive Officer**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and ap Norman C. Chambers, Mark E. Johnson and Todd R. Moore, and each of them severally, his or her true and law or attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to act with or without the others and with full power of substituti resubstitution, to execute in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, this Annual Report on Form 10- all amendments (including pre-effective and post-effective amendments) to this Annual Report and to file the sa exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, g said attorneys-in-fact and agents and each of them full power and authority, to do and perform in the name and o the undersigned, in any and all capacities, each and every act and thing necessary or desirable to be done in and premises, to all intents and purposes and as fully as they might or could do in person, hereby ratifying, approv confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or their substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by v

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the fo persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated as of the 22nd day of December, 2009.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
/s/ Norman C. Chambers  <b>Norman C. Chambers</b>	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive O (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Mark E. Johnson  <b>Mark E. Johnson</b>	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and T (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
*  <b>Kathleen J. Affeldt</b>	Director
*  <b>James G. Berges</b>	Director
*	Director

**Gary L. Forbes\***

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Director

**John J. Holland**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
*	Director
<b>Lawrence J. Kremer</b>	
*	Director
<b>George Martinez</b>	
*	Director
<b>Nathan K. Sleeper</b>	
*	Director
<b>Jonathan L. Zrebiec</b>	

\*By: /s/ Norman C. Chambers  
**Norman C. Chambers, Attorney-in-Fact**

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**Index to Exhibits**

- 2.1 Stockholders Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, by and between the Company, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. and CD&R Friends & Family Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, by and between the Company, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. and CD&R Friends & Family Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.2 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.3 Indemnification Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, by and between the Company, NCI Group, Robertson-Ceco II Corporation, Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P., CD&R Friends & Family Fund VIII, L.P. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Inc. (filed as Exhibit 2.3 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.5 Investment Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2009, by and between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 14, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.6 Amendment, dated as of August 28, 2009, to the Investment Agreement, dated as of August 14, 2009, between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.2 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 28, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.7 Amendment No. 2, dated as of August 31, 2009, to the Investment Agreement (as amended), dated as of August 14, 2009, by and between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.3 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 1, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.8 Amendment No. 3, dated as of October 8, 2009, to the Investment Agreement (as amended), dated as of August 14, 2009, by and between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.4 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 8, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 2.9 Amendment No. 4, dated as of October 16, 2009, to the Investment Agreement (as amended), dated as of August 14, 2009, by and between NCI Building Systems, Inc. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Fund VIII, L.P. (filed as Exhibit 2.5 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 19, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended through September 30, 1998 (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to NCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 2, 2002 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 3.2 Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation, effective as of March 12, 2007 (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to NCI's Quarter Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 29, 2007 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 3.3 Second Amended and Restated By-Laws, effective as of October 20, 2009 (filed as Exhibit 3.4 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 3.4 Certificate of Designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of Series B Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 3.5 Certificate of Elimination of the Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 3.6 Certificate of Increase of Number of Shares of Series B Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (filed as Exhibit 3.3 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.1 Form of certificate representing shares of NCI's common stock (filed as Exhibit 1 to NCI's registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on July 20, 1998 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.2

Credit Agreement, dated June 18, 2004, by and among NCI, certain of its subsidiaries, as guarantors, Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, Bank of America, N.A., as syndication agent, and several lenders named therein (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to NCI's Form 10-Q/A, filed with the SEC on September 1, 2004, amending its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 31, 2004 and incorporated by reference herein)

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- 4.3 First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2004, between NCI Building Systems, Inc. as borrower, certain of its subsidiaries, as guarantors, Wachovia National Bank, National Association as administrative agent and lender, and the several lenders named therein (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 16, 2004 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.4 Second Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated as of October 14, 2005, between NCI Building Systems, Inc. as borrower, certain of its subsidiaries, as guarantors, Wachovia National Bank, National Association as administrative agent and lender, and the several lenders named therein (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 14, 2005 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.5 Third Amendment, dated April 7, 2006, to Credit Agreement, dated June 18, 2004, by and among NCI Building Systems, Inc. as borrower, certain of its subsidiaries, as guarantors, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and lender, and the several lenders parties thereto (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 7, 2006 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.6 Indenture, dated November 16, 2004, by and among NCI, and The Bank of New York (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 16, 2004 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.7 Amended Credit Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, among the Company, as borrower, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and collateral agent and the several lenders parties thereto (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.8 Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, by and among NCI Group, Inc. and Robertson-Ceco II Corporation, as borrowers, the Company and Steelbuilding.Com, Inc., as guarantors, Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC, as administrative and co-collateral agent, Bank of America, N.A. and General Capital Corporation, as co-collateral agents and the lenders and issuing bank party thereto (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.9 Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, by and among the Company, as borrower, certain domestic subsidiaries of the Company, as borrowers or guarantors, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as term loan agent and term loan administrative agent, Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC, as capital agent and working capital administrative agent and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as collateral agent (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.10 Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009 by the Company and certain of its subsidiaries in favor of Wachovia Bank, National Association as administrative agent and collateral agent (filed as Exhibit 10.4 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.11 Guaranty Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009 by NCI Group, Inc., Robertson-Ceco II Corporation, the Company and Steelbuilding.com, Inc., in favor of Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC as administrative agent and collateral agent (filed as Exhibit 10.5 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 4.12 Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2009, by and among the Company, NCI Group, Inc. and Robertson-Ceco II Corporation, to and in favor of Wells Fargo Foothill, LLC in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent (filed as Exhibit 10.6 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.1 Employment Agreement, dated April 12, 2004, among the Company, NCI Group, L.P. and Norman Chambers (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 and incorporated by reference herein)
- \* 10.2 Amendment Agreement, dated August 14, 2009, among the Company, NCI Group, L.P. and Norman Chambers.
- 10.3 Amended and Restated Bonus Program, as amended and restated as of September 4, 2008 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to NCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended November 2, 2008 and incorporated by reference herein)





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- 10.4 Stock Option Plan, as amended and restated on December 14, 2000 (filed as Exhibit 10.4 to NCI's Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2000 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.5 Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.5 to NCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2000 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.6 2003 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated March 12, 2009 (filed as Annex A to NCI's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting held March 12, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.7 Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to NCI's registration statement on Form S-1, No. 333-111139 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.8 Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement (filed as Exhibit 4.3 to NCI's registration statement on Form S-1, No. 333-111139 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.9 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Senior Executive Officers (Electronic) (filed as Exhibit 10.9 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 7, 2006 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.10 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Key Employees (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 7, 2006 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.11 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 7, 2006 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.12 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Non-Employee Directors (filed as Exhibit 10.4 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 23, 2006 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.13 Restricted Stock Agreement, dated April 26, 2004, between NCI and Norman C. Chambers (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to NCI's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 1, 2004 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.14 First Amendment, dated October 24, 2005, to Restricted Stock Agreement, dated April 26, 2004, between NCI and Norman C. Chambers (filed as Exhibit 10.21 to NCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 29, 2005 and incorporated by reference herein)
- \* 10.15 Restricted Stock Agreement, effective August 26, 2004, between NCI and Mark Dobbins
- \* 10.16 Restricted Stock Agreement, effective August 26, 2004 between NCI and Charles Dickinson
- 10.17 Amended and Restated NCI Building Systems, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (as amended and restated effective January 1, 2007) (filed as Exhibit 10.23 to NCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 29, 2006 and incorporated by reference herein)
- \* 10.18 First Amendment to the NCI Building Systems, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (as amended and restated effective October 20, 2009)
- 10.19 Form of Employment Agreement between NCI and executive officers (filed as Exhibit 10.25 to NCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 28, 2007 and incorporated by reference herein)
- \* 10.20 Form of Amendment Agreement, dated August 14, 2009, among the Company, NCI Group, L.P., and executive officers
- 10.21 Form of Indemnification Agreement for Officers and Directors (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 22, 2008 and incorporated by reference herein)
- 10.22 Form of Director Indemnification Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.7 to NCI's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2009 and incorporated by reference herein)
- \*21.1 List of Subsidiaries
- \*23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- \*24.1 Powers of Attorney
- \*31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
- \*31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
- \*32.1 Certifications pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (Section 1350 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
- \*32.2 Certifications pursuant to Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (Section 1350 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)

\* Filed herewith

Management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements

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