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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

- x Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2010
- " Transition Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Commission File Number: 1-10991

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of 38-2760940 (IRS Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification Number)

19975 Victor Parkway

Livonia, Michigan 48152

(address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s Telephone Number: (734) 591-3000

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes "No"

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act): Yes " No x

As of August 2, 2010, there were 49,188,175 shares of the Registrant s Common Stock outstanding.

Valassis Communications, Inc.

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Part I - Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

| | June 30, | December 31, |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Assets | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 228,708 | \$ 129,846 |
| Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$8,533 at June 30, 2010 and \$7,593 at | , ,,,,,, | |
| December 31, 2009) | 412,796 | 428,836 |
| Inventories: | | |
| Raw materials | 19,504 | 23,263 |
| Work in progress | 13,770 | 17,209 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 34,217 | 37,046 |
| Refundable income taxes | | 12,578 |
| | | |
| Total current assets | 708,995 | 648,778 |
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| | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost: | | |
| Land and buildings | 44,370 | 44,285 |
| Machinery and equipment | 219,945 | 218,397 |
| Office furniture and equipment | 211,369 | 206,931 |
| Automobiles | 1,181 | 1,266 |
| Leasehold improvements | 28,618 | 28,896 |
| | | |
| | 505,483 | 499,775 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (323,866) | (301,874) |
| | | |
| | 101 (17 | 105.001 |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 181,617 | 197,901 |
| | | |
| Intangible assets (Note 3): | | |
| Goodwill | 636,471 | 640,073 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 232,548 | 238,859 |
| | 202,010 | 230,037 |
| Net intangible assets | 869,019 | 878,932 |
| Tot municipie ussets | 007,017 | 010,732 |
| Investments | 2,527 | 2,298 |
| Other assets | 12,012 | 16,113 |
| Outer assets | 12,012 | 10,113 |
| Total accets | ¢ 1 774 170 | ¢ 1744022 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,774,170 | \$ 1,744,022 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, Continued

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

| | June 30, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion long-term debt (Note 4) | \$ 7,074 | \$ 6,197 |
| Accounts payable | 303,368 | 338,418 |
| Accrued interest | 6,815 | 15,103 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 47,717 | 53,258 |
| Accrued other expenses | 50,201 | 59,275 |
| Progress billings | 33,137 | 40,532 |
| Income taxes payable | 59,025 | |
| Deferred income taxes | 108 | 22 |
| | | |
| Total current liabilities | 507,445 | 512,805 |
| | , | , |
| | | |
| Long-term debt (Note 4) | 702,686 | 1,004,875 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 43,454 | 40,567 |
| Deferred income taxes | 89,527 | 87,914 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 5) | | |
| Stockholders equity: | | |
| Preferred stock (\$0.01 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding at June 30, | | |
| 2010 and December 31, 2009 | | |
| Common stock (\$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 65,065,749 and 64,241,359 shares issued at | | |
| June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively; 49,076,122 and 48,762,242 shares outstanding at June 30, | | |
| 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively) | 651 | 642 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 118,218 | 98,927 |
| Retained earnings | 856,364 | 522,731 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (2,517) | (4,269) |
| Treasury stock, at cost (15,989,627 and 15,479,117 shares at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, | , , | |
| respectively) | (541,658) | (520,170) |
| | | |
| Total stockholders equity | 431,058 | 97,861 |
| | | 1 12 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ 1,774,170 | \$ 1,744,022 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income

(U.S. dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Mont June | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|--|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | |
| Revenues | \$ 579,950 | \$ 544,037 | \$ 1,129,952 | \$ 1,095,192 | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Cost of products sold | 423,765 | 410,043 | 827,154 | 837,533 | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 92,663 | 86,659 | 183,621 | 172,887 | |
| Amortization expense | 3,155 | 3,256 | 6,311 | 6,312 | |
| | | | | | |
| Total costs and expenses | 519,583 | 499,958 | 1,017,086 | 1,016,732 | |
| Gain from litigation settlement (Note 6) | | | 490,085 | | |
| Earnings from operations | 60,367 | 44,079 | 602,951 | 78,460 | |
| Other expenses (income): | | | | | |
| Interest expense | 17,837 | 21,385 | 37,993 | 43,029 | |
| Interest income | (248) | (154) | (394) | (404) | |
| Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt (Note 4) | 23,873 | (1,348) | 23,873 | (8,779) | |
| Other income, net | (561) | (1,418) | (2,351) | (2,682) | |
| Total other expenses, net | 40,901 | 18,465 | 59,121 | 31,164 | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 19,466 | 25,614 | 543,830 | 47,296 | |
| Income tax expense | 8,361 | 9,666 | 210,197 | 18,320 | |
| Net earnings | \$ 11,105 | \$ 15,948 | \$ 333,633 | \$ 28,976 | |
| Net earnings per common share, basic (Note 8) | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 0.60 | |
| Net earnings per common share, diluted (Note 8) | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 6.41 | \$ 0.60 | |
| Shares used in computing net earnings per share, basic (Note 8) | 49,531 | 47,983 | 49,251 | 47,981 | |
| Shares used in computing net earnings per share, diluted (Note 8) | 52,499 | 48,961 | 52,028 | 48,693 | |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(U.S. dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

| | Six Montl June | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 333,633 | \$ 28,976 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangibles | 30,663 | 35,067 |
| Amortization of bond discount | 1,607 | 1,634 |
| Provision for losses on accounts receivable | 2,695 | 3,222 |
| Loss (gain) on debt extinguishment, net of premiums and fees | 3,429 | (8,779) |
| Loss on derivatives, net | 10,106 | 1,743 |
| Loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment | 58 | (76) |
| Gain on equity investments | (1,897) | (1,676) |
| Stock-based compensation charge | 13,782 | 2,768 |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,976 | 420 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities which increase (decrease) cash flow: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 13,345 | 99,368 |
| Inventories | 7,198 | 14,087 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 2,608 | 10,510 |
| Other assets | (34) | 2,490 |
| Other liabilities | 7,228 | 379 |
| Accounts payable | (35,050) | (57,081) |
| Accrued expenses, compensation and interest | (27,649) | (4,004) |
| Income taxes | 71,603 | 5,860 |
| Progress billings | (7,395) | (11,512) |
| Total adjustments | 100,273 | 94,420 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 433,906 | 123,396 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (8,401) | (8,643) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 36 | 96 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (8,365) | (8,547) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Borrowings of long-term debt | | 20,000 |
| Payments of long-term debt | (301,312) | (119,940) |
| Financing costs | (| (544) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (54,623) | (2.1.) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | 30,433 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (325,502) | (100,484) |

| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (1, | 177) | | 218 |
|--|---------|------|------|--------|
| Net increase in cash | 98, | 362 | | 14,583 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 129, | 346 | 1 | 26,556 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Cash at end of period | \$ 228, | 708 | \$ 1 | 41,139 |
| | | | | |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: | | | | |
| Cash paid during the period for interest | \$ 45, | 193 | \$ | 40,842 |
| Cash paid during the period for income taxes | \$ 127, | 050 | \$ | 9,151 |
| Non-cash financing activities: | | | | |
| Stock issued under stock-based compensation plan | \$ 1, | 399 | \$ | 14 |
| See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. | | | | |

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (generally accepted accounting principles) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the information contained herein reflects all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information presented. All such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the fiscal year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Valassis Communications, Inc. (Valassis, the Company, our) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (the 2009 Form 10-K).

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Gains on extinguishment of debt of \$1.3 million and \$8.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, which were previously included in Other income, net in the condensed consolidated statements of income, have been reclassified as a separate line item to conform to the current presentation.

2. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

RECENTLY ADOPTED

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements. ASU No. 2010-06 require companies to: (1) disclose separately the amounts of significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, (2) disclose activity in Level 3 fair value measurements including transfers into and out of Level 3 and the reasons for such transfers, and (3) present separately in its reconciliation of recurring Level 3 measurements information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis. The adoption of this new guidance did not impact our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

In February 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-09, Amendments to Certain Recognition and Disclosure Requirements to eliminate the requirement for public companies to disclose the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated. We will continue to evaluate subsequent events through the date of the issuance of the financial statements; however, consistent with this guidance, the date will no longer be disclosed.

YET-TO-BE ADOPTED

In October 2009, the FASB issued ASU No. 2009-13, Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements which addresses the accounting for multiple-deliverable arrangements to enable vendors to account for products or services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit. ASU No. 2009-13 is effective prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. We are currently evaluating the impact, if any, of the adoption of ASU No. 2009-13 on our financial statements and will adopt ASU No. 2009-13 in the first quarter of 2011.

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3. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLES

Goodwill as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 was comprised of:

| (in thousands of U.S. dollars) | June 30, 2010 | Dec | cember 31, 2009 |
|---|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Goodwill: | | | |
| Shared Mail | \$ 534,184 | \$ | 534,184 |
| Neighborhood Targeted | 5,325 | | 5,325 |
| Free-standing Inserts | 22,357 | | 22,357 |
| International, Digital Media & Services | 74,605 | | 78,207 |
| Total goodwill | \$ 636,471 | \$ | 640,073 |

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, we disposed of a reporting unit within the International, Digital Media & Services segment, which resulted in a \$3.6 million reduction in goodwill and the cancellation of a related note payable. No material gain or loss was recognized related to this transaction.

The components of other intangible assets are as follows:

| | June 30, 2010 Weighted Average | | | December 31, 2009 | | | | Weighted Average | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|----|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| (in thousands of U.S. dollars) | Gross Amount | | cumulated nortization | Net Amount | Remaining Useful Life (in years) | Gross Amount | | cumulated nortization | Net Amount | Remaining Useful Life (in years) |
| Amortizing intangible assets | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mailing lists, non compete agreements | | | | | | | | | | |
| and other | \$ 40,455 | \$ | (6,858) | \$ 33,597 | 16.6 | \$ 40,455 | \$ | (5,847) | \$ 34,608 | 17.1 |
| Customer relationships | 140,000 | | (28,690) | 111,310 | 10.5 | 140,000 | | (23,390) | 116,610 | 11.0 |
| Non-amortizing intangible assets | | | | | | | | | | |
| Valassis name, tradenames, trademarks, | | | | | | | | | | |
| and other | 87,641 | | | 87,641 | | 87,641 | | | 87,641 | |
| | \$ 268.096 | \$ | (35,548) | \$ 232,548 | | \$ 268.096 | \$ | (29,237) | \$ 238,859 | |

4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt is summarized as follows:

(in thousands of U.S. dollars) June 30, December 31, 2010 2009

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| Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility | \$ | \$ |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Senior Convertible Notes due 2033, net of discount | 58 | 58 |
| 8 ¹ /4 % Senior Notes due 2015 | 242,224 | 540,000 |
| Senior Secured Term Loan B | 350,674 | 353,624 |
| Senior Secured Delayed Draw Term Loan | 116,804 | 117,390 |
| | | |
| | 709,760 | 1,011,072 |
| Less current portion | 7,074 | 6,197 |
| | | |
| Total long-term debt | \$ 702,686 | \$ 1,004,875 |

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On April 15, 2010, we entered into the Second Amendment to our senior secured credit facility, or the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment, among other things:

permits us to use up to \$325.0 million to repurchase our outstanding $8^{1}/4\%$ Senior Notes due 2015 (the 2015 Notes) through April 15, 2011;

provides us flexibility to extend the maturity of the revolving line of credit portion of the senior secured credit facility beyond the current expiration date of March 2, 2012;

allows us additional features with respect to any future convertible or exchangeable debt securities;

reduced the aggregate revolving credit commitments under the senior secured credit facility from \$100 million to \$50 million; and

increased by 50 basis points the interest rate margins applicable to borrowings under the senior secured credit facility. On May 12, 2010, we commenced a cash tender offer (the "Tender Offer") to purchase up to \$270 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes at a purchase price equal to \$1,070 per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2015 Notes purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest. On June 11, 2010, we purchased \$269.9 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes validly tendered pursuant to the terms of the Tender Offer. In addition, during the three months ended June 30, 2010, we purchased in the open market an additional \$27.9 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes at weighted-average purchase prices of \$1,056 per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2015 Notes purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest. We recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$23.9 million during the three months ended June 30, 2010, which represents the amount of the purchase price of the 2015 Notes in excess of the principal amount of the 2015 Notes purchased and the proportionate write-off of related capitalized debt issuance costs.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we repurchased, at a discount to par, aggregate principal amounts of \$21.6 million and \$54.4 million, respectively, of outstanding term loans under our senior secured credit facility, pursuant to modified Dutch auctions for aggregate purchase prices of \$20.3 million and \$45.6 million, respectively, including fees. As a result of these repurchases, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we recognized pre-tax gains of \$1.3 million and \$8.8 million, respectively, which represent the difference between the face amounts (par value) of the term loans repurchased and the actual repurchase prices of the term loans, including fees.

The estimated fair market value of our debt was \$10.6 million and \$18.4 million below carrying value as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The fair market value was estimated based on borrowing rates currently available for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities.

As of June 30, 2010, we had total outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$9.9 million.

5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Upon its completion of the acquisition of ADVO, Inc. (ADVO), the Company assumed responsibility for ADVO s pending securities class action lawsuits. In September 2006, three securities class action lawsuits (Robert Kelleher v. ADVO, Inc., et al., Jorge Cornet v. ADVO, Inc., et al., Richard L. Field v. ADVO, Inc., et al.) were filed against ADVO and certain of its officers in the United States District Court for the District of

Connecticut by certain ADVO shareholders seeking to certify a class of all persons who purchased ADVO stock between July 6, 2006 and August 30, 2006. The cases were consolidated under a single action titled Robert Kelleher et al. v. ADVO, Inc., et al., Civil Case No. 3:06CV01422(AVC) and a consolidated amended complaint was filed on June 8, 2007. The complaint generally alleges ADVO violated federal securities law by making a series of materially false and misleading statements concerning ADVO s business and financial results in connection with the proposed merger and, as a result, the price of ADVO s stock was allegedly inflated.

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On August 24, 2007, the defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the complaint, which was denied. On August 29, 2008, plaintiff moved for certification of the case as a class action. This motion was granted on March 27, 2009. On October 28, 2009, the parties entered into an agreement providing for the settlement of the action and filed papers seeking preliminary approval of a settlement agreement in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. Following preliminary approval of the settlement and notice, on March 3, 2010 the Court issued its order of final approval of the settlement. No appeal was filed from the final order and the settlement amount of \$12.5 million was paid from the proceeds of ADVO s directors and officers insurance policy, with no adverse impact to Valassis financial statements.

The application and interpretation of applicable state sales tax laws to certain of our products is uncertain. Accordingly, we may be exposed to additional sales tax liability to the extent various state jurisdictions determine that certain of our products are subject to such jurisdictions sales tax. We have recorded a liability of \$9.9 million, reflecting our best estimate of our potential sales tax liability.

In addition to the above matters, we are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

6. GAIN FROM LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

On January 30, 2010, we announced that we had reached an agreement to settle our outstanding lawsuits against News America Incorporated, a/k/a News America Marketing Group, News America Marketing, FSI, Inc. a/k/a News America Marketing FSI, LLC and News America Marketing In-Store Services, Inc. a/k/a News America Marketing In-Store Services, LLC (collectively News). The operative complaint alleged violations of the Sherman Act and various state competitive statutes and the commission of torts by News in connection with the marketing and sale of FSI space and in-store promotion and advertising services.

On February 4, 2010, we executed a settlement agreement and release (the Settlement Agreement) with News, and pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, News paid us \$500.0 million. News America, Inc. also entered into a 10-year shared mail distribution agreement with our subsidiary, Valassis Direct Mail, Inc., which provides for our sale of certain shared mail services to News on specified terms.

In connection with the settlement, the parties are working with the Court, under the Honorable Arthur J. Tarnow, on a set of procedures to handle future disputes among the parties with respect to conduct at issue in the litigation. The precise timing and form of the relief rests with the Court.

The settlement resolves all outstanding claims between us and News as of February 4, 2010. As a result, the parties agreed to dismiss all outstanding litigation between them and release all existing and potential claims against each other that were or could have been asserted in the litigation as of the date of the Settlement Agreement.

During the first quarter of 2010, in connection with the successful settlement of these lawsuits, we made \$9.9 million in related payments, including special bonuses to certain of our employees (including our executive officers identified as the named executive officers in our proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 30, 2010) in an aggregate amount of \$8.1 million. These expenses were netted against the \$500.0 million of proceeds received, and the net proceeds of \$490.1 million have been recorded as a separate line item Gain from litigation settlement in our condensed consolidated statement of income for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

7. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes stock-based compensation expense included in selling, general and administrative expenses for the periods indicated:

| | Three Months Ende | ed Six Months Ended |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | June 30, | June 30, |
| (in millions of U.S. dollars) | 2010 2009 | 2010 2009 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | \$ 7.9 \$ 1. | 7 \$ 13.8 \$ 2.8 |

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Generally, stock-based compensation expense is recognized by applying the straight-line attribution method over the requisite service period to the grant-date fair value. The grant-date fair value of stock option awards is calculated using a Black-Scholes valuation model, while the grant-date fair value of restricted stock awards is equal to the closing price of the stock on the date of grant. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, however, the appreciation of our stock price resulted in the accelerated vesting of certain executives—stock options and consequently the accelerated recognition of related stock-based compensation expense of \$5.6 million and \$8.7 million, respectively.

Total compensation expense related to non-vested stock options and restricted stock not yet recognized at June 30, 2010 was approximately \$19.5 million, which we expect to recognize as compensation expense over the next five years.

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per common share (EPS) data were computed as follows:

| | June | Three Months Ended June 30, | | s Ended 30, |
|--|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|
| (in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share data) | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net earnings | \$ 11,105 | \$ 15,948 | \$ 333,633 | \$ 28,976 |
| | | | | |
| Basic EPS: | | | | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 49,531 | 47,983 | 49,251 | 47,981 |
| | | | | |
| Earnings per common share - basic | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 0.60 |
| Editings per common share basic | Ψ 0.22 | Ψ 0.55 | φ 0.77 | φ 0.00 |
| | | | | |
| Diluted EPS: | | | | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 49,531 | 47,983 | 49,251 | 47,981 |
| Weighted average shares issued on exercise of dilutive options and restricted shares | 9,142 | 2,498 | 8,237 | 2,472 |
| Shares purchased with assumed proceeds of options and unearned restricted shares | (6,183) | (1,531) | (5,469) | (1,771) |
| Shares contingently issuable | 9 | 11 | 9 | 11 |
| | | | | |
| Shares applicable to diluted earnings | 52,499 | 48,961 | 52,028 | 48,693 |
| | • | • | • | • |
| Earnings per common share - diluted | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 6.41 | \$ 0.60 |
| Zamingo por common share direct | Ψ 0.21 | Ψ 0.55 | Ψ 0.11 | φ 0.00 |

Unexercised employee stock options to purchase 1.5 million and 2.7 million shares of Valassis common stock were not included in the computations of diluted EPS for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. Unexercised employee stock options to purchase 8.3 million shares of Valassis common stock were not included in the computations of diluted EPS for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009. These unexercised employee stock options were not included in the computations of diluted EPS because the options exercise prices were greater than the average market price of our common stock during the applicable periods.

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9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of other comprehensive income and total comprehensive income, both net of tax, are shown below:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Month June | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| (in thousands of U.S. dollars) | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net earnings | \$ 11,105 | \$ 15,948 | \$ 333,633 | \$ 28,976 |
| Other comprehensive income: Unrealized changes in fair value of cash flow hedges | (1,043) | 409 | (2,370) | 3,606 |
| Amortization of realized losses on discontinued cash flow hedges | 2,763 | 1,789 | 5,538 | 2,107 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (1,060) | 857 | (1,416) | 59 |
| Total comprehensive income | \$ 11,765 | \$ 19,003 | \$ 335,385 | \$ 34,748 |

10. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

We are exposed to market risks arising from adverse changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates. We manage these risks through a variety of strategies which include the use of derivatives. Certain derivatives are designated as cash flow hedges and qualify for hedge accounting treatment, while others do not qualify or have not been designated as hedges and are marked to market through earnings. The notional amounts and fair values of derivative instruments measured on a recurring basis in the condensed consolidated balance sheets were as follows:

| | | | Amounts | | | r Valı | | | |
|--|------------------|----|--------------------|----------------|------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| (in millions of U.S. Dollars) | June 30, 2010 | De | cember 31, 2009 | June 3 2010 | | Dec | ember 31, 2009 | Balance Sheet Location | Input |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments: | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swap Contracts | \$ 300.0 | \$ | 300.0 | (\$ 3 | 3.0) | \$ | 0.8 | Other non-current liabilities | Level 2 |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts | 0.5 | | 2.7 | | | | | Prepaid expenses and other assets | Level 2 |
| | 300.5 | | 302.7 | (3 | 3.0) | | 0.8 | | |
| Derivatives not receiving hedge accounting treatment: | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swap Contracts | 447.2 | | 447.2 | (10 | 0.1) | | (19.8) | Accrued other expenses | Level 2 |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts | 10.4 | | 6.9 | (| 0.2 | | 0.4 | Prepaid expenses and other assets | Level 2 |
| | 457.6 | | 454.1 | (9 | 9.9) | | (19.4) | | |
| Total derivatives | \$ 758.1 | \$ | 756.8 | (\$ 12 | 2.9) | \$ | (18.6) | | |

The fair value of our interest rate swaps is determined based on third party valuation models. The fair value of our foreign exchange contracts is based on observable foreign exchange forward contract rates.

The fair value of the warrants we hold, recorded in other assets, was \$0.7 million at June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The fair value of the warrants is determined based on the underlying quoted stock price and implied volatility which are considered Level 2 inputs.

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The following table summarizes the impact of derivative instruments for the periods indicated as recorded in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| | Amount o | | Amount o | | Amount o | |
| | Gain (| | Gain (| | Gain (| , |
| | Recogn | | Recogn | | Reclas | |
| (I THE STATE OF HE) | Earnir | _ | OCI | | from A | |
| (in millions of U.S. Dollars) | Deriva | atives | Deriva | itives | into Ea | rnings |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments: | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swap Contracts | \$ | \$ | \$ (1.6) | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts | | | | 1.1 | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ (1.6) | \$ 1.1 | \$ | \$ |
| | Ψ | Ψ | Ψ (1.0) | Ψ 1.1 | Ψ | Ψ |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Derivatives not receiving hedge accounting treatment: | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swap Contracts (1) | \$ 0.3 | \$ 3.2 | \$ | \$ | \$ (4.4) | \$ (4.6) |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts (2) | (0.6) | (0.1) | | | | |
| | (***) | | | | | |
| | e (0.2) | e 2.1 | ď | Ф | Φ (4.4) | Φ (4.C) |
| | \$ (0.3) | \$ 3.1 | \$ | \$ | \$ (4.4) | \$ (4.6) |

The following table summarizes the impact of derivative instruments for the periods indicated as recorded in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

| | | | Six Months I | Ended June | 30, | | | |
|--|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------|--------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | | |
| | Amoun | t of Pre-tax | | | Amount | of Pre-tax | | |
| | Gain (Loss) | | ` / | | Amount of Pre-tax | | Gain | (Loss) |
| | | gnized in | Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI | | | | | |
| (1 M) AY(3 D N) | | nings on | | | | | | |
| (in millions of U.S. Dollars) | Der | ivatives | on Deri | vatives | Ear | nings | | |
| Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments: | | | | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swap Contracts | \$ | \$ | \$ (3.8) | \$ | \$ | \$ | | |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts | | | | 1.5 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ (3.8) | \$ 1.5 | \$ | \$ | | |

⁽¹⁾ Recognized in Interest expense.

⁽²⁾ Recognized in Cost of products sold.

| Derivatives not receiving hedge accounting treatment: | | | | | |
|---|----------|--------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Interest Rate Swap Contracts (1) | | | 2.6 | | |
| | \$ (1.0) | \$ 3.2 | \$ \$ (3) | \$ (8.9) | \$ (4.9) |
| Foreign Exchange Contracts (2) | (0.2) | (0.1) | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | \$ (1.2) | \$ 3.1 | \$ \$ 2.6 | \$ (8.9) | \$ (4.9) |

- (1) Recognized in Interest expense.
- (2) Recognized in Cost of products sold.
- (3) Represents amount recognized in OCI during the first quarter of 2009 related to interest swaps for which hedge accounting was discontinued on April 1, 2009, and is comprised is \$5.2 million of unrealized gains, offset, in part, by \$2.6 million in swap termination fees.

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Foreign Currency

Currencies to which we have exposure are the Mexican peso, Canadian dollar, British pound, Polish zloty and Euro. Currency restrictions are not expected to have a significant effect on our cash flows, liquidity, or capital resources. We purchase the Mexican peso and Polish zloty under two to twelve-month forward foreign exchange contracts to stabilize the cost of production. Actual exchange losses or gains are recorded against production expense when the contracts are executed. As of June 30, 2010, we had a commitment to purchase \$10.4 million in Mexican pesos and \$0.5 million in Polish zlotys over the next twelve months.

Interest Rates

During the second quarter of 2007, we entered into two interest rate swap agreements with an aggregate notional principal amount of \$480.0 million. These interest rate swaps effectively fixed three-month LIBOR at 5.045%, for a then-effective interest rate of 6.795%, including the applicable margin, for \$480.0 million of our variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility. We initially designated the swaps as hedging instruments through March 31, 2009 and recorded changes in the fair value of these interest rate swaps as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

In February 2009, we reduced the notional principal amount of the interest rate swaps by \$32.8 million and paid termination fees of approximately \$2.6 million. The termination fees, or deferred losses, related to the terminated portion of the swaps are being amortized to interest expense over the original life of the interest rate swaps, through December 31, 2010. As a result of the reduced notional amount of the swaps, three-month LIBOR was effectively fixed at 5.026%, for a then-effective interest rate of 6.776%, including the applicable margin.

On April 1, 2009, we elected to change the interest rate on our variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility from three-month LIBOR to one-month LIBOR. This election was in place for the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009, after which we elected to revert to the three-month LIBOR interest rate. In conjunction with the initial interest rate change from three-month LIBOR to one-month LIBOR, we discontinued cash flow hedge accounting treatment for the interest rate swap agreements effective April 1, 2009. The deferred losses on the interest rate swaps previously charged to accumulated other comprehensive loss are being amortized to interest expense and any subsequent changes in the fair value of the swaps are being recognized in earnings as a component of interest expense until the swaps expire on December 31, 2010. The discontinuation of hedge accounting may increase the volatility in our reported earnings during the remaining terms of the interest rate swaps.

On December 17, 2009, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with an initial notional amount of \$300.0 million to fix three-month LIBOR at 2.005%, plus the applicable margin, for \$300.0 million of our variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility. The effective date of this agreement is December 31, 2010 which corresponds to the expiration date of the existing interest rate swap agreements described above. The notional amount of \$300.0 million amortizes by \$40.0 million at the end of every quarter until it reaches \$100.0 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, the expiration date. The swap is designated as and qualifies as a cash flow hedge.

11. INCOME TAXES

Valassis is required to adjust its effective tax rate each quarter to be consistent with its estimated annual effective tax rate. We are also required to record the tax impact of certain unusual or infrequently occurring items, including the effects of changes in tax laws or rates, in the interim period in which they occur. The effective tax rate during a particular quarter may be higher or lower as a result of the timing of actual earnings versus annual projections.

12. REPURCHASES OF COMMON STOCK

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, we repurchased 1,619,600 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$54.6 million under the stock repurchase program reinstated in May 2010. In 2010, stock repurchases are limited by our senior secured credit facility to an

aggregate amount of \$58.4 million.

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13. SEGMENT REPORTING

Valassis segments meeting the quantitative thresholds to be considered reportable are Shared Mail, Neighborhood Targeted and Free-standing Inserts (FSI). All other lines of business fall below a materiality threshold and are, therefore, combined together in an other segment named International, Digital Media & Services. These business lines include NCH Marketing Services, Inc., direct mail, software analytics, security services, interactive and in-store. Our reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services and are subject to regular review by our chief operating decision-maker. They are managed separately because each business requires different executional strategies and caters to different client marketing needs.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in the 2009 Form 10-K. We evaluate performance based on earnings from operations (segment profit). Assets are not allocated in all cases to reportable segments and are not used to assess the performance of a segment.

| | Three Months Ended June 30, International, Digital Media 8 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----|---------------------|--------|------|--------------------------|-------------|
| (in millions of U.S. dollars) | Shared Mail | - | hborhood argeted | FSI | Dig | ital Media & Services | Total |
| <u>2010</u> | | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 326.3 | \$ | 116.3 | \$ 94. | 6 \$ | 42.8 | \$ 580.0 |
| Intersegment revenues | \$ 3.9 | \$ | 6.8 | \$ 9. | 3 \$ | | \$ 20.0 |
| Depreciation/amortization | \$ 10.2 | \$ | 1.0 | \$ 3. | 1 \$ | 0.8 | \$ 15.1 |
| Segment profit | \$ 40.6 | \$ | 5.3 | \$ 11. | 4 \$ | 3.1 | \$ 60.4 |
| <u>2009</u> | | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 313.6 | \$ | 99.0 | \$ 92. | 1 \$ | 39.3 | \$ 544.0 |
| Intersegment revenues | \$ 4.0 | \$ | 4.5 | \$ 9. | 3 \$ | 0.5 | \$ 18.3 |
| Depreciation/amortization | \$ 12.8 | \$ | 1.1 | \$ 3. | 0 \$ | 0.5 | \$ 17.4 |
| Segment profit | \$ 23.4 | \$ | 10.0 | \$ 4. | 3 \$ | 6.4 | \$ 44.1 |

| | Six Months Ended June 30, | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----|---------------------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| (in millions of U.S. dollars) | Shared Mail | 0 | hborhood argeted | FSI | Digita | rnational, al Media & ervices | Total |
| <u>2010</u> | | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 639.2 | \$ | 216.1 | \$ 192.1 | \$ | 82.6 | \$ 1,130.0 |
| Intersegment revenues | \$ 7.4 | \$ | 12.4 | \$ 18.9 | \$ | | \$ 38.7 |
| Depreciation/amortization | \$ 20.9 | \$ | 2.0 | \$ 6.2 | \$ | 1.6 | \$ 30.7 |
| Segment profit | \$ 72.2 | \$ | 12.4 | \$ 19.7 | \$ | 8.6 | \$ 112.9 |
| <u>2009</u> | | | | | | | |
| Revenues from external customers | \$ 624.5 | \$ | 211.6 | \$ 185.7 | \$ | 73.4 | \$ 1,095.2 |
| Intersegment revenues | \$ 8.3 | \$ | 12.5 | \$ 19.0 | \$ | 0.9 | \$ 40.7 |
| Depreciation/amortization | \$ 25.9 | \$ | 2.0 | \$ 6.1 | \$ | 1.1 | \$ 35.1 |
| Segment profit | \$ 42.2 | \$ | 20.6 | \$ 5.3 | \$ | 10.4 | \$ 78.5 |

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Reconciliations to consolidated financial statement totals are as follows:

| | Three Mon June | | Six Montl June | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| (in millions of U.S. dollars) | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Segment profit | \$ 60.4 | \$ 44.1 | \$ 112.9 | \$ 78.5 |
| Unallocated amounts: | | | | |
| Interest expense | (17.8) | (21.4) | (38.0) | (43.0) |
| Interest income | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Other income, net | 0.6 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt | (23.9) | 1.3 | (23.9) | 8.8 |
| Gain from litigation settlement | | | 490.1 | |
| | | | | |
| Earnings before income taxes | \$ 19.5 | \$ 25.6 | \$ 543.8 | \$ 47.3 |

Domestic and foreign revenues were as follows:

| | | nths Ended e 30, | | hs Ended e 30, |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|
| (in millions of U.S. dollars) | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| United States | \$ 566.2 | \$ 532.8 | \$ 1,102.9 | \$ 1,072.7 |
| Foreign | 13.8 | 11.2 | 27.1 | 22.5 |
| Total | \$ 580.0 | \$ 544.0 | \$ 1,130.0 | \$ 1,095.2 |

Domestic and foreign long-lived assets (property, plant and equipment, net) were as follows:

| (in millions of U.S. dollars) | June 30, 2010 | ember 31, 2009 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| United States | \$ 172.6 | \$ 188.2 |
| Foreign | 9.0 | 9.7 |
| Total | \$ 181.6 | \$ 197.9 |

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14. GUARANTOR AND NON-GUARANTOR CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following information is presented in accordance with Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X. The operating and investing activities of the separate legal entities included in the consolidated financial statements are fully interdependent and integrated. Revenues and operating expenses of the separate legal entities include intercompany charges for management and other services. The 2015 Notes issued by Valassis are guaranteed by substantially all of Valassis existing and future domestic wholly-owned subsidiaries on a senior unsecured basis. Each of the subsidiary guarantors is 100% owned, directly or indirectly, by Valassis and has guaranteed the 2015 Notes on a joint and several, full and unconditional basis. Non-wholly-owned subsidiaries, joint ventures, partnerships and foreign subsidiaries are not guarantors of these obligations. The subsidiary guarantors also guarantee Valassis senior secured credit facility.

The following tables present the condensed consolidating balance sheets as of June 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, and the related condensed consolidating statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flow for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

June 30, 2010

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 204,161 | \$ 801 | \$ 23,746 | \$ | \$ 228,708 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 145,472 | 244,656 | 22,668 | | 412,796 |
| Inventories | 26,581 | 6,690 | 3 | | 33,274 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 325,310 | (88,806) | 1,982 | (204,269) | 34,217 |
| Total current assets | 701,524 | 163,341 | 48,399 | (204,269) | 708,995 |
| | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 30,634 | 148,709 | 2,274 | | 181,617 |
| Intangible assets, net | 35,176 | 826,854 | 6,989 | | 869,019 |
| Investments | 349,159 | 19,939 | | (366,571) | 2,527 |
| Intercompany note and loan receivable | 210,012 | (200,293) | (9,719) | | |
| Other assets | 7,633 | 4,375 | 4 | | 12,012 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,334,138 | \$ 962,925 | \$ 47,947 | \$ (570,840) | \$ 1,774,170 |
| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total |
| Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | h = 05: | | | | . . |
| Current portion long term debt | \$ 7,074 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 7,074 |

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| Accounts payable and intercompany payable | 117,903 | 374,703 | 15,031 | (204,269) | 303,368 |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Accrued expenses | 46,987 | 50,189 | 7,557 | | 104,733 |
| Progress billings | 15,575 | 9,924 | 7,638 | | 33,137 |
| Income taxes payable | (3,962) | 62,353 | 634 | | 59,025 |
| Deferred income taxes | (1,095) | 1,051 | 152 | | 108 |
| | | | | | |
| Total current liabilities | 182,482 | 498,220 | 31,012 | (204,269) | 507,445 |
| | | | | | |
| I 4 | 702 696 | | | | 702 696 |
| Long-term debt | 702,686 | | | | 702,686 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 24,103 | 17,409 | 1,942 | | 43,454 |
| Deferred income taxes | (6,191) | 99,714 | (3,996) | | 89,527 |
| Stockholders equity | 431,058 | 347,582 | 18,989 | (366,571) | 431,058 |
| | | | | | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ 1,334,138 | \$ 962,925 | \$ 47,947 | \$ (570,840) | \$ 1,774,170 |

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Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

December 31, 2009

$(in \ thousands \ of \ U.S. \ dollars)$

| Assets | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Current assets: | | | | , | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 104,477 | \$ 7,614 | \$ 17,755 | \$ | \$ 129,846 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 158,093 | 239,217 | 31,526 | | 428,836 |
| Inventories | 33,082 | 7,390 | · | | 40,472 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 98,773 | (18,583) | 2,250 | (45,394) | 37,046 |
| Refundable income taxes | 63,989 | (50,998) | (413) | | 12,578 |
| Total current assets | 458,414 | 184,640 | 51,118 | (45,394) | 648,778 |
| | | | | , , , | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 30,500 | 164,468 | 2,933 | | 197,901 |
| Intangible assets, net | 35,169 | 836,775 | 6,988 | | 878,932 |
| Investments | 310,182 | 17,642 | · | (325,526) | 2,298 |
| Intercompany loan and note receivable | 534,259 | (524,540) | (9,719) | | |
| Other assets | 10,795 | 5,314 | 4 | | 16,113 |
| | | | | | |
| Total assets | \$ 1,379,319 | \$ 684,299 | \$ 51,324 | \$ (370,920) | \$ 1,744,022 |
| | | | | | |
| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total |
| Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | Company | Subsidiaries | Subsidiaries | Adjustments | Total |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt | Company \$ 6,197 | Subsidiaries \$ | Subsidiaries | Adjustments | Total \$ 6,197 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable | * 6,197 174,701 | Subsidiaries \$ 190,317 | Subsidiaries \$ 18,796 | Adjustments | * 6,197 338,418 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 | \$ 190,317 58,761 | \$ 18,796 9,146 | Adjustments | * 6,197 338,418 127,636 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses Progress billings | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 25,242 | \$ 190,317 58,761 6,796 | \$ 18,796 9,146 8,494 | Adjustments | \$ 6,197 338,418 127,636 40,532 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 | \$ 190,317 58,761 | \$ 18,796 9,146 | Adjustments | * 6,197 338,418 127,636 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses Progress billings | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 25,242 | \$ 190,317 58,761 6,796 | \$ 18,796 9,146 8,494 | Adjustments | \$ 6,197 338,418 127,636 40,532 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses Progress billings Deferred income taxes | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 25,242 (1,095) | \$ 190,317 58,761 6,796 1,051 | \$ 18,796 9,146 8,494 66 | Adjustments \$ (45,396) | \$ 6,197 338,418 127,636 40,532 22 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses Progress billings Deferred income taxes Total current liabilities Long-term debt | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 25,242 (1,095) | \$ 190,317 58,761 6,796 1,051 256,925 | \$ 18,796 9,146 8,494 66 | Adjustments \$ (45,396) | \$ 6,197 338,418 127,636 40,532 22 512,805 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses Progress billings Deferred income taxes Total current liabilities | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 25,242 (1,095) 264,774 | \$ 190,317 58,761 6,796 1,051 | \$ 18,796 9,146 8,494 66 36,502 | Adjustments \$ (45,396) | \$ 6,197 338,418 127,636 40,532 22 512,805 |
| Current liabilities: Current portion, long-term debt Accounts payable and intercompany payable Accrued expenses Progress billings Deferred income taxes Total current liabilities Long-term debt Other non-current liabilities | \$ 6,197 174,701 59,729 25,242 (1,095) 264,774 | \$ 190,317 58,761 6,796 1,051 256,925 | \$ 18,796 9,146 8,494 66 36,502 | Adjustments \$ (45,396) | \$ 6,197 338,418 127,636 40,532 22 512,805 |

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income

Three Months Ended June 30, 2010

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Revenues | \$ 210,345 | \$ 375,691 | \$ 19,016 | \$ (25,102) | \$ 579,950 | |
| Cost and expenses: | | | | | | |
| Cost of products sold | 164,074 | 271,879 | 12,914 | (25,102) | 423,765 | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 36,274 | 52,619 | 3,770 | | 92,663 | |
| Amortization expense | 5 | 3,150 | | | 3,155 | |
| Total costs and expenses | 200,353 | 327,648 | 16,684 | (25,102) | 519,583 | |
| Earnings from operations | 9,992 | 48,043 | 2,332 | | 60,367 | |
| Other expenses (income): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | 17,837 | | | | 17,837 | |
| Interest income | (230) | 1 | (19) | | (248) | |
| Intercompany interest | (16,298) | 16,186 | 112 | | | |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | 23,873 | | | | 23,873 | |
| Other expenses (income), net | 280 | (860) | 19 | | (561) | |
| Total other expenses (income) | 25,462 | 15,327 | 112 | | 40,901 | |
| (Loss) Earnings before income taxes | (15,470) | 32,716 | 2,220 | | 19,466 | |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | (3,325) | 10,906 | 780 | | 8,361 | |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiary | 23,250 | 1,440 | | (24,690) | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 11,105 | \$ 23,250 | \$ 1,440 | \$ (24,690) | \$ 11,105 | |

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Three Months Ended June 30, 2009

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

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| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Revenues | \$ 187,187 | \$ 363,494 | \$ 18,890 | \$ (25,534) | \$ 544,037 | |
| Cost and expenses: | | | | | | |
| Cost of products sold | 145,401 | 276,180 | 13,996 | (25,534) | 410,043 | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 31,576 | 51,799 | 3,284 | , , | 86,659 | |
| Amortization expense | 5 | 3,251 | | | 3,256 | |
| Total costs and expenses | 176,982 | 331,230 | 17,280 | (25,534) | 499,958 | |
| Total costs and expenses | 170,702 | 331,230 | 17,200 | (23,331) | 1,7,7,550 | |
| Earnings from operations | 10,205 | 32,264 | 1,610 | | 44,079 | |
| Other expenses (income): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | 21,385 | | | | 21,385 | |
| Interest income | (115) | (7) | (32) | | (154) | |
| Intercompany interest | (16,208) | 16,208 | | | | |
| Gain on extinguishment of debt | (1,348) | | | | (1,348) | |
| Other income, net | (545) | (862) | (11) | | (1,418) | |
| | | | | | | |
| Total other expenses (income) | 3,169 | 15,339 | (43) | | 18,465 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 7,036 | 16,925 | 1,653 | | 25,614 | |
| Income tax expense | 3,764 | 5,510 | 392 | | 9,666 | |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiary | 12,676 | 1,261 | | (13,937) | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 15,948 | \$ 12,676 | \$ 1,261 | \$ (13,937) | \$ 15,948 | |

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income

Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Revenues | \$ 404,373 | \$ 737,009 | \$ 36,956 | \$ (48,386) | \$ 1,129,952 | |
| Cost and expenses: | | | | | | |
| Cost of products sold | 312,663 | 537,913 | 24,964 | (48,386) | 827,154 | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 72,194 | 104,290 | 7,137 | | 183,621 | |
| Amortization expense | 11 | 6,300 | | | 6,311 | |
| Total costs and expenses | 384,868 | 648,503 | 32,101 | (48,386) | 1,017,086 | |
| Gain from litigation settlement | 490,085 | | | | 490,085 | |
| Earnings from operations | 509,590 | 88,506 | 4,855 | | 602,951 | |
| Other expenses (income): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | 37,993 | | | | 37,993 | |
| Interest income | (373) | 3 | (24) | | (394) | |
| Intercompany interest | (33,544) | 33,432 | 112 | | | |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt | 23,873 | | | | 23,873 | |
| Other income, net | (813) | (1,416) | (122) | | (2,351) | |
| Total other expenses (income) | 27,136 | 32,019 | (34) | | 59,121 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 482,454 | 56,487 | 4,889 | | 543,830 | |
| Income tax expense | 188,743 | 20,178 | 1,276 | | 210,197 | |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiary | 39,922 | 3,613 | | (43,535) | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 333,633 | \$ 39,922 | \$ 3,613 | \$ (43,535) | \$ 333,633 | |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income

Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

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| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Revenues | \$ 390,992 | \$ 721,568 | \$ 34,159 | \$ (51,527) | \$ 1,095,192 | |
| Cost and expenses: | | | | | | |
| Cost of products sold | 311,141 | 553,130 | 24,789 | (51,527) | 837,533 | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 61,271 | 105,291 | 6,325 | | 172,887 | |
| Amortization expense | 11 | 6,301 | | | 6,312 | |
| Total costs and expenses | 372,423 | 664,722 | 31,114 | (51,527) | 1,016,732 | |
| Earnings from operations | 18,569 | 56,846 | 3,045 | | 78,460 | |
| Other expenses (income): | 40.000 | | | | 42.020 | |
| Interest expense | 43,029 | (T) | (61) | | 43,029 | |
| Interest income | (336) | (7) | (61) | | (404) | |
| Intercompany interest | (35,424) | 35,424 | | | (9.770) | |
| Gain on extinguishment of debt | (8,779) | (1.492) | (121) | | (8,779) | |
| Other income, net | (1,079) | (1,482) | (121) | | (2,682) | |
| Total other expenses (income) | (2,589) | 33,935 | (182) | | 31,164 | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 21,158 | 22,911 | 3,227 | | 47,296 | |
| Income tax expense | 10,540 | 7,179 | 601 | (20.004) | 18,320 | |
| Equity in net earnings of subsidiary | 18,358 | 2,626 | | (20,984) | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 28,976 | \$ 18,358 | \$ 2,626 | \$ (20,984) | \$ 28,976 | |

VALASSIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Six Months Ended June 30, 2010

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | | Non-Guaranto Subsidiaries | | Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated Total | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Operating Activities | | | | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 339,620 | \$ 8 | 86,971 | \$ | 7,315 | \$ | \$ | 433,906 |
| Investing Activities | | | | | | | | |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (5,393) | | (2,861) | | (147) | | | (8,401) |
| Other | 36 | | | | | | | 36 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (5,357) | (| (2,861) | | (147) | \$ | | (8,365) |
| Financing Activities | | | | | | | | |
| Cash provided by (used in) intercompany activity | 90,923 | (9 | 90,923) | | | | | |
| Payment of long-term debt | (301,312) | | | | | | | (301,312) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (54,623) | | | | | | | (54,623) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | 30,433 | | | | | | | 30,433 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (234,579) | (9 | 90,923) | | | | | (325,502) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | | | | | (1,177) | | | (1,177) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash | 99,684 | | (6,813) | | 5,991 | | | 98,862 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 104,477 | | 7,614 | | 17,755 | | | 129,846 |
| | , | | | | · | | | · |
| Cash at end of period | \$ 204,161 | \$ | 801 | \$ | 23,746 | \$ | \$ | 228,708 |

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Six Months Ended June 30, 2009

(in thousands of U.S. dollars)

| | Parent Company | Guarantor Subsidiaries | | | Consolidated Total | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|----|-----------------------|--|
| Operating Activities | | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 51,988 | \$ 71,105 | \$ 303 | \$ | \$ 123,396 | |
| Investing Activities | | | | | | |

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| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (3,043) | (5,399) | (201) | (8,643) |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Other | | 96 | | 96 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (3,043) | (5,303) | (201) | \$ (8,547) |
| Financing Activities | | | | |
| Cash provided by (used in) intercompany activity | 66,511 | (66,511) | | |
| Borrowings of long-term debt | 20,000 | | | 20,000 |
| Financing costs | (544) | | | (544) |
| Payment of long-term debt | (119,940) | | | (119,940) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (33,973) | (66,511) | | (100,484) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | | | 218 | 218 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash Cash at beginning of period | 14,972 102,441 | (709) 5,937 | 320 18,178 | 14,583 126,556 |
| Cash at end of period | \$ 117,413 | \$ 5,228 | \$ 18,498 | \$ \$ 141,139 |

Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Certain statements found in this document constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: price competition from our existing competitors; new competitors in any of our businesses; a shift in client preference for different promotional materials, strategies or coupon delivery methods, including, without limitation, as a result of declines in newspaper circulation; an unforeseen increase in paper or postal costs; changes which affect the businesses of our clients and lead to reduced sales promotion spending, including, without limitation, a decrease of marketing budgets which are generally discretionary in nature and easier to reduce in the short-term than other expenses; our substantial indebtedness, and ability to refinance such indebtedness, if necessary, and our ability to incur additional indebtedness, may affect our financial health; the financial condition, including bankruptcies, of our clients, suppliers, senior secured credit facility lenders or other counterparties; certain covenants in our debt documents could adversely restrict our financial and operating flexibility; ongoing disruptions in the credit markets that make it difficult for companies to secure financing; fluctuations in the amount, timing, pages, weight and kinds of advertising pieces from period to period, due to a change in our clients promotional needs, inventories and other factors; our failure to attract and retain qualified personnel may affect our business and results of operations; a rise in interest rates could increase our borrowing costs; we may be required to recognize additional impairment charges against goodwill and intangible assets in the future; possible governmental regulation or litigation affecting aspects of our business; the credit and liquidity crisis in the financial markets could continue to affect our results of operations and financial condition; uncertainty in the application and interpretation of applicable state sales tax laws may expose us to additional sales tax liability; and general economic conditions, whether nationally, internationally, or in the market areas in which we conduct our business, including the adverse impact of the ongoing economic downturn on the marketing expenditures and activities of our clients and prospective clients as well as our vendors, with whom we rely on to provide us with quality materials at the right prices and in a timely manner. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Additional risks include, but are not limited to, those risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended 2009, or the 2009 Form 10-K, and other filings by us with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.

Overview

We are one of the nation s leading media and marketing services companies, offering unparalleled reach and scale to more than 15,000 advertisers. Our RedPlum portfolio of products and services delivers value on a weekly basis to more than 100 million shoppers across a multi-media platform, in the mailbox, in the newspaper, on the doorstep, in store and online. Our products and services are positioned to help our clients reach their customers through mass-delivered or targeted programs. We provide our clients with blended media solutions, including shared mail, newspaper and digital delivery. We offer the only national shared mail distribution network in the industry. We utilize a proprietary targeting tool that provides our clients with multi-media recommendations. We are committed to providing innovative marketing solutions to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of promotions for our clients and to deliver value to consumers how, when and where they want.

Consumers demand for value-oriented media like ours continues to influence marketers promotional activity. According to NCH Marketing Services, Inc., our coupon-processing and analytics subsidiary, consumers saved nearly \$3.5 billion with coupons in 2009 and nearly \$2 billion in the first half of 2010. Marketers offered 18 billion more consumer packaged goods coupons in the first half of 2010, up 11.4% compared to the prior year period. Redemption volume increased 7.9% in the first half of 2010 compared to the prior year period, and the second quarter of 2010 marked the seventh consecutive quarter of year-over-year increased usage. The recent recession has shaped a new generation of savings-conscious shoppers who we believe, when the economy rebounds, will remain focused on value, which positions our portfolio well for the future.

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Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our results of operations for the periods indicated:

| | Three Mon June | | Six Month | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| | (U.S. do | ollars in millior | ıs, except per sha | re data) |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Shared Mail | \$ 326.3 | \$ 313.6 | \$ 639.2 | \$ 624.5 |
| Neighborhood Targeted products | 116.3 | 99.0 | 216.1 | 211.6 |
| Free-standing Inserts | 94.6 | 92.1 | 192.1 | 185.7 |
| International, Digital Media & Services | 42.8 | 39.3 | 82.6 | 73.4 |
| | | | | |
| Total revenues | 580.0 | 544.0 | 1,130.0 | 1,095.2 |
| Cost of products sold | 423.8 | 410.0 | 827.2 | 837.5 |
| • | | | | |
| Gross profit | 156.2 | 134.0 | 302.8 | 257.7 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 92.7 | 86.7 | 183.6 | 172.9 |
| Amortization expense | 3.1 | 3.2 | 6.3 | 6.3 |
| Gain from litigation settlement | | | 490.1 | |
| | | | | |
| Earnings from operations | 60.4 | 44.1 | 603.0 | 78.5 |
| Other expenses (income): | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | 17.6 | 21.2 | 37.6 | 42.7 |
| Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt | 23.9 | (1.3) | 23.9 | (8.8) |
| Other income, net | (0.6) | (1.4) | (2.3) | (2.7) |
| | | | | |
| Total other expenses | 40.9 | 18.5 | 59.2 | 31.2 |
| • | | | | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 19.5 | 25.6 | 543.8 | 47.3 |
| Income tax expense | 8.4 | 9.7 | 210.2 | 18.3 |
| internet with compension | 0 | ,,, | 210.2 | 10.0 |
| Net earnings | \$ 11.1 | \$ 15.9 | \$ 333.6 | \$ 29.0 |
| rot cannings | ψ 11.1 | ψ 13.7 | ψ 555.0 | ψ <i>25.</i> U |
| Net earnings per common share, basic | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 0.60 |
| rect carmings per common snare, basic | ψ 0.22 | ψ 0.33 | Φ 0.77 | ψ 0.00 |
| Not associate and associated diluted | ¢ 0.21 | ¢ 0.22 | ¢ (41 | ¢ 0.60 |
| Net earnings per common share, diluted | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 6.41 | \$ 0.60 |

Revenues

We reported revenues of \$580.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, an increase of 6.6% compared to revenues of \$544.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2009. Revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2010 were \$1,130.0 million, an increase of 3.2% compared to revenues of \$1,095.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. This growth in revenues across all of our business segments was driven by our clients—response to strong consumer demand for value.

Cost of Products Sold

Costs of products sold were \$423.8 million and \$410.0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues increased to 26.9% from 24.6% for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Costs of products sold were \$827.2 million and \$837.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues increased to 26.8% from 23.5% for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The operating leverage within our business, particularly the Shared Mail and FSI segments, leads to improved margins as volumes increase.

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Selling, General and Administrative Costs

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) costs were \$92.7 million and \$86.7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. SG&A costs were \$183.6 million and \$172.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These increases were due primarily to an increase in stock-based compensation of \$6.2 million and \$11.0 million from the respective prior year periods, which resulted primarily from the accelerated vesting of certain executives stock options based on stock price appreciation.

Gain from Litigation Settlement

On February 4, 2010, we executed a settlement agreement and release (the Settlement Agreement) settling our outstanding lawsuits against News America Incorporated, a/k/a News America Marketing Group, News America Marketing, FSI, Inc. a/k/a News America Marketing FSI, LLC and News America Marketing In-Store Services, Inc. a/k/a News America Marketing In-Store Services, LLC (collectively News). Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, News paid us \$500.0 million. During the first quarter of 2010, in connection with the successful settlement of these lawsuits, we made \$9.9 million in related payments, including special bonuses to certain of our employees (including our executive officers identified as the named executive officers in our proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 30, 2010) in an aggregate amount of \$8.1 million. These expenses were netted against the \$500.0 million of proceeds received, and the net proceeds of \$490.1 million have been recorded as a separate line item. Gain from litigation settlement in our condensed consolidated statement of income for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

Other Expenses (Income)

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net decreased to \$17.6 million from \$21.2 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and to \$37.6 million from \$42.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These decreases were due to lower debt balances as a result of our voluntary repurchases of term loans under our senior secured credit facility during the three months ended June 30, 2009 pursuant to the First Amendment (as defined below) and our purchases of the 8 \(^1/4\%\) Senior Notes due 2015 (the \(^2015\) Notes) during the three months ended June 30, 2010 pursuant to the terms of the Tender Offer (as defined below) and open market repurchases.

Loss (Gain) on Extinguishment of Debt

During the three months ended June 30, 2010, we purchased, at a premium to par of 7.0%, an aggregate principal amount of \$269.9 million of the 2015 Notes validly tendered pursuant to the terms of the Tender Offer (as defined below). In addition, during the three months ended June 30, 2010, we purchased in the open market, at a weighted-average premium to par of 5.6%, an aggregate principal amount of \$27.9 million of the 2015 Notes. As a result of these transactions, we recognized a pre-tax loss on extinguishment of debt of \$23.9 million during the three months ended June 30, 2010, which represents the amount of the purchase price of the 2015 Notes in excess of the face amounts (par value) of the 2015 Notes purchased and the proportionate write-off of related capitalized debt issuance costs.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we repurchased, at a discount to par, aggregate principal amounts of \$21.6 million and \$54.4 million, respectively, of outstanding term loans under our senior secured credit facility pursuant to modified Dutch auctions for aggregate purchase prices of \$20.3 million and \$45.6 million, respectively, including fees. As a result of these repurchases, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we recognized pre-tax gains of \$1.3 million and \$8.8 million, respectively, which represent the difference between the face amounts (par value) of the term loans repurchased and the actual repurchase prices of the term loans, including fees. Taxes on these gains have been deferred for five years beginning in 2009 and are then payable at 20% per year for each of the next five years. The period during which such repurchases were permitted pursuant to the First Amendment (as defined below) expired on December 31, 2009.

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Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$8.4 million and \$210.2 million, respectively, which resulted in effective tax rates, including discrete items, of 43.1% and 38.7%, respectively. Valassis is required to adjust its effective tax rate each quarter to be consistent with its estimated annual effective tax rate. We are also required to record the tax impact of certain unusual or infrequently occurring items, including the effects of changes in tax laws or rates, in the interim period in which they occur. The effective tax rate during a particular quarter may be higher or lower as a result of the timing of actual earnings versus annual projections.

Net Earnings

Net earnings were \$11.1 million and \$15.9 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which equates to diluted earnings per share of \$0.21 and \$0.33, respectively. As further described above, net earnings and diluted earnings per share for these periods were impacted by the extinguishment of debt as reflected in the following table:

| | | | | T | hree M | Ionths Ende | ed | | | |
|--|------------|----|-------|----|--------|-------------|----|--------|----|--------|
| | | | | | Jı | ıne 30, | | | | |
| | | | 2010 | | | | | 2009 | | |
| | |] | Per | | Per | | | Per | | Per |
| | U.S. | В | Basic | Di | luted | U.S. |] | Basic | D | iluted |
| | Dollars in | Co | mmon | Co | mmon | Dollars in | Co | mmon | Co | mmon |
| | Millions | S | hare | S | hare | Millions | S | Share | S | Share |
| Net earnings | \$ 11.1 | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.21 | \$ 15.9 | \$ | 0.33 | \$ | 0.33 |
| Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt, net of tax | 14.7 | | 0.30 | | 0.28 | (0.8) | | (0.02) | | (0.02) |
| Net earnings excluding loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt | \$ 25.8 | \$ | 0.52 | \$ | 0.49 | \$ 15.1 | \$ | 0.31 | \$ | 0.31 |

Net earnings, excluding the impact of the extinguishment of debt, were \$25.8 million and \$15.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, or \$0.49 and \$0.31, respectively, per diluted share. This increase was due to increased volume and our improved cost structure as the result of our business optimization and cost containment efforts.

Net earnings were \$333.6 million and \$29.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, which equates to diluted earnings per share of \$6.41 and \$0.60, respectively. As further described above, net earnings and diluted earnings per share were impacted by the gain on litigation settlement and extinguishment of debt as reflected in the following table:

| | | | Six Montl June | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | U.S. Dollars in Millions | 2010 Per Basic Common Share | Per Diluted Common Share | U.S. Dollars in Millions | 2009 Per Basic Common Share | Per Diluted Common Share |
| Net Earnings | \$ 333.6 | \$ 6.77 | \$ 6.41 | \$ 29.0 | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.60 |
| Excluding: | | | | | | |
| Gain from litigation settlement, net of tax | (301.4) | (6.12) | (5.79) | | | |
| Loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt, net of tax | 14.7 | 0.30 | 0.28 | (5.3) | (0.11) | (0.11) |
| Net earnings excluding gain from litigation settlement and loss (gain) on extinguishment of debt | \$ 46.9 | \$ 0.95 | \$ 0.90 | \$ 23.7 | \$ 0.49 | \$ 0.49 |

Net earnings, excluding the impact of the gain on litigation settlement and the extinguishment of debt, were \$46.9 million and \$23.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, or \$0.90 and \$0.49, respectively, per diluted share. This increase was due to our improved cost structure as the result of our business optimization and cost containment efforts.

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Segment Results

Shared Mail

For the three months ended June 30, 2010, Shared Mail segment revenues increased \$12.7 million, or 4.0%, to \$326.3 million compared to the three months ended June 30, 2009. For the six months ended June 30, 2010, the Shared Mail segment reported revenues of \$639.2 million, an increase of 2.4% as compared to \$624.5 million reported in the prior year period. The increases for both the three and six month periods were attributable to volume gains in inserts as demonstrated in the growth in Shared Mail pieces distributed. Shared Mail pieces increased 12.0% to 9.0 billion pieces for the three months ended June 30, 2010 and increased 9.5% to 17.7 billion pieces for the six months ended June 30, 2010 from the comparable prior year periods. Revenues attributable to the volume gains were offset, in part, by fewer packages as a result of our business optimization efforts and lower priced and lighter weight inserts.

Shared Mail packages were 0.9 billion and 1.8 billion for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, decreasing 6.7% and 7.8%, respectively, from the comparable prior year periods. These decreases resulted from our business optimization efforts and from the reduction of underperforming packages in certain markets. The increase in Shared Mail pieces coupled with the reduction in Shared Mail packages drove the increase in average pieces per package. Average pieces per package were 9.6 pieces for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, increasing 21.3% and 19.4%, respectively, from the comparable prior year periods.

For the fifth consecutive quarter, Shared Mail s gross margin percentage continued to increase over the comparable prior year quarter s gross margin percentage. For the three months ended June 30, 2010, Shared Mail s gross margin was 29.4% increasing 4.5 percentage points from the three months ended June 30, 2009. In addition, Shared Mail s gross margin percentage for the six months ended June 30, 2010 increased 4.1 percentage points to 28.5% from the prior year period. Contributing to the gross margin percentage improvements for both the three and six months periods were distribution savings from newspaper alliances and fewer packages. In addition, the increase in average pieces per package and resultant efficiencies in unused postage contributed to the gross margin improvements. Unused postage as a percentage of base postage improved 4.7 percentage points to 16.0% and 3.8 percentage points to 16.8% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, from the comparable prior year periods. The gross margin improvement for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was also favorably affected by lower print and paper costs.

Shared Mail segment profit increased \$17.2 million, or 73.5%, to \$40.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2009. Shared Mail segment profit was \$72.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, increasing \$30.0 million, or 71.1%, from the comparable prior year period. Shared Mail s segment profit percentage was 12.4% and 11.3% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, increasing 4.9 and 4.5 percentage points, respectively, from the comparable prior year periods. The increases for these periods resulted from the increase in revenues, newspaper alliances and package optimization efforts.

Neighborhood Targeted

Neighborhood Targeted segment revenues were \$116.3 million in the three months ended June 30, 2010, representing an increase of 17.5% from \$99.0 million in the three months ended June 30, 2009. This increase was due primarily to increases in Run-of-Press (ROP) advertising spending by clients in the energy and telecommunications verticals. Segment profit was \$5.3 million for the second quarter of 2010 compared to \$10.0 million for the second quarter of 2009, due primarily to a change in both client and product mix and an increase in SG&A allocation.

During the six months ended June 30, 2010, Neighborhood Targeted segment revenues increased 2.1% to \$216.1 million from \$211.6 million during the six months ended June 30, 2009. Significant increases in activity in the energy and telecommunications verticals in the second quarter of 2010 more than offset declines in the first quarter of 2010. Segment profit for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$12.4 million compared to \$20.6 million in the prior year period.

FSI

FSI segment revenues were \$94.6 million for the three months ended June 30, 2010, representing an increase of 2.7% from \$92.1 million for the second quarter of 2009. Revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2010 were \$192.1 million, an increase of 3.4% from \$185.7 million in the comparable prior year period. Industry units grew approximately 2.6% and 6.6% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively, as compared to the respective prior year periods. FSI cost of goods sold decreased for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 from the prior year periods on a cost-per-thousand (CPM) basis due primarily to lower paper costs and efficiencies gained in media and print costs resulting from increased volume. As a result of increased volumes and reductions in cost of goods sold, FSI segment profit for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010 increased to \$11.4 million and \$19.7 million, respectively, from \$4.3 million and \$5.3 million during the respective prior year periods.

International, Digital Media & Services

Revenues for this segment were \$42.8 million in the second quarter of 2010, an increase of 8.9% from \$39.3 million for the second quarter of 2009. Revenues for this segment were \$82.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, an increase of 12.5% from \$73.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009. This growth was primarily due to the sustained increase in coupon clearing volume, as well as foreign currency fluctuations. Segment profit for three and six months ended June 30, 2010 decreased to \$3.1 million and \$8.6 million, respectively, from \$6.4 million and \$10.4 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively. These decreases in segment profit primarily resulted from continued investment in our In-Store and Digital businesses.

Financial Condition, Liquidity and Sources of Capital

The following table presents our available sources of liquidity as of June 30, 2010:

| Sources of Liquidity (in millions) | Facility Amount | Amount Outstanding | Available |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | | | \$ 228.7 |
| Debt facilities: | | | |
| Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility | \$ 40.1 | | 40.1 |
| | | | |
| Total Available | | | \$ 268.8 |

(1) On April 15, 2010, we amended our senior secured credit facility, which, among other things, reduced the aggregate revolving credit commitments thereunder from \$100.0 million to \$50.0 million. For additional information, refer to the section below entitled "Our Senior Secured Credit Facility." The amount above is net of \$9.9 million in outstanding letters of credit.

Sources and Uses of Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$228.7 million at June 30, 2010 compared to \$129.8 million at December 31, 2009. This was the result of net cash provided by operating activities of \$433.9 million, offset by net cash used in investing activities of \$8.4 million and net cash used in financing activities of \$325.5 million during the six months ended June 30, 2010.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$433.9 million during the six months ended June 30, 2010 compared to \$123.4 million during the prior year period. The increase from the prior year was primarily attributable to the \$500.0 million cash received (approximately \$301.4 million, net of taxes and related payments) as a result of the litigation settlement with News America. In addition to this increase, the following changes in assets and liabilities affected cash from operations:

a decrease in accounts payable of \$35.1 million due to the timing of vendor payments, partially offset by a cash inflow of \$13.3 million from accounts receivable, net;

a reduction of \$27.6 million in accrued expenses, compensation and interest due to 2009 accrued incentive and profit sharing payments made in the first quarter of 2010 and the timing of interest payments; and

an increase in taxes payable of \$71.6 million, primarily due to timing of taxes due on the gain from the litigation settlement. Net cash used in investing activities was \$8.4 million and \$8.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, primarily due to capital acquisitions of property, plant and equipment.

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Net cash used in financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2010 was \$325.5 million, which resulted from:

principal payments on long-term debt of \$301.3 million, which includes \$297.8 million related to the repurchases of the 2015 Notes discussed above:

repurchases of 1,619,600 shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$54.6 million under the stock repurchase program reinstated in May 2010; and

\$30.4 million of net proceeds received from stock option exercises.

Net cash used in financing activities in the year-ago period was \$100.5 million. This included \$51.8 million related to the satisfaction of the indenture covering the 6 5/8% Senior Secured Notes due 2009 and \$48.7 million in repurchases and repayments of term loans under our senior secured credit facility and related fees.

Operating cash flows are our primary source of liquidity. We intend to use cash generated by operations to meet interest and principal repayment obligations, for general corporate purposes and to reduce our indebtedness, and we believe we will generate sufficient funds from operations and will have sufficient existing cash balances and lines of credit available to meet currently anticipated liquidity needs, including interest and required payments of indebtedness.

Current and Long-term Debt

As of June 30, 2010, we had outstanding \$709.8 million in aggregate indebtedness, which consisted of \$242.2 million of our unsecured 8 \(^{1}/4\%\) Senior Notes due 2015, \$350.7 million and \$116.8 million under the term loan B and delayed draw term loan portions of our senior secured credit facility, respectively, and \$0.1 million of our Senior Secured Convertible Notes due 2033. As of June 30, 2010, we had total outstanding letters of credit of approximately \$9.9 million.

Our Senior Secured Credit Facility

General

On March 2, 2007, in connection with our acquisition of ADVO, Inc., we entered into a senior secured credit facility with Bear Stearns Corporate Lending Inc., as Administrative Agent, and a syndicate of lenders jointly arranged by Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. and Banc of America Securities LLC.

Our senior secured credit facility originally consisted of the following:

a five-year revolving line of credit in an aggregate principal amount of \$120.0 million, including \$35.0 million available in euros, British Pounds Sterling, Mexican Pesos or Canadian Dollars, \$40.0 million available for letters of credit and a \$20.0 million swingline loan subfacility (the revolving line of credit);

a seven-year term loan B in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$590.0 million, with principal repayable in quarterly installments at a rate of 1.0% per year during the first six years of the term loan B, with the remaining balance thereafter to be paid on the seventh anniversary of the closing date of the term loan B (the term loan B);

a seven-year amortizing delayed draw term loan in an aggregate principal amount equal to \$160.0 million, with principal repayable in quarterly installments at a rate of 1.0% per year during the first six years of the delayed draw term loan, with the remaining balance thereafter to be repaid in full on the maturity date of the term loan B (the delayed draw term loan); and

an incremental facility pursuant to which, prior to the maturity of the senior secured credit facility, we may incur additional indebtedness under our senior secured credit facility in an additional amount up to \$150.0 million under either the revolving line of credit or the term loan B or a combination thereof (the incremental facility). The obligations under the incremental facility will constitute secured obligations under our senior secured credit facility.

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On January 22, 2009, we entered into the first amendment to our senior secured credit facility, or the First Amendment. As a result of the First Amendment, we were permitted to use up to \$125.0 million to repurchase from tendering lenders term loans outstanding under the senior secured credit facility at prices below par acceptable to such lenders through one or more modified Dutch auctions at any time or times during 2009. In connection with the First Amendment, we agreed to voluntarily permanently reduce the aggregate revolving credit commitments under the senior secured credit facility from \$120.0 million to \$100.0 million in exchange for the ability to keep \$20.0 million of revolving credit loans outstanding during any modified Dutch auction. The First Amendment also made certain technical and conforming changes to the terms of our senior secured credit facility. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2009, we repurchased, at a discount to par, aggregate principal amounts of \$21.6 million and \$54.4 million, respectively, of outstanding term loans under our senior secured credit facility for aggregate purchase prices of \$20.3 million and \$45.6 million, respectively, including fees. The period during which such repurchases were permitted pursuant to the First Amendment expired on December 31, 2009.

On April 15, 2010, we entered into the second amendment to our senior secured credit facility, or the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment, among other things:

permits us to use up to \$325 million to repurchase our outstanding 2015 Notes through April 15, 2011 (for information regarding repurchases effected during the second quarter, see \$44\% Senior Notes due 2015);

provides us flexibility to extend the maturity of the revolving line of credit portion of the senior secured credit facility beyond the current expiration date of March 2, 2012;

allows us additional features with respect to any future convertible or exchangeable debt securities;

reduced the aggregate revolving credit commitments under the senior secured credit facility from \$100 million to \$50 million; and

increased by 50 basis points the interest rate margins applicable to borrowings under the senior secured credit facility. All borrowings under our senior secured credit facility, including, without limitation, amounts drawn under the revolving line of credit, are subject to the satisfaction of customary conditions, including absence of a default and accuracy of representations and warranties. As of June 30, 2010, we had \$350.7 million and \$116.8 million outstanding under the term loan B and delayed draw term loan portions, respectively, and \$40.1 million available under the revolving line of credit portion (after giving effect to the reductions in availability pursuant to the First and Second Amendments and outstanding letters of credit), of our senior secured credit facility.

Interest and Fees

Borrowings under our senior secured credit facility bear interest, at our option, at either the base rate (defined as the higher of the prime rate announced by the commercial bank selected by the administrative agent to the facility or the federal funds effective rate, plus 0.5%), or at a Eurodollar rate (as defined in the credit agreement), in each case, plus an applicable interest rate margin. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, we elected three-month LIBOR as the applicable rate on borrowings under our senior secured credit facility. Pursuant to the Second Amendment, the interest rate margins applicable to the borrowings under our senior secured credit facility increased by 50 basis points.

Guarantees and Security

Our senior secured credit facility is guaranteed by substantially all of our existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries pursuant to a Guarantee, Security and Collateral Agency Agreement, as amended. In addition, our obligations under our senior secured credit facility and the guarantee obligations of the subsidiary guarantors are secured by first priority liens on substantially all of our and our subsidiary guarantors present and future assets and by a pledge of all of the equity interests in our subsidiary guarantors and 65% of the capital stock of our existing and future restricted foreign subsidiaries.

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Prepayments

Subject to customary notice and minimum amount conditions, we are permitted to make voluntary prepayments without payment of premium or penalty. With certain exceptions, we are required to make mandatory prepayments on the term loans in certain circumstances, including, without limitation, with 100% of the aggregate net cash proceeds from any debt offering, asset sale or insurance and/or condemnation recovery (to the extent not otherwise used for reinvestment in our business or a related business) and up to 50% (with the exact percentage to be determined based upon our consolidated secured leverage ratio as defined in our credit agreement) of our excess cash flow (as defined in the credit agreement). Such mandatory prepayments will first be applied ratably to the principal installments of the term loans and second, to the prepayment of any outstanding revolving or swing-line loans, without an automatic reduction of the amount of the revolving line of credit.

Covenants

Our senior secured credit facility also requires us to comply with a maximum senior secured leverage ratio, as defined in our senior secured credit facility (generally, the ratio of our consolidated senior secured indebtedness to consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four quarters), ranging from 4.25:1.00 to 3.50:1.00 (depending on the applicable period), and a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio, as defined in our senior secured credit facility (generally, the ratio of our consolidated EBITDA for such period to consolidated interest expense for such period), ranging from 1.60:1.00 to 2.00:1.00 (depending on the applicable period). For purposes of calculating the minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio, the First Amendment permits us to exclude from the definition of consolidated interest expense in our senior secured credit facility swap termination and cancellation costs incurred in connection with any purchase, repurchase, payments or repayment of any loans under our senior secured credit facility, including pursuant to a modified Dutch auction. The table below shows the required and actual financial ratios under our senior secured credit facility as of June 30, 2010.

| | Required Ratio | Actual Ratio |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Maximum senior secured leverage ratio | No greater than 3.50:1.00 | 0.61:1.00 |
| Minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio | No less than 2.00:1.00 | 10.26:1.00 |

In addition, we are required to give notice to the administrative agent and the lenders under our senior secured credit facility of defaults under the facility documentation and other material events, make any new wholly-owned restricted domestic subsidiary a subsidiary guarantor and pledge substantially all after-acquired property as collateral to secure our and our subsidiary guarantors obligations in respect of the facility.

Events of Default

Our senior secured credit facility contains customary events of default, including upon a change of control. If such an event of default occurs, the lenders under our senior secured credit facility would be entitled to take various actions, including in certain circumstances increasing the effective interest rate and accelerating the amounts due under our senior secured credit facility.

Other Provisions

See our 2009 Form 10-K for further information regarding interest and fees, guarantees and security, prepayment and covenants related to our senior secured credit facility.

6 5/8% Senior Secured Notes due 2009

On January 15, 2009, we satisfied and discharged the indenture covering the 6⁵/8% senior secured notes due 2009 in accordance with the terms of the indenture. Upon satisfaction and discharge, the indenture ceased to be of further effect (except for certain rights of the Trustee).

Senior Secured Convertible Notes due 2033

In May 2003, we issued \$239,794,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2033 Secured Notes in a private placement transaction at an issue price of \$667.24 per note, resulting in gross proceeds to us of \$160.0 million. During the second quarter of 2008, we conducted a cash tender offer for the 2033 Secured Notes that was intended to satisfy the put rights of the holders of such notes that were exercisable on May 22, 2008 under the indenture governing such notes. Pursuant to the tender offer, we repurchased an aggregate principal amount of \$239.7 million (or \$159.9 million, net of discount) of the 2033 Secured Notes for an aggregate purchase price of \$159.9 million. We used the delayed draw term loan portion of our senior secured credit facility to finance the tender offer. As of June 30, 2010, an aggregate principal amount of \$85,000 (or

approximately \$58,000, net of discount) of the 2033 Secured Notes remained outstanding pursuant to the 2033 Secured Notes indenture.

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8 1/4% Senior Notes due 2015

On March 2, 2007, we issued in a private placement \$540.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes. Interest on the 2015 Notes is payable every six months on March 1 and September 1, commencing September 1, 2007. The 2015 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by substantially all of our existing and future domestic restricted subsidiaries on a senior unsecured basis. In August 2007, in accordance with the terms of the registration rights agreement between us and the initial purchasers of the 2015 Notes, we completed an exchange offer to exchange the original notes issued in the private placement for a like principal amount of exchange notes registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. An aggregate principal amount of \$539,925,000 original notes were exchanged for exchange notes in the exchange offer. The remaining \$75,000 principal amount of the original notes were not exchange notes are substantially identical to the original notes, except that the exchange notes are not subject to certain transfer restrictions.

Subject to a number of exceptions, the 2015 Notes indenture restricts our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to incur or guarantee additional indebtedness, transfer or sell assets, make certain investments, pay dividends or make distributions or other restricted payments, create certain liens, merge or consolidate, repurchase stock and enter into transactions with affiliates.

We may redeem all or a portion of the 2015 Notes at our option at any time prior to March 1, 2011, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of 2015 Notes to be redeemed, plus a make-whole premium as described in the 2015 indenture, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. At any time on or after March 1, 2011, we may redeem all or a portion of the 2015 Notes at our option at the following redemption prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount thereof) if redeemed during the twelve-month period commencing on March 1 of the years set forth below:

| Year | Percentage |
|---------------------|------------|
| 2011 | 104.125% |
| 2012 | 102.063% |
| 2013 and thereafter | 100.000% |

In addition, we must pay accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Upon the occurrence of a change of control, as defined in the 2015 indenture, holders have the right to require us to purchase all or a portion of their 2015 Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2015 Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages, if any, to the date of repurchase.

On May 12, 2010, we commenced a cash tender offer (the "Tender Offer") to purchase up to \$270 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes at a purchase price equal to 107% of the principal amount of the 2015 Notes purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest. On June 11, 2010, we purchased \$269.9 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes validly tendered pursuant to the terms of the Tender Offer. In addition, during the three months ended June 30, 2010, we purchased in the open market an additional \$27.9 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 Notes at weighted-average purchase prices of 105.6% of the principal amount of the 2015 Notes purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Additional Provisions

The indenture governing the 2033 Secured Notes contains a cross-default provision which becomes applicable if we default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument evidencing indebtedness for money borrowed by us and the default results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its express maturity, and the principal amount of any such accelerated indebtedness aggregates in excess of \$25.0 million. The indenture governing the 2015 Notes contains a cross-default provision which becomes applicable if we (a) fail to pay the stated principal amount of any of our indebtedness at its final maturity date, or (b) default under any of our indebtedness and the default results in the acceleration of indebtedness, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness under which there has been a payment default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$25.0 million or more. Our credit agreement contains a cross-default provision which becomes applicable if we (a) fail to make any payment under any indebtedness for money borrowed by us (other than the obligations under such credit agreement) and such default continues beyond the grace period provided in the instrument or other agreement under which such indebtedness was created or, (b) otherwise default under any such indebtedness, the effect of which default is to cause such indebtedness to be accelerated or to become subject to a mandatory offer to purchase and, in either instance, such default(s) are continuing with respect to indebtedness in an aggregate outstanding principal amount in excess of \$25.0 million.

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As of June 30, 2010, we were in compliance with all of our indenture covenants.

Subject to applicable limitations in our senior secured credit facility and indentures, we may from time to time repurchase our debt in the open market, through tender offers, exchanges of debt securities, by exercising rights to call, satisfying put obligations or in privately negotiated transactions.

Other Indebtedness

During the second quarter of 2007, we entered into two interest rate swap agreements with an aggregate notional principal amount of \$480.0 million. These interest rate swaps effectively fixed three-month LIBOR at 5.045%, for a then-effective rate of 6.795%, including the applicable margin, for \$480.0 million of our variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility. We initially designated the swaps as hedging instruments through March 31, 2009 and recorded the changes in the fair value of these interest rate swaps as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income.

In February 2009, we reduced the notional principal amount of the interest rate swaps by \$32.8 million and paid termination fees of approximately \$2.6 million. The termination fees, or deferred losses, related to the terminated portion of the swaps are being amortized to interest expense over the original life of the interest rate swaps, through December 31, 2010. As a result of the reduced notional amount of the swaps, three-month LIBOR was effectively fixed at 5.026%, for a then-effective rate of 6.776%, including the applicable margin.

On April 1, 2009, we elected to change the interest rate on our variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility from three-month LIBOR to one-month LIBOR. This election was in place for the quarters ended June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009, after which we elected to revert to three-month LIBOR interest rate. In conjunction with the initial interest rate change from three-month LIBOR to one-month LIBOR, we discontinued cash flow hedge accounting treatment for the interest rate swap agreements effective April 1, 2009. The deferred losses on the interest rate swaps previously charged to accumulated other comprehensive loss are being amortized to interest expense, and any subsequent changes in the fair value of the swaps are being recognized in earnings as a component of interest expense until the swaps expire on December 31, 2010. The discontinuation of hedge accounting may increase the volatility in our reported earnings during the remaining terms of the interest rate swaps.

On December 17, 2009, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement with an initial notional amount of \$300.0 million to fix three-month LIBOR at 2.005%, plus the applicable margin, for \$300.0 million of our variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility. The effective date of this agreement is December 31, 2010 which corresponds to the expiration date of the existing interest rate swap agreements described above. The notional amount of \$300.0 million amortizes by \$40.0 million at the end of every quarter until it reaches \$100.0 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, the expiration date. The swap is designated as and qualifies as a cash flow hedge. In the event that our senior secured credit facility variable interest rate debt is less than the amounts we have hedged in connection with the interest rate swaps, we may elect to pay termination fees in connection with such swaps.

Off-balance Sheet Arrangements

As of June 30, 2010, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of SEC Regulation S-K.

Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures were \$8.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010, and are anticipated to be an aggregate amount of approximately \$25.0 million for the 2010 fiscal year. It is expected that these expenditures will be made using funds provided by operations.

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RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for further details of new accounting pronouncements.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that in certain circumstances affect amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The SEC has defined a company s most critical accounting policies as the ones that are most important to the portrayal of the company s financial condition and results of operations, and which require the company to make its most difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. Our critical accounting policies have not changed materially from those disclosed in Item 7. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2009 Form 10-K.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our principal market risks are interest rates on various debt instruments and foreign exchange rates at our international subsidiaries.

Interest Rates

Our borrowings under our senior secured credit facility are subject to a variable rate of interest calculated on either a prime rate or a Eurodollar rate. To reduce our exposure to fluctuating interest rates, we entered into two interest rate swap agreements that expire December 31, 2010, which convert an aggregate of \$447.2 million, or 95.7%, of our total variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility to fixed rate debt. As of June 30, 2010, the fair value of these derivatives was a liability of \$10.1 million and an aggregate principal amount of \$20.3 million outstanding under the term loan B and delayed draw portions of our senior secured credit facility was subject to interest rate variability.

On December 17, 2009, we entered into an interest swap agreement which will initially convert \$300.0 million of our total variable rate debt under our senior secured credit facility to fixed rate debt. The effective date of this agreement is December 31, 2010, which corresponds to the expiration date of the existing interest rate swap agreements. As of June 30, 2010, the fair value of this derivative was a liability of \$3.0 million.

Foreign Currency

Currencies to which we have exposure are the Mexican peso, Canadian dollar, Polish zloty, British pound and Euro. Currency restrictions are not expected to have a significant effect on our cash flows, liquidity, or capital resources. We purchase the Mexican peso and the Polish zloty under two to twelve-month forward foreign exchange contracts to stabilize the cost of production. Actual exchange losses or gains are recorded against production expense when the contracts are executed. As of June 30, 2010, we had commitments to purchase \$10.4 million in Mexican pesos and \$0.5 million in Polish zlotys over the next twelve months.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Disclosure Committee, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of such period, the disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended June 30, 2010 that has materially affected, or is likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

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Part II Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

News

On January 18, 2006, (and thereafter on October 16, 2006, via an Amended complaint, the operative complaint) Valassis filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan against News America Incorporated, a/k/a News America Marketing Group, News America Marketing, FSI, Inc. a/k/a News America Marketing FSI, LLC and News America Marketing In-Store Services, Inc. a/k/a News America Marketing In-Store Services, LLC (collectively News). The operative complaint alleged violation of the Sherman Act, various state competitive statutes and the commission of torts by News in connection with the marketing and sale of FSI space and in-store promotion and advertising services.

On November 17, 2006, News filed an answer to the Federal claims raised in the operative complaint, but moved to dismiss the state law claims on the basis that the court should not exercise its supplemental jurisdiction over these claims. On March 23, 2007, the Federal Court dismissed the state law claims without prejudice, declining to exercise supplemental jurisdiction. The parties filed summary judgment motions, which were denied by the Federal Court on September 4, 2009.

The substantive state law claims which were dismissed by the Federal Court were refiled on March 9, 2007 in the State of Michigan Wayne County Circuit Court raising common law and statutory causes of action. The Michigan state case was tried to a jury in Wayne County during May, June and July 2009. The jury returned a verdict of \$300.0 million in Valassis favor on July 23, 2009. Judgment was entered and pre- and post-judgment interest began to accrue on a compounding basis beginning March 9, 2007. After denial of its post trial motions, News filed an appeal of the entire judgment.

On March 9, 2007, Valassis also filed a state law action in the Supreme Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles raising claims under California s Cartwright, Unfair Competition and Unfair Practices Acts. News America moved to dismiss the California state law claims and the motion was denied.

On February 4, 2010, Valassis and News executed a settlement agreement and release (the Settlement Agreement), and pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, News paid Valassis \$500.0 million. News America, Inc. also entered into a 10-year shared mail distribution agreement with Valassis Direct Mail, Inc., a Valassis subsidiary, which provides for the sale by Valassis of certain shared mail services to News on specified terms.

In connection with the settlement, the parties are working with the Court, under the Honorable Arthur J. Tarnow, on a set of procedures to handle future disputes among the parties with respect to conduct at issue in the litigation. The precise timing and form of the relief rests with the Court.

The settlement resolves all outstanding claims between Valassis and News as of February 4, 2010. As a result, the parties agreed to dismiss all outstanding litigation between them and release all existing and potential claims against each other that were or could have been asserted in the litigation as of the date of the Settlement Agreement.

We are involved in various claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our 2009 Form 10-K, which could materially affect our business, financial condition and future results. The risks described in our 2009 Form 10-K are not the only risks facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

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Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

The following table reflects our repurchases of our common stock during the three months ended June 30, 2010:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans (1) | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans (2) |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| April 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010 | | \$ | | 6,090,825 |
| May 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 | 558,200 | \$ 33.57 | 558,200 | 5,532,625 |
| June 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010 | 1,061,400 | \$ 33.78 | 1,061,400 | 4,471,225 |
| | | | | |
| | 1,619,600 | \$ 33.71 | 1,619,600 | |

- (1) On December 7, 2004 and August 25, 2005, our Board of Directors approved share repurchase plans of 5 million shares each. These share repurchase plans were suspended in February 2006. On May 6, 2010, our Board of Directors reinstated these share repurchase plans.
- (2) As a result of the share repurchases during the three months ended June 30, 2010, no additional shares remain available for repurchase under the December 7, 2004 share repurchase plan and 4.5 million shares remain available to be repurchased under the August 25, 2005 share repurchase plan. We are limited by the covenants under our senior secured credit facility to an aggregate share repurchase amount of \$58.4 million during 2010.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities None

Item 5. Other Information

Reserved

None.

Item 4.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits

- Third Amendment to Valassis Communications, Inc. Supplemental Benefit Plan, dated as of July 8, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 001-10991) filed on July 9, 2010 by Valassis Communications, Inc.)
- 31.1 Section 302 Certification of Alan F. Schultz
- 31.2 Section 302 Certification of Robert L. Recchia
- 32.1 Section 906 Certification of Alan F. Schultz
- 32.2 Section 906 Certification of Robert L. Recchia

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 6, 2010

Valassis Communications, Inc. (Registrant)

By: /s/ Robert L. Recchia Robert L. Recchia Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Signing on behalf of the Registrant and as principal financial and accounting officer.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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