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

For the quarter ended September 30, 2011

Commission file number 1-31763

KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of

76-0294959
(IRS Employer

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incorporation or organization)

5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700

Identification No.)

Dallas, Texas 75240-2697

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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

Number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding on October 31, 2011: 115,902,098.

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KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions)

| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 (Unaudited) |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 304.7 | \$ 112.1 |
| Restricted cash | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Marketable securities | | 44.5 |
| Accounts and other receivables | 231.2 | 333.4 |
| Inventories | 275.8 | 336.7 |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 6.1 | 7.4 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4.6 | 4.8 |
| | | |
| Total current assets | 824.3 | 840.4 |
| Other assets: | | |
| Investment in TiO ₂ manufacturing joint venture | 96.2 | 94.1 |
| Note receivable from Valhi | 61.9 | 103.3 |
| Marketable securities | 49.7 | 94.8 |
| Deferred income taxes | 192.0 | 154.5 |
| Other | 9.9 | 10.8 |
| | | |
| Total other assets | 409.7 | 457.5 |
| Property and equipment: | | |
| Land | 44.3 | 45.2 |
| Buildings | 227.4 | 230.0 |
| Equipment | 1,008.6 | 1,026.4 |
| Mining properties | 115.9 | 120.5 |
| Construction in progress | 11.9 | 33.3 |
| | | |
| | 1,408.1 | 1,455.4 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | 934.5 | 976.6 |
| | | |
| Net property and equipment | 473.6 | 478.8 |
| | | |
| Total assets | \$ 1,707.6 | \$ 1,776.7 |

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KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)

(In millions)

| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 (Unaudited) |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | \$ 2.2 | \$ 2.2 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 206.2 | 263.6 |
| Income taxes | 7.0 | 24.2 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 220.1 | 294.8 |
| Noncurrent liabilities: | | |
| Long-term debt | 537.4 | 400.7 |
| Deferred income taxes | 33.2 | 39.6 |
| Accrued pension cost | 119.5 | 115.0 |
| Accrued postretirement benefit cost | 10.6 | 10.6 |
| Other | 25.6 | 27.0 |
| Total noncurrent liabilities | 726.3 | 592.9 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 1,398.8 | 1,399.0 |
| Retained deficit | (486.5) | (358.5) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (152.3) | (152.7) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 761.2 | 889.0 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 1,707.6 | \$ 1,776.7 |

Commitments and contingencies (Notes 8 and 11)

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(In millions, except per share data)

| | Three months ended September 30, | | Nine months ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 |
| | (Unaudited) | | | |
| Net sales | \$ 376.6 | \$ 548.0 | \$ 1,076.4 | \$ 1,505.9 |
| Cost of sales | 280.4 | 337.1 | 834.5 | 951.6 |
| Gross margin | 96.2 | 210.9 | 241.9 | 554.3 |
| Selling, general and administrative expense | 41.9 | 49.9 | 123.3 | 144.7 |
| Currency transaction gains (losses), net | 5.2 | (1.9) | 4.8 | .4 |
| Other operating expense, net | (2.5) | (2.5) | (5.9) | (6.8) |
| Income from operations | 57.0 | 156.6 | 117.5 | 403.2 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest and dividend income | | 1.1 | .1 | 4.5 |
| Gain (loss) on prepayment of debt, net | | .1 | | (3.2) |
| Interest expense | (9.0) | (8.1) | (29.2) | (26.2) |
| Income before income taxes | 48.0 | 149.7 | 88.4 | 378.3 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 15.9 | 63.8 | (5.7) | 143.1 |
| Net income | \$ 32.1 | \$ 85.9 | \$ 94.1 | \$ 235.2 |
| Net income per basic and diluted share | \$.33 | \$.74 | \$.96 | \$ 2.03 |
| Cash dividends per share | \$ | \$.15 | \$ | \$.925 |
| Basic and diluted weighted-average shares used in the calculation of net income per share | 97.9 | 115.9 | 97.9 | 115.9 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

Nine months ended September 30, 2011

(In millions)

| | Common stock | Additional paid-in capital | Retained deficit | Accumulated other comprehensive loss (unaudited) | Total stockholders equity | Comprehensive income |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2010 | \$ 1.2 | \$ 1,398.8 | \$ (486.5) | \$ (152.3) | \$ 761.2 | |
| Net income | | | 235.2 | | 235.2 | \$ 235.2 |
| Other comprehensive loss, net | | | | (.4) | (.4) | (.4) |
| Issuance of common stock | | .2 | | | .2 | |
| Dividends paid | | | (107.2) | | (107.2) | |
| Balance at September 30, 2011 | \$ 1.2 | \$ 1,399.0 | \$ (358.5) | \$ (152.7) | \$ 889.0 | |
| Comprehensive income | | | | | | \$ 234.8 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(In millions)**

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2010 2011 (Unaudited) | |
|--|---|----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 94.1 | \$ 235.2 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 33.4 | 35.9 |
| Deferred income taxes | (21.4) | 47.2 |
| Loss on prepayment of debt, net | | 3.2 |
| Call premium paid | | (2.5) |
| Benefit plan expense greater (less) than cash funding: | | |
| Defined benefit pension plans | 1.5 | .4 |
| Other postretirement benefits | .4 | (.1) |
| Distributions from TiO ₂ manufacturing joint venture, net | 1.8 | 2.1 |
| Other, net | 3.2 | 5.7 |
| Change in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts and other receivables | (80.3) | (103.3) |
| Inventories | 30.4 | (59.8) |
| Prepaid expenses | (.9) | (1.2) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | .6 | 56.0 |
| Income taxes | .8 | 18.3 |
| Accounts with affiliates | 1.3 | 6.1 |
| Other, net | 2.8 | .2 |
| | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 67.7 | 243.4 |
| | | |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (24.4) | (38.7) |
| Change in restricted cash equivalents | .5 | .5 |
| Loans to Valhi: | | |
| Loans | | (146.6) |
| Collections | | 105.2 |
| Proceeds from sale of marketable securities mutual funds | | 227.0 |
| Purchase of marketable securities: | | |
| Mutual funds | | (272.6) |
| TIMET stock | | (30.4) |
| Valhi stock | | (12.8) |
| Other, net | | (5.1) |
| | | |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (23.9) | (173.5) |
| | | |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Indebtedness: | | |
| Borrowings | 129.8 | 113.3 |
| Principal payments | (156.5) | (269.2) |
| Note payable to affiliate Contran: | | |

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| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Borrowings | 99.2 | |
| Principal payments | (99.2) | |
| Dividends paid | | (107.2) |
| Other, net | | (.2) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (26.7) | (263.3) |

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Table of Contents**KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)****(In millions)**

| | Nine months ended September 30, 2010 2011 (Unaudited) | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents net change from: | | |
| Operating, investing and financing activities | 17.1 | (193.4) |
| Currency translation | (1.8) | .8 |
| Balance at beginning of period | 31.1 | 304.7 |
| | | |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 46.4 | \$ 112.1 |
| | | |
| Supplemental disclosures: | | |
| Cash paid for: | | |
| Interest (including call premium paid) | \$ 18.9 | \$ 22.5 |
| Income taxes | 13.4 | 66.4 |
| Accrual for capital expenditures | 2.3 | 7.3 |
| | See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. | |

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KRONOS WORLDWIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2011

(Unaudited)

Note 1 Organization and basis of presentation:

Organization We are a majority-owned subsidiary of Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI). At September 30, 2011, Valhi held approximately 50% of our outstanding common stock and NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) held an additional 30% of our common stock. Valhi owns approximately 83% of NL's outstanding common stock. Approximately 94% of Valhi's outstanding common stock is held by subsidiaries of Contran Corporation. Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons (for which Mr. Simmons is sole trustee), or is held directly by Mr. Simmons or other persons or entities related to Mr. Simmons. Consequently, Mr. Simmons may be deemed to control each of these companies.

Basis of presentation The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report have been prepared on the same basis as the audited Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 4, 2011 (the 2010 Annual Report). In our opinion, we have made all necessary adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments) in order to state fairly, in all material respects, our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of the dates and for the periods presented. We have condensed the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Statement of Stockholders' Equity and Comprehensive Income at December 31, 2010 contained in this Quarterly Report as compared to our audited Consolidated Financial Statements at that date, and we have omitted certain information and footnote disclosures (including those related to the Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2010) normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Our results of operations for the interim periods ended September 30, 2011 may not be indicative of our operating results for the full year. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report should be read in conjunction with our 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our 2010 Annual Report.

In May 2011, we amended our certificate of incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of our common stock from 60 million to 240 million. Also in May 2011, we implemented a 2-for-1 split of our common stock effected in the form of a stock dividend. Other than the disclosure of the authorized number of shares of our common stock discussed in the preceding sentence, we have adjusted all share and per-share disclosures for all periods presented in our condensed consolidated financial statements to give effect to the stock split, and we have adjusted our stockholders' equity at December 31, 2010 to reflect the split by reclassifying \$.6 million from additional paid-in capital to common stock representing \$.01 per share par value of each share of common stock issued as a result of the stock split.

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Cash dividends include a \$.50 per share special dividend paid to stockholders in the first quarter of 2011.

In June 2011, we amended the maturity date of our \$175 million unsecured revolving demand promissory note receivable from Valhi. As amended, all principal is due on demand, but in any event no earlier than December 31, 2013.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this report to we, us or our refer to Kronos Worldwide, Inc. and its subsidiaries (NYSE: KRO) taken as a whole.

Note 2 Marketable securities:

Our marketable securities include investments in mutual funds and in the publicly-traded shares of related parties: Titanium Metals Corporation (TIMET), Valhi, NL and CompX International Inc. Contran, Mr. Harold Simmons and persons and other entities related to Mr. Simmons own a majority of TIMET's outstanding common stock and NL owns a majority of CompX's outstanding common stock. All of our marketable securities are accounted for as available-for-sale securities, which are carried at fair value using quoted market prices in active markets for each marketable security and represent a Level 1 input within the fair value hierarchy. See Note 12. Because we have classified all of our marketable securities as available-for-sale, any unrealized gains or losses on the securities are recognized through other comprehensive income.

| Marketable security | Market Value | Cost Basis (In millions) | Unrealized gains (losses) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| As of December 31, 2010: | | | |
| Noncurrent assets: | | | |
| TIMET common stock | \$ 46.9 | \$ 46.9 | \$ |
| Valhi common stock | 2.7 | 2.7 | |
| NL and CompX common stocks | .1 | .1 | |
| Total | \$ 49.7 | \$ 49.7 | \$ |
| As of September 30, 2011: | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Mutual funds | 44.5 | 44.9 | (.4) |
| Noncurrent assets: | | | |
| TIMET common stock | 63.6 | 73.9 | (10.3) |
| Valhi common stock | 31.1 | 15.3 | 15.8 |
| NL and CompX common stocks | .1 | .1 | |
| Total | \$ 94.8 | \$ 89.3 | \$ 5.5 |

At September 30, 2011, we held approximately 4.2 million shares, or 2.4%, of TIMET's outstanding common stock and approximately .6 million shares of Valhi's outstanding common stock. We also held a nominal number of shares of CompX and NL common stocks. During the first nine months of 2011, we purchased an aggregate of 1.5 million shares of TIMET common stock and .5 million shares of Valhi common stock for an aggregate of \$27.0 million and \$12.6 million, respectively. At September 30, 2011, the quoted per share

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market price of TIMET's and Valhi's common stock was \$14.98 and \$54.17, respectively (December 31, 2010 \$17.18 and \$22.11, respectively).

The TIMET, Valhi, CompX and NL common stocks we own are subject to the restrictions on resale pursuant to certain provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 144. In addition, as a majority-owned subsidiary of Valhi we cannot vote our shares of Valhi common stock under Delaware Corporation Law, but we do receive dividends from Valhi on these shares, when declared and paid.

Because we have classified all of our marketable securities as available-for-sale, any unrealized gains or losses on the securities are recognized through other comprehensive income. With respect to our investment in TIMET, our cost basis has exceeded its market value since early August 2011 through September 30, 2011, but we consider such decline in market price to be temporary at September 30, 2011. We considered all available evidence in reaching this conclusion, including our ability and intent to hold this investment for a reasonable period of time sufficient for the recovery of fair value (as evidenced by the amount of liquidity we currently have with cash on hand and our borrowing availability) as well as subsequent increases in the quoted market price of TIMET common stock subsequent to September 30, 2011. In this regard, as of October 28, 2011, the aggregate quoted market price of our shares of TIMET common stock exceeded our cost basis by approximately \$1.3 million. We will continue to monitor the quoted market prices for this investment. If we conclude in the future that a decline in value of one or more of these securities was other than temporary, we would recognize an impairment through an income statement charge at that time. Such income statement impairment charge would be offset in other comprehensive income by the reversal of the previously recognized unrealized losses to the extent they were previously recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income.

At September 30, 2011, we held investments in various mutual funds which have a primary investment objective of holding corporate and government debt securities from U.S. and other markets. These funds have daily liquidity and are held for the temporary investment of cash available for our current operations in order to generate a higher return than would be available if such funds were invested in an asset qualifying for classification as a cash equivalent and accordingly we have classified our investments in these mutual funds as a current asset.

Note 3 Accounts and other receivables:

| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Trade receivables | \$ 202.2 | \$ 310.5 |
| Recoverable VAT and other receivables | 29.9 | 24.1 |
| Refundable income taxes | 1.3 | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (2.2) | (1.2) |
| Total | \$ 231.2 | \$ 333.4 |

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| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Raw materials | \$ 52.1 | \$ 86.1 |
| Work in process | 13.6 | 13.3 |
| Finished products | 154.6 | 179.0 |
| Supplies | 55.5 | 58.3 |
| Total | \$ 275.8 | \$ 336.7 |

Note 5 Other noncurrent assets:

| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Deferred financing costs, net | \$ 4.4 | \$ 2.4 |
| Pension asset | .3 | .3 |
| Other | 5.2 | 8.1 |
| Total | \$ 9.9 | \$ 10.8 |

Note 6 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 119.2 | \$ 158.5 |
| Employee benefits | 34.1 | 35.4 |
| Accrued sales discounts and rebates | 11.3 | 13.6 |
| Accrued interest | 7.4 | 11.9 |
| Payable to affiliates: | | |
| Louisiana Pigment Company, L.P. | 7.4 | 5.1 |
| Income taxes, net Valhi | 2.1 | 11.8 |
| Other | .1 | |
| Other | 24.6 | 27.3 |
| Total | \$ 206.2 | \$ 263.6 |

Note 7 Long-term debt:

| December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
|----------------------|-----------------------|

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| | (In millions) | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Kronos International, Inc. 6.5% Senior Secured Notes | \$ 532.8 | \$ 397.6 |
| Other | 6.8 | 5.3 |
| Total debt | 539.6 | 402.9 |
| Less current maturities | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Total long-term debt | \$ 537.4 | \$ 400.7 |

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Senior Secured Notes In March 2011, we redeemed euro 80 million principal amount of our euro 400 million 6.5% Senior Secured Notes at 102.17% of the principal amount for an aggregate of \$115.7 million, including a \$2.5 million call premium. During the third quarter of 2011, we repurchased in open market transactions an aggregate of euro 30.4 million principal amount of our Senior Secured Notes (including euro 3.0 million for which settlement of the purchase did not occur until October 2011) for an aggregate of euro 30.2 million (including euro 3.0 million for the October 2011 settlement). The aggregate euro 27.4 million principal amount for which settlement occurred in the third quarter of 2011 was the equivalent of \$39.3 million when repurchased. Following such partial redemption and repurchases, euro 292.6 million principal amount of the Senior Notes remain outstanding at September 30, 2011 (including the euro 3.0 million principal amount of notes repurchased in late September 2011 for which settlement did not occur until October 2011). In the first quarter of 2011, we recognized a \$3.3 million pre-tax interest charge related to the redemption of euro 80 million of the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes consisting of the call premium, the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs and original issue discount associated with the redeemed Senior Notes. In the third quarter of 2011, we recognized a \$.1 million net gain on euro 30.4 million principal amount of Senior Notes repurchased in open market transactions. We borrowed under our European revolving credit facility, as discussed below, in order to fund the redemption in the first quarter 2011, while we used cash on hand to fund the third quarter open market repurchases. In October 2011, we repurchased an additional euro 10.5 million principal amount of Senior Notes for an aggregate of euro 10.4 million.

Revolving European credit facility During the first nine months of 2011, we borrowed euro 80 million (\$113.3 million when borrowed) under our European credit facility, and subsequently repaid euro 80 million (\$115.0 million when repaid). As of September 30, 2011, there were no outstanding borrowings under our European credit facility and the equivalent of \$109 million was available for borrowing under this facility.

Restrictions and Other Our credit facility described above requires the borrower to maintain minimum levels of equity, requires the maintenance of certain financial ratios, limits dividends and additional indebtedness and contains other provisions and restrictive covenants customary in lending transactions of this type. We are in compliance with all of our debt covenants at September 30, 2011. We believe we will be able to comply with the financial covenants contained in our credit facility through its maturity; however if future operating results differ materially from our expectations we may be unable to maintain compliance.

At September 30, 2011, there were no restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. The terms of the indenture governing the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes limit the ability of our wholly owned subsidiary, Kronos International, Inc. (KII), to pay dividends and make other restricted payments. At September 30, 2011, the maximum amount of dividends and other restricted payments that KII could make (the Restricted Payment Basket) was \$190.8 million.

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| | Nine months ended | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | September 30, | |
| | 2010 | 2011 |
| | (In millions) | |
| Expected tax expense, at U.S. Federal statutory income tax rate of 35% | \$ 31.0 | \$ 132.4 |
| Non-U.S. tax rates | (2.8) | (12.2) |
| Incremental tax on earnings of non-U.S. companies | | 20.2 |
| U.S. state income taxes, net | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| German tax attribute adjustment | (35.2) | |
| Other, net | .3 | 1.3 |
| Total | \$ (5.7) | \$ 143.1 |

Our provision for income taxes in the third quarter of 2011 includes \$13.2 million for U.S. incremental income taxes on current earnings repatriated from our Germany subsidiary, which earnings were used to fund a portion of the repurchases of our Senior Secured Notes discussed in Note 7. In addition, we accrue U.S. incremental income taxes on the earnings of our Canadian subsidiary, which earnings we previously determined are not permanently reinvested.

Tax authorities are examining certain of our non-U.S. tax returns and have or may propose tax deficiencies, including interest and penalties. Because of the inherent uncertainties involved in settlement initiatives and court and tax proceedings, we cannot guarantee that these matters will be resolved in our favor, and therefore our potential exposure, if any, is also uncertain. In August 2011, we received a notice of re-assessment from the Canadian tax authorities related to the years 2002 through 2004. We object to the re-assessment and believe the position is without merit. Accordingly, we are appealing the re-assessment, and we will be required to post a Cdn. \$4.9 million letter of credit which will be collateralized with cash or cash equivalents. We expect to post such letter of credit in the fourth quarter of 2011. If the full amount of the proposed adjustment were ultimately to be assessed against us the cash tax liability would be approximately \$11.9 million. We believe we have adequate accruals for additional taxes and related interest expense which could ultimately result from tax examinations. We believe the ultimate disposition of tax examinations should not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity. We currently estimate that our unrecognized tax benefits will not change materially during the next twelve months.

As a consequence of a European Court ruling that resulted in a favorable resolution of certain income tax issues in Germany, during the first quarter of 2010 the German tax authorities agreed to an increase in our German net operating loss carryforwards. Accordingly, we recognized a non-cash income tax benefit of \$35.2 million in the first quarter of 2010.

Note 9 Employee benefit plans:

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

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| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | September 30, 2010 | 2011 | September 30, 2010 | 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | | |
| Service cost | \$ 2.5 | \$ 2.8 | \$ 7.7 | \$ 8.3 |
| Interest cost | 5.5 | 6.2 | 16.9 | 18.4 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (4.2) | (4.8) | (13.0) | (14.3) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | .3 | .3 | .9 | 1.1 |
| Amortization of net transition obligations | .1 | .2 | .4 | .4 |
| Recognized actuarial losses | 1.3 | 1.7 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| Total | \$ 5.5 | \$ 6.4 | \$ 16.9 | \$ 18.9 |

Postretirement benefits The components of net periodic postretirement benefits other than pension (OPEB) cost are presented in the table below.

| | Three months ended | | Nine months ended | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | September 30, 2010 | 2011 | September 30, 2010 | 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | | |
| Service cost | \$.1 | \$.1 | \$.3 | \$.2 |
| Interest cost | .2 | .1 | .6 | .4 |
| Amortization of prior service credit | (.1) | (.2) | (.2) | (.6) |
| Recognized actuarial loss | | .1 | .1 | .2 |
| Total | \$.2 | \$.1 | \$.8 | \$.2 |

Contributions We expect our 2011 contributions for our pension and other postretirement plans to be approximately \$28 million.

Note 10 Other noncurrent liabilities:

| | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Reserve for uncertain tax positions | \$ 10.6 | \$ 11.8 |
| Employee benefits | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| Insurance claims and expenses | .3 | .3 |
| Other | 5.0 | 5.2 |
| Total | \$ 25.6 | \$ 27.0 |

Note 11 Commitments and contingencies:

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

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financial position, results of operations or liquidity beyond the accruals we have already provided for.

Please refer to our 2010 Annual Report for a discussion of certain other legal proceedings to which we are a party.

Note 12 Financial instruments:

The following table summarizes the valuation of our financial instruments recorded on a fair value basis as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011:

| | Total | Fair Value Measurements | | |
|---|----------|---|---|--|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| (In millions) | | | | |
| December 31, 2010 | | | | |
| Currency forward contracts | \$ 6.3 | \$ 6.3 | | |
| Noncurrent marketable securities (See Note 2) | 49.7 | 49.7 | | |
| September 30, 2011 | | | | |
| Currency forward contracts | \$ (2.1) | \$ (2.1) | | |
| Current marketable securities (See Note 2) | 44.5 | 44.5 | | |
| Noncurrent marketable securities (See Note 2) | 94.8 | 94.8 | | |

Certain of our sales generated by our non-U.S. operations are denominated in U.S. dollars. We periodically use currency forward contracts to manage a very nominal portion of currency exchange rate risk associated with trade receivables denominated in a currency other than the holder's functional currency or similar exchange rate risk associated with future sales. We have not entered into these contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the past, nor do we currently anticipate entering into such contracts for trading or speculative purposes in the future. Derivatives used to hedge forecasted transactions and specific cash flows associated with financial assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar and which meet the criteria for hedge accounting are designated as cash flow hedges. Consequently, the effective portion of gains and losses is deferred as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income and is recognized in earnings at the time the hedged item affects earnings. Contracts that do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting are marked-to-market at each balance sheet date with any resulting gain or loss recognized in income currently as part of net currency transactions. The fair value of the currency forward contracts is determined using Level 1 inputs based on the currency spot forward rates quoted by banks or currency dealers.

At September 30, 2011, we had currency forward contracts to exchange an aggregate of \$64.5 million for an equivalent value of Canadian dollars at exchange rates ranging from Cdn. \$.9969 to Cdn. \$1.0524 per U.S. dollar. These contracts with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, mature from October 2011 through December 2012 at a rate of \$4 million to \$5.5 million per month, subject to early redemption provisions at our option.

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The estimated fair value of our currency forward contracts at September 30, 2011 was a \$2.1 million net liability, which is included in our Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as part of Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities. There is also a corresponding \$2.1 million currency transaction loss in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. We are not currently using hedge accounting for our outstanding currency forward contracts at September 30, 2011 and we did not use hedge accounting for any of such contracts we previously held in 2010 and 2011.

The following table presents the financial instruments that are not carried at fair value but which require fair value disclosure as of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011.

| | December 31, 2010 | | September 30, 2011 | |
|---|-------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| | (In millions) | | | |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash | \$ 306.6 | \$ 306.6 | \$ 113.6 | \$ 113.6 |
| Notes payable and long-term debt: | | | | |
| Fixed rate with market quotes 6.5% Senior Secured Notes | \$ 532.8 | \$ 536.0 | \$ 397.6 | \$ 393.6 |
| Common stockholders equity | 761.2 | 2,462.2 | 889.0 | 1,863.7 |

At December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011, the estimated market price of the 6.5% Notes was approximately euro 1,004 and euro 988 per euro 1,000 principal amount, respectively. The fair value of our common stockholders equity is based upon quoted market prices at each balance sheet date, which represent Level 1 inputs. The fair value of our 6.5% Notes are also based on quoted market prices at each balance sheet date; however, these quoted market prices represent Level 2 inputs because the markets in which the Notes trade are not active. The fair values of variable interest rate debt are deemed to approximate book value. Due to their near-term maturities, the carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accounts payable are considered equivalent to fair value.

Note 13 Recent accounting standards:

In May 2011 the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2011-04, *Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs*. ASU 2011-04 contains technical adjustments and clarifications to more closely align the U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for fair value reporting and will be effective for our first quarter 2012 report. We do not believe the adoption of this standard will have a material effect on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In June 2011 the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*. ASU 2011-05 will eliminate the option of presenting comprehensive income as a component of the Consolidated Statement of Shareholders Equity and will instead require comprehensive income to be presented as a component of the Consolidated Statement of Income or in a separate Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income immediately following the Consolidated Statement of Income. Additionally, ASU 2011-05 will require us to present on the face of our financial statements reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net income where the components of net income and other comprehensive income are presented. This standard will be effective for our first quarter 2012 report.

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Upon adoption of ASU 2011-05, we intend to present our comprehensive income in a separate Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

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

Business overview

We are a leading global producer and marketer of value-added titanium dioxide pigments (TiO_2). TiO_2 is used for a variety of manufacturing applications, including plastics, paints, paper and other industrial products. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, approximately one-half of our sales volumes were sold into European markets. Our production facilities are located in Europe and North America.

We consider TiO_2 to be a "quality of life" product, with demand affected by gross domestic product (or "GDP") and overall economic conditions in our markets located in various regions of the world. Over the long-term, we expect demand for TiO_2 across all markets will grow on average by 2% to 3% per year, consistent with our expectations for the long-term growth in GDP. However, even if we and our competitors maintain consistent shares of the worldwide market, demand for TiO_2 in any interim or annual period may not change in the same proportion as the change in GDP, in part due to relative changes in the TiO_2 inventory levels of our customers. We believe our customers' inventory levels are influenced in part by their expectations for future changes in market TiO_2 selling prices as well as their expectations for future availability of product. Although certain of our TiO_2 grades are considered specialty pigments, the majority of our grades and substantially all of our production are considered commodity pigment products, with price and availability being the most significant competitive factors along with quality and customer service.

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

Our TiO_2 sales and production volumes,

TiO_2 selling prices,

Currency exchange rates (particularly the exchange rate for the U.S. dollar relative to the euro, Norwegian krone and the Canadian dollar) and

Manufacturing costs, particularly raw materials, maintenance and energy-related expenses.

Our key performance indicators are our TiO_2 average selling prices and our level of TiO_2 sales and production volumes. TiO_2 selling prices generally follow industry trends and prices will increase or decrease generally as a result of competitive market pressures.

In addition, our effective income tax rate in 2010 was impacted by certain favorable developments, as discussed further below.

Executive summary

We reported net income of \$85.9 million, or \$.74 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2011 as compared to net income of \$32.1 million, or \$.33 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2010. For the first nine months of 2011, we reported net income of \$235.2 million, or \$2.03 per diluted share, compared to net income of \$94.1 million, or \$.96 per diluted share, in the first nine months of 2010. Our net income for the third quarter and first nine months of 2011, as compared to the same periods of 2010, is higher principally

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due to higher income from operations resulting principally from higher average selling prices in 2011, and higher production volumes in the year-to-date 2011 period. In addition, our results of operations in 2010 include a first quarter non-cash income tax benefit of \$35.2 million (\$.36 per diluted share) related to a European Court ruling that resulted in a favorable resolution of certain income tax issues in Germany.

In May 2011, we implemented a 2-for-1 split of our common stock effected in the form of a stock dividend. All per share amounts disclosed herein have been adjusted to reflect the stock split.

Forward-looking information

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

Future supply and demand for our products

The extent of the dependence of certain of our businesses on certain market sectors

The cyclical nature of our businesses

Changes in raw material and other operating costs (such as energy and ore costs)

Changes in the availability of raw materials (such as ore)

General global economic and political conditions (such as changes in the level of gross domestic product in various regions of the world and the impact of such changes on demand for TiO₂)

Competitive products and substitute products

Customer and competitor strategies

Potential consolidation of our competitors

The impact of pricing and production decisions

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Competitive technology positions

The introduction of trade barriers

Possible disruption of our business or increases in the cost of doing business resulting from terrorist activities or global conflicts

Fluctuations in currency exchange rates (such as changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and each of the euro, the Norwegian krone and the Canadian dollar)

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Operating interruptions (including, but not limited to, labor disputes, leaks, natural disasters, fires, explosions, unscheduled or unplanned downtime and transportation interruptions)

Our ability to renew or refinance credit facilities

Our ability to maintain sufficient liquidity

The ultimate outcome of income tax audits, tax settlement initiatives or other tax matters

Our ability to utilize income tax attributes, the benefits of which have been recognized under the more-likely-than-not recognition criteria

Environmental matters (such as those requiring compliance with emission and discharge standards for existing and new facilities)

Government laws and regulations and possible changes therein

The ultimate resolution of pending litigation; and

Possible future litigation.

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

Results of operations

Quarter ended September 30, 2010 compared to the

Quarter ended September 30, 2011 -

| | Three months ended September 30, | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------|
| | 2010 | (Dollars in millions) | | 2011 |
| Net sales | \$ 376.6 | 100% | \$ 548.0 | 100% |
| Cost of sales | 280.4 | 75 | 337.1 | 62 |
| Gross margin | 96.2 | 25 | 210.9 | 38 |
| Other operating income and expense, net | 39.2 | 10 | 54.3 | 10 |
| Income from operations | \$ 57.0 | 15% | \$ 156.6 | 28% |

%
Change

TiO₂ operating statistics:

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| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------|-------------|
| Sales volumes* | 138 | 136 | (1)% |
| Production volumes* | 134 | 134 | % |
| Percent change in net sales: | | | |
| TiO ₂ product pricing | | | 41% |
| TiO ₂ sales volumes | | | (1) |
| TiO ₂ product mix | | | (4) |
| Changes in currency exchange rates | | | 10 |
| Total | | | 46% |

* Thousands of metric tons

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Current industry conditions Throughout 2010 and continuing into 2011, global customer demand for our TiO₂ products continued to strengthen, and our production facilities operated at near full practical capacity rates. We have increased TiO₂ selling prices throughout 2010 and into the first nine months of 2011, resulting in increased profitability and cash flows. Provided global demand for TiO₂ products remains strong, we expect the overall level of worldwide TiO₂ inventories to remain low for several years due to the constraints of adding significant new production capacity, especially for premium grades of TiO₂ products through the chloride process. Given these current dynamics in the TiO₂ industry, as well as the expectation for increases in our manufacturing costs discussed below, we anticipate further implementation of TiO₂ selling price increases. Overall, based on positive market dynamics in the TiO₂ industry, we expect our profitability and cash flows to increase in 2011 and the foreseeable future.

Net sales Net sales in the third quarter of 2011 increased 46%, or \$171.4 million, compared to the third quarter of 2010 primarily due to a 41% increase in average TiO₂ selling prices. TiO₂ selling prices will increase or decrease generally as a result of competitive market pressures, changes in the relative level of supply and demand as well as changes in raw material and other manufacturing costs. Based on current conditions in the TiO₂ industry, as well as the expectation for increases in our manufacturing costs discussed below, we currently expect average selling prices for the fourth quarter of 2011 to continue to be significantly higher than the comparable period in 2010.

While the amount of inventory available for shipment in the third quarter of 2011 increased due to higher production volumes in the first nine months of the year and global demand for our TiO₂ products continues to be strong, our sales volumes were 1% lower than the third quarter of 2010 primarily due to the scheduling and availability of products for shipment. We expect overall demand will continue to remain high for the remainder of the year.

In addition to the factors discussed above, we estimate the favorable effect of changes in currency exchange rates increased our net sales by approximately \$38 million, or 10%, as compared to the third quarter of 2010, while relative changes in mix of the various grades of our products sold decreased our net sales by approximately \$15 million, or 4%.

Cost of sales Cost of sales increased \$56.7 million or 20% in the third quarter of 2011 compared to 2010 due to the net impact of higher raw material costs of \$17.3 million (primarily feedstock ore and petroleum coke), an increase in maintenance costs of \$3.6 million and currency fluctuations (primarily the euro). Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales decreased to 62% in the third quarter of 2011 compared to 75% in the third quarter of 2010 primarily due to the effect of higher selling prices.

Income from operations Income from operations increased by \$99.6 million from \$57.0 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$156.6 million in the third quarter of 2011. Income from operations as a percentage of net sales increased to 28% in the third quarter of 2011 from 15% in the same period for 2010. This increase was driven by the improvement in gross margin, which increased to 38% for the third quarter of 2011 compared to 25% for the third quarter of 2010. Our gross margin has increased primarily because of the effect of higher selling prices which more than offset the impact of higher manufacturing costs (primarily raw materials and

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maintenance). Changes in currency exchange rates had an insignificant impact on income from operations in the third quarter of 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010.

Other non-operating income (expense) Interest expense decreased \$9 million from \$9.0 million in the third quarter of 2010 to \$8.1 million in the third quarter of 2011 due to the net effects of the prepayments and open market repurchases of a portion of the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes which occurred in the first and third quarters of 2011 and changes in currency exchange rates. See Note 7 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The interest expense we recognize will vary with fluctuations in the euro exchange rate.

Income tax provision Our income tax provision was \$63.8 million in the third quarter of 2011 compared to an income tax provision of \$15.9 million in the same period last year. This increase in provision for income taxes was primarily due to improved income from operations in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the third quarter of 2010 and a \$13.2 million third quarter 2011 provision for U.S. incremental income taxes on current earnings repatriated from our German subsidiary, which earnings were used to fund a portion of the repurchases of our Senior Secured Notes. See Note 8 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

We have substantial net operating loss carryforwards in Germany (the equivalent of \$952 million for German corporate purposes and \$349 million for German trade tax purposes at December 31, 2010). At September 30, 2011, we have concluded that no deferred income tax asset valuation allowance is required to be recognized with respect to such carryforwards, principally because (i) such carryforwards have an indefinite carryforward period, (ii) we have utilized a portion of such carryforwards during the most recent three-year period and (iii) we currently expect to utilize the remainder of such carryforwards over the long term. However, prior to the complete utilization of such carryforwards, particularly if economic conditions for our German operations were to become unfavorable for an extended period of time, or if we were to generate losses at our German operations for an extended period of time, it is possible that we might conclude the benefit of such carryforwards would no longer meet the more-likely-than-not recognition criteria, at which point we would be required to recognize a valuation allowance against some or all of the then-remaining tax benefit associated with the carryforwards.

Table of Contents*Nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the**Nine months ended September 30, 2011 -*

| | Nine months ended September 30, | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | (Dollars in millions) | | 2011 |
| Net sales | \$ 1,076.4 | 100% | \$ 1,505.9 | 100% |
| Cost of sales | 834.5 | 78 | 951.6 | 63 |
| Gross margin | 241.9 | 22 | 554.3 | 37 |
| Other operating income and expense, net | 124.4 | 11 | 151.1 | 10 |
| Income from operations | \$ 117.5 | 11% | \$ 403.2 | 27% |
| | | | | % |
| | | | | Change |
| TiO ₂ operating statistics: | | | | |
| Sales volumes* | 408 | | 406 | (1)% |
| Production volumes* | 392 | | 409 | 4% |
| Percent change in net sales: | | | | |
| TiO ₂ product pricing | | | | 37% |
| TiO ₂ sales volumes | | | | (1) |
| TiO ₂ product mix | | | | (2) |
| Changes in currency exchange rates | | | | 6 |
| Total | | | | 40% |

* Thousands of metric tons

Net sales Net sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 increased 40%, or \$429.5 million, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily due to a 37% increase in average TiO₂ selling prices. TiO₂ selling prices will increase or decrease generally as a result of competitive market pressures, changes in the relative level of supply and demand as well as changes in raw material and other manufacturing costs.

While the amount of inventory available for shipment in the first nine months of 2011 increased due to higher production volumes and global demand for our TiO₂ products continues to be strong, our sales volumes in the first nine months of 2011 were 1% lower than the first nine months of 2010 primarily due to the scheduling of available products for shipment. We expect overall demand will continue to remain high for the remainder of the year.

In addition to the factors discussed above, we estimate the favorable effect of changes in currency exchange rates increased our net sales by approximately \$66 million, or 6%, as compared to the first nine months of 2010, while relative changes in mix of our various grades of our products sold decreased our net sales by approximately \$22 million, or 2%.

Cost of sales Cost of sales increased \$117.1 million or 14% in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010 due to the net impact of a 4% increase in TiO₂ production volumes, higher raw material costs of \$47.9 million (primarily feedstock ore and petroleum coke), an increase in maintenance costs of \$11.3 million (consistent with the increase in production volumes) and currency fluctuations (primarily the euro). Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales decreased to 63% in the first nine months of 2011 compared to 78% in the same period in 2010 primarily due to the effects of higher selling prices and the benefit of

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higher production volumes in 2011. Our TiO₂ production volumes in the first nine months of 2011 established a new record for us for a first nine month production period.

Income from operations Income from operations increased by \$285.7 million from \$117.5 million in the first nine months of 2010 to \$403.2 million in the first nine months of 2011. Income from operations as a percentage of net sales increased to 27% in the first nine months of 2011 from 11% in the same period for 2010. This increase was driven by the improvement in gross margin, which increased to 37% for the first nine months of 2011 compared to 22% for the same period in 2010. Our gross margin has increased primarily because of the effects of higher selling prices and the benefit of higher production volumes, both of which more than offset the impact of higher manufacturing costs (primarily raw materials and maintenance). Additionally, changes in currency exchange rates have negatively affected our gross margin and income from operations. We estimate that changes in currency exchange rates decreased income from operations by approximately \$3 million in the first nine months of 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010.

Other non-operating income (expense) In March 2011, we redeemed euro 80 million of our 6.5% Senior Secured Notes and borrowed under our European revolving credit facility in order to fund the redemption. During the third quarter of 2011, we repurchased in open market transactions an aggregate euro 30.4 million principal amount of our Senior Secured Notes (including euro 3.0 million for which settlement did not occur until October 2011). In the first quarter of 2011, we recognized a \$3.3 million pre-tax interest charge related to the redemption of euro 80 million of the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes, consisting of the call premium, the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs and original issue discount associated with the redeemed net Senior Notes. In the third quarter of 2011, we recognized a \$.1 million net gain on the euro 30.4 million principal amount of Senior Notes repurchased in open market transactions. See Note 7 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Interest expense decreased \$3.0 million from \$29.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 to \$26.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2011 due to the net effects of the prepayment and open market purchases of a portion of the 6.5% Senior Secured Notes as discussed above, and changes in currency exchange rates. The interest expense we recognize will vary with fluctuations in the euro exchange rate.

Income tax provision Our income tax provision was \$143.1 million in the first nine months of 2011 compared to an income tax benefit of \$5.7 million in the same period last year. This increase in provision for income taxes was primarily due to improved income from operations in the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010 and a \$13.2 million third quarter 2011 provision for U.S. incremental income taxes on current earnings repatriated from our German subsidiary, which earnings were used to fund a portion of the repurchases of our Senior Secured Notes. In addition, our income tax benefit in 2010 includes a first quarter income tax benefit of \$35.2 million related to a European Court ruling that resulted in the favorable resolution of certain income tax issues in Germany and an increase in the amount of our German corporate and trade tax net operating loss carryforwards. See Note 8 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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We have substantial operations and assets located outside the United States (primarily in Germany, Belgium, Norway and Canada). The majority of our sales from non-U.S. operations are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, principally the euro, other major European currencies and the Canadian dollar. A portion of our sales generated from our non-U.S. operations is denominated in the U.S. dollar. Certain raw materials used worldwide, primarily titanium-containing feedstocks, are purchased in U.S. dollars, while labor and other production costs are purchased primarily in local currencies. Consequently, the translated U.S. dollar value of our non-U.S. sales and operating results are subject to currency exchange rate fluctuations which may favorably or unfavorably impact reported earnings and may affect the comparability of period-to-period operating results. In addition to the impact of the translation of sales and expenses over time, our non-U.S. operations also generate currency transaction gains and losses which primarily relate to the difference between the currency exchange rates in effect when non-local currency sales or operating costs are initially accrued and when such amounts are settled with the non-local currency.

Overall, we estimate that fluctuations in currency exchange rates had the following effects on our sales and income from operations for the periods indicated.

Impact of changes in currency exchange rates**Three months ended September 30, 2010 vs. September 30, 2011**

| | Transaction gains/(losses) recognized | | | Translation gain/loss - impact of rate changes | Total currency impact 2010 vs. 2011 |
|------------------------|--|------|-------------------------|---|--|
| | 2010 | 2011 | Change (in millions) | | |
| Impact on: | | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 38 | \$ 38 |
| Income from operations | 5 | (2) | (7) | 7 | |

Impact of changes in currency exchange rates**Nine months ended September 30, 2010 vs. September 30, 2011**

| | Transaction gains/(losses) recognized | | | Translation gain/loss - impact of rate changes | Total currency impact 2010 vs. 2011 |
|------------------------|--|------|-------------------------|---|--|
| | 2010 | 2011 | Change (in millions) | | |
| Impact on: | | | | | |
| Net sales | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 66 | \$ 66 |
| Income from operations | 5 | | (5) | 2 | (3) |

Outlook

During the first nine months of 2011 we operated our production facilities at near full practical capacity levels, consistent with our operating rates throughout 2010. We currently expect to continue to operate our facilities at near full practical capacity levels throughout the remainder of 2011. While we will continue to work on debottlenecking projects throughout the remainder of 2011 in order to increase our production capacity, we believe such debottlenecking projects will produce relatively nominal increases in our capacity and as a result our overall production

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volumes for 2011 will not be increased significantly as compared to 2010. Given our expectations for the level of our increased production capacity in 2011 discussed above, we similarly expect our sales volumes in 2011 will not increase significantly as compared to 2010.

We implemented significant increases in TiO₂ selling prices throughout 2010 and the first nine months of 2011. Our average TiO₂ selling prices were 41% higher in the third quarter of 2011 as compared to the third quarter of 2010, and our average selling prices at the end of the third quarter of 2011 were 10% higher as compared to the end of the second quarter of 2011 and 32% higher as compared to the end of 2010. As a result, and based on expected continuation of strong demand levels and increases in our manufacturing costs discussed below, we anticipate our average selling prices will continue to increase during the remainder of 2011.

Throughout 2011, we have seen, and expect to continue to see, significantly higher feedstock ore costs driven by tight ore supplies and higher-than-historical increases in petroleum coke, energy and freight costs which are being driven in part by escalating worldwide fuel prices. Overall, we currently expect our per metric ton cost of TiO₂ we produce will increase approximately 10% to 15% in 2011 as compared to 2010. Given the current conditions for the TiO₂ industry discussed above, we were able to, and expect to continue to be able to, recoup such higher costs through additional selling price increases.

Overall, we expect income from operations will continue to be significantly higher in the remainder of 2011 as compared to the same periods of 2010, as the favorable effect of higher selling prices will more than offset the impact of higher production costs.

Our expectations as to the future of the TiO₂ industry are based upon a number of factors beyond our control, including worldwide growth of gross domestic product, competition in the marketplace, continued operation of competitors, unexpected or earlier than expected capacity additions or reductions and technological advances. If actual developments differ from our expectations, our results of operations could be unfavorably affected.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Consolidated cash flows

Operating activities

Trends in cash flows as a result of our operating activities (excluding the impact of significant asset dispositions and relative changes in assets and liabilities) are generally similar to trends in our earnings.

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Our cash provided by operating activities was \$243.4 million in the first nine months of 2011 compared to cash provided by \$67.7 million in the first nine months of 2010. This \$175.7 million increase in the amount of cash provided was primarily due to the net effects of the following items:

Higher income from operations in 2011 of \$285.7 million;

Higher net cash used from relative changes in our inventories, receivables, payables and accruals of \$58.1 million;

Higher net cash paid for income taxes in 2011 of \$53.0 million due to our improved earnings; and

Higher cash paid for interest in 2011 of \$3.6 million, primarily due to the \$2.5 million call premium associated with the redemption of euro 80 million of our 6.5% Senior Secured Notes, as well as the interest on the Senior Notes paid at redemption.

Changes in working capital were affected by accounts receivable and inventory changes. As shown below:

Our average days sales outstanding (DSO) was consistent from December 31, 2010 to September 30, 2011; and

Our average days sales in inventory (DSI) decreased from December 31, 2010 to September 30, 2011.

For comparative purposes, we have also provided comparable prior year numbers below.

| | December 31, 2009 | September 30, 2010 | December 31, 2010 | September 30, 2011 |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| DSO | 56 days | 62 days | 55 days | 55 days |
| DSI | 58 days | 42 days | 52 days | 48 days |

Investing activities

Our capital expenditures of \$24.4 million and \$38.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2011, respectively, were primarily for improvements and upgrades to existing facilities.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we:

loaned a net \$41.4 million related to our unsecured revolving demand promissory note with Valhi; and

purchased a net \$45.6 million in mutual fund marketable securities and purchased \$43.2 million in stocks of affiliates.

Financing activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we:

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redeemed euro 80 million principal amount of our euro 400 million 6.5% Senior Secured Notes at 102.17% of the face value for an aggregate of \$115.7 million, including a \$2.5 million call premium on March 24, 2011;

borrowed euro 80 million (\$113.3 million when borrowed) under our European credit facility in order to fund the euro 80 million redemption of our Senior Secured Notes, and subsequently repaid euro 80 million (\$115.0 million when repaid);

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repurchased euro 27.4 million principal amount of our 6.5% Senior Secured Notes in open market transactions for an aggregate of euro 27.2 million (\$39.3 million); and

paid quarterly dividends to stockholders aggregating \$.425 per share (\$.125 per share in the first quarter and \$.15 per share in each of the second and third quarters), or an aggregate of \$49.3 million, and in the first quarter of 2011 we paid a special dividend to stockholders of \$.50 per share, or an aggregate of \$57.9 million.

In addition, during September 2011, we repurchased an additional euro 3.0 million principal amount of our Senior Secured Notes for which settlement did not occur until October 2011. In October 2011, we repurchased an additional euro 10.5 million principal amount of Senior Notes for an aggregate of euro 10.4 million.

Outstanding debt obligations

At September 30, 2011, our consolidated debt was comprised of:

euro 292.6 million principal amount of our 6.5% Senior Secured Notes (\$397.6 million) due in 2013 (including the euro 3.0 million principal amount of notes repurchased in late September 2011 for which settlement did not occur until October 2011); and

approximately \$5.3 million of other indebtedness.

Certain of our credit agreements contain provisions which could result in the acceleration of indebtedness prior to their stated maturity for reasons other than defaults for failure to comply with applicable covenants. For example, certain credit agreements allow the lender to accelerate the maturity of the indebtedness upon a change of control (as defined in the agreement) of the borrower. In addition, certain credit agreements could result in the acceleration of all or a portion of the indebtedness following a sale of assets outside the ordinary course of business. We are in compliance with all of our debt covenants at September 30, 2011. See Note 7 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Our assets consist primarily of investments in operating subsidiaries, and our ability to service parent level obligations, including the Senior Secured Notes, depends in large part upon the distribution of earnings of our subsidiaries, whether in the form of dividends, advances or payments on account of intercompany obligations or otherwise. None of our subsidiaries have guaranteed the Senior Secured Notes, although KII has pledged 65% of the common stock or other ownership interests of certain of KII's first-tier operating subsidiaries as collateral for the Senior Secured Notes. The terms of the indenture governing the Senior Secured Notes limits KII's ability to pay dividends and make other restricted payments. At September 30, 2011, the maximum amount of dividends and other restricted payments that KII could make (the Restricted Payment Basket) was approximately \$190.8 million.

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Future cash requirements

Liquidity

Our primary source of liquidity on an ongoing basis is cash flows from operating activities which is generally used to (i) fund working capital expenditures, (ii) repay any short-term indebtedness incurred for working capital purposes and (iii) provide for the payment of dividends. From time-to-time we will incur indebtedness, generally to (i) fund short-term working capital needs, (ii) refinance existing indebtedness or (iii) fund major capital expenditures or the acquisition of other assets outside the ordinary course of business. We will also from time-to-time sell assets outside the ordinary course of business and use the proceeds to (i) repay existing indebtedness, (ii) make investments in marketable and other securities, (iii) fund major capital expenditures or the acquisition of other assets outside the ordinary course of business or (iv) pay dividends.

Pricing within the TiO₂ industry is cyclical, and changes in industry economic conditions significantly impact earnings and operating cash flows. Changes in TiO₂ pricing, production volumes and customer demand, among other things, could significantly affect our liquidity.

We routinely evaluate our liquidity requirements, alternative uses of capital, capital needs and availability of resources in view of, among other things, our dividend policy, our debt service and capital expenditure requirements and estimated future operating cash flows. As a result of this process, we have in the past and may in the future seek to reduce, refinance, repurchase or restructure indebtedness, raise additional capital, repurchase shares of our common stock, modify our dividend policy, restructure ownership interests, sell interests in our subsidiaries or other assets, or take a combination of these steps or other steps to manage our liquidity and capital resources. Such activities have in the past and may in the future involve related companies. In the normal course of our business, we may investigate, evaluate, discuss and engage in acquisition, joint venture, strategic relationship and other business combination opportunities in the TiO₂ industry. In the event of any future acquisition or joint venture opportunity, we may consider using then-available liquidity, issuing our equity securities or incurring additional indebtedness.

At September 30, 2011, we had aggregate cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash on hand of \$113.6 million and short-term investments in marketable securities of \$44.5 million. Of such \$158.1 million aggregate cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term marketable securities, \$40.3 million was held by our non-U.S. subsidiaries. At September 30, 2011, approximately \$109 million was available for borrowing under our European credit facility. Based upon our expectation for the TiO₂ industry and anticipated demands on cash resources, we expect to have sufficient liquidity to meet our short term obligations (defined as the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2012) and our long-term obligations (defined as the five-year period ending September 30, 2016, our time period for long-term budgeting). If actual developments differ from our expectations, our liquidity could be adversely affected.

Capital expenditures

We currently estimate that we will invest approximately \$80 million in capital expenditures for major improvements and upgrades to our existing facilities during 2011, including the \$38.7 million we have spent through September 30, 2011.

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Off-balance sheet financing

We do not have any off-balance sheet financing agreements other than the operating leases discussed in our 2010 Annual Report.

Commitments and contingencies

See Notes 8 and 11 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of certain income tax examinations currently underway and legal proceedings.

Recent accounting pronouncements

See Note 13 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical accounting policies

For a discussion of our critical accounting policies, refer to Part I, Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2010 Annual Report. There have been no changes in our critical accounting policies during the first nine months of 2011.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

General

We are exposed to market risk, including currency exchange rates, interest rates and security prices, and raw material prices. Except as disclosed below, there have been no material changes in these market risks since we filed our 2010 Annual Report, and refer you to Part I, Item 7A.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk in our 2010 Annual Report. See also Note 12 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Marketable security prices

As of December 31, 2010 and September 30, 2011, we held certain marketable securities that are exposed to market risk due to changes in prices of the securities. The aggregate market value of these equity securities was \$49.7 million at December 31, 2010 and \$139.3 million at September 30, 2011. The potential change in the aggregate market value of these securities, assuming a 10% change in prices, would have been \$5.0 million at December 31, 2010 and \$13.9 million at September 30, 2011. See Note 2 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

We maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures. The term disclosure controls and procedures, as defined by regulations of the SEC, means controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to

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ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit to the SEC under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions to be made regarding required disclosure. Each of Steven L. Watson, our Chief Executive Officer, and Gregory M. Swalwell, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, have evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2011. Based upon their evaluation, these executive officers have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of September 30, 2011.

Internal control over financial reporting

We also maintain internal control over financial reporting. The term internal control over financial reporting, as defined by regulations of the SEC, means a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP, and includes those policies and procedures that:

Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets,

Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors, and

Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of an unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

As permitted by the SEC, our assessment of internal control over financial reporting excludes (i) internal control over financial reporting of our equity method investees and (ii) internal control over the preparation of our financial statement schedules required by Article 12 of Regulation S-X. However, our assessment of internal control over financial reporting with respect to our equity method investees did include our controls over the recording of amounts related to our investment that are recorded in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, including controls over the selection of accounting methods for our investments, the recognition of equity method earnings and losses and the determination, valuation and recording of our investment account balances.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There has been no change to our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2011 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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Part II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Refer to Note 11 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, our 2010 Annual Report and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011 for descriptions of certain legal proceedings.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

For a discussion of the risk factors related to our businesses, refer to Part I, Item 1A., Risk Factors, in our 2010 Annual Report. There have been no material changes to such risk factors during the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Item 6. Exhibits

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| 31.1 | Certification |
| 31.2 | Certification |
| 32.1 | Certification |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase |

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SIGNATURES

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.

Kronos Worldwide, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: November 2, 2011

/s/ Gregory M. Swalwell
Gregory M. Swalwell
Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 2, 2011

/s/ Tim C. Hafer
Tim C. Hafer
Vice President and Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer)