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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

## **FORM 10-Q**

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2011

Or

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission file number 001-34529

# STR Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**1699 King Street, Enfield Connecticut** (Address of principal executive offices)

(860) 758-7300

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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 o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, 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 x NO o

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 the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a 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 o NO x.

At July 29, 2011, there was 41,516,003 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding

Accelerated filer x

Smaller reporting company o

**06082** (Zip Code)

27-1023344

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Item 1. Financial Statements** 

STR Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

#### All amounts in thousands except share amounts

	June 30, 2011 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2010 (Unaudited)
ASSETS	. ,	
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 95,377	\$ 106,630
Accounts receivable, trade, less allowances for doubtful accounts of \$2,591 and \$1,343 in		
2011 and 2010, respectively	57,856	43,308
Unbilled receivables	1,956	2,444
Inventories	44,716	31,452
Prepaid expenses	2,438	1,708
Deferred tax assets	3,235	3,207
Other current assets	7,532	6,780
Total current assets	213,110	195,529
Property, plant and equipment, net	84,959	73,259
Intangible assets, net	198,908	204,660
Goodwill	223,359	223,359
Deferred financing costs	3,807	4,470
Other noncurrent assets	2,090	1,569
Total assets	\$ 726,233	\$ 702,846
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850
Accounts payable	19,879	20,371
Accrued liabilities	17,523	15,398
Income taxes payable	1,316	8,242
Deferred revenue	6,152	5,604
Total current liabilities	46,720	51,465
Long-term debt, less current portion	235,750	236,675
Deferred tax liabilities	86,289	84,353
Other long-term liabilities	2,337	2,313
Total liabilities	371,096	374,806
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 9)		
Stockholders equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and		
outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized; 41,516,391 and		
41,458,478 issued and outstanding in 2011 and 2010, respectively	409	407
Additional paid-in capital	225,996	222,784

Retained earnings	125,066	104,516
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net	3,666	333
Total stockholders equity	355,137	328,040
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 726,233 \$	702,846

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

#### (unaudited)

#### All amounts in thousands except shares and per share amounts

	Three Mon	ths En	ded	Six Mont	hs Ende	ed
	June 30,		June 30,	June 30,		June 30,
	2011		2010	2011		2010
Net sales Solar	\$ 71,677	\$	66,997 \$	139,655	\$	121,808
Net sales Quality Assurance	30,712		29,657	55,671		54,619
Total net sales	102,389		96,654	195,326		176,427
Cost of sales Solar	46,799		38,306	86,492		69,760
Cost of sales Quality Assurance	21,679		18,988	41,503		37,216
Total cost of sales	68,478		57,294	127,995		106,976
Gross profit	33,911		39,360	67,331		69,451
Selling, general and administrative expenses	15,316		13,096	29,872		29,065
Provision for bad debt expense	1,144		634	1,467		743
Earnings on equity-method investments	(13)		(54)	(8)		(73)
Operating income	17,464		25,684	36,000		39,716
Interest income	104		36	126		64
Interest expense	(2,808)		(4,411)	(5,605)		(8,642)
Foreign currency transaction (loss) gain	(338)		373	(49)		330
Unrealized gain on interest rate swap			1,446			2,662
Earnings before income tax expense	14,422		23,128	30,472		34,130
Income tax expense	4,712		8,102	9,922		11,344
Net earnings	\$ 9,710	\$	15,026 \$	20,550	\$	22,786
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Foreign currency translation gain (loss) (net of						
tax effect of \$706, \$1,533, \$1,795 and \$2,444,						
respectively)	1,310		(2,845)	3,333		(4,537)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	1,310		(2,845)	3,333		(4,537)
Comprehensive income	\$ 11,020	\$	12,181 \$	23,883	\$	18,249
Earnings per share (Note 3):						
Basic	\$ 0.24	\$	0.37 \$	0.50	\$	0.57
Diluted	\$ 0.23	\$	0.36 \$	0.49	\$	0.55
Weighted-average common shares outstanding:						
Basic	40,882,026		40,273,457	40,821,482		40,218,559
Diluted	42,012,274		42,054,990	42,129,184		41,743,168

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

#### (unaudited)

#### All amounts in thousands

	Six Mont June		ed		
	2011		2010		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<i>.</i>	<b>22 2</b> 0 ć		
Net earnings	\$ 20,550	\$	22,786		
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:	- 1-0		6.000		
Depreciation	7,170		6,282		
Amortization of intangibles	5,752		5,752		
Amortization of deferred financing costs	663		663		
Stock-based compensation expense	2,541		5,174		
Unrealized gain on interest rate swap			(2,662)		
Earnings on equity investments	(8)		(73)		
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	9		10		
Provision for bad debt expense	1,467		743		
Deferred income tax benefit	113		1,027		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable	(14,863)		(19,571)		
Inventories	(12,237)		(5,432)		
Other current assets	(507)		(2,139)		
Accounts payable	(488)		2,291		
Accrued liabilities	490		3,828		
Income taxes payable	(8,518)		5,019		
Other, net	(257)		(637)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,877		23,061		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Capital expenditures	(16,534)		(6,590)		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	6		12		
Net cash used in investing activities	(16,528)		(6,578)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Long-term debt repayments	(925)		(925)		
Principal payments on capital lease obligations			(87)		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	596				
Option exercise recognized tax benefit	77				
Other issuance costs			(1,535)		
Net cash used in financing activities	(252)		(2,547)		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	3,650		(3,551)		
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(11,253)		10,385		
Cash and cash equivalents, Beginning of period	106,630		69,149		
Cash and cash equivalents, End of period	\$ 95,377	\$	79,534		

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(unaudited)

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NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and the related interim information contained within the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for interim financial information and quarterly reports on the Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and the notes required for complete financial statements. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2010, included in the Company s Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 11, 2011. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, consisting of only normal and recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair presentation of the Company s financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented. The results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of future results.

The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from management s estimates.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period s presentation.

#### NOTE 2 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-13, Revenue Recognition (Topic 605): Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements. The FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 605-25 addresses

the accounting for these arrangements and enables vendors to account for product and services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit. The amendments significantly improve the reporting of these transactions to more closely resemble their underlying economics, eliminate the residual method of allocation and improve financial reporting with greater transparency of how a vendor allocates revenue in its arrangements. The amendments in this update are effective prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Early adoption was permitted. The Company adopted this standard effective January 1, 2011 and it did not have an impact on the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income. The FASB ASC 220-10 established standards for the reporting and presentation of comprehensive income and its components in a full set of general-purpose financial statements. Under the amendments, an entity has the option to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net earnings and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate, but consecutive statements. In both choices, an entity is required to present each component of net earnings along with total net earnings, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income, and a total amount for comprehensive income. The entity is required to present on the face of the financial statements reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net earnings in the statement(s) where the components of net earnings and the components of other comprehensive income 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted. The amendments do not require any transition disclosures. The Company early adopted this standard effective June 30, 2011 and it did not have a material impact on the Company s condensed consolidated financial statements since the Company previously presented net earnings, other comprehensive income and its components of other comprehensive income in a continuous statement. The Company also has no components of other comprehensive income that are reclassified to net earnings for the periods presented.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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#### NOTE 3 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the periods presented is as follows:

	ded		Six Months Ended June 30,			
2011		2010		2011		2010
\$ 9,710	\$	15,026	\$	20,550	\$	22,786
40,882,026		40,273,457		40,821,482		40,218,559
719,030		998,946		845,263		745,163
411,218		782,587		462,439		779,446
42,012,274		42,054,990		42,129,184		41,743,168
\$ 0.24	\$	0.37	\$	0.50	\$	0.57
\$ 0.23	\$	0.36	\$	0.49	\$	0.55
\$	June       2011       \$ 9,710       40,882,026       719,030       411,218       42,012,274       \$ 0.24	June 30, 2011 \$ 9,710 \$ 40,882,026 719,030 411,218 42,012,274 \$ 0.24 \$	2011     2010       \$ 9,710     \$ 15,026       40,882,026     40,273,457       719,030     998,946       411,218     782,587       42,012,274     42,054,990       \$ 0.24     \$ 0.37	June 30,       2011     2010       \$     9,710     \$     15,026     \$       \$     9,710     \$     15,026     \$       40,882,026     40,273,457     \$       40,882,026     40,273,457     \$       411,218     782,587     \$       42,012,274     42,054,990     \$       \$     0.24     \$     0.37     \$	June 30,     June 2010       2011     2010       \$ 9,710     \$ 15,026       40,882,026     40,273,457       40,882,026     40,273,457       40,882,026     40,273,457       40,821,482       719,030     998,946       845,263       411,218       782,587     462,439       42,012,274     42,054,990       42,012,274     0.37       \$ 0.24     \$ 0.37	June 30, 2011     June 30, 2010       \$ 9,710     \$ 15,026     \$ 20,550       \$ 9,710     \$ 15,026     \$ 20,550       40,882,026     40,273,457     40,821,482       719,030     998,946     845,263       411,218     782,587     462,439       42,012,274     42,054,990     42,129,184       \$ 0.24     \$ 0.37     \$ 0.50

Because the effect would be anti-dilutive, 113,420 and 15,496 stock options outstanding were not included in the computation of diluted weighted-average shares outstanding for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010, respectively. Because the effect would be anti-dilutive, 77,557 and 13,789 stock options outstanding were not included in the computation of diluted weighted-average shares outstanding for the six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively.

#### NOTE 4 INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

December 31, 2010

Finished goods	\$ 6,692 \$	4,338
Raw materials	38,024	27,114
	\$ 44,716 \$	31,452

## NOTE 5 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

Changes in stockholders equity for the six months ended June 30, 2011 are as follows:

	Comm Issued	ion Stocl	k Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders Equity
Balance at December 31, 2010	40,730,753	\$	407	\$ 222,784	\$ 333	\$ 104,516	\$ 328,040
Stock-based compensation	145,928		1	2,540			2,541
Proceeds from exercise of							
options	59,606		1	595			596
Option exercise recognized tax							
benefit				77			77
Net earnings						20,550	20,550
Foreign currency translation,							
net					3,333		3,333
Balance at June 30, 2011	40,936,287	\$	409	\$ 225,996	\$ 3,666	\$ 125,066	\$ 355,137

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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NOTE 5 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (Continued)

Preferred Stock

The Company s Board of Directors has authorized 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. At June 30, 2011, there were no shares issued or outstanding.

Common Stock

The Company s Board of Directors has authorized 200,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value. At June 30, 2011, there were 41,516,391 shares of issued and outstanding common stock. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote per share. Included in the 41,516,391 shares are 40,936,287 shares of common stock and 580,104 shares of restricted unvested common stock.

#### NOTE 6 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On November 6, 2009, the Company s Board of Directors approved the Company s 2009 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2009 Plan ) which became effective on the same day. A total of 4,750,000 shares of common stock, subject to increase on an annual basis, are reserved for issuance under the 2009 Plan. The 2009 Plan is administered by the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors, which has the authority to designate participants and determine the number and type of awards to be granted, the time at which awards are exercisable, the method of payment and any other terms or conditions of the awards. The 2009 Plan provides for the grant of stock options, including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options, collectively, options, stock appreciation rights, shares of restricted stock, or restricted stock, rights to dividend equivalents and other stock-based awards, collectively, the awards. The Board of Directors or the committee will, with regard to each award, determine the terms and conditions of the award, including the number of shares subject to the award, the vesting terms of the award, and the purchase price for the award. Awards may be made in assumption of or in substitution for outstanding awards previously granted by the Company or its affiliates, or a company acquired by the Company or with which it combines. Options outstanding generally vest monthly over a four-year period and expire ten years from the date of grant.

During the first six months of 2011, the Company issued 50,000 options to purchase shares of the Company s common stock at an exercise price of \$19.71 to various employees under the 2009 Plan. The following is a summary of the characteristics of these options:

 Shares
 Service Condition

 50,000
 Vests ratably in 16 equal quarterly installments as of the last day of each calendar quarter beginning March 31, 2011.

The fair value of the stock options issued were determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Company s assumptions about stock-price volatility have been based exclusively on the implied volatilities of other publicly traded options to buy stock with contractual terms closest to the expected life of options granted to the Company s employees. The expected term represents the estimated time until employee exercise is estimated to occur taking into account vesting schedules and using the Hull-White model. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the award is based on the U.S. Treasury 10 year zero-coupon strip yield in effect at the time of grant. The expected dividend yield was based on the assumption that no dividends are expected to be distributed in the near future.

The following table presents the assumptions used to estimate the fair values of the stock options granted during the periods presented below:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	
Risk-free interest rate		2.00%
Expected volatility		59.0%
Expected life (in years)		4.96
Dividend yield		
Weighted-average estimated fair value of options granted during the period	\$	10.13

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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#### NOTE 6 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

There were no options granted during the three months ended June 30, 2011 or the six months ended June 30, 2010.

The following table summarizes the options activity under the Company s 2009 Plan for the six months ended June 30, 2011:

	Number of Shares	Veighted - Average Exercise Price	Options Outstandi Weighted - Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Weight Gra	ed -Average ant-Date r Value	1	ggregate Intrinsic Value(1)
Balance at December 31, 2010	3,319,355	\$ 11.59		\$	5.02	\$	11,053
Options granted	50,000	\$ 19.71		\$	10.13		
Exercised	(59,606)	\$ 10.00					
Canceled/forfeited	(9,628)	\$ 10.96					
Balance at June 30, 2011	3,300,121	\$ 11.74	8.41	\$	6.12	\$	10,494
Vested and exercisable as of June 30, 2011	2,442,728	\$ 11.07	8.37	\$	5.28	\$	9,405
Vested and exercisable as of June 30, 2011							
and expected to vest thereafter	3,168,116	\$ 11.74	8.41	\$	6.12	\$	10,075

<sup>(1)</sup> The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the underlying awards and the closing stock price of \$14.92 of the Company s common stock on June 30, 2011.

As of June 30, 2011, there was \$5,019 of unrecognized compensation cost related to outstanding employee and director stock option awards. This amount is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average remaining vesting period of approximately two years. To the extent the actual forfeiture rate is different from what the Company has anticipated, stock-based compensation related to these awards will be different from its

During the first six months of 2011, the total intrinsic value of options exercised (i.e., the difference between the market price on the date of exercise and the price paid by the employee to exercise the options) was \$527. There were no option exercises during the first six months of 2010.

#### expectations.

The following table summarizes the restricted shares activity of the Company for the six months ended June 30, 2011:

	Restrict Number of	vested ted Sha	Weighted- Average Grant- Date Fair
Unvested at December 31, 2010	Shares 727,725	\$	Value 10.32
Granted	121,123	Ψ	10.02
Vested	(145,928)		10.00
Canceled	(1,693)		10.00
Unvested at June 30, 2011	580,104	\$	10.39
Expected to vest after June 30, 2011	562,701	\$	10.39

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(unaudited)

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#### NOTE 6 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (Continued)

As of June 30, 2011, there was \$3,285 of unrecognized compensation cost related to employee and director unvested restricted shares. This amount is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average remaining vesting period of approximately two years. To the extent the actual forfeiture rate is different from what the Company has anticipated, stock-based compensation related to these awards will be different from its expectations.

Stock-based compensation expense was included in the following condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income categories:

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2011	,	2010		2011	,	2010	
Selling, general and administrative									
expense	\$	1,270	\$	1,383	\$	2,541	\$	5,174	
Total option exercise recognized tax									
benefit	\$	23	\$		\$	185	\$		

#### NOTE 7 INCOME TAXES

The Company s effective income tax rate for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 was 32.7% and 32.6%, respectively, compared to the United States federal statutory tax rate of 35%. The lower effective tax rate is principally driven by the Company s decision to permanently reinvest its Malaysia subsidiary s earnings locally and eligibility for the United States Tax Code Section 199 Domestic Manufacturing Deduction. The Company s effective tax rate was approximately 35.0% and 33.2% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. Included in the six months ended June 30, 2010 was a one-time benefit of 1.5% to the Company s effective tax rate from the receipt of an Advanced Energy Project credit under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Company is subject to the examinations of its income tax returns by various domestic and international taxing authorities. The final outcome of the future tax consequences of these examinations and legal proceedings as well as the outcome of competent authority proceedings, changes and interpretation in regulatory tax laws, or expiration of statutes of limitation could impact the Company s financial statements. Accordingly, the Company has tax reserves recorded for which it is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized tax benefit will increase or decrease which could have a material effect on the financial results for any particular fiscal quarter or year. However, based on the uncertainties associated with the status of examinations, including the protocols of finalizing audits by the relevant tax authorities which could include formal

legal proceedings, it is not possible to estimate the impact of any such change.

#### NOTE 8 INTEREST RATE SWAP

The Company was required under the terms of both its First Lien and Second Lien debt agreements to fix its interest costs on at least 50% of its funded indebtedness for a minimum of three years to economically hedge against the potential rise in interest rates. Effective September 13, 2007, the Company entered into an interest rate swap contract for \$200,000 notional principal amount of its variable rate debt. The notional principal amount decreased to \$130,000 on October 1, 2008 and the contract expired on September 30, 2010. The interest rate swap was not designated by the Company as a cash flow hedge under ASC 815-10 - Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended. As a result, a change in the fair value of the swap of \$1,446 and \$2,662 was recorded in the Company s condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively.

#### NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is a party to claims and litigation in the normal course of its operations. Management believes that the ultimate outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(unaudited)

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#### NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

The Company typically does not provide contractual warranties on its products. However, on limited occasions, the Company incurs costs to service its products in connection with specific product performance matters. The Company has accrued for specific product performance matters incurred in the periods presented below that are probable and estimable based on its best estimate of ultimate cash expenditures that it will incur for such items. The following table summarizes the Company s product performance liability that is recorded in accrued liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets:

	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010
Balance as of beginning of period	\$ 4,109	\$ 4,210
Additions	512	350
Reductions	(136)	(633)
Balance as of end of period	\$ 4,485	\$ 3,927

The majority of this accrual relates to a quality claim by one of the Company s customers in connection with a non-encapsulant product that the Company purchased from a vendor in 2005 and 2006 and resold. The Company stopped selling this product in 2006 and is currently attempting to resolve this matter.

During 2010, the Company performed a Phase II environmental site assessment at its 10 Water Street, Enfield, Connecticut location. During its investigation, the site was found to contain a presence of volatile organic compounds. The Company has been in contact with the Department of Environmental Protection and has engaged a licensed contractor to remediate this circumstance. Based on ASC 450 Contingencies, the Company has accrued the estimated cost to remediate of \$160, which includes an adjustment of \$60 over the Company s prior estimate. During the six months ended June 30, 2011, the Company utilized \$63 of this accrual, leaving a balance of \$97 as of June 30, 2011.

As previously disclosed, in October 2007, the Company filed a complaint against James P. Galica (Galica) and JPS Elastomerics Corp. (JPS) in the Massachusetts Superior Court in Hampshire County (the Court). The Company alleged that the defendants misappropriated trade secrets and violated the Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act as well as breaches of contract, the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and fiduciary duty against Galica (the State Court Action). The Court determined that JPS and Galica had violated the Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, finding that the technology for the Company s polymeric sheeting product is a trade secret and that JPS and Galica had misappropriated the Company s trade secrets. On January 27, 2011, the Court awarded the Company the right to recover from the defendants (i) actual monetary damages of \$1,076, (ii) punitive damages of \$2,151, (iii) reasonable attorneys fees of \$3,903, (iv) reasonable costs of \$1,109, and (v) 12% interest on each of the monetary awards from the date of the judgment (except for the actual monetary damages which accrues interest from October 2, 2007, the date the complaint was entered). In addition, the Court imposed a five year production injunction against producing low shrink EVA encapsulant, and a permanent use injunction against the defendants using the

Company s trade secrets. Commencing on January 28, 2011, the defendants filed numerous motions and appeals seeking to stay certain elements of the injunction all of which were denied by the Court and the appellate courts. On June 22, 2011, the defendants filed their principal appellate brief seeking to reverse the Court s order. The Company filed its principal brief on August 3, 2011, and expects the defendants to file a reply brief by August 15, 2011. Oral arguments are scheduled for September 6, 2011.

On April 29, 2011, the Company filed a civil contempt complaint against the defendants in the Superior Court alleging that JPS and Galica were not in compliance with the Court s January 27, 2011 order providing injunctive relief, and asking the Court to hold the defendants in contempt. On July 15, 2011, the Court issued a ruling holding the defendants in contempt of court with regards to certain portions of the January 27, 2011 order. On July 25, 2011, the Court accepted the parties agreement and issued a preliminary ruling that the defendants have purged themselves of contempt. The Company is entitled to recover the attorneys fees it incurred in prosecuting the contempt claim.

On September 17, 2010, JPS filed an amended complaint against the Company s wholly-owned subsidiary, Specialized Technology Resources, Inc. (STR), in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The amended complaint alleged various antitrust and unfair competition claims and that the State Court Action (described above) was sham litigation initiated by STR

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#### NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

in an attempt to monopolize the domestic and international market for low-shrink EVA encapsulants. JPS also alleged other schemes to monopolize and unfair competition in violation of federal and state laws. JPS sought \$60,000 in compensatory damages, treble damages, a permanent injunction against STR for various activities, reimbursement of legal fees for the State Court Action as well as for this matter, and disgorgement of proceeds obtained by STR from allegedly anti-competitive and tortious acts. On October 13, 2010, the Company filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint, and on January 5, 2011 the Court held a hearing on STR s motion to dismiss. At the hearing, the Court ruled in favor of STR and dismissed the case. On January 14, 2011, the Court issued its written opinion dismissing the case. On January 21, 2011, STR filed a motion for Rule 11 sanctions against the defendants and their counsel which was denied by the Court on April 20, 2011. On February 10, 2011, JPS filed a notice of appeal with the Appellate Court. JPS filed its appellate brief on May 2, 2011 and STR filed its appellate brief on June 14, 2011. Together with its brief, STR also filed a motion seeking appellate sanctions against JPS. JPS reply brief was filed on July 21, 2011. The Company intends to continue to vigorously defend this action which it considers meritless.

The Company does not intend to record any gain related to the state court judgment until the settlement cash proceeds are received by the Company.

#### NOTE 10 REPORTABLE SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

ASC 280-10-50-Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, establishes standards for the manner in which companies report information about operating segments, products, services, geographic areas and major customers. The method of determining what information to report is based on the way that management organizes the operating segments within the enterprise for making operating decisions and assessing financial performance. Based on the nature of its products and services, the Company has two reporting segments: Solar and Quality Assurance. Information as to each of these operations is set forth below.

Adjusted EBITDA is the main metric used by the management team and the Board to plan, forecast and review the Company s segment performance. Adjusted EBITDA represents net earnings before interest income and expense, income tax expense, depreciation, amortization, stock-based compensation expense, transaction fees, equity earnings on investments and certain non-recurring income and expenses from the results of operations.

The following table sets forth information about the Company s operations by its two reportable segments and by geographic area:

## **Operations by Reportable Segment**

	Three Mor June			Six Mont June	d		
	2011 2010				2011	2010	
Segment Adjusted EBITDA							
Solar	\$ 24,469	\$	31,207	\$	52,899	\$	56,098
Quality Assurance	4,033		4,539		4,601		6,177
Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 28,502	\$	35,746	\$	57,500	\$	62,275

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## NOTE 10 REPORTABLE SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Continued)

	Three Mon June	 ıded	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2011	2010	2011		2010	
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Net Earnings						
Segment Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 28,502	\$ 35,746 \$	57,500	\$	62,275	
Corporate Adjusted EBITDA	(3,618)	(1,732)	(6,085)		(4,550)	
Adjusted EBITDA	24,884	34,014	51,415		57,725	
Depreciation and amortization	(6,493)	(6,276)	(12,922)		(12,034)	
Interest income	104	36	126		64	
Interest expense	(2,808)	(4,411)	(5,605)		(8,642)	
Income taxes	(4,712)	(8,102)	(9,922)		(11,344)	
Unrealized gain on interest rate swap		1,446			2,662	
Secondary offering expense		(341)			(534)	
Stock-based compensation	(1,270)	(1,383)	(2,541)		(5,174)	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(8)	(11)	(9)		(10)	
Earnings on equity-method investments	13	54	8		73	
Net Earnings	\$ 9,710	\$ 15,026 \$	20,550	\$	22,786	

#### **Operations by Geographic Area**

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,			
		2011		2010		2011		2010	
Net Sales									
United States	\$	38,552	\$	41,398	\$	71,167	\$	78,338	
Spain		27,410		31,659		56,684		54,815	
Malaysia		20,989		9,572		39,837		17,588	
Hong Kong		8,799		8,356		15,464		14,327	
Other		6,639		5,669		12,174		11,359	
Total Net Sales	\$	102,389	\$	96,654	\$	195,326	\$	176,427	

Depreciation and Amortization by Reportable Segment

	Three Mon June	nded		Six Months Ended June 30,				
	2011	2010	2010 2011			2010		
Depreciation and Amortization								
Solar	\$ 3,859	\$ 3,734	\$	7,656	\$	7,046		
Quality Assurance	2,450	2,326		4,913		4,623		
Corporate	184	216		353		365		
Total Depreciation and Amortization	\$ 6,493	\$ 6,276	\$	12,922	\$	12,034		

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#### NOTE 10 REPORTABLE SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Continued)

#### **Capital Expenditures by Reportable Segment**

	Three Mor Jun		ıded		Six Mont June	led		
	2011 2010				2011		2010	
Capital Expenditures								
Solar	\$ 9,288	\$	2,695	\$	14,395	\$	3,855	
Quality Assurance	1,351		746		1,999		2,455	
Corporate	129				140		280	
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 10,768	\$	3,441	\$	16,534	\$	6,590	

#### **Total Assets by Reportable Segment**

	J	une 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Assets			
Solar	\$	480,175	\$ 461,500
Quality Assurance		206,594	211,004
Corporate		39,464	30,342
Total Assets	\$	726,233	\$ 702,846

#### Long-Lived Assets by Geographic Area

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010				
Long-Lived Assets						
United States	\$ 34,941	\$	28,930			
Spain	18,446		17,273			
Malaysia	21,613		16,316			
China	5,084		5,706			
Hong Kong	1,781		1,668			
Other	3,094		3,366			

Total Long-Lived Assets	\$	84,959 \$	73,259
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Foreign sales are based on the country in which the sales originate. Solar net sales to three of the Company s major customers for the three months ended June 30, 2011 were \$32,744 and to two major customers for the same period in 2010 were \$21,536. Solar net sales to three of the Company s major customers for the six months ended June 30, 2011 were \$56,504 and to two major customers for the same period in 2010 were \$36,785. Accounts receivable from those customers amounted to \$19,809 and \$6,763 as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

#### NOTE 11 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE

Research and development expense is recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company has a long history of innovation dating back to its establishment in 1944 as a plastic and polymer research and development firm. As the Company s operations have expanded from solely providing research and development activities into the manufacturing of solar encapsulants and providing quality assurance services, it has created a separate research and development function for employees and costs that are fully dedicated to research and development activities. The Company incurred \$301 and \$412, respectively of research and development expense for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Company incurred \$847 and \$657, respectively of research and development expense for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

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#### STR Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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#### NOTE 11 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE (Continued)

Due to the Company s legacy of innovation, other employees spend some of their time related to research and development activities. However, the Company does not allocate such costs or allocate overhead to research and development.

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

#### **OVERVIEW**

STR Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries ( we , us , our or the Company ) conduct business in two segments.

We are a leading global provider of encapsulants to the solar module industry. The encapsulant is a critical component used in solar modules. We were the first to develop the original ethylene-vinyl-acetate (EVA) encapsulants used in commercial solar module manufacturing in the 1970s in conjunction with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology under a NASA contract for the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration, which later became known as the U.S. Department of Energy. We supply encapsulants to many of the major solar module manufacturers and believe we were the primary supplier of encapsulants to the majority of our top 10 customers for the first six months of 2011. We believe this is due to our superior product performance, global manufacturing base, customer service and technical support. Our encapsulants are used in both crystalline silicon and thin-film solar modules.

Our Quality Assurance business is a leader in the consumer products quality assurance market. We believe our Quality Assurance business represents the only global testing services provider exclusively focused on the consumer products market. Our Quality Assurance business provides inspection, testing, auditing and consulting services that enable retailers and manufacturers to determine whether products and facilities meet applicable safety, regulatory, quality, performance, social and ethical standards.

#### STRATEGIC FOCUS

Our objective for our Solar business is to enhance our position as a leading global provider of encapsulants to solar module manufacturers. Some of our strategies to meet that objective are to (i) leverage our global infrastructure, (ii) continue our history of product innovation, (iii) continue to execute our Asia Growth Strategy and (iv) further reduce our manufacturing costs. Events associated with our strategic initiatives during 2011 are:

• Our Solar net sales into the Asia Pacific region increased by approximately 50% in the first six months of 2011 compared to the corresponding 2010 period. We also have recently passed qualification testing with one of the Tier 1 Chinese module companies that we have been aggressively pursuing and are in late stage testing with another. We have also furthered our plans to establish a manufacturing facility in China near Shanghai.

• Our Malaysia facility currently has 2.4 GW of production capacity. We increased the floor space of our Malaysia facility as of the end of the first quarter of 2011 to provide for total capacity of up to approximately 5.0 GW and ordered an additional 1.2 GW of annual production capacity that is expected to become operational in the third quarter of 2011. We believe that our Malaysian plant has enhanced our competitive position in various Asian markets by allowing us to take advantage of reduced lead times, lower logistics costs and improved customer service.

• During the first quarter of 2011, we closed on the purchase of our 275,000 square foot manufacturing facility in East Windsor, Connecticut. This facility will provide us needed space for capacity to meet future demand and enable us to consolidate our Connecticut-based Solar operations. We expect the transition of manufacturing operations to occur over the next six months. In addition, we have ordered an additional 1.8 GW of production capacity to be installed in the East Windsor facility during the third quarter of this year. We have also ordered an additional 600 MW of production capacity for our Spain facility expected to become operational in the fourth quarter of this year.

• During 2011, we plan to increase our investments in research and development, including the addition of technical personnel and research scientists. Our East Windsor, Connecticut facility will house a 20,000 square foot, state-of-the art research and development laboratory. Our goal is to continue to develop high value-add products that can be commercialized quickly and with scale.

• We began to increase the commercialization of our recently launched mega fast encapsulant. The product enables significant capital avoidance and efficiency gains for automated module manufactures such as the achievement of a 4-minute lamination cycle that is significantly faster than the typical lamination time of 12 to 18 minutes. We are also currently introducing two new products and expanding our overall product portfolio. We are in the process of introducing a paperless encapsulant that will offer a less expensive option instead of higher throughput, and yet retain the long-term quality benefits that we believe our encapsulants provide. Since this product does not require paper backing, we believe that it can be commercialized at a lower price yet generate similar gross margin as our existing products. We have

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also developed a premium high-light transmission formulation that enables light to better penetrate the module s cell, which can enhance a module s output by approximately 1% percent.

• We expect to increase our global production capacity to approximately 11.0 GW by the end of 2011. An increase in capacity allows us to produce and sell more encapsulants and should permit us to decrease our manufacturing costs per unit by leveraging our global management, manufacturing and distribution base. We expect to continue to reduce our cost structure via improved fixed cost absorption associated with the leverage of future sales volume growth, optimizing our global manufacturing and distribution footprint to reduce delivery and other logistical costs, reducing scrap rates and improving raw material utilization.

• We continued to strengthen our customer relationships. As of June 30, 2011, we had formal contractual relationships with six of our top ten customers. These contracts provide for better operational and capital efficiency as well as improved manufacturing visibility, allowing us to better serve the needs of our growing customers. In addition, our top ten customer list also includes two contract manufacturers to whom certain of our customers outsource production. We identified this shift in industry dynamic some time ago and believe that we are well-positioned with the contract manufacturers.

Our Quality Assurance business will focus on leveraging our global footprint and cost base, technical and industry knowledge, breadth of service offerings and superior client service to drive sales growth. We remain focused on strengthening the global alignment of our operating units, expanding services with existing clients and aggressively targeting new clients on a global scale.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our discussion and analysis of our condensed consolidated financial condition and results of operations are based upon our interim condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net sales and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to bad debts, valuation of inventory, long-lived intangible and tangible assets, goodwill, product performance matters, income taxes, stock-based compensation and deferred tax assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The accounting policies we believe to be most critical to understand our financial results and condition and that require complex and subjective management judgments are discussed in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Critical Accounting Policies in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 11, 2011.

There have been no changes in such policies during the quarter ended June 30, 2011.

#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

## **Condensed Consolidated Results of Operations**

The following tables set forth our condensed consolidated results of operations, for the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010 and for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

	Three Mon	ths En	ded	Six Mont	ths Ended		
	June 30, 2011		June 30, 2010	June 30, 2011		June 30, 2010	
Statement of Operations Data:							
Net sales Solar	\$ 71,677	\$	66,997	\$ 139,655	\$	121,808	
Net sales Quality Assurance	30,712		29,657	55,671		54,619	
Total net sales	102,389		96,654	195,326		176,427	
Cost of sales Solar	46,799		38,306	86,492		69,760	
Cost of sales Quality Assurance	21,679		18,988	41,503		37,216	
Total cost of sales	68,478		57,294	127,995		106,976	
Gross profit	33,911		39,360	67,331		69,451	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	15,316		13,096	29,872		29,065	
Provision for bad debt expense	1,144		634	1,467		743	
Earnings on equity-method investments	(13)		(54)	(8)		(73)	
Operating income	17,464		25,684	36,000		39,716	
Interest income	104		36	126		64	
Interest expense	(2,808)		(4,411)	(5,605)		(8,642)	
Foreign currency transaction (loss) gain	(338)		373	(49)		330	
Unrealized gain on interest rate swap			1,446			2,662	
Earnings before income tax expense	14,422		23,128	30,472		34,130	
Income tax expense	4,712		8,102	9,922		11,344	
Net earnings	\$ 9,710	\$	15,026	\$ 20,550	\$	22,786	

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#### Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share

To supplement our condensed consolidated financial statements, we use a non-GAAP financial measure called non-GAAP earnings per share (EPS). Non-GAAP EPS is defined for the periods presented in the following table. It should be noted that diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding are determined on a GAAP basis and the resulting share count is used for computing both GAAP and non-GAAP diluted EPS. All amounts are stated in thousands, except per share amounts unless otherwise noted.

Management believes that non-GAAP EPS provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance by excluding certain expenses that may not be indicative of the core business operating results and may help in comparing current period results with those of prior periods as well as with our peers. Non-GAAP EPS is one of the main metrics used by management and our Board of Directors to plan and measure our operating performance. In addition, non-GAAP EPS is the only metric used to determine annual bonus compensation for our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and is used in conjunction with segment Adjusted EBITDA to determine annual bonus compensation for our segment presidents under our management incentive plan.

Although we use non-GAAP EPS as a measure to assess the operating performance of our business, non-GAAP EPS has significant limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes certain material costs. Because non-GAAP EPS does not account for these expenses, its utility as a measure of our operating performance has material limitations. The omission of the substantial amortization expense associated with our intangible assets and deferred financing costs and stock-based compensation expense further limits the usefulness of this measure. Non-GAAP EPS also adjusts for the related tax effects of the adjustments and the payment of taxes is also a necessary element of our operations. Because of these limitations, management does not view non-GAAP EPS in isolation and also uses other measures, such as Adjusted EBITDA, net earnings, net sales, gross margin and operating income, to measure operating performance.

	June 30, 2011	March 31, 2011	D	ecember 31, 2010	S	eptember 30, 2010	June 30, 2010
Net earnings	\$ 9,710	\$ 10,840	\$	13,204	\$	13,321	\$ 15,026
Adjustments to net earnings:							
Amortization of intangibles	2,876	2,876		2,875		2,876	2,876
Amortization of deferred financing costs	331	332		332		332	331
Stock-based compensation expense	1,270	1,271		1,300		1,377	1,383
Secondary offering expense							341
Tax effect of adjustments	(1,466)	(1,468)		(1,320)		(1,337)	(1,519)
Non-GAAP net earnings	\$ 12,721	\$ 13,851	\$	16,391	\$	16,569	\$ 18,438
Diluted shares outstanding	42,012,274	42,202,172		42,396,262		42,327,366	42,054,990
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.26	\$	0.31	\$	0.31	\$ 0.36
Diluted non-GAAP earnings per share	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.33	\$	0.39	\$	0.39	\$ 0.44

#### Adjusted Return on Net Assets

We also use an alternative non-GAAP measure of asset efficiency called adjusted return on net assets ( RONA ). We define RONA as non-GAAP net earnings divided by the average of property, plant and equipment plus current assets, excluding deferred tax assets, less current liabilities, excluding current portion of long-term debt and interest rate swap liability in the reported period.

Management believes that RONA provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance by excluding certain expenses and assets that may not be indicative of the core business operating results and may help in comparing current period results with those of prior periods as well as with our peers.

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Although we use RONA as a measure for outside investors to assess the operating performance of our business, RONA has significant limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes certain material expenses and assets. Because RONA does not account for these expenses and assets, its utility as a measure of our operating performance has material limitations. The omission of current portion of long-term debt, interest rate swap liability and deferred tax asset and the substantial amortization expense associated with our intangible assets, deferred financing costs and stock-based compensation expense further limits the usefulness of this measure. RONA also adjusts for the related tax effects of the adjustments and the payment of taxes is also a necessary element of our operations. Our management compensates for this limitation by providing information about our assets and net earnings on the face of the balance sheets and the statements of comprehensive income as well as in the above discussion. We have computed RONA on a consistent method from quarter to quarter and year to year. During this quarter, to better reflect our business, management updated the definition of RONA. If we calculated RONA using the same methodology, return on net assets and adjusted return on net assets for the three months ended June 30, 2011, would have been 6.7% and 22.4%, respectively. We have recasted the previously disclosed March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 amounts for comparable purposes.

	June 30, 2011		March 31, 2011	1	December 31, 2010	S	eptember 30, 2010	June 30, 2010
Total current assets	\$ 213,110	\$	202,313	\$	195,529	\$	184,355	\$ 159,389
Plus: Property, plant and equipment, net	84,959		77,104		73,259		67,984	65,886
Less: Total current liabilities	(46,720)		(43,904)		(51,465)		(46,931)	(44,863)
GAAP total net assets	\$ 251,349	\$	235,513	\$	217,323	\$	205,408	\$ 180,412
Plus:								
Current portion of long-term debt	1,850		1,850		1,850		1,850	1,894
Interest rate swap liability								1,356
Less: Deferred tax asset	(3,235)		(3,228)		(3,207)		(2,959)	(2,987)
Non-GAAP total net assets	\$ 249,964	\$	234,135	\$	215,966	\$	204,299	\$ 180,675
Average GAAP total net assets (1)	\$ 218,001	\$	200,830	\$	184,534			
Average non-GAAP total net assets (2)	\$ 217,008	\$	200,464	\$	185,046			
GAAP net earnings (3)	\$ 47,075	\$	52,391	\$	49,311			
Non-GAAP net earnings (4)	\$ 59,532	\$	65,249	\$	64,126			
Return on net assets	21.6%	,	26.1%	, ,	26.7%	,		
Adjusted return on net assets	27.4%	)	32.5%	, 5	34.7%	,		

	June 30, 2011	December 31, 2010
Net earnings (3)	\$ 47,075	\$ 49,311
Adjustments to net earnings:		
Amortization of intangibles	11,503	11,503
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,327	1,327
Stock-based compensation expense	5,218	7,851
Secondary offering expense		534
Tax effect of adjustments	(5,591)	(6,400)
Non-GAAP net earnings (4)	\$ 59,532	\$ 64,126

(1) Average GAAP total net assets is derived by utilizing the average of our reported current plus trailing four quarterly comparable balance sheet GAAP total net assets amounts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Average non-GAAP total net assets is derived by utilizing the average of our reported current plus trailing four quarterly comparable balance sheet non-GAAP total net assets amounts.

<sup>(3)</sup> GAAP net earnings is derived by utilizing our reported trailing four quarterly GAAP net earnings amounts. See Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share above.

<sup>(4)</sup> Non-GAAP net earnings is derived by utilizing our reported trailing four quarterly non-GAAP net earnings amounts. See Non-GAAP Earnings Per Share above.

#### Net Sales

		Three Mo	nths End	ed June 30,				Six M	lonths Endeo	l June 30,		
	20	11	20	)10	Chang	e	20	11	20	10	Chang	e
		% of Total		% of Total	-			% of Total Net		% of Total	-	
	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
Net sales Solar	\$ 71,677	70% \$	66,997	69%	\$ 4,680	7% \$	6 139,655	72%	\$ 121,808	69%	\$ 17,847	15%
Net sales Quality												
Assurance	30,712	30%	29,657	31%	1,055	4%	55,671	28%	54,619	31%	1,052	2%
Total net sales	\$ 102,389	100% \$	96,654	100%	\$ 5,735	6% 5	5 195,326	100%	\$ 176,427	100%	\$ 18,899	11%

#### Net Sales Solar

The increase in net sales for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the corresponding 2010 period was mainly due to a 7% volume increase. Also, a 13% stronger Euro foreign exchange rate increased the translation of our European net sales, but was offset by unfavorable customer mix. The volume increase was mainly driven by shipments made in the first quarter of 2011 that were not recognized as net sales until they reached the customers destination in the second quarter of 2011. On a units shipped basis, our volume was down approximately 14% during the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2011. This decrease was the result of uncertainty surrounding Italy s feed-in-tariff policy during the second quarter and deflated solar project internal-rate-of-return in Europe as a result of subsidy cuts. These conditions caused the project finance market to tighten their lending and resulted in reduced demand across the entire solar supply chain. The sudden reduction in demand created a backlog of module inventory that resulted in our customers delaying or canceling orders issued to us.

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, compared to the corresponding 2010 period, the increase in net sales was due to a 19% volume increase due to strong industry demand for solar modules and our continued penetration in the Asia Pacific region, specifically China. Also, we received the benefit of a strengthened Euro of approximately 6% which increased the translation of our European net sales. These factors were partially offset by a decline in our average sales price of approximately 4% and unfavorable customer mix. The price decline was driven by contracts entered into in the first six months of 2011 with our largest customers that resulted in increased volume commitments in exchange for a lower price.

Due to excess inventory and overcapacity that currently exists throughout the solar supply chain, we believe that we will experience increased pricing pressure in the second half of 2011 due to our customers being focused on short-term raw material cost over increased throughput. This is the result of additional pricing pressure solar module manufacturers are experiencing in order to sell their excess module inventory.

#### Net Sales Quality Assurance

Net sales in our Quality Assurance segment for the three months ended June 30, 2011 increased as a result of increased social responsibility and supply chain audits as well as continued growth in the Asia Pacific region that more than offset a decline in laboratory testing services in North America and Europe.

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the increase in net sales was driven by the same reasons as discussed above. The Quality Assurance leadership team is focused on increasing sales to existing clients as well as aggressively targeting new businesses. As a result of this focus, we have added one of the world s premiere consumer businesses to our extensive list of clients during the second quarter. We expect to generate increased volume in the second half of 2011 as we begin our service ramp with this client.

### Cost of Sales

		Three M	Ionths End	led June 30,				Six Mor	ths Endeo	l June 30,		
	20	)11	20	10	Change	e	20	11	20	10	Chang	e
		% of		% of				% of		% of		
	Amount	Total Net Sales	Amount	Total Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Total Net Sales	Amount	Total Net Sales	Amount	%
				2								
Cost of												
sales Solar	\$ 46,799	46%	\$ 38,306	40%	\$ 8,493	22% \$	86,492	44% \$	69,760	40%	\$ 16,732	24%
Cost of												
sales Quality												
Assurance	21,679	21%	18,988	20%	2,691	14%	41,503	21%	37,216	21%	4,287	12%
Total cost of												
sales	\$ 68,478	67%	\$ 57,294	59%	\$ 11,184	20% \$	127,995	66% \$	106,976	61%	\$ 21,019	20%

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Cost of Sales Solar

For the three months ended June 30, 2011, the increase in our Solar cost of sales was mainly due to increased variable costs associated with the 7% increase in sales volume, raw material inflation of \$6.8 million and higher labor and benefit costs of \$1.3 million.

For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the increase in our Solar cost of sales was mainly due to increased variable costs associated with the 19% increase in sales volume, raw material inflation of \$8.5 million, higher labor and benefit costs of \$2.1 million and increased depreciation expense of \$0.4 million associated with capacity expansion projects that were finalized in the second half of 2010 and the first six months of 2011.

Non-cash intangible asset amortization expense of \$2.1 million and \$4.2 million was included in cost of sales for each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively.

#### Cost of Sales Quality Assurance

For the three months ended June 30, 2011, the increase in our cost of sales was mainly due to higher labor and benefit costs of \$1.4 million and other operating expenses of \$1.1 million. For the six months ended June 30, 2011, the increase in our cost of sales was mainly due to increase in labor and benefit costs of \$2.2 million and other operating expenses of \$1.8 million. The increase in labor and benefit costs for both periods was driven by additional headcount required to support our net sales growth as well as increased wage inflation, primarily in Asia.

Non-cash intangible asset amortization expense of \$0.8 million and \$1.6 million was included in cost of sales for the three and six month periods in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

#### Gross Profit

		Three	e Months En	ded June 30,				Six I	Months End	ed June 30,		
	20	11	20	10	Change	е	20	11	20	)10	Change	e
		% of		% of				% of		% of		
		Total		Total				Total		Total		
	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
Gross												
profit	\$ 33,911	33%	\$ 39,360	41%	\$ (5,449)	(14)	%\$ 67,331	35%	\$ 69,451	39%	\$ (2,120)	(3)%

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales declined for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2011 as a result of both of our business segments.

For our Solar segment, gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2011 due to unfavorable customer mix, increased raw material costs and unfavorable labor and fixed cost absorption during the second quarter of 2011 associated with lower capacity utilization at some of our manufacturing facilities. These unfavorable impacts were partially offset by improved scrap rates and other cost reduction activities. The six month comparison was also negatively impacted by the 4% reduction in our average selling prices.

For our Quality Assurance business, gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased for the three month and six month periods ended June 30, 2011 due to unfavorable mix of a higher proportion of our net sales resulting from our lower margin audit and inspection services that possess incremental labor and travel costs.

Non-cash intangible asset amortization expense of \$2.9 million and \$5.8 million reduced gross profit for each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses ( SG&A )

		Three	Months En	ded June 30,				Six N	Ionths Ende	d June 30,		
	20	)11	10	Chang	e	20	11	20	10	Chang	ge	
		% of		% of				% of		% of		
		Total		Total				Total		Total		
	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
SG&A	\$ 15,316	15%	\$ 13,096	14%	\$ 2,220	17%	6 \$ 29,872	15%	\$ 29,065	17%	5 \$ 807	3%

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SG&A increased 17% for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the corresponding period in the prior year. The increase was driven by \$1.0 million of higher professional fees as well as increased labor and other operating expenses needed to support our global business operations and infrastructure.

SG&A increased 3% for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the corresponding period in 2010. The increase was mainly due to higher professional fees of approximately \$0.5 million primarily related to increased legal costs. Also, the increase was driven by a \$1.6 million increase of labor and benefit costs across all business segments to support our growth. Last, research and development expense increased \$0.2 million as we continue to expand this function with the goal of developing a pipeline of innovative encapsulant products. The increase was partially offset by stock-based compensation expense which decreased \$2.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 mainly due to higher expense in the 2010 period driven by accelerating vesting clauses on January 31, 2010 for the issuance of stock options in connection with our November 2009 initial public offering.

#### **Provision for Bad Debt Expense**

		Three	Months Er	ded June 30,				Six N	Months End	ed June 30,		
	20	)11	2	010	Chan	ge	20	)11	2	010	Chan	ge
		% of		% of				% of		% of		
		Total		Total				Total		Total		
	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
Bad Debt Expense	\$ 1,144	1%	\$ 634	1%	\$ 510	80%	6\$ 1,467	1%	\$ 743	0%	\$ 724	97%

The increase in bad debt expense was primarily driven by aging accounts receivable from some of our European Solar customers that have reduced the timeliness of their cash remittance due to the current industry environment.

## Interest Expense

		Thre	e Months E	nded June 30	,			Six	Months End	ded June 30,		
	2	011	20	010	Chang	e	20	011	20	010	Chang	e
	Amount	% of Total Net Sales	Amount	% of Total Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	% of Total Net Sales	Amount	% of Total Net Sales	Amount	%
Interest Expense	\$ 2,808	3%	6 \$ 4,411	5%	\$ (1,603)	(36)9	%\$ 5,605	3%	\$ 8,642	5%	\$ (3,037)	(35)%

The decrease in interest expense for both periods was primarily the result of the expiration of our interest rate swap in September 2010. Our expired interest rate swap required us to pay a fixed interest rate of 4.622% on its \$130.0 million notional amount.

### **Other Income Items**

		Thre	ee Months E	nded June 30	,			Si	x Months Er	nded June 30,		
	20	011	20	)10	Chang	ge	2	011	20	010	Chang	e
		% of Total		% of Total				% of Total		% of Total		
	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
Other income												
items	\$ (234)	0%	\$ 1,855	2%	\$ (2,089)	(113)%	\$ 77	0%	\$ 3,056	2%	\$ (2,979)	(97)%

The decrease in the amount reported for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 related to the non-recurrence of an unrealized gain of \$1.5 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, on our interest rate swap entered into during 2007 that expired on September 30, 2010. Also, foreign currency transaction loss for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 was \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, compared to a gain of \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million in the corresponding 2010 periods. This decrease was a result of volatility in the Euro exchange rate which increased by 13% and 6% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, respectively, compared to the corresponding 2010 periods.

### Income Taxes

	Thre	e Months E	nded June 30	),			Siz	x Months En	ded June 30,		
20	)11	20	010	Change	e	20	)11	20	10	Chang	e
	% of		% of				% of		% of		
	Total		Total				Total		Total		
Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
\$ 4712	5%	\$ 8102	80%	\$ (3.390)	(42)%	6\$ 9.922	50	6 \$ 11 344	6%	\$ (1.422)	(13)%
	Amount	2011 % of Total Amount Net Sales	2011 20 % of Total Amount Net Sales Amount	20112010% of% ofTotalTotalAmountNet SalesAmountNet Sales	% of % of Total Total Amount Net Sales Amount Net Sales Amount	20112010Change% of% ofTotalTotalAmountNet SalesAmount%	20112010Change20% of% of70TotalTotalAmountNet SalesAmountMountNet SalesAmount	20112010Change2011% of% of% ofTotalTotalTotalAmountNet SalesAmountNet Sales	2011     2010     Change     2011     20       % of     % of     % of       Total     Total     Total       Amount     Net Sales     Amount     Net Sales	20112010Change20112010% of% of% of% ofTotalTotalTotalTotalAmountNet SalesAmount% AmountNet Sales	20112010Change20112010Change% of% of% of% of% ofTotalTotalTotalTotalTotalAmountNet SalesAmount% AmountNet SalesAmount

Our effective income tax rate for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2011 was 32.7% and 32.6%, respectively, compared to the United States federal statutory tax rate of 35%. The lower effective tax rate is principally driven by our decision to permanently reinvest our Malaysia subsidiary s earnings locally and eligibility for the United States Tax Code Section 199 Domestic Manufacturing Deduction. Our effective tax rate was approximately 35.0% and 33.2% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2010, respectively. This included a one-time benefit of 1.5% to our effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2010 from the receipt of an Advanced Energy Project credit under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We are subject to the examinations of our income tax returns by various domestic and international taxing authorities. The final outcome of the future tax consequences of these examinations and legal proceedings as well as the outcome of competent authority proceedings, changes and interpretation in regulatory tax laws, or expiration of statutes of limitation could impact the our financial statements. Accordingly, we have tax reserves recorded for which it is reasonably possible that the amount of the unrecognized tax benefit will increase or decrease which could have a material effect on the financial results for any particular fiscal quarter or year. However, based on the uncertainties associated with the status of examinations, including the protocols of finalizing audits by the relevant tax authorities which could include formal legal proceedings, it is not possible to estimate the impact of any such change.

#### Net Earnings

		Three	Months Er	ded June 30,				Six I	Months End	ed June 30,		
	20	011	20	10	Change	<b>e</b>	20	11	20	10	Change	e
		% of		% of				% of		% of		
		Total		Total				Total		Total		
	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	Net Sales	Amount	%
Net earnings	\$ 9,710	10%	\$ 15,026	16%	\$ (5,316)	(35)%	\$ 20,550	11%	\$ 22,786	13%	\$ (2,236)	(10)%

For both periods compared, net earnings decreased due to lower gross profit in both of our segments, higher SG&A and higher bad debt expense, partially offset by a lower effective tax rate.

#### **Segment Results of Operations**

We report our business in two segments: Solar and Quality Assurance. The accounting policies of the segments are the same. We measure segment performance based on net sales and Adjusted EBITDA. See Note 10 - Reportable Segments and Geographical Information located in

the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a definition of Adjusted EBITDA and further information. Net sales for each of our segments are described in further detail above. Corporate overhead is not allocated to our segments, and therefore not included in the presentation below. It is mainly comprised of expenses associated with corporate headquarters, the executive management team and certain centralized functions that benefit us but are not directly attributable to the segments such as finance and certain legal costs. The discussion that follows is a summary analysis of net sales and the primary changes in Adjusted EBITDA by segment.

Solar

		2011	e Months E 2010	nded	June 30, Change		2011	Six	Months End 2010	ed Ju	ine 30, Change		
	A	mount	A	mount	A	Amount	%	Amount		Amount	1	Amount	%
Net Sales	\$	71,677	\$	66,997	\$	4,680	7% \$	139,655	\$	121,808	\$	17,847	15%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	24,469	\$	31,207	\$	(6,738)	(22)%\$	52,899	\$	56,098	\$	(3,199)	(6)%
Adjusted EBITDA as													
% of Segment Net													
Sales		34.1%		46.6%				37.9%		46.1%			

Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales for this segment decreased for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 2010 due to the decrease in gross margin as discussed above, \$1.8 million of increased SG&A expense and \$0.5 million of higher bad

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debt expense. Foreign exchange also provided a \$0.5 million negative impact mainly driven by the Euro exchange rate. The increase in SG&A expense is driven by \$0.5 million of higher professional fees primarily associated with legal costs. Also, labor and benefit costs increased \$0.6 million.

Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales for this segment decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 2010 due to the decrease in gross margin which was discussed above, \$3.6 million of higher SG&A expense and \$0.5 million of increased bad debt expense. The increase in SG&A expense of was primarily due to \$1.3 million of higher labor and benefit costs, \$1.4 million of higher professional fees and \$0.2 million of increased research and development expense. Foreign exchange also provided a \$0.5 million negative impact mainly due to volatility in the Euro.

#### Quality Assurance

		2011	Thre	e Months Ei 2010	nded .	June 30, Change		2011	Six	Months End 2010	led Ju	une 30, Change	
	A	mount	A	mount	A	Amount	%	Amount	A	Amount	A	Amount	%
Net Sales	\$	30,712	\$	29,657	\$	1,055	4% \$	55,671	\$	54,619	\$	1,052	2%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	4,033	\$	4,539	\$	(506)	(11)%\$	4,601	\$	6,177	\$	(1,576)	(26)%
-													
Adjusted EBITDA as													
% of Segment Net													
Sales		13.1%		15.3%				8.3%		11.3%			

Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales for this segment decreased for the three months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 2010 primarily due to the lower gross margin as discussed above. This more than offset the SG&A expense decrease of \$1.2 million that was mainly attributable to savings associated with cost reduction actions that were implemented in 2010. This also includes approximately \$0.3 million of start-up expenses with no corresponding revenue associated with the ramp to support our new client discussed above. If you remove the impact of this expense, our Adjusted EBITDA percentage would have been 14%.

Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net sales for this segment decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to 2010 primarily due to the lower gross margin as discussed above. This more than offset lower SG&A expenses of \$1.5 million that were mainly attributable to a decrease in professional fees of \$0.4 million, labor and benefit costs of \$0.5 million, travel and market development of \$0.3 million and other operating expense of \$0.2 million. The SG&A expense reduction was driven by cost reduction actions that were implemented in 2010. As discussed above, we also had \$0.3 million of costs that reduced our Adjusted EBITDA due to the ramp to support the new client.

#### **Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We have financed our operations primarily through cash provided by operations and intend to do so in the future. As of June 30, 2011, our principal sources of liquidity consisted of \$95.4 million of cash and \$20.0 million of availability under the \$20.0 million revolving portion of our first lien credit facilities. Our total indebtedness was \$237.6 million as of June 30, 2011.

Our principal needs for liquidity have been, and for the foreseeable future will continue to be, for capital expenditures, debt service and working capital. The main portion of our capital expenditures has been and is expected to continue to be for expansion. Working capital requirements have increased as a result of our overall growth in prior years and the need to fund higher accounts receivable and inventory. We believe that our cash flow from operations, available cash and cash equivalents and available borrowings under the revolving portion of our credit facilities will be sufficient to meet our liquidity needs, including for capital expenditures, through at least the next 12 months. We anticipate that to the extent that we require additional liquidity, it will be funded through borrowings under our credit facilities, the incurrence of other indebtedness, additional equity issuances or a combination of these potential sources of liquidity.

If we decide to pursue one or more strategic acquisitions, we may incur additional debt, if permitted under our existing credit facilities, or sell additional equity to raise any needed capital.

Cash Flows

**Operating Activities** 

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$23.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010. Due to lower Adjusted EBITDA generated by both of our segments, cash earnings decreased by approximately \$1.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. Working capital increased primarily relating to increases in inventory as well as timing of tax payments made. Our raw material inventories increased to support our continued capacity ramp up to meet anticipated customer demand.

#### Investing Activities

Net cash used for investing activities of \$16.5 million and \$6.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively, was related to capital expenditures.

For our Solar segment, we had capital expenditures of \$14.4 million and \$3.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Our Solar capital expenditures for these periods were mainly for expansion of our Malaysia plant, new production lines and investments associated with our recently acquired East Windsor, Connecticut facility.

For our Quality Assurance segment, we had capital expenditures of \$2.0 million and \$2.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Capital expenditures for the 2011 period consisted primarily of costs associated with equipment purchases required to serve new clients and to expand our testing capabilities as well as information systems hardware. Capital expenditures for the 2010 period consisted primarily of costs associated with our laboratory expansion in China and capitalized labor related to the internally developed information systems.

We expect remaining 2011 consolidated capital expenditures to be approximately \$35 million to \$40 million. Of these amounts, approximately \$25 million to \$30 million relates to our Solar capacity expansion, including our plans to establish a manufacturing plant in China. The remaining \$10 million relates to investments required to support our Quality Assurance infrastructure and growth initiatives.

We use an alternative non-GAAP measure of liquidity called free cash flow. We define free cash flow as cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Free cash flow was \$(7.0) million and \$6.4 million in the three months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Free cash flow was \$(14.7) million and \$16.5 million in the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. Free cash flow was negative for both the three and six months ended June 30, 2011 as a result of the reduction in operating cash flow as discussed above and increased capital investment related to our Solar capacity expansion. We believe free cash flow is an important measure of our overall liquidity and our ability to fund future growth and provide a return to stockholders. Free cash flow does not reflect, among other things, mandatory debt service, other borrowing activity, discretionary dividends on our common stock and acquisitions.

We consider free cash flow to be a liquidity measure that provides useful information to management and investors about the amount of cash generated by the business that, after the acquisition of property and equipment, including information technology infrastructure, land and buildings, can be used for strategic opportunities, including reinvestment in our business, making strategic acquisitions, and strengthening the balance sheet.

Analysis of free cash flow also facilitates management s comparisons of our operating results to competitors operating results. A limitation of using free cash flow versus the GAAP measure of cash provided by operating activities as a means for evaluating our business is that free cash flow does not represent the total increase or decrease in the cash balance from operations for the period because it excludes cash used for capital expenditures during the period. Our management compensates for this limitation by providing information about our capital expenditures on the face of the cash flow statement and in the above discussion. We have computed free cash flow using the same consistent method from quarter to quarter and year to year.

	Three Mon June	ded	Six Mont June	ed
	2011	2010	2011	2010
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 3,803	\$ 9,819 \$	1.877	\$ 23,061
Less: capital expenditures	(10,768)	(3,441)	(16,534)	(6,590)
Free cash flow	\$ (6,965)	\$ 6,378 \$	(14,657)	\$ 16,471

We also use this non-GAAP financial measure for financial and operational decision making and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons.

### Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$0.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2011 due to \$0.7 million of proceeds from the exercise of stock options and related tax benefits received from the disqualifying dispositions of certain of these options that was more than offset by \$0.9 million of debt repayments.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$2.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2010 due to the payment of initial public offering issuance costs of \$1.5 million and \$1.0 million of debt repayments.

### Credit Facilities

On June 15, 2007, DLJ Merchant Banking Partners IV, L.P. and affiliated investment funds (DLJMB), and its co-investors, together with members of our board of directors, our executive officers and other members of management, acquired 100% of the voting equity interests in our wholly-owned subsidiary, Specialized Technology Resources, Inc., for \$365.6 million, including transaction costs. In connection with these transactions, we entered into a first lien credit facility and a second lien credit facility on June 15, 2007, which we refer to collectively as our credit facilities , in each case with Credit Suisse, as administrative agent and collateral agent. The first lien credit facility consists of a \$185.0 million term loan facility, which matures on June 15, 2014, and a \$20.0 million revolving credit facility, none of which was outstanding at June 30, 2011, which matures on June 15, 2012. The second lien credit facility consists of a \$75.0 million term loan facility, which matures on December 15, 2014. The revolving credit facility includes a sublimit of \$15.0 million for letters of credit.

The obligations under each credit facility are unconditional and are guaranteed by us and substantially all of our existing and subsequently acquired or organized domestic subsidiaries. The first lien credit facility and related guarantees are secured on a first-priority basis, and the second lien credit facility and related guarantees are secured on a second-priority basis, in each case, by security interests (subject to liens permitted under the credit agreements governing the credit facilities) in substantially all tangible and intangible assets owned by us, the obligors under the credit facilities, and each of our other domestic subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, including limiting pledges of voting stock of foreign subsidiaries to 66% of such voting stock.

Borrowings under the first lien credit facility bear interest at a rate equal to (1) in the case of term loans, at our option (i) the greater of (a) the rate of interest per annum determined by Credit Suisse, from time to time, as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in the City of New York, and (b) the federal funds rate plus 0.50% per annum (the base rate ), and in each case plus 1.50% per annum or (ii) the LIBO plus 2.50% and (2) in the case of the revolving loans, at our option (subject to certain exceptions) (i) the base rate plus 1.50% when our total leverage ratio (as defined in the first lien credit facility) is greater than or equal to 5.25 to 1.00 (leverage level 1), the base rate plus 1.25% when our total leverage ratio is greater than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00 but less than 5.25 to 1.00 (leverage level 2) and the base rate plus 1.00% when our total leverage ratio is less than 4.50 to 1.00 (leverage level 3) or (ii) the LIBO plus 2.50% in the case of leverage level 1, 2.25% in the case of leverage level 2 and 2.00% in the case of leverage level 3. Borrowings under the second lien credit facility, we have the option to pay interest in cash or in kind, by increasing the outstanding principal amount of the loans by the amount of accrued interest. Interest paid in kind on the second lien credit facility will be at the rate of interest applicable to such loan described above plus an additional 1.50% per annum. If we default on the payment of any principal, interest, or any other amounts due under the credit facilities, we will be obligated to pay default interest rate on principal payments will equal the interest rate applicable to such loan plus 2.00% per annum, and the default interest rate on all other payments will equal the interest rate applicable to base rate loans plus 2.00% per annum.

As of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, the weighted-average interest rate under our credit facilities was 4.11% and 4.18%, respectively. At the rate in effect on June 30, 2011 and assuming an outstanding balance of \$237.6 million as of June 30, 2011, our annual debt service obligations would be \$11.6 million, consisting of \$9.7 million of interest and \$1.9 million of scheduled principal payments.

In addition to paying interest on outstanding principal under the credit facilities, we are required to pay a commitment fee at a rate equal to 0.50% per annum on the daily unused commitments available to be drawn under the revolving portion of the first lien credit facility. We are also

required to pay letter of credit fees, with respect to each letter of credit issued, at a rate per annum equal to the applicable LIBO margin for revolving credit loans on the average daily amount of undrawn letters of credit plus the aggregate amount of all letter of credit disbursements that have not been repaid by us. We are also required to pay fronting fees, with respect to each letter of credit issued, at a rate specified by the issuer of the letters of credit and to pay Credit Suisse certain administrative fees from time to time, in its role as administrative agent. The term loans under the first lien credit facility amortize in quarterly installments of 0.25% of the principal amount. Under certain circumstances, we may be required to reimburse the lenders under our credit facilities for certain increased fees and expenses caused by a change of law.

We are generally required to prepay term loan borrowings under the credit facilities with (1) 100% of the net cash proceeds we receive from non-ordinary course asset sales or as a result of a casualty or condemnation, (2) 100% of the net cash proceeds we receive from the issuance of debt obligations other than debt obligations permitted under the credit agreements, (3) 50% of the net cash proceeds of a public offering of equity and (4) 50% (or, if our leverage ratio is less than 5.25 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00, 25%) of excess cash flow (as defined in the credit agreements). Under the credit facilities, we are not required to prepay

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borrowings with excess cash flow if our leverage ratio is less than 4.50 to 1.00. Subject to a limited exception, all mandatory prepayments will first be applied to the first lien credit facility until all first lien obligations are paid in full and then to the second lien facility.

The first lien credit facility requires us to maintain certain financial ratios, including a maximum first lien debt ratio (based upon the ratio of indebtedness under the first lien credit facility to consolidated EBITDA, as defined in the first lien credit facility), a maximum total leverage ratio (based upon the ratio of total indebtedness, net of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, to consolidated EBITDA) and a minimum interest coverage ratio (based upon the ratio of consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense), which are tested quarterly. Based on the formulas set forth in the first lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we were required to maintain a maximum first lien debt ratio of 3.00 to 1.00, a maximum total leverage ratio tested quarterly. Based on the formulas set forth in the second lien credit facility requires us to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio tested quarterly. Based on the formulas set forth in the second lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we were required to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio tested quarterly. Based on the formulas set forth in the second lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we were required to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio tested quarterly. Based on the formulas set forth in the second lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we were required to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio tested quarterly. Based on the formulas set forth in the second lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we were required to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio of 5.25 to 1.00. As of June 30, 2011, our first lien debt ratio was 0.59 to 1.00, our total leverage ratio was 1.24 to 1.00 and our interest coverage ratio was 10.05 to 1.00.

Based on the formulas set forth in the first lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we are required to maintain a maximum first lien debt ratio of 3.00 to 1.00, a maximum total leverage ratio of 5.00 to 1.00, and a minimum interest coverage ratio of 2.00 to 1.00. Based on the formulas set forth in the second lien credit agreement, as of June 30, 2011, we are required to maintain a maximum total leverage ratio of 5.25 to 1.00.

The credit agreements also contain a number of affirmative and restrictive covenants including limitations on mergers, consolidations and dissolutions; sales of assets; sale-leaseback transactions; investments and acquisitions; indebtedness; liens; affiliate transactions; the nature of our business; a prohibition on dividends and restrictions on other restricted payments; modifications or prepayments of our second lien credit facility or other material subordinated indebtedness; and issuing redeemable, convertible or exchangeable equity securities. Under the credit agreements, we are permitted maximum annual capital expenditures of \$12.0 million in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007, with such limit increasing by \$1.0 million to \$2.0 million for each fiscal year thereafter. Capital expenditure limits in any fiscal year may be increased by 40.0% of the excess of consolidated EBITDA for such fiscal year over baseline EBITDA for that year, which is defined as \$60.0 million for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 and increasing by \$5.0 million per year thereafter. The capital expenditure limitations are subject to a two-year carry-forward of the unused amount from the previous fiscal year which is approximately \$36.5 million for the year beginning January 1, 2011. The amount of capital expenditure permitted under our credit agreements will allow us to execute our anticipated 2011 capital investment plan.

The credit agreements contain events of default that are customary for similar facilities and transactions, including a cross-default provision with respect to other material indebtedness (which, with respect to the first lien credit agreement, would include the second lien credit agreement and with respect to the second lien credit agreement, would include the first lien credit agreement) and an event of default that would be triggered by a change of control, as defined in the credit agreements. As of June 30, 2011, we were in compliance with all of our covenants and other obligations under the credit agreements.

On October 5, 2009, we entered into an amendment to the first lien credit agreement and an amendment to the second lien credit agreement. The amendments for both credit agreements permitted us to enter into certain corporate reorganization transactions, including replacing STR Holdings LLC with STR Holdings (New) LLC as a guarantor under each credit agreement. STR Holdings, Inc. became a guarantor under each credit agreement as corporate successor to STR Holdings (New) LLC on November 6, 2009.

We were required under the terms of both our first lien and second lien credit facilities to fix our interest costs on at least 50% of the principal amount of our funded indebtedness within three months of entering into the credit facility for a minimum of three years. To manage our interest

rate exposure and fulfill the requirements under our credit facilities, effective September 13, 2007, we entered into a \$200.0 million notional principal amount interest rate swap agreement with Credit Suisse International that effectively converted a portion of our debt under our credit facilities from a floating interest rate to a fixed interest rate. The notional principal amount decreased to \$130.0 million on October 1, 2008 and remained at that amount until the agreement expired on September 30, 2010. Under the interest rate swap agreement, we paid interest at 4.622% and received the floating three-month LIBOR rate from Credit Suisse International on the notional principal amount. As of June 30, 2011, none of our variable interest rate debt has been hedged and we do not plan to hedge any portion of our debt in the near term.

In addition, one of our foreign subsidiaries maintains a line of credit facility in the amount of \$0.5 million Swiss francs bearing an interest rate of approximately 4.25% as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010. The purpose of the credit facility is to provide funding for the subsidiary s working capital as deemed necessary during the normal course of business. The facility was not utilized as of June 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

#### Effects of Inflation

Inflation generally affects us by increasing costs of raw materials, labor and equipment. For the first six months of 2011, the price of our raw materials increased and negatively impacted our cost of sales by approximately \$2.7 million.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In October 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2009-13, Revenue Recognition (Topic 605): Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements. The FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 605-25 addresses the accounting for these arrangements and enables vendors to account for product and services (deliverables) separately rather than as a combined unit. The amendments significantly improve the reporting of these transactions to more closely resemble their underlying economics, eliminate the residual method of allocation and improve financial reporting with greater transparency of how a vendor allocates revenue in its arrangements. The amendments in this update are effective prospectively for revenue arrangements entered into or materially modified in fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010. Early adoption was permitted. We adopted this standard effective January 1, 2011 and it did not have an impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income. The FASB ASC 220-10 established standards for the reporting and presentation of comprehensive income and its components in a full set of general-purpose financial statements. Under the amendments, an entity has the option to present the total of comprehensive income, the components of net earnings, and the components of other comprehensive income either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In both choices, an entity is required to present each component of net earnings along with total net earnings, each component of other comprehensive income along with a total for other comprehensive income, and a total amount for comprehensive income. The entity is required to present on the face of the financial statements reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net earnings in the statement(s) where the components of net earnings and the components of other comprehensive income are presented. The amendments should be applied retrospectively. The amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted. The amendments do not require any transition disclosures. We have early adopted this standard effective June 30, 2011 and it did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements since we previously presented net earnings, other comprehensive income and its components and total comprehensive income in a continuous statement. We also have no components of other comprehensive income that are reclassified to net earnings for the periods presented.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements present our current expectations and projections relating to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business and are based on assumptions that we have made in light of our industry experience and perceptions of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors management believes are appropriate under the circumstances. However, these forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or financial or operating results. In addition to the risks and uncertainties discussed in this Quarterly Report, we face risks and uncertainties that include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) rising commodity costs, such as resin or paper used in our encapsulants, and our ability to successfully manage any increases in these commodity costs; (ii) our dependence on a limited number of third party suppliers for raw materials for our encapsulants and materials used in our processes; (iii) demand for solar energy in general and solar modules in particular; (iv) the timing and effects of the implementation of recently announced government incentives and policies for renewable energy, primarily in China and the United States; (v) the effects of the announced reductions to solar incentives in Germany and Italy; (vi) customer concentration in our Solar business and our relationships with key customers; (vii) our ability to protect our intellectual property; (viii) pricing pressures and other competitive factors; (ix) operating new manufacturing facilities and increasing production capacity at existing facilities; (x) our reliance on vendors and potential supply chain disruptions, including those resulting from bankruptcy filings by customers or vendors; (xi) potential product performance matters, product liability or professional liability claims and our ability to manage them; (xii) loss of professional accreditations and memberships; (xiii) the extent and duration of the current downturn in the global economy, including the timing of expected economic recovery in the United States and abroad and the continuing effects of the ongoing recession on sales; (xiv) the impact negative credit markets may have on us or our customers or suppliers; (xv) the impact of

changes in foreign currency exchange rates on financial results, and the geographic distribution of revenues and earnings; (xvi) maintaining sufficient liquidity in order to fund future profitable growth and long term vitality; (xvii) the extent to which we may be required to write-off accounts receivable or inventory; (xviii) outcomes of litigation and regulatory actions; and (xix) the other risks and uncertainties described under

Risk Factors and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and in subsequent periodic reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. You are urged to carefully review and consider the disclosure found in our filings which are available on http://www.sec.gov or http://www.strholdings.com. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of these assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement contained in this Quarterly Report, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

### Foreign Exchange Risk

We have foreign currency exposure related to our operations outside of the United States, other than Malaysia where the functional currency is the U.S. dollar. This foreign currency exposure arises primarily from the translation or re-measurement of our foreign subsidiaries financial statements into U.S. dollars. Fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies could adversely affect our condensed consolidated results of operations. For the six months ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, approximately \$84.3 million, or 43% and \$80.5 million, or 46%, respectively, of our net sales were denominated in foreign currencies. We expect that the percentage of our net sales denominated in foreign currencies will increase in the foreseeable future as we expand our international operations. Selling, marketing and administrative costs related to these foreign currency net sales are largely denominated in U.S. dollars, if there is an increase in the rate at which a foreign currency is exchanged for U.S. dollars, it will require more of the foreign currency to equal a specified amount of U.S. dollars than before the rate increase. In such cases and if we price our products in the foreign currency, we will receive less in U.S. dollars than we did before the rate increase went into effect. If we price our products or services in U.S. dollars and competitors price their products in local currency, an increase in the relative strength of the U.S. dollar could result in our price not being competitive in a market where business is transacted in the local currency.

In addition, our assets and liabilities of foreign operations are recorded in foreign currencies and translated into U.S. dollars. If the U.S. dollar increases in value against these foreign currencies, the value in U.S. dollars of the assets and liabilities recorded in these foreign currencies will decrease. Conversely, if the U.S. dollar decreases in value against these foreign currencies, the value in U.S. dollars of the assets and liabilities originally recorded in these foreign currencies will increases. Thus, increases and decreases in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to these foreign currencies have a direct impact on the value in U.S. dollars of our foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities, even if the value of these items has not changed in their original currency.

We do not engage in any hedging activities related to this exchange rate risk. As such, a 10% change in the U.S. dollar exchange rates in effect as of June 30, 2011 would have caused a change in consolidated net assets of approximately \$10.4 million and a change in net sales of approximately \$8.4 million.

We are exposed to interest rate risk in connection with our first lien term loan facility, our second lien term loan facility and any borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Our first lien and second lien facilities bear interest at floating rates based on the LIBO or the greater of the prime rate or the federal funds rate plus an applicable borrowing margin. Borrowings under our revolving credit facility bear interest at floating rates based on the LIBO or a base rate plus an applicable borrowing margin. For variable rate debt, interest rate changes generally do not affect the fair value of the debt instrument, but do impact future earnings and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant.

Based on the amount outstanding under our first lien and second lien facilities at June 30, 2011, a change of one percentage point in the applicable interest rate, would cause an increase or decrease in interest expense of approximately \$2.4 million on an annual basis. As of June 30, 2011, none of our variable interest rate debt has been hedged and we do not plan to hedge any portion of our debt in the near term.

### Raw Material Price Risk

The major raw material that we purchase for production of our encapsulants for our Solar segment is resin, and paper liner is the second largest raw material cost. The price and availability of these materials are subject to market conditions affecting supply and demand. In particular, the price of many of our raw materials can be impacted by fluctuations in petrochemical, pulp prices and supply and demand dynamics in solar and other industries. During the first six months of 2011, the price of our raw materials, primarily resin, has increased and negatively impacted our cost of sales by approximately \$2.7 million. Additionally, our distribution costs can be impacted by fluctuations in diesel prices. We currently do not have a hedging program in place to manage fluctuations in raw material prices. However, we try to mitigate raw material inflation by holding safety stock, taking advantage of early payment discounts, adding inflation escalation price clauses in customer contracts and ensuring we have multiple sourcing alternatives for each of our raw materials. Increases in raw material prices could have a material adverse effect on our gross margins and results of operations.

We have implemented measures to help protect our gross profit in absolute dollars from raw material inflation. We have included a resin inflation protection clause in our contracts recently entered into and intend to make such clause a condition of signing contracts in the future if necessary. We also announced a resin surcharge for non-contractual customers effective April 1, 2011. Resin surcharges comprise a component of our average selling price and are considered in conjunction with the prices charged for our product, which are subject to change.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act) reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, as ours are designed to do, and management necessarily is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

As of June 30, 2011, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

#### **Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

There have not been any changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the three months ended June 30, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There have been no material developments in the quarter in the legal proceeding indentified in Part I, Item 3 of the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, except as noted below. In addition, there were no new material legal proceedings during the quarter.

Galica/JPS

As previously disclosed, in October 2007 we filed a complaint against James P. Galica (Galica) and JPS Elastomerics Corp. (JPS) in the Massachusetts Superior Court in Hampshire County (the Court). We alleged that the defendants misappropriated trade secrets and violated the Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act as well as breaches of contract, the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and fiduciary duty against Galica (the State Court Action). The Court determined that JPS

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and Galica had violated the Massachusetts Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, finding that the technology for our polymeric sheeting product is a trade secret and that JPS and Galica had misappropriated our trade secrets. On January 27, 2011, the Court awarded us the right to recover from the defendants (i) actual monetary damages of \$1.1 million, (ii) punitive damages of \$2.2 million, (iii) reasonable attorneys fees of \$3.9 million, (iv) reasonable costs of \$1.1 million, and (v) 12% interest on each of the monetary awards from the date of the judgment (except for the actual monetary damages which accrues interest from October 2, 2007, the date the complaint was entered). In addition, the Court imposed a five year production injunction against producing low shrink EVA encapsulant, and a permanent use injunction against the defendants using our trade secrets. Commencing on January 28, 2011, the defendants filed numerous motions and appeals seeking to stay certain elements of the injunction all of which were denied by the Court and the appellate courts. On June 22, 2011, the defendants filed their principal appellate brief seeking to reverse the Court s order. We filed our principal brief on August 3, 2011, and expect the defendants to file a reply brief by August 15, 2011. Oral arguments are scheduled for September 6, 2011.

On April 29, 2011, we filed a civil contempt complaint against the defendants in the Superior Court alleging that JPS and Galica were not in compliance with the Court s January 27, 2011 order providing injunctive relief, and asking the Court to hold the defendants in contempt. On July 15, 2011, the Court issued a ruling holding the defendants in contempt of court with regards to certain portions of the January 27, 2011 order. On July 25, 2011, the Court accepted the parties agreement and issued a preliminary ruling that the defendants have purged themselves of contempt. We are entitled to recover the attorneys fees it incurred in prosecuting the contempt claim.

On September 17, 2010, JPS filed an amended complaint against our wholly-owned subsidiary, Specialized Technology Resources, Inc. (STR), in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. The amended complaint alleged various antitrust and unfair competition claims and that the State Court Action (described above) was sham litigation initiated by STR in an attempt to monopolize the domestic and international market for low-shrink EVA encapsulants. JPS also alleged other schemes to monopolize and unfair competition in violation of federal and state laws. JPS sought \$60 million in compensatory damages, treble damages, a permanent injunction against STR for various activities, reimbursement of legal fees for the State Court Action as well as for this matter, and disgorgement of proceeds obtained by STR from allegedly anti-competitive and tortious acts. On October 13, 2010, we filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint, and on January 5, 2011 the Court held a hearing on STR s motion to dismiss. At the hearing, the Court ruled in favor of STR and dismissed the case. On January 14, 2011, the Court issued its written opinion dismissing the case. On January 21, 2011, STR filed a motion for Rule 11 sanctions against the defendants and their counsel which was denied by the Court on April 20, 2011. On February 10, 2011, JPS filed a notice of appeal with the Appellate Court. JPS filed its appellate brief on May 2, 2011 and STR filed its appellate brief on June 14, 2011. Together with its brief, STR also filed a motion seeking appellate sanctions against JPS. JPS reply brief was filed on July 21, 2011. We intend to continue to vigorously defend this action which it considers meritless.

We do not intend to record any gain related to the state court judgment until the settlement cash proceeds are received by us.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, *Item 1A. Risk Factors* in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, which could materially affect our business, financial position and results of operations. There have been no material changes to the risk factors as disclosed in Part I, *Item 1A. Risk Factors* in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Item 6.

- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

<sup>\*</sup>In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the Interactive Data Files on Exhibit 101 hereto are deemed not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are deemed not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.

## 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.

Date: August 5, 2011

STR HOLDINGS, INC. (Registrant) By: /s/ Barry A. Morris Barry A. Morris, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Duly Authorized Officer and Principal Financial Officer)