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## FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2010

#### OR

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

to

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-01982

**Constar International Inc.** (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

13-1889304

(IRS Employer

**Identification Number**)

19154

(Zip Code)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

One Crown Way, Philadelphia, PA (Address of principal executive offices)

(215) 552-3700

#### (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 b No o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes o 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 definitions of large accelerated filer, a ccelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o Smaller reporting company b (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 b

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes b No o

As of November 10, 2010, 1,750,000 shares of the registrant s Common Stock were outstanding.

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#### **Item 1. Financial Statements**

# PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Constar International Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands, except par value) (Unaudited)

	Successor			
	September 30,			amban 21
	50, 2010		Dec	cember 31, 2009
ASSETS		-010		
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,490	\$	2,469
Accounts receivable, net		42,913		39,054
Inventories, net		37,453		44,058
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,836		7,896
Deferred income taxes		1,973		
Assets held for sale		2,516		
Restricted cash				7,589
Total current assets		95,181		101,066
Property, plant and equipment, net		127,418		151,526
Goodwill		73,282		118,682
Intangible assets, net		23,866		31,398
Other assets		5,418		3,592
Total assets	\$	325,165	\$	406,264
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY				
Current Liabilities:				
Short-term debt	\$	10,354	\$	5,000
Accounts payable		42,944		59,128
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		26,422		25,253
Deferred income taxes				1,222
Total current liabilities		79,720		90,603
Long-term debt		184,717		167,919
Pension and postretirement liabilities		28,200		31,105
Deferred income taxes		12,916		23,531
Other liabilities		15,275		14,503
Total liabilities		320,828		327,661

Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)

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# Stockholders Equity:

Common stock, \$.01 par value, 75,000 shares authorized, 1,750 shares issued and		
outstanding at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009	18	18
Additional paid-in capital	101,466	101,466
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(2,324)	(1,769)
Accumulated deficit	(94,823)	(21,112)
Total stockholders equity	4,337	78,603
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 325,165	\$ 406,264

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Constar International Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations** (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Successor				
	Three Months Ended September			ree Months Ended	
	30,		September 30		
	¢	2010	¢	2009	
Net sales	\$	146,843	\$	158,630	
Cost of products sold, excluding depreciation Depreciation and amortization		132,143 9,294		141,148 12,932	
Gross profit		5,406		4,550	
Selling and administrative expenses		4,177		4,897	
Goodwill impairment		12,900			
Impairment of intangible asset		1,300		1.065	
Research and technology expenses		1,531		1,865	
Provision for restructuring Gain on disposal of assets		67 (270)		816 (223)	
Gain on disposal of assets		(270)		(223)	
Total operating expenses		19,705		7,355	
Operating loss		(14,299)		(2,805)	
Interest expense		(9,038)		(8,606)	
Reorganization items, net		(),000)		(504)	
Other expense, net		(1,401)		(1,818)	
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes		(24,738)		(13,733)	
Benefit from income taxes		413		3,557	
Loss from continuing operations		(24,325)		(10,176)	
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes		(120)		(30)	
Net loss	\$	(24,445)	\$	(10,206)	
Basic and diluted loss per common share:					
Continuing operations	\$	(13.90)	\$	(5.81)	
Discontinued operations	Ŷ	(0.07)	Ŷ	(0.02)	
Net loss per share	\$	(13.97)	\$	(5.83)	
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# Weighted average common shares outstanding: 1,750 Basic and diluted 1,750 The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. 1,750

## Constar International Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Successor				Predecessor							
		Nine Months Five Months Ended Ended September September 30, 30,		Months Five Ended H September Sep		Ended September 30,		Ended September		Ended September		our Months Ended April 30,
		2010		2009		2009						
Net customer sales Net affiliate sales	\$	439,020	\$	280,148	\$	214,204 3,256						
Net sales		439,020		280,148		217,460						
Cost of products sold, excluding depreciation		395,271		245,518		189,816						
Depreciation and amortization		27,848		19,996		9,733						
Gross profit		15,901		14,634		17,911						
Selling and administrative expenses		16,288		8,036		7,005						
Goodwill impairment		45,400										
Impairment of intangible asset		6,400										
Research and technology expenses		4,855		3,094		2,698						
Provision for restructuring		704		1,081		648						
Gain on disposal of assets		(924)		(226)		(396)						
Total operating expenses		72,723		11,985		9,955						
Operating income (loss)		(56,822)		2,649		7,956						
Interest expense related party		(26,862)		(14,394)		(5,512) (54)						
Reorganization items, net				(1,671)		144,168						
Other income (expense), net		(3,302)		1,590		1,543						
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		(86,986)		(11,826)		148,101						
(Provision for) benefit from income taxes		13,302		4,362		(37,807)						
Income (loss) from continuing operations		(73,684)		(7,464)		110,294						
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes		(27)		(90)		(96)						
Net income (loss)	\$	(73,711)	\$	(7,554)	\$	110,198						

Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share:

Continuing operations Discontinued operations	\$ (42.11) (0.02)	\$ (4.27) (0.05)	\$ 8.86 (0.01)
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ (42.13)	\$ (4.32)	\$ 8.85
<b>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</b> Basic and diluted	1,750	1,750	12,455

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Constar International Inc. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Suc		Predecessor																								
	Months Ended September 30, 2010		Months Ended September 30,		Months Ended September 30,		Months Ended September 30,		Months Ended September 30,		Months Ended September 30,		Ended September 30,		Months Ended September 30,		hs Five Months d Ended ber September 30,			rr Months Ended April 30, 2009								
Cash flows from operating activities:	\$	$(72 \ 711)$	\$	(7.554)	\$	110 109																						
Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided	Ф	(73,711)	\$	(7,554)	Э	110,198																						
by (used in) operating activities:																												
Depreciation and amortization		28,416		20,073		10,060																						
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		51,800		20,075		10,000																						
Debt accretion expense		16,798		8,392																								
Bad debt expense (recoveries)		126		328		(483)																						
Stock-based compensation						591																						
Gain on disposal of assets and ARO settlements		(924)		(226)		(396)																						
Deferred income taxes		(13,425)		(4,614)		37,835																						
Gain on interest rate swap		(1,247)																										
Fresh start accounting adjustments						(68,109)																						
Reorganization items, net				(6,489)		(79,299)																						
Changes in working capital and other		(13,398)		(14,146)		7,104																						
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(5,565)		(4,236)		17,501																						
Cash flows from investing activities:																												
Restricted cash		7,589		1,738		(9,327)																						
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(6,412)		(5,056)		(5,723)																						
Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment		1,128		6		149																						
		, -		-		-																						
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		2,305		(3,312)		(14,901)																						
Cash flows from financing activities:																												
Costs associated with debt financing		(1,937)		(200)																								
Proceeds from short-term financing		442,393		306,000		212,723																						
Repayment of short-term financing	(	(437,176)		(298,412)		(227,723)																						
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		3,280		7,388		(15,000)																						
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		1		93		(8)																						
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		21		(67)		(12,408)																						

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,469	1,884	14,292
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,490	\$ 1,817	\$ 1,884

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Constar International Inc. Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Dollar and share amounts in thousands, unless otherwise noted) (Unaudited)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations for interim financial reporting. In the opinion of management, these consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments of a normal and recurring nature necessary to provide a fair statement of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. Results for interim periods should not be considered indicative of results for a full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contained in Constar International Inc. s (the

Company or Constar ) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (in addition, see the discussion below regarding fresh-start accounting). The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its subsidiaries in which a controlling interest is maintained. The Financial Accounting Standards Board s (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC or Codification) 852

*Reorganizations* applied to the Company s financial statements while the Company operated under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. The Company applied the guidance of ASC 852 for the period from December 30, 2008, to April 30, 2009. ASC 852 does not change the application of generally accepted accounting principles in the preparation of financial statements. However, for periods including and subsequent to the filing of a Chapter 11 petition, ASC 852 does require that the financial statements distinguish transactions and events that are directly associated with the reorganization from the ongoing operations of the business. Accordingly, certain revenues, expenses, gains, and losses that were realized or incurred during the Chapter 11 proceedings have been classified as reorganization items, net on the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

As of May 1, 2009, (the Effective Date ) the Company adopted fresh-start accounting. The adoption of fresh-start accounting resulted in the Company becoming a new entity for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the financial statements prior to May 1, 2009 are not comparable with the financial statements for periods on or after May 1, 2009. References to Successor or Successor Company refer to the Company on or after May 1, 2009, after giving effect to the cancellation of Constar common stock issued prior to the Effective Date, the issuance of new Constar common stock in accordance with the related Plan of Reorganization, and the application of fresh-start accounting. References to Predecessor or Predecessor Company refer to the Company prior to May 1, 2009. For further information, see Note 4 Fresh-Start Accounting of the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

In accordance with ASC 205-20, *Discontinued Operations*, the Company has classified the results of operations of its Italian operation as a discontinued operation in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. In addition, the assets and related liabilities of this entity have been classified as assets and liabilities of discontinued operations on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. See Note 22 Discontinued Operations for further discussion. Unless otherwise indicated, amounts provided throughout this report relate to continuing operations only.

At December 31, 2009 restricted cash represented cash collateral related to the Company s interest rate swap liability. On February 11, 2010, the counterparty to the Company s interest rate swap agreement novated its rights under the swap agreement to a third party and the cash collateral was returned to the Company.

Where right of offset does not exist, book overdrafts representing outstanding checks are included in accounts payable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets since the Company is not relieved of its obligations to vendors until the outstanding checks have cleared the bank. The change in outstanding book overdrafts is considered an operating activity and is presented as such in the consolidated statement of cash flows. When outstanding checks are presented for payment subsequent to the balance sheet date, the Company deposits funds (subsequent to the balance sheet date) in the disbursement account from cash either available from other accounts or a combination of cash available from other accounts and from funds from the Company s available credit facilities (subsequent to the balance sheet date).

The amount of book overdrafts included in accounts payable was \$11,918 and \$10,269 at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year balances in order to conform these balances to the current year s presentation.

## 2. New Pronouncements

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2010-06, Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements . ASU 2010-06 requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements including transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2 and a higher level of disaggregation for the different types of financial instruments. For the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements, information about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements are presented separately. This standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009 with the exception of revised Level 3 disclosure requirements which are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. Comparative disclosures are not required in the year of adoption. The Company adopted the provisions of the standard on January 1, 2010. The adoption of these new requirements did not have a material impact on the Company s results of operations or financial condition.

# **3. Reorganization Items**

The Company incurred certain professional fees and other expenses directly associated with the bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, the Company made adjustments to the carrying value of certain prepetition liabilities. Such costs and adjustments are classified as reorganization items in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and consist of the following:

	Successor				
	Three				
	Months	Three	Months		
	Ended				
	September				
	30,	September 30,			
(In thousands)	2010	2	009		
Professional fees associated with bankruptcy proceedings	\$	\$	(642)		
Other, net			138		
Total reorganization items, net	\$	\$	(504)		

	Successor				Predecessor		
	Nine						
	Months		e Months		ir Months		
	Ended		Ended		Ended		
(In thousands)	September 30, 2010	September 30, 2009		April 30, 2009			
Gain from discharge of debt	\$	\$		\$	84,745		
Gain from fresh-start accounting adjustments					68,109		
Contract termination expenses					(523)		
Professional fees associated with bankruptcy proceedings			(1,669)		(6,905)		
Debtor-in-possession and Exit Financing fees					(100)		
Other, net			(2)		(1,158)		
Total reorganization items, net	\$	\$	(1,671)	\$	144,168		

The Successor Company made cash payments of \$0.1 million and \$8.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the five months ended September 30, 2009, respectively, and the Predecessor Company made cash payments of \$3.0 million for the four months ended April 30, 2009 related to reorganization items. **4. Accounts Receivable** 

	Successor					
	September					
		30,	Dec	ember 31,		
(In thousands)		2010		2009		
Trade accounts receivable	\$	37,861	\$	35,427		
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		(300)		(322)		
Net trade accounts receivable		37,561		35,105		
Value added taxes recoverable		4,673		2,202		
Miscellaneous receivables		679		1,747		
Accounts receivable, net	\$	42,913	\$	39,054		

## 5. Inventories

	Successor				
	Sej	ptember 30,	Dee	ember 31,	
(In thousands)		30, 2010	Dec	2009	
Finished goods	\$	22,941	\$	28,900	
Raw materials and supplies		15,602		16,343	
Total		38,543		45,243	
Less: reserves for obsolete and slow-moving inventories		(1,090)		(1,185)	
Inventories, net	\$	37,453	\$	44,058	

## 6. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Successor					
	September					
		30,	Dec	ember 31,		
(In thousands)		2010		2009		
Land and improvements	\$	15,601	\$	15,812		
Buildings and improvements		46,361		50,708		
Machinery and equipment		126,996		121,975		
		188,958		188,495		
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization		(64,585)		(40,303)		
		124,373		148,192		
Construction in progress		3,045		3,334		
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$	127,418	\$	151,526		

The Company accelerated the depreciation of machinery and equipment idled during the periods that resulted in charges of \$0.6 million and \$1.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively.

# 7. Assets Held for Sale

An asset or business is classified as held for sale when (i) management commits to a plan to sell and it is actively marketed; (ii) it is available for immediate sale and the sale is expected to be completed within one year; and (iii) it is unlikely significant changes to the plan will be made or that the plan will be withdrawn. Upon being classified as held for sale the assets are reported at the lower of the carrying value or fair value less cost to sell and the assets are no longer depreciated or amortized.

The following table summarizes by category assets held for sale:

(In thousands)	Successor September 30, 2010
Buildings and improvements	\$ 1,974
Machinery and equipment	542
	2,516

#### 8. Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets to be held and used whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. The carrying amount of an asset or asset group is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. In that event, an impairment loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair market value of the long-lived asset or asset group.

During the third quarter of 2010, as a result of sequential declines in sales and unit volumes, the Company revised its estimates of future cash flow and earnings projections downward. In addition, as previously disclosed in the second quarter of 2010, based on communications from the Company s largest U.S. customer, the Company expects this customer to increase its self-manufacturing of conventional containers. The Company does not expect this increase to materially impact the Company s financial results in 2010. The Company expects that in 2011 this action will reduce its U.S. bottle volumes by approximately 20%-25% as compared to estimated 2010 bottle volumes. The Company anticipates an increase in preform volumes to this customer to partially offset the loss of conventional bottle volume. The change in sales mix will negatively impact the Company s results of operations and cash flows as preforms generally carry lower variable per unit profitability than bottles. Consequently, during the second and third quarters of 2010, the Company performed interim impairment tests of its U.S. long-lived asset group, including its finite-lived intangible assets. The results of the tests indicated that no impairment of long-lived assets existed at September 30, 2010 and June 30, 2010, since the sum of the undiscounted cash flows of the asset group exceeded its carrying amount. Therefore, the Company did not measure the asset groups fair value to determine whether an impairment loss should be recognized. At September 30, 2010, if projected cash flows were decreased by 15% the carrying value of the U.S. long-lived asset group would exceed the sum of the undiscounted cash flows.

## 9. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

During the second and third quarters of 2010 the Company performed interim goodwill impairment assessments since the aggregate trading value of its common stock was significantly less than the carrying value of its stockholders equity.

Since the Company adopted fresh-start accounting on May 1, 2009 through the first quarter of 2010, the Company used discounted cash flow analysis and a market multiple method to estimate the fair value of its single reporting unit. For the impairment tests performed during the second and third quarters of 2010 the Company added an additional component to the enterprise fair value estimate by including the fair value of the Company based upon quoted market prices. The Company updated its method of valuation since the Company s common stock was listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market on April 9, 2010 and the Company believed that sufficient time had elapsed and trading had occurred for the market in Constar s stock to have more fully developed. Therefore, the Company believed that quoted market prices had become an appropriate component in the estimated fair value of the Company. In the third quarter of 2010 the Company increased the weighting of the fair value based upon quoted market prices due to an increase in trading volumes with corresponding decreased weightings of the discounted cash flow analysis and a market multiple method. A discussion of the discounted cash flow and market multiple valuation methods and the underlying assumptions of these methods are presented below.

1. **Income Approach (discounted cash flow analysis)** the discounted cash flow ( DCF ) valuation method requires an estimation of future cash flows of an entity and then discounts those cash flows to their

present value using an appropriate discount rate. The discount rate selected should reflect the risks inherent in the projected cash flows. The key inputs and assumptions of the DCF method are the projected cash flows, the terminal value of the entity, and the discount rate. The Company used the Gordon Growth Model and assumed a 2.75% growth rate to estimate the terminal value of the business. Cash flows were discounted at a rate of 10.6%.

Market Approach (market multiples) this method begins with the identification of a group of peer 2. companies. Peer companies represent a group of companies in the same or similar industry as the company being valued. A valuation average multiple is then computed for the peer group based upon a valuation metric. The Company selected a ratio of enterprise value to projected earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) as an appropriate valuation multiple. Various operating performance measurements of the company being valued are then benchmarked against the peer group and a discount or premium is applied to the multiple to reflect favorable or unfavorable comparisons. The resulting multiple is then applied to the company being valued to arrive at an estimate of its total enterprise value. An equity value is derived by subtracting the fair value of interest bearing debt from the total enterprise value. A control premium is then applied to the equity value. The combined value of interest bearing debt plus an equity value including control premium equals the estimated total, or enterprise value, of the business. The Company selected 11 public companies in the packaging industry as its peer group. The Company calculated for the peer group an average multiple of 2010 projected EBITDA and a multiple of projected 2011 EBITDA. The peer group average multiples were then discounted based upon an unfavorable comparison of the Company s historical growth and profit margins as compared to the peer group. The result was a market multiple of 5.2 for 2010 and a market multiple of 4.7 for 2011. Weightings of 80% and 20% were assigned to the 2010 and 2011 valuation multiples, respectively. The Company used quoted market prices to determine the fair value of its debt. No control premium was assumed to determine the Company s equity value.

The Company reviewed the assumptions and results of the valuation described above and concluded that the estimated fair value of its reporting unit was reasonable when compared to the market capitalization of the Company. The determination of estimated fair value requires the exercise of judgment and is highly sensitive to the Company s assumptions. The following table provides a summary of the impact that changes in the significant assumptions used would have on the estimated fair value of the Company s reporting unit as of September 30, 2010.

Valuation Method	Assumption	Assumed Change	mil Dec H	(In llions) crease in Fair falue
	Projected cash			
Discounted cash flow	flows	10% decrease	\$	(9.6)
	Terminal year	100 basis point		
Discounted cash flow	growth rate	decrease	\$	(1.0)
		100 basis point		
Discounted cash flow	Discount rate	increase	\$	(4.7)
	Projected cash			
Market approach	flows	10% decrease	\$	(4.0)
		20% discount to peer		
Market approach	Market multiple	average	\$	(4.4)
Based upon the analyses performed during the secon	d and third quarters of 20	)10, the Company failed St	ep 1 of	the

Based upon the analyses performed during the second and third quarters of 2010, the Company failed Step 1 of the interim goodwill impairment tests. The change in the fair value of the Company s single reporting unit that caused the Company to fail Step 1 was predominately attributable to lower actual and projected cash flows. Consequently, the Company performed hypothetical purchase price allocations to determine the amount of goodwill impairment. The primary adjustments from book values to the fair values used in the hypothetical purchase price allocation were to property, plant and equipment, amortizable intangible assets, long-term debt and pension and postretirement liabilities.

The adjustments to measure the assets and liabilities at fair value were for the purpose of measuring the implied fair value of goodwill. The adjustments are not reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The second step of the goodwill impairment test performed during the second and third quarters of 2010 resulted in implied fair values of \$86.2 million and \$73.3 million, respectively, and therefore the Company recognized pre-tax impairment charges of \$12.9 million and \$45.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. If the Company s fair value continues to decline in the future, the Company may experience additional material impairment charges to the carrying amount of its goodwill. A small negative change in the assumptions used in the valuation, particularly the projected cash flows, the discount rate, the terminal year growth rate, and the market multiple assumptions could significantly affect the results of the impairment analysis. Recognition of impairment of a significant portion of goodwill would negatively affect the Company s reported results of operations and total capitalization, the effect of which could be material. Further, if additional impairment charges are recorded in the future that result in a decline in stockholder s equity below \$2.5 million the Company s common stock would be delisted from the NASDAQ Capital Market, which could negatively impact the market value and liquidity of the Company s common stock and the Company s ability to access the capital markets.

The following table presents a summary of the activity related to the carrying value of goodwill:

	Successor						Pr	edecessor Four
	Nine Months Five Montl Ended Ended September Septembe			Ended	s May 1, 2009 Fresh-start			Months Ended
		30,		30,		ccounting	A	April 30,
(In thousands)		2010		2009	Ad	justments		2009
Beginning balance: Goodwill Accumulated impairment losses	\$	118,682	\$	117,313	\$	381,872 (233,059)	\$	381,872 (233,059)
Fresh-start accounting adjustments, net		118,682		117,313		148,813 (31,500)		148,813
Impairment charges Ending balance:		(45,400)						
Goodwill Accumulated impairment losses		118,682 (45,400)		117,313		117,313		381,872 (233,059)
	\$	73,282	\$	117,313	\$	117,313	\$	148,813

During the third quarter of 2010, as a result of sequential declines in sales and unit volumes the Company revised its estimates of future cash flow and earnings projections downward. In addition, as previously disclosed in the second quarter of 2010, the Company expects its largest U.S. customer to increase its self-manufacturing of conventional containers. The Company does not expect this increase to materially impact the Company s financial results in 2010. The Company expects that in 2011 this action will reduce its U.S. bottle volumes by approximately 20%-25% as compared to estimated 2010 bottle volumes. The Company anticipates an increase in preform volumes to this customer to partially offset the loss of conventional bottle volume. The change in sales mix will negatively impact the Company s results of operations and cash flows as preforms generally carry lower variable per unit profitability than bottles. Consequently, during the second and third quarters of 2010 the Company performed interim impairment tests of its indefinite-lived intangible asset, consisting exclusively of its trade name. An impairment of the carrying value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is recognized whenever its carrying value exceeds its fair value. The amount of impairment recognized is the difference between the carrying value of the asset and its fair value. The amount of impairment recognized is the difference between the carrying value of the asset and its fair value. The amount of impairment recognized is the difference between the carrying value of the asset and its fair value. The amount of is approach treats the trade name as if it were licensed by the Company rather than owned, and calculates its value based on the discounted cash flow of the projected license payments. The

relief-from-royalty method is the same method the Company employed in prior periods and the method employed to initially value the trade name upon the adoption of fresh-start accounting on May 1, 2009. Fair value estimates are based on assumptions concerning the amount and timing of estimated future cash flows and assumed discount and growth rates, reflecting varying degrees of perceived risk. Significant estimates and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the Company s trade name were internal sales projections, a long-term growth rate of 2.75%, and a discount rate of 13.9%. Based on these evaluations the Company recorded impairment charges related to its trade name intangible asset of \$1.3 million and \$6.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. These impairment charges are included within operating expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations.

The following table presents a summary of the carrying value of indefinite-lived intangible assets:

	S	Successor					
	September						
(In thousands)	30, 2010	]	December 31, 2009				
Trade name Accumulated impairment losses	25,500 (10,400		25,500 (4,000)				
Total	\$ 15,100	9	5 21,500				

The following table presents a summary of finite-lived intangible assets:

		Successor								
		S	September 30, 2010 December 31							
	Estimated	Gross			Gross					
				Net			Net			
	Life	Carrying	Accumulated	nulated Book		Accumulated	Book			
	(in									
(In thousands)	years)	Amount	Amortization	Value	Amount	Amortization	Value			
Technology	4 to 12	\$ 9,700	\$ (1,712)	\$ 7,988	\$ 9,700	\$ (805)	\$ 8,895			
Leasehold interests	4	1,204	(426)	778	1,204	(201)	1,003			
Total		\$ 10,904	\$ (2,138)	\$ 8,766	\$10,904	\$ (1,006)	\$ 9,898			

Amortization expense was \$377 and \$1,132 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively, and \$376 and \$628 for the three and five months ended September 30, 2009, respectively. Amortization expense is included within cost of goods sold in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. The following table summarizes the expected amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets:

(In thousands)	
Three months ended December 31, 2010	\$ 378
2011	1,509
2012	1,509
2013	909
2014	608
After 2014	3,853
	\$ 8,766

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#### 10. Debt

	Successor							
(In thousands)	Se	ptember 30, 2010	Dec	ember 31, 2009				
Short-term debt: GE Credit Agreement ING Credit Agreements	\$	6,394 3,960	\$	5 000				
Exit Facility Total short-term debt	\$	10,354	\$	5,000 5,000				
Long-term debt: Secured Notes	\$	184,717	\$	167,919				

At September 30, 2010, there were \$4.1 million in letters of credit outstanding under the Company s current credit agreement and at December 31, 2009, there were \$4.0 million in letters of credit outstanding under the Company s previous credit agreement.

On February 11, 2010, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility with General Electric Capital Corporation (Agent) and terminated its previous credit agreement. On August 12, 2010 the Company entered into an amended credit agreement with the Agent (as amended, the GE Credit Agreement) that included changes to certain terms, covenants, applicable interest rate margins and the sublimit for letters of credit.

The following discussion is not a complete description of the GE Credit Agreement or its recent amendment. The amendment is filed as an exhibit to the Company s 2010 second quarter Form 10-Q filed on August 16, 2010, and the original agreement was filed with Form 8-K on February 17, 2010.

The GE Credit Agreement provides for up to \$75.0 million of available credit, with a sublimit of up to \$20.0 million for the issuance of letters of credit. Available credit under the GE Credit Agreement is limited to a borrowing base consisting of the sum of:

- (a) Up to 85% of the dollar equivalent of the book value of eligible accounts receivable; plus
- (b) subject to certain limitations, the lesser of (i) 65% of the dollar equivalent of the book value of eligible inventory valued at the lower of cost on a first-in, first-out basis or market, and (ii) up to 85% of the dollar equivalent of the book value of the net orderly liquidation value of eligible inventory; minus
- (c) \$5.0 million; minus
- (d) such reserves as the Agent may from time to time establish in its discretion in connection with hedging arrangements; minus
- (e) such reserves as the Agent may from time to time establish in its discretion.

As of September 30, 2010 the Company s borrowing base under the GE Credit Agreement was \$45.2 million and its excess availability was \$21.9 million. For the period from October 1, 2010 to November 12, 2010 excess availability ranged between \$11.0 million and \$23.3 million but at no time did it fall below \$12.5 million for five consecutive days.

Largely driven by declining sales volumes, a lower borrowing base due to the seasonal nature of the Company s working capital levels, and certain vendors requiring the Company to pay for purchases in advance or upon delivery, the Company expects that liquidity will remain constrained at least through the first half of 2011 when the Company

expects the amount of accounts receivable and inventory levels to increase as the Company begins to enter its traditionally higher seasonal sales period. The Company currently projects that it will have adequate liquidity through the next 12 months. A shortfall in actual trailing twelve month EBITDA of approximately 5% as compared to the Company s projections would cause the Company to not meet its debt covenants during this period. The Company s projected available credit may be impacted by, among other things, unit volume changes (including the

expected increase in self-manufacturing by the Company s largest customer as discussed in Note 8 Impairment of Long-Lived Assets ), resin price changes, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, working capital changes, vendor demands for letters of credit, changes in product mix, factors impacting the value of the borrowing base, and other factors such as those disclosed in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -Overview . Customers and suppliers who are not under contract may seek to change the terms of their respective economic relationships with the Company. If such a change is material, it could reduce or eliminate the Company s projected liquidity. Should such a material change occur, the Company would have to seek other forms of financing and there can be no assurance that such financing would be available on satisfactory terms or at all. If the Company is not successful in any or all of these actions, the Company would have to seek protection under the federal bankruptcy laws.

The GE Credit Agreement s scheduled expiration date is February 11, 2013. However, the GE Credit Agreement may terminate earlier if the Company s \$220 million of Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes (the Secured Notes) are not refinanced at least 90 days prior to their scheduled due date of February 15, 2012, or in the case of an event of default. The Company will pay monthly a commitment fee equal to 0.75% per year on the undrawn portion of the GE Credit Agreement. Loans will bear interest, at the option of the Company, at one of the following rates: (i) a fluctuating base rate of not less than 3.5% plus a margin ranging from 2.75% to 3.25% per year, or (ii) a fluctuating LIBOR base rate of not less than 2.5% plus a margin ranging from 3.75% to 4.25% per year. The interest rate at September 30, 2010 was 6.5%. Letters of credit carry an issuance fee of 0.25% per annum of the outstanding amount and a monthly fee accruing at a rate per year of 4% of the average daily amount outstanding.

The Company, its U.S. subsidiaries and its U.K. subsidiary jointly and severally guarantee the obligations under the GE Credit Agreement. Collateral securing the obligations under the GE Credit Agreement consists of all of the stock of the Company s domestic subsidiaries and United Kingdom subsidiary, 65% of the stock of the Company s other foreign subsidiaries and all of the inventory, accounts receivable, investment property, instruments, chattel paper, documents, deposit accounts and certain intangibles of the Company and its domestic subsidiaries and United Kingdom subsidiary.

The GE Credit Agreement contains certain financial covenants that include limitations on yearly capital expenditures, available credit and a minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, as defined in the GE Credit agreement. The GE Credit Agreement contains other customary covenants and events of default. If an event of default should occur and be continuing, the Agent may, among other things, accelerate the maturity of the GE Credit Agreement. The GE Credit Agreement also contains cross-default provisions if there is an event of default under the Secured Notes that has occurred or is continuing. The Company was in compliance with the covenants of the GE Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2010.

Under the GE Credit Agreement, if the amount of available credit less all outstanding loans and letters of credit is less than \$12.5 million for any period of five consecutive business days during any fiscal month or less than \$7.5 million at any time, the Company is required to maintain a minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of 1.0:1.0. The minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is defined as consolidated EBITDA (which is an adjusted measure of earnings defined in the GE Credit Agreement) divided by the sum of interest expense (excluding non-cash accretion of interest on the Secured Notes), cash capital expenditures net of cash proceeds from the disposition of capital assets, scheduled payments of principal, income taxes paid in cash, and cash dividends and other equity distributions calculated on a trailing twelve month basis as of the last day of the then immediately preceding fiscal month.

Based upon its most recent earnings and financial projections, the Company expects to be in compliance with its debt covenants during 2010. The Company s projected available credit will likely fall below \$12.5 million for five consecutive business day periods in the fourth quarter of 2010, however, the minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is expected to remain narrowly above 1:0 to 1:0 during this period. In response, the Company has begun to delay certain capital expenditures, reduce inventories, and institute cost reduction initiatives (see Note 24 Subsequent Events ). If the Company does not meet its projections and the actions described above are not sufficient to maintain the Company s compliance with its debt covenants, the Company would seek a waiver of the covenants or alternative financing. There can be no assurance that such actions would be successful. If the Company is not successful in any or all of these actions, the Company would have to seek protection under the federal bankruptcy laws.

On April 29, 2010, Constar International Holland (Plastics) B.V. (Constar Holland), which is an indirect subsidiary of the Company organized under the laws of the Netherlands, entered into a receivables financing agreement and an inventory financing agreement (the ING Credit Agreements) with ING Commercial Finance B.V., a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands (Lender).

The receivables financing agreement provides for advances of up to 85% (subject to certain exclusions and limitations) of the face amount of Constar Holland s approved receivables. The inventory financing agreement provides for advances of up to 50% (subject to certain exclusions and limitations) of the acquisition cost of Constar Holland s raw materials in inventory, including a margin for overhead.

The actual amount of financing available under the ING Credit Agreements will fluctuate from time to time because it depends on inventory and accounts receivable values that can fluctuate and is subject to limitations and exclusions that the Lender may impose in its discretion and other limitations. At September 30, 2010 the Company had borrowed \$4.0 million, the maximum amount then available under the ING Credit Agreements. Although the amount of financing available under the ING Credit Agreements will fluctuate as described above, the Company does not anticipate borrowing in excess of \$5 million because this would require ING to accede to a subordination agreement in favor of the Agent of the GE Credit Agreement.

Advances under each ING Credit Agreement bear interest at EURIBOR plus 2% per year and a credit commission of 1/24% per month. A turnover commission of 0.20% is also applicable to the receivables financing agreement. The initial duration of each ING Credit Agreement is for two years. At the end of this period, the ING Credit Agreements automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless at least 90 days notice of earlier termination is given by either party. In addition, the ING Credit Agreements may terminate earlier in the case of an event of default. If Constar Holland terminates the ING Credit Agreements early (other than as a result of certain changes to the terms made by the Lender), or there is a termination due to an event of default, Constar Holland must pay the total amount of interest and commissions that the Lender would have received if the ING Credit Agreements had continued for the remaining agreed upon term.

Constar Holland s obligations under the financing agreements are secured by its receivables and inventory and related rights.

The ING Credit Agreements and related agreements with the Lender contain covenants, representations and warranties and events of default. Events of default include, but are not limited to:

a dividend or other distribution from Constar Holland causing its equity capital to amount to less than 35% of total assets;

a breach of a covenant, representation, warranty or certification made in connection with an ING Credit Agreement, including a default in the payment of any amount due under the ING Credit Agreements;

a default or acceleration with respect to financing or guarantee agreements of Constar Holland of more than 50,000 or the occurrence of certain insolvency events; and

Constar Holland becoming subject to certain judgments.

If an event of default shall occur and be continuing under an ING Credit Agreement, the Lender may, among other things, accelerate the maturity of the ING Credit Agreements.

The Company's outstanding long-term debt at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, consisted of \$220.0 million face value of Secured Notes due February 15, 2012. The Secured Notes bear interest at the rate of three-month LIBOR plus 3.375% per annum. Interest on the Secured Notes is reset and payable quarterly on each February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. In 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap for a notional amount of \$100 million under which the Company exchanged its floating interest rate for a fixed rate of 7.9%. On February 11, 2010, the counterparty to the interest rate swap novated its rights under the swap agreement to a third party. The fixed payment of the swap agreement was also modified from the previous fixed rate of 7.9% to a new fixed rate of 8.17%. The interest rate swap agreement terminates on February 15, 2012. The Company may redeem some or all of the Secured Notes. The indenture governing the Secured Notes contains provisions that require the Company to make mandatory offers to purchase outstanding Secured Notes in connection with a change in control, asset sales and events of loss. The Secured Notes are guaranteed by all of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries and

its U.K. subsidiary. Substantially all of the Company s property, plant, and equipment are pledged as collateral for the Secured Notes.

Upon the adoption of fresh-start accounting, the Company adjusted the carrying value of its Secured Notes to fair value of \$154.3 million based upon their quoted market price at April 30, 2009; however, the total amount due at maturity remains \$220.0 million. The Company currently expects to record accretion expense of approximately \$6.0 million for the remainder of 2010, \$25.8 million in 2011 and \$3.5 million in 2012. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded accretion expense of \$5.8 million, respectively. For the three and five months ended September 30, 2009 the Company recorded accretion expense of \$5.1 million and \$8.4 million, respectively. Accretion expense is included in interest expense in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

There are no financial covenants related to the Secured Notes. The Secured Notes contain certain non-financial covenants that, among other things, restrict the Company s ability to incur indebtedness, create liens, sell assets, and enter into transactions with affiliates. The Company was in compliance with these covenants at September 30, 2010. If an event of default shall occur and be continuing under the indenture, including without limitation as a result of the acceleration of indebtedness under the GE Credit Agreement upon an event of default, either the trustee or holders of a specified percentage of the applicable notes may accelerate the maturity of such notes.

As previously disclosed, the Company does not anticipate generating sufficient funds to repay the Secured Notes. The Company has retained a financial advisor to assist in exploring strategic alternatives, which may include, among other things, exchanging the Secured Notes for equity and/or new debt, a negotiated or bankruptcy court supervised restructuring, or a sale of the Company or specific assets. Any such transaction could cause substantial dilution to, or cancellation or delisting of, the Company s common stock. The Company is currently engaged in discussions with holders of the Company s Secured Notes regarding these alternatives. While the current focus of such discussions is a debt for equity exchange, there can be no assurance that any particular alternative will be available or, if available, the timing or ultimate terms. The Company s interim financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts nor the amounts and reclassifications of liabilities that may result from such actions.

#### 11. Restructuring

On October 10, 2008, the Company executed a four-year cold fill supply agreement effective January 1, 2009, (the New Agreement ) with Pepsi-Cola Advertising and Marketing, Inc. (Pepsi). Under the terms of the New Agreement, the Company anticipated approximately a 30% reduction in volume in 2009. Therefore, in conjunction with the signing of the New Agreement, on October 10, 2008 a committee of the Company s Board of Directors approved a plan of restructuring to reduce the Company s manufacturing overhead cost structure that involved the closure of three U.S. manufacturing facilities and a reduction of operations in three other U.S. manufacturing facilities. In addition, as a result of previously disclosed customer losses and a strategic decision to exit the limited extrusion blow-molding business, the Company closed its manufacturing facility in Houston, Texas in May 2008. These restructuring actions were completed in the third quarter of 2010.

In connection with the restructuring actions described above, the Company incurred total charges of \$13.3 million. The total charges included (i) \$4.1 million related to costs to exit facilities, (ii) \$1.5 million related to employee severance and other termination benefits, and (iii) approximately \$7.7 million of accelerated depreciation and other non-cash charges.

In November of 2007, the Company terminated its agreement for the supply of bottles and preforms with its supplier in Salt Lake City. As a result, the Company recorded restructuring charges for costs to remove its equipment from this location and for severance benefits that will be paid to terminated personnel. The Company did not incur any restructuring expenditures during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 related to the Salt Lake City shut-down.

In addition to the actions described above, on October 6, 2010, the Company s Board of Directors approved a plan to consolidate the Company s plant operations by closing its Orlando, Florida and Kansas City, Kansas facilities, as well as taking salaried headcount reductions in its corporate ranks. See Note 24 Subsequent Events for further details. The following table presents a summary of the restructuring reserve activity:

	2007 Plan Severance and Termination			2008	Plans			
			Contract and Lease Termination		Other			
(In thousands)	Ben	nefits	(	Costs	(	Costs	r	Fotal
Balance, January 1, 2010 (Successor)	\$	14	\$	46	\$	329	\$	389
Charges to income				334		370		704
Payments				(380)		(602)		(982)
Balance, September 30, 2010 (Successor)	\$	14	\$		\$	97	\$	111

## 12. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is subject to lawsuits and claims in the normal course of business and related to businesses operated by predecessor corporations. Management believes that the ultimate liabilities resulting from these lawsuits and claims will not materially impact its results of operations or financial position.

Certain judgments against the Company would constitute an event of default under its debt agreements.

Constar has been identified by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a potentially responsible party at two adjacent sites in Wisconsin and agreed to share in the remediation costs with one other party. Remediation is ongoing at these sites. Constar has also been identified as a potentially responsible party at the Bush Valley Landfill site in Abingdon, Maryland and entered into a settlement agreement with the EPA in July 1997. The activities required under that agreement are ongoing. Constar s share of the remediation costs at both sites has been minimal thus far and no accrual has been recorded for future remediation at these sites.

The Company s Netherlands facility has been identified as impacting soil and groundwater from volatile organic compounds at concentrations that exceed those permissible under Dutch law. The main body of the groundwater plume is beneath the Netherlands facility but it also appears to extend from an up gradient neighboring property. The Company commenced trial remediation in 2007. The Company records an environmental liability on an undiscounted basis when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the liability is reasonably estimable. The reserve established by the Company for estimated costs associated with completing the required remediation activities was \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. As more information becomes available relating to what additional actions may be required at the site, this accrual may be adjusted as necessary, to reflect the new information. There are no accruals for other environmental matters.

Environmental exposures are difficult to assess for numerous reasons, including the identification of new sites, advances in technology, changes in environmental laws and regulations and their application, the scarcity of reliable data pertaining to identified sites, the difficulty in assessing the involvement and financial capability of other potentially responsible parties and the time periods over which site remediation occurs. It is possible that some of these matters, the outcomes of which are subject to various uncertainties, may be decided in a manner unfavorable to Constar. However, management does not believe that any unfavorable decision with respect to these identified sites will have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial position, cash flows or results of operations. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded revenue of \$0.9 million as a result of the settlement of a dispute with a former customer.

# 13. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The components of other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the following:

	Successor									
		e Months E tember 30, 2		Three Months Ended September 30, 2009						
		Tax			Tax					
	Pre-tax	(Expense) After-tax Pre-tax (Expense				After-tax				
(In thousands)	Amount	Benefit	Amount	Amount	Benefit	Amount				
Net loss			\$ (24,445)			\$ (10,206)				
Other comprehensive income (loss):										
Pension curtailment	4		4							
Pension remeasurement	(1)		(1)							
Pension and postretirement amortization	(16)	6	(10)							
Cash-flow hedge	(95)	37	(58)	(344)	104	(240)				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,298		1,298	1,042		1,042				
Total other comprehensive income	1,190	43	1,233	698	104	802				
Comprehensive loss			\$ (23,212)			\$ (9,404)				

			Predecessor						
	Nine Months End September 30, 20 Tax						Four Months Ended April 30, 2009 Tax		
	Pre-tax(		After-tax	Pre-tax		After-tax	Pre-tax(Expense	e)After-tax	
(In thousands)	Amount	Benefit	Amount	Amount	Benefit	Amount	Amount Benefit		
Net income (loss)			\$ (73,711)			\$ (7,554)		\$ 110,198	
Other comprehensive income (loss):									
Pension curtailment	617		617						
Pension remeasurement	(127)		(127)						
Pension and postretirement									
amortization	(46)	18	(28)				1,919	1,919	
Cash-flow hedge	(794)	306	(488)	391	(153)	238	951	951	
Foreign currency translation			(500)	550		550	(1.12.4)	(1.12.4)	
adjustments	(529)		(529)	553		553	(1,134)	(1,134)	
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(879)	324	(555)	944	(153)	791	1,736	1,736	
	(017)	021	(000)	2	(100)	171	1,700	1,700	
Comprehensive income (loss)			\$ (74,266)			\$ (6,763)		\$ 111,934	

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of the following:

Successor

	September						
	30,	December 31,					
(In thousands)	2010		2009				
Pension and post-retirement liabilities, net of tax	\$ (1,998)	\$	(2,460)				
Cash-flow hedge, net of tax	174		662				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(500)		29				
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (2,324)	\$	(1,769)				

## 14. Stock-Based Compensation

There have been no awards issued for the nine months ended September 30, 2010. The Predecessor Company maintained stock-based incentive compensation plans for its employees and stock-based compensation plans for directors. All outstanding equity awards of the Predecessor were cancelled upon the Company s emergence from bankruptcy.

The following table summarizes total stock-based compensation expense included in the Predecessor s consolidated statements of operations:

(In thousands)	Predecessor Four Months Ended April 30, 2009			
Restricted stock	\$ 597			
Restricted stock units	(6)			
	\$ 591			

#### 15. Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share

Basic earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings (loss) per common share ( Diluted EPS ) is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period after giving effect to all potentially dilutive securities outstanding during the period.

The Predecessor Company s potentially dilutive securities consisted of potential common shares related to restricted stock awards. Diluted EPS includes the impact of potentially dilutive securities except in periods in which there is a loss from continuing operations because the inclusion of the potential common shares would be anti-dilutive. There were no potentially dilutive securities issued or outstanding for any period presented.

## **16. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits**

## **Pension Benefits**

The components of net periodic pension expense were as follows:

	Successor											
	Three Months Ended						Three Months Ended					
(In thousands)	Ser U.S.		ptember 30, 2 Europe		Total		Sej U.S.		ptember 30, 20 Europe		009 Total	
Service cost	\$	159	\$	60	\$	219	\$	133	\$	128	\$	261
Interest cost		1,304		181		1,485		1,352		152		1,504
Expected return on plan assets		(1,361)		(185)		(1,546)		(1,136)		(139)		(1,275)
Total pension expense	\$	102	\$	56	\$	158	\$	349	\$	141	\$	490

	Successor							Predecessor				
	Nine 1	Inded	<b>Five</b>	Months E	Inded	Four Months Ended						
	Septe	September 30, 2010 September 30, 2009						April 30, 2009				
(In thousands)	U.S.	Europe	Total	U.S.	Europe	Total	U.S.	Europe	Total			
Service cost	\$ 478	\$ 267	\$ 745	\$ 222	\$ 222	\$ 444	\$ 207	\$ 168	\$ 375			
Interest cost	3,910	539	4,449	2,253	265	2,518	1,752	171	1,923			
Expected return on plan												
assets	(4,083)	(548)	(4,631)	(1,893)	(243)	(2,136)	(1,504)	(168)	(1,672)			
Amortization of net loss	1		1				1,585	106	1,691			
Amortization of prior service cost							18	(12)	6			

Total pension expense	\$	306	\$	258 \$	564	\$	582 \$	24	4 \$	826	\$ 2,058	\$	265	\$ 2,323	
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During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, due to a freeze in plan benefits the Company recorded a curtailment adjustment to its U.K. pension plan liability. The curtailment resulted in a decrease in the benefit obligation and an increase in accumulated other comprehensive income of \$0.6 million. The Company estimates that its expected total contributions to its pension plans for 2010 will be approximately

\$4.0 million of which \$2.9 million was paid during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

#### **Other Postretirement Benefits**

The components of other postretirement benefits expense were as follows:

	Successor				
	Three Month Ended Septemb	s I	Three Me Ende		
(In thousands)	30, 201		September 3	30, 2009	
Interest cost Amortization of net (gain) loss		64 16)	\$	87	
Total other postretirement benefits expense	\$	48	\$	87	

	Successor				Predecessor		
(In thousands)	Mo En Septe	ine onths oded ember 2010	-	Five Months Ended eptember 30 2009	~	Four Mo Ende April 30,	d
Interest cost Amortization of net (gain) loss Amortization of prior service cost	\$	191 (47)	\$	1	145	\$	109 261 (102)
Total other postretirement benefits expense	\$	144	\$	1	145	\$	268

#### 17. Income Taxes

For interim reporting periods the Company estimates the effective tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year and uses that rate to determine its provision for income taxes. The Company also recognizes the tax impact of certain discrete (unusual or infrequently occurring) items, including changes in judgment about valuation allowances, changes in judgment regarding uncertain tax positions, and effects of changes in tax laws or rates, in the interim period in which they occur.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 the effective tax rate differed from the federal statutory rate primarily due to the non-deductible goodwill impairment charge, state taxes, and changes in the valuation allowances. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009 the difference is mainly due to non-deductible costs related to the Company s bankruptcy proceedings.

Income tax (expense) benefit was \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and \$3.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. Income tax (expense) benefit was \$13.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$(33.4) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (\$(37.8) million for the four months ended April 30, 2009 and \$4.4 million for the five months ended September 30, 2009). The Company has a net deferred tax liability at September 30, 2010 of \$10.9 million principally in relation to the excess of the basis of its assets pursuant to fresh-start accounting over their historic tax bases.

The Company is in discussions with the Italian tax authorities regarding the tax returns filed by the Company s Italian subsidiary for fiscal years 2002-2004. The Company estimates its maximum exposure, including interest and penalties, at approximately \$3.2 million. The Company intends to defend against this matter vigorously. The Company has commenced proceedings to wind up its Italian subsidiary.

Total unrecognized income tax benefits as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and are included in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. In addition, the Company had accrued approximately \$0.2 million for estimated penalties and interest on uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. Substantially all of the unrecognized income tax benefits and related estimated penalties and interest relate to the Company s discontinued operation in Italy. The Company believes that it has adequately provided for any reasonably foreseeable resolution of any tax disputes, but will adjust its reserves as events require. The Company believes it is reasonably possible that the tax matters related to its discontinued operation will be settled in the next twelve months. The settlement amount may differ materially from the Company s current estimate. To the extent that the ultimate results differ from the original or adjusted estimates of the Company, the effect will be recorded in the provision for income taxes.

#### **18. Derivative Financial Instruments**

The Company may enter into a derivative instrument by approval of the Company s executive management based on guidelines established by the Company s Board of Directors or a duly authorized Board committee. The primary risk managed by using derivative instruments is interest rate risk. Market and credit risks associated with derivative instruments are regularly reviewed by the Company s executive management.

In 2005, an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$100 million was entered into to manage interest rate risk associated with the Company s variable-rate debt. The objective and strategy for undertaking this interest rate swap was to hedge the Company s exposure to variability in expected future cash flows as a result of the floating interest rate associated with the Secured Notes. By entering into the interest rate swap agreement, the Company effectively exchanged a floating interest rate of LIBOR plus 3.375% for a fixed interest rate of 7.9% over the remaining term of the underlying notes. On February 11, 2010, the counterparty to the Company s interest rate swap agreement novated its rights under the swap agreement to a third party and the fixed interest rate payment of the interest rate of 8.17%. The Company accounted for the novation as a termination of the original interest rate swap agreement and for accounting purposes the original hedging relationship was discontinued.

When a cash flow hedge is discontinued, gains or losses that are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income are reclassified to earnings in the period the forecasted transaction impacts earnings. To the extent that a forecasted transaction is considered not probable of occurring, then reclassification of deferred gains or losses into earnings is recorded immediately. The Company reclassified \$0.1 million of accumulated other comprehensive income related to the interest rate swap into earnings related to forecasted interest payments no longer considered probable of occurring. The reclassification adjustments resulted in a decrease to interest expense for the period. The Company expects to record reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss to earnings within the next twelve months in the amount of \$0.3 million.

The new interest rate swap agreement was designated as a cash flow hedge. As a result, the effective portion of the change in fair value of the interest rate swap is reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same periods during which the hedged transactions affect earnings. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap that represent hedge ineffectiveness are recognized in earnings immediately. The fair value of derivative contracts is summarized in the following table:

	Successor Derivative Liabilities						
(In thousands)	Balance Fai			ir Value			
	September						
Derivatives designated as	Sheet		30,	Dece	mber 31,		
hedging instruments	Location		2010	2009			
	Other						
Interest rate swap	liabilities	\$	6,032	\$	6,485		

The effect of derivative contracts on the statement of operations and on accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is summarized in the following tables:

		Success	or	
	Three 1	Months Ended Se	ptember 3	0, 2010
	Amount	Amount of		
	of	Pre-tax		
	Gain or	Gain or	Am	ount of
	(Loss)	(Loss)	Pi	re-tax
	Recognized	Reclassified		
	in OCI	from	Gain	or (Loss)
	on		Reco	gnized in
(In thousands)	Derivative,	Accumulated	In	come
	Net of	<b>OCI</b> into		
Derivatives in cash flow	Tax	Income	on D	erivative
	(Effective	(Effective	(Ine	ffective
hedging relationships	Portion)	Portion) (a)	Port	tion) (a)
Interest rate swaps	\$	\$	\$	456

Thre	e Months E	ccessor Inded Septe 2009	ember 30,
	ount of in or	Amo	ount of e-tax
(I Reco	Loss) Ognized OCI	Recla	or (Loss) assified com
Deri Net	on Derivative, Net of Tax (Effective		nulated to Income fective ton) (a)
\$	(240)	\$	816

	Succes	sor
Nine N	Ionths Ended S	September 30, 2010
Amount	Amount of	
of	Pre-tax	
Gain or	Gain or	Amount of
(Loss)	(Loss)	<b>Pre-tax</b>
Recognized	Reclassified	
in OCI	from	Gain or (Loss)
on		<b>Recognized in</b>
Derivative,	Accumulated	Income

(In thousands) Derivatives in cash flow

# hedging relationships

Interest rate swaps

(In thousands)

Derivatives in cash flow	Net of Tax (Effective	OCI into Income (Effective		on Derivative (Ineffective		
hedging relationships	Portion)		ion) (a)		tion) (a)	
Interest rate swaps	\$	\$	116	\$	883	

(In thousands) Derivatives in cash flow hedging relationships	Recognized Deriv Net of Tax		Gain or (Loss) d in OCI on vative, x (Effective tion) Predecessor Four Months Ended April 30, 2009		(Lo Reclassif Accumul into Incom Portio Successor Five Months Ended September		re-tax Gain or oss) fied from lated OCI le (Effective on) (a) Predecessor Four Months Ended April 30,	
Interest rate swap	\$	238	\$	951	\$	<b>, 2009</b> 1,115	\$	2 <b>009</b> 974
(a) Amounts are included in interest expense on the								

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#### **19. Fair Value Measurements**

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized in the following tables by the type of inputs applicable to the fair value measurements.

	Successor September 30, 2010 Significant						
	Quoted	Significant Other Observable	Unobservable	Total			
	Prices	Inputs	Inputs	Fair			
(In thousands)	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Value			
Liabilities							
Interest rate swap	\$	\$ 6,032	\$	\$ 6,03	32		

		Succe	ssor	
		December	31, 2009	
			Significant	
	Quoted	Significant Other	Unobservable	Total
		Observable		
	Prices	Inputs	Inputs	Fair
(In thousands)	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Value
Liabilities				
Interest rate swap	\$	\$ 6,485	\$	\$ 6,485

The fair value measurement of the Company s interest rate swap is a model-derived valuation as of a given date in which all significant inputs are observable in active markets including certain financial information and certain assumptions regarding past, present and future market conditions, such as LIBOR yield curves. The Company does not believe that changes in the fair value of its interest rate swap will materially differ from the amounts that could be realized upon settlement or maturity.

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt approximate fair value. The fair value of debt is based on quoted market prices. The following table presents the estimated fair value of the Company s long-term debt:

	Successor						
	September	r <b>30, 2010</b>	December 31, 2009				
(In thousands)	Carrying		Carrying				
Asset (liability)	Amount	Fair Value	Amount	Fair Value			
Senior Notes	(184,717)	(188,100)	(167,919)	(182,050)			
The following table presents assets that were measu	red at fair value on	a nonrecurring b	asis during the t	hree and nine			

		Successor						
		Septembe	er 30, 2010					
		Significant						
		Other	Significant					
	Quoted	Observable	Unobservable	Total				
	Prices	Prices Inputs		Fair				
(In thousands)	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Value				

months ended September 30, 2010 by the type of inputs applicable to the fair value measurements.

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Goodwill Trade name	\$	\$	\$	73,282 15,100	\$ 73,282 15,100
	\$	\$	\$	88,382	\$ 88,382
	24	4			

As a result of the Company s interim impairment tests, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$45.4 million and \$6.4 million related to its goodwill and trade name, respectively, during the nine months ended September 30, 2010. See Note 9 Goodwill and Intangible Assets for a description of the significant assumptions regarding fair value estimates for the Company s goodwill and trade name. The Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are unobservable inputs that fall within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### 20. Other Income (Expense)

Other income (expense) consisted of the following:

	Successor								
	Three Months Ended September 30,			ee Months Ended tember 30,					
(In thousands)	20		2009						
Foreign exchange gains (losses)	\$	389	\$	(1,819)					
Royalty income		172		187					
Royalty expense		(1,497)		(185)					
Interest income		23		12					
Other income (expense)		(488)		(13)					
Other income (expense), net	\$	(1,401)	\$	(1,818)					

	Succe Nine Months Ended September			e Months Ended	Predecessor Four Months Ended		
(In thousands)	September 30, 2010		September 30, 2009		April 30, 2009		
Foreign exchange gains (losses) Royalty income	\$	(1,667) 427	\$	1,527 296	\$	1,321 418	
Royalty expense Interest income		(1,621) 50		(240) 20		(185) 12	
Other income (expense) Other income (expense), net	\$	(491) (3,302)	\$	(13) 1,590	\$	(23) 1,543	

During the three months ended September 30, 2010 the Company settled a patent dispute that resulted in royalty expense of \$1.4 million

#### 21. Supplemental Sales Information

The Company has only one operating segment and one reporting unit. The Company has operating plants in the United States and Europe.

Net sales by country were as follows:

		Successor			
	m E	Three months Ended September		ee months Ended	
	-	30,	Sep	tember 30,	
(In thousands)		2010		2009	
United States	\$	106,229	\$	121,874	
United Kingdom		30,359		31,632	
Holland		10,255		5,124	
Net sales	\$	146,843	\$	158,630	

		Suc	cesso	essor		edecessor
	Nine months Ended September		Five months Ended September			ur months Ended
	30,			30,	April 30,	
(In thousands)		2010		2009		2009
United States	\$	327,733	\$	217,127	\$	180,086
United Kingdom		86,171		54,911		33,733
Holland		25,116		8,110		3,641
Net sales	\$	439,020	\$	280,148	\$	217,460

#### 22. Discontinued Operations

In 2006, the Company closed its Italian operation due to the loss of its principal customer. Accordingly, the assets and related liabilities of the entity have been classified as assets and liabilities of discontinued operations and the results of operations of the entity have been classified as discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. The Company has commenced proceedings to wind up this entity. The following summarizes the assets and liabilities of discontinued operations:

(In thousands)	Successor September 30, December 2010 2009							
Assets of Discontinued Operations: Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$	332	\$	337				
Liabilities of Discontinued Operations: Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	108	\$	44				
Total current liabilities of discontinued operations Other liabilities		108 839		44 881				

Total liabilities of discontinued operations

\$ 947 **\$** 925

Assets of discontinued operations are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets . Total current liabilities of discontinued operations are included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities and other liabilities of discontinued operations are included in other liabilities on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following summarizes the results of operations for discontinued operations:

<i>(In thousands)</i> Net sales	M E Sep	Suc 'hree onths nded tember 30, 2010	r ree Months Ended eptember 30, 2009
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes		(120)	(28) (2)
Loss from discontinued operations	\$	(120)	\$ (30)

	Ended September 30,			Five Months Ended September 30,		Predecessor Four Months Ended April 30,		
(In thousands)	20	010	2009		2009			
Net sales	\$		\$		\$			
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes		(27)		(87) (3)		(17) (79)		
Loss from discontinued operations	\$	(27)	\$	(90)	\$	(96)		

## 23. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

Each of the Company s domestic and United Kingdom subsidiaries guarantees the Secured Notes, on a senior secured basis. Prior to the cancellation of the Senior Subordinated Notes pursuant to the Company s Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, the Company s domestic and United Kingdom subsidiaries also guaranteed the Subordinated Notes, on an unsecured senior subordinated basis. The guarantor subsidiaries are 100% owned and the guarantees are made on a joint and several basis and are full and unconditional. The following guarantor and non-guarantor condensed financial information gives effect to the guarantee of the Secured Notes by each of our domestic and United Kingdom subsidiaries. The following condensed consolidating financial statements are required in accordance with Regulation S-X Rule 3-10.

# Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet September 30, 2010 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

ASSETS		Parent		Successor Non- Reclassifications/ Guarantors Guarantors Eliminations		Guarantors				Total Company
Current Assets:	¢		¢	1 200	¢	1 102	¢		¢	2 400
Cash and cash equivalents	\$		\$	1,298	\$	1,192	\$	(242(01))	\$	2,490
Intercompany receivables				242,240		441		(242,681)		40.012
Accounts receivable, net				37,038		5,875				42,913
Inventories, net				33,767		3,686				37,453
Prepaid expenses and other										
current assets				6,969		867				7,836
Deferred taxes		533		1,440						1,973
Asset held for sale				2,516						2,516
Total current assets		533		325,268		12,061		(242,681)		95,181
Property, plant and equipment,										
net				117,875		9,543				127,418
Goodwill and intangible assets				97,148						97,148
Investment in subsidiaries		348,309		20,388				(368,697)		
Deferred income taxes		69,122		-				(69,122)		
Other assets		,		5,132		286				5,418
	¢	417.064	¢		\$		\$	(680 500)	¢	
Total assets	\$	417,964	\$	565,811	\$	21,890	Ф	(680,500)	\$	325,165
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT) Current Liabilities:										
Short-term debt	\$		\$	6,394	\$	3,960	\$		\$	10,354
Accounts payable and accrued										
liabilities		1,523		60,913		6,930				69,366
Intercompany payable Deferred income taxes		221,355		33,654		(12,328)		(242,681)		
Total current liabilities		222,878		100,961		(1,438)		(242,681)		79,720
Long-term debt Pension and postretirement		184,717								184,717
liabilities				27,271		929				28,200
Deferred income taxes				80,866		1,172		(69,122)		12,916
Other liabilities		6,032		80,800 8,404		839		(09,122)		
		0,032		0,404		007				15,275

Total liabilities	413,627	217,502	1,502	(311,803)	320,828
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders equity (deficit)	4,337	348,309	20,388	(368,697)	4,337
Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit)	\$ 417,964	\$ 565,811	\$ 21,890	\$ (680,500)	\$ 325,165
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# Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet December 31, 2009 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

ASSETS	Parent		Gı	arantors	Successor Non- tors Guarantor Eliminations		Eliminations		Total company	
Current Assets:	¢		¢	2.022	¢	4 4 77	¢		¢	2 4 ( 0
Cash and cash equivalents	\$		\$	2,022	\$	447	\$		\$	2,469
Intercompany receivables				216,779		10,821		(227,600)		
Accounts receivable, net				36,785		2,269				39,054
Inventories, net				40,284		3,774				44,058
Prepaid expenses and other										
current assets		12		7,218		666				7,896
Restricted cash				7,589						7,589
Deferred income taxes		2,098						(2,098)		
Total current assets		2,110		310,677		17,977		(229,698)		101,066
Property, plant and equipment,										
				141,521		10,005				151,526
net						10,005				
Goodwill and intangible assets		105 700		150,080				(12( (10)		150,080
Investment in subsidiaries		405,700		20,910				(426,610)		
Deferred income taxes		58,772						(58,772)		
Other assets		552		2,728		312				3,592
Total assets	\$	467,134	\$	625,916	\$	28,294	\$	(715,080)	\$	406,264
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT) Current Liabilities:										
Short-term debt	\$	5,000	\$		\$		\$		\$	5,000
Accounts payable and accrued		- )					·			- ,
liabilities		1,681		79,325		3,375				84,381
Intercompany payable		207,446		19,325		829		(227,600)		,
Deferred income taxes		207,110		3,320		02)		(2,098)		1,222
Deterred meone taxes				5,520				(2,0)0)		1,222
Total current liabilities		214,127		101,970		4,204		(229,698)		90,603
Long-term debt Pension and postretirement		167,919								167,919
liabilities				30,053		1,052				31,105
Deferred income taxes				81,056		1,032		(58,772)		23,531
Other liabilities		6,485		7,137		881		(30,772)		14,503
Omer naunnies		0,403		1,137		001				14,303

Total liabilities	388,531	220,216	7,384		(288,470)		327,661
Commitments and contingencies							
Stockholders equity (deficit)	78,603	405,700		20,910	(426,610)		78,603
Total liabilities and stockholders equity (deficit)	\$ 467,134	\$ 625,916	\$	28,294	\$ (715,080)	\$	406,264
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# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations For the three months ended September 30, 2010 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Parent	Gr	arantors	Successor Non- Guarantors Eliminatior				Total Company		
Net sales	\$		\$	136,588	\$	10,255	\$		\$	146,843	
Cost of products sold, excluding	+		+		Ŧ		Ŧ		Ŧ		
depreciation				122,809		9,334				132,143	
Depreciation and amortization				9,038		256				9,294	
Gross profit				4,741		665				5,406	
Selling and administrative											
expenses				3,872		305				4,177	
Goodwill impairment				12,900						12,900	
Impairment of intangible assets				1,300						1,300	
Research and technology											
expenses				1,531						1,531	
Provision for restructuring				67						67	
Gain on disposal of assets				(213)		(57)				(270)	
Total operating expenses				19,457		248				19,705	
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>				(14,716)		417				(14,299)	
Interest expense		(8,475)		(726)		163				(9,038)	
Other income (expense), net				(1,508)		107				(1,401)	
Income (loss) from continuing											
operations before income taxes		(8,475)		(16,950)		687				(24,738)	
(Provision for) benefit from		2 0 7 0		(2, 52, 1)		(100)				112	
income taxes		3,070		(2,531)		(126)				413	
Income (loss) from continuing											
operations		(5,405)		(19,481)		561				(24,325)	
Equity earnings		(19,040)		441				18,599			
Loss from discontinued											
operations, net of taxes						(120)				(120)	
Net income (loss)	\$	(24,445)	\$	(19,040)	\$	441	\$	18,599	\$	(24,445)	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations For the three months ended September 30, 2009 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	]	Parent	Gu	arantors	iccessor Non- arantors	Elimin	Total Eliminations Company			
Net sales	\$		\$	153,506	\$ 5,124	\$		\$	158,630	
Cost of products sold, excluding										
depreciation				136,526	4,622				141,148	
Depreciation and amortization				12,761	171				12,932	
Gross profit				4,219	331				4,550	
Selling and administrative										
expenses				4,911	(14)				4,897	
Research and technology										
expenses				1,865					1,865	
Provision for restructuring				816					816	
Gain on disposal of assets				(223)					(223)	
Total operating expenses				7,369	(14)				7,355	
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>				(3,150)	345				(2,805)	
Interest expense		(8,606)		(158)	158				(8,606)	
Reorganization items, net		866		(1,370)					(504)	
Other income (expense), net				(1,855)	37				(1,818)	
Income (loss) from continuing										
operations before income taxes		(7,740)		(6,533)	540				(13,733)	
(Provision for) benefit from					(= 0)					
income taxes		5,790		(2,154)	(79)				3,557	
Income (loss) from continuing										
operations		(1,950)		(8,687)	461				(10,176)	
Equity earnings		(8,256)		431			7,825			
Loss from discontinued										
operations, net of taxes					(30)				(30)	
Net income (loss)	\$	(10,206)	\$	(8,256)	\$ 431	\$	7,825	\$	(10,206)	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent	Gı	iarantors	uccessor Non- arantors	nations	Total s Company			
Net sales	\$	\$	413,904	\$ 25,116	\$		\$	439,020	
Cost of products sold, excluding									
depreciation			371,719	23,552				395,271	
Depreciation and amortization			27,199	649				27,848	
Gross profit			14,986	915				15,901	
Selling and administrative									
expenses			15,618	670				16,288	
Goodwill impairment			45,400					45,400	
Impairment of intangible assets Research and technology			6,400					6,400	
expenses			4,855					4,855	
Provision for restructuring			704					704	
Gain on disposal of assets			(867)	(57)				(924)	
Total operating expenses			72,110	613				72,723	
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>			(57,124)	302				(56,822)	
Interest expense	(25,101)		(2,180)	419				(26,862)	
Other income (expense), net			(3,193)	(109)				(3,302)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(25,101)		(62,497)	612				(86,986)	
Provision for (benefit from)	(23,101)		(02,197)	012				(00,700)	
income taxes	8,785		4,625	(108)				13,302	
Loss from continuing operations Equity earnings	(16,316) (57,395)		(57,872) 477	504		56,918		(73,684)	
Loss from discontinued	(37,373)					50,710			
operations, net of taxes				(27)				(27)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (73,711)	\$	(57,395)	\$ 477	\$	56,918	\$	(73,711)	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations For the five months ended September 30, 2009 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent Guarantors			Su Gua	Elim	inations	1 0			
Net sales	\$	\$	272,038	\$	8,110	\$		\$	280,148	
Cost of products sold, excluding										
depreciation			238,629		6,889				245,518	
Depreciation and amortization			19,741		255				19,996	
Gross profit			13,668		966				14,634	
Selling and administrative										
expenses			7,912		124				8,036	
Research and technology										
expenses			3,094						3,094	
Provision for restructuring			1,081						1,081	
Gain on disposal of assets			(226)						(226)	
Total operating expenses			11,861		124				11,985	
Operating income			1,807		842				2,649	
Interest expense	(14,394)		(264)		264				(14,394)	
Reorganization items, net	(1,671)								(1,671)	
Other income (expense), net			1,502		88				1,590	
Income (loss) from continuing										
operations before income taxes	(16,065)		3,045		1,194				(11,826)	
(Provision for) benefit from										
income taxes	5,790		(1,124)		(304)				4,362	
Income (loss) from continuing										
operations	(10,275)		1,921		890				(7,464)	
Equity earnings	2,721		800				(3,521)			
Loss from discontinued										
operations, net of taxes					(90)				(90)	
Net income (loss)	\$ (7,554)	\$	2,721	\$	800	\$	(3,521)	\$	(7,554)	

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income For the four months ended April 30, 2009 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Parent	Gı	iarantors		edecessor Non- arantors	Flin	ninations	Total Company		
Net sales	\$		\$	213,819	\$	3,641	\$	mations	\$	217,460	
Cost of products sold, excluding	Ψ		Ψ	213,017	Ψ	5,011	Ψ		Ψ	217,100	
depreciation				185,975		3,841				189,816	
Depreciation and amortization				9,507		226				9,733	
L L				,						,	
Gross profit				18,337		(426)				17,911	
Selling and administrative											
expenses Research and technology				6,802		203				7,005	
expenses				2,698						2,698	
Provision for restructuring				648						648	
Gain on disposal of assets				(396)						(396)	
				. ,						. ,	
Total operating expenses				9,752		203				9,955	
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>				8,585		(629)				7,956	
Interest expense		(5,566)		(204)		204				(5,566)	
Reorganization items, net		77,853		61,679		4,636				144,168	
Other income (expense), net				1,546		(3)				1,543	
T											
Income from continuing		70 007		71 606		1 200				140 101	
operations before income taxes Provision for income taxes		72,287		71,606		4,208				148,101	
Provision for income taxes				(36,944)		(863)				(37,807)	
Income from continuing											
operations		72,287		34,662		3,345				110,294	
Equity earnings		37,911		3,249		5,515		(41,160)		110,291	
Loss from discontinued				-,,				(,,-)			
operations, net of taxes						(96)				(96)	
Net income (loss)	\$	110,198	\$	37,911	\$	3,249	\$	(41,160)	\$	110,198	
				24							
				34							

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

Cash flows from operating	Parent		Guarantors		Successor Non- Guarantors		Eliminations		C	Total ompany
activities:										
Net income (loss)	\$	(73,711)	\$	(57,395)	\$	477	\$	56,918	\$	(73,711)
Adjustments to reconcile net										
income (loss) to net cash										
provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization				27,740		676				28,416
Impairment of goodwill and				27,740		070				20,410
intangible assets				51,800						51,800
Debt accretion		16,798								16,798
Gain on disposal of assets				(867)		(57)				(924)
Equity earnings		57,395		(477)				(56,918)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		(14,391)		(23,557)		10,004				(27,944)
huomites		(11,3)1)		(25,557)		10,001				(27,911)
Net cash provided by (used in)										
operating activities		(13,909)		(2,756)		11,100				(5,565)
Cash flows from investing activities: Restricted cash Purchases of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from the sale of				7,589 (5,680)		(732)				7,589 (6,412)
property, plant and equipment				1,053		75				1,128
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities				2,962		(657)				2,305
Cash flows from financing										
activities:										
Costs associated with exit facility				(1,937)						(1,937)
Proceeds from short-term financing				120 650		21 742				442 202
Repayment of short-term				420,650		21,743				442,393
financing				(419,256)		(17,920)				(437,176)
Net change in intercompany				/						/
loans		13,909		(383)		(13,526)				

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	13,909	(926)	(9,703)		3,280
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(4)	5		1
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at		(724)	745		21
beginning of period		2,022	447		2,469
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,192	\$	\$ 2,490

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows For the five months ended September 30, 2009 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Parent		Guarantors		Successor Non- Guarantors		Eliminations		Total Company	
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Net income (loss)	\$	(7,554)	\$	2,721	\$	800	\$	(3,521)	\$	(7,554)
Adjustments to reconcile net				,						
income (loss) to net cash										
provided by (used in) operating										
activities:		10		10 71 4		246				20.072
Depreciation and amortization		13		19,714		346				20,073
Debt accretion		8,392		(226)						8,392 (226)
Gain on disposal of assets Reorganization items		(6,489)		(226)						(6,489)
Equity earnings		(0,439) (2,721)		(800)				3,521		(0,409)
Changes in operating assets and		(2,721)		(000)				5,521		
liabilities		(8,122)		(7,781)		(2,529)				(18,432)
				,						,
Net cash provided by (used in)										
operating activities		(16,481)		13,628		(1,383)				(4,236)
Cash flows from investing										
activities:										
Restricted cash				1,738						1,738
Purchases of property, plant and				1,700						1,700
equipment				(4,676)		(380)				(5,056)
Proceeds from the sale of										
property, plant and equipment				6						6
Net cash used in investing						(200)				
activities				(2,932)		(380)				(3,312)
Cash flows from financing										
activities:										
Costs associated with Exit										
Facility		(200)								(200)
Proceeds from short-term										
financing		306,000								306,000
Repayment of short-term										
financing	(	(298,412)								(298,412)
Net change in intercompany		0.002		(10.642)		1 5 4 0				
loans		9,093		(10,642)		1,549				

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Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	16,481	(1	0,642)	1,549		7,388
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			60	33		93
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at			114	(181)		(67)
beginning of period			1,317	567		1,884
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$	1,431	\$ 386	\$	\$ 1,817

# Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows For the four months ended April 30, 2009 (In thousands) (Unaudited)

			Predecessor Non-	Total		
	Parent	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Company	
Cash flows from operating						
activities:						
Net income (loss)	\$ 110,198	\$ 37,911	\$ 3,249	\$ (41,160)	\$ 110,198	
Adjustments to reconcile net						
income (loss) to net cash						
provided by (used in) operating						
activities:	217	0.514	220		10.000	
Depreciation and amortization	317	9,514	229		10,060	
Stock-based compensation		591			591 (206)	
Gain on disposal of assets	(70, 200)	(396)			(396)	
Reorganization items Fresh-start accounting	(79,299)				(79,299)	
adjustments	2,654	(66,127)	(4,636)		(68,109)	
Equity earnings	(37,911)	(3,249)	(4,050)	41,160	(00,107)	
Changes in operating assets and	(57,911)	(3,247)		41,100		
liabilities	(46)	42,547	1,955		44,456	
huomites	(10)	12,017	1,500		11,100	
Net cash provided by (used in)						
operating activities	(4,087)	20,791	797		17,501	
Cash flows from investing						
activities:		(0.227)			(0.227)	
Restricted cash		(9,327)			(9,327)	
Purchases of property, plant and		(5 557)	(166)		(5,723)	
equipment Proceeds from the sale of		(5,557)	(166)		(3,723)	
property, plant and equipment		149			149	
property, plant and equipment		147			147	
Net cash used in investing						
activities		(14,735)	(166)		(14,901)	
Cash flows from financing						
activities:						
Proceeds from short-term	010 700				010 700	
financing Democrat of chart term	212,723				212,723	
Repayment of short-term	()				(207 702)	
financing Net change in intercompany	(227,723)				(227,723)	
loans	19,087	(18,680)	(407)			
Ioulio	17,007	(10,000)	(407)			

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Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	4,087	(	(18,680)	(407)		(15,000)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			8	(16)		(8)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at			(12,616)	208		(12,408)
beginning of period			13,933	359		14,292
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	\$	1,317	\$ 567	\$	\$ 1,884

## 24. Subsequent Events

On October 6, 2010, the Company s Board of Directors approved consolidating the Company s plant operations by closing its Orlando, Florida and Kansas City, Kansas facilities, as well as taking salaried headcount reductions in its corporate ranks. In total, approximately 250 employees are affected by these actions.

In connection with the restructuring actions described above, the Company expects to incur total pre-tax restructuring charges of approximately \$7 \$10 million with approximately \$6 million expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2010 and the remainder to be recorded over the next several subsequent quarters. The total charges include (i) an estimated \$5 million related to contract termination costs, (ii) an estimated \$1 million related to employee severance and other termination benefits, and (iii) an estimated \$3 million of other associated costs. In addition to these estimated cash charges, the Company expects to record total accelerated depreciation and other non-cash charges of approximately \$18 million with approximately \$15 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2010 and the remainder to be recorded in 2011. The majority of the restructuring actions are expected to be completed by the end of 2011. The Company is taking these actions in light of volume declines and, upon completing these actions, the Company estimates annual cost savings of approximately \$22 million.

On November 12, 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with its former President and Chief Executive Officer to reduce his severance payment from \$2.2 million to \$0.3 million.



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

As previously disclosed, the Company does not anticipate generating sufficient funds to repay the Secured Notes and the GE Credit Agreement may terminate if the Secured Notes are not refinanced by November 15, 2011. The Company has retained a financial advisor to assist in exploring strategic alternatives, which may include, among other things, exchanging the Secured Notes for equity and/or new debt, a negotiated or bankruptcy court supervised restructuring, or a sale of the Company or specific assets. Any such transaction could cause substantial dilution to, or cancellation or delisting of, the Company s common stock. The Company is currently engaged in discussions with holders of the Company s Secured Notes regarding these alternatives. While the current focus of such discussions is a debt for equity exchange, there can be no assurance that any particular alternative will be available or, if available, the timing or ultimate terms. The Company s interim financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts nor the amounts and reclassifications of liabilities that may result from such actions.

The Company is a manufacturer of PET plastic containers, preforms, and plastic closures used for the packaging of beverages, food and other consumer end-use applications. Containers, preforms, and closures represented 62%, 32%, and 6%, respectively, of net sales in the first nine months of 2010. The Company has operations in the United States, United Kingdom and Holland. Approximately 75% of the Company s revenues in the first nine months of 2010 were generated in the United States, with the remainder attributable to its European operations. During the first nine months of 2010, Pepsi accounted for approximately 32% of the Company s net sales and the top ten customers accounted for an aggregate of approximately 73% of the Company s net sales.

There are two primary market categories within the PET market, conventional and custom. Conventional PET containers are primarily used for packaging carbonated soft drinks (CSD) and bottled water. The conventional market is the largest market category for PET packaging. Conventional products represented approximately 69% of the Company s net sales in the first nine months of 2010.

Over the last few years demand for the Company s conventional PET products has decreased significantly due to a shift to self-manufacturing. The Company expects the trend of self-manufacturing of CSD packages to continue. The Company expects a transition over time at locations where independent producers transportation costs are high, and where large volume, low complexity and available space to install blow-molding equipment exists. As previously disclosed in the second quarter of 2010, the Company expects its largest U.S. customer to increase self-manufacturing of conventional containers, resulting in a reduction of 2011 U.S. bottle volumes of approximately 20%-25% as compared to estimated 2010 bottle volumes. In addition, sales volumes have continued to decline generally and the Company has not been able to offset decreases to conventional business by increasing its custom business. As a result of these and other factors, the Company s liquidity is constrained, which has caused certain vendors to require that the Company pay for purchases in advance or upon delivery or to require letters of credit, further constraining the Company s liquidity. Liquidity constraints, in turn, make it difficult to renew contracts or obtain new business, further constraining the Company s liquidity. In addition, the liquidity provided by the GE Credit Agreement may not be available to the Company if it fails to meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio required by the GE Credit Agreement. Other factors that have contributed to an overall decline in demand for CSD packaging in the United States include consumers shifting their preferences to alternative beverages such as teas, juices, and energy drinks. The Company believes that in most cases, customers will continue to purchase water and CSD preforms from independent producers to support their in-house blow-molding operations. Preforms generally carry lower per unit profitability than bottles.

Over the past several years the Company has tried to mitigate the trend in conventional products discussed above by increasing its sales of custom products which has proven to be less successful than expected with custom sales volumes declining slightly over the same period. In response, the Company engaged outside consultants to assist the Company in evaluating the Company s commercial strategies. In the last several months the Company has hired Grant Beard, who became the Company s new President and Chief Executive Officer in September 2010, and added several new senior managers. This new management team is developing an implementation strategy.

On October 6, 2010, the Company's Board of Directors approved consolidating the Company's plant operations by closing its Orlando, Florida and Kansas City, Kansas facilities, as well as taking salaried headcount reductions in its corporate ranks. In total, approximately 250 employees are affected by these actions. In connection with the restructuring actions described above, the Company expects to incur total pre-tax restructuring charges of approximately \$7 \$10 million with approximately \$6 million expected to be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2010 and the remainder to be recorded over the next several subsequent quarters. The total charges include (i) an estimated \$5 million related to contract termination costs, (ii) an estimated \$1 million related to employee severance and other termination benefits, and (iii) an estimated \$3 million of other associated costs. In addition to these estimated cash charges, the Company expects to record total accelerated depreciation and other non-cash charges of approximately \$15 million recorded in the fourth quarter of 2010 and the remainder to be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2010. The majority of the restructuring actions are expected to be completed by the end of 2011. The Company is taking these actions in light of volume declines and, upon completing these actions, the Company estimates annual cost savings of approximately \$22 million. If the Company cannot offset decreases to its conventional business or succeed in growing its custom business, the Company may have to continue to close plants and undertake other cost containment activities. There can be no assurance that these actions will be successful.

Approximately 26% of the Company s net sales in the first nine months of 2010 related to custom PET containers with approximately 32% of these net sales containing the Company s DiamondClear or earlier generation Oxbar oxygen scavenging technologies.

For custom products that require oxygen barrier technology, the Company believes its oxygen scavenging technology, DiamondClear<sup>®</sup>, is the best performing oxygen barrier technology in the market today. The Company believes that there are growth opportunities for its DiamondClear<sup>®</sup> technology where it replaces less effective oxygen barrier technology and in the conversion of oxygen sensitive products packaged in glass and other packaging materials. The Company s hot-fill capabilities, oxygen barrier technology and innovative bottle designs such as our X-4 and vertical compensation technology (VCT) add value that generally results in higher margins than conventional products. The Company believes that it could continue to face pricing pressure. One source of pricing pressure may come as a result of excess capacity in the industry driven by self-manufacturing. In addition, certain contracts permit customers to terminate contracts if the customer receives an offer from another manufacturer that the Company chooses not to match.

As is common in its industry, the Company s contracts are generally requirements-based, granting it all or a percentage of the customer s actual requirements for a particular period of time, instead of a specific commitment of unit volume. The typical term for the Company s customer supply contracts is three to four years. Thus, while there may be variations from year to year, in any given year between 15-40% of our customer contracts may be scheduled to expire. The Company s contract with Pepsi, its largest customer, expires on December 31, 2012. Customers often put expiring contracts out for competitive bidding, which means that the Company may not retain the business, or may be forced to make price concessions in order to retain the business. Currently, approximately 14% of the Company s U.S. estimated 2010 volume is not under contract.

The primary raw material and component cost of the Company s products is PET resin, which is a commodity available globally. The price the Company pays for PET resin is subject to frequent fluctuations resulting from changes in the cost of raw materials used to make PET resin, which are affected by prices of oil and its derivatives in the United States and overseas markets, normal supply and demand influences, and seasonal demand. Substantially all of the Company s sales are made pursuant to mechanisms that allow for the pass-through of changes in the price of PET resin to its customers. The timing of these adjustments to selling prices typically lags 30-90 days behind a change in the price of resin. The Company believes that the impact of this lag is immaterial over time. In addition to PET resin, the Company has the ability to pass through changes in transportation and energy costs on the majority of its volume.

As a result of the Company s ability to pass through certain costs to its customers, the Company may experience a change in net sales without a corresponding change in gross profit. Therefore, period to period comparisons of gross profit as a percentage of net sales may not be a meaningful indicator of actual performance. For example, assuming gross profit is a constant, when pass through related costs increase, the Company s net sales will increase as a result of

the costs passed through to customers, and gross profit as a percentage of net sales will decline. The opposite is true during periods of decreasing costs; the Company s net sales will be lower causing gross profit as a percentage of net sales to increase. As a result, the Company believes that absolute gross profit trends are better indicators of the Company s performance.

As a result of lower fair value estimates, during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 the Company recorded total impairment charges of \$51.8 million of which \$45.4 million and \$6.4 million related to its goodwill and trade name, respectively. The change in the estimated fair values that caused the goodwill and trade name impairments were predominately attributable to lower actual cash flows and lower projected cash flows and sales primarily due to the estimated impact of its largest U.S. customer s intention to increase its self-manufacturing of conventional containers. *Basis of Presentation* 

As of May 1, 2009, the Company adopted fresh-start accounting. The adoption of fresh-start accounting resulted in the Company becoming a new entity for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the financial statements prior to May 1, 2009 are not comparable with the financial statements for periods on or after May 1, 2009. References to

Successor or Successor Company refer to the Company on or after May 1, 2009, after giving effect to the cancellation of Constar common stock issued prior to the effective date of the Company s emergence from Chapter 11, the issuance of new Constar common stock in accordance with the related Plan of Reorganization, and the application of fresh-start accounting. References to Predecessor or Predecessor Company refer to the Company prior to May 1, 2009. For further information, see Note 4 Fresh-Start Accounting of the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

For discussions on the results of operations, the Company has combined the results of operations for the four months ended April 30, 2009 with the results of operations for the five months ended September 30, 2009. The combined periods have been compared to the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. The Company believes that these combined financial results provide management and investors a more meaningful analysis of the Company s performance and trends for comparative purposes.

The Company has classified the results of operations of its Italian operation beginning in 2006 as a discontinued operation in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. The assets and related liabilities of this entity have been classified as assets and liabilities of discontinued operations on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. See Note 22 Discontinued Operations for further details. Unless otherwise indicated, amounts provided throughout this Form 10-Q relate to continuing operations only.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part 1, Item 1 of this report. **Results of Operations** 

#### Net Sales

#### Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009

	Three months ended September 30,				In	crease	% Increase		
(Dollars in millions)	2	2010 2009		(Decrease)		(Decrease)			
United States	\$	106.2	\$	121.9	\$	(15.7)	(12.9)%		
Europe		40.6		36.7		3.9	10.6%		
Total	\$	146.8	\$	158.6	\$	(11.8)	(7.4)%		

The decrease in United States net sales in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was driven primarily by lower volumes and a change in product mix of \$17.5 million and lower pricing of \$2.6 million, offset in part by the pass through of higher resin costs to customers of \$4.4 million. Total U.S. PET unit volume decreased 10.8% in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. This decrease reflects a conventional unit volume decline of 4.9% and a custom unit volume decline of 26.2%. The decline in conventional volume is primarily due to self-manufacturing and customer losses. The decline in custom unit volume is due to the loss of a customer contract for custom preforms. Excluding this loss, custom unit volume was flat as compared to the same period last year.

The increase in European net sales in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was primarily due to the pass through of higher resin costs to customers of \$3.4 million and a favorable change in volumes and product mix of \$3.5 million, partially offset by unfavorable foreign currency translation of \$3.0 million. European PET volume increased 12.6% while closure volume decreased 3.4% in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009.

**Gross Profit** 

	Three months ended September 30,						
(Dollars in millions)	2010		2009		(Decrease)		
United States	\$	3.4	\$	2.6	\$	0.8	
Europe		2.0		2.0			
Total	\$	5.4	\$	4.6	\$	0.8	
Percent of net sales		3.7%		2.9%			

In the United States, the increase in gross profit in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 is primarily due to the impact of lower manufacturing costs of \$5.3 million, offset in part by reduced pricing of \$2.6 million and lower sales volume of \$1.8 million. The decrease in manufacturing expenses was primarily due to lower depreciation of \$3.7 million and cost reductions from the Company s restructuring programs of \$2.7 million partially offset by a \$0.7 million increase in energy costs. During the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 the Company accelerated depreciation on idled equipment resulting in charges of \$0.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

Gross profit in Europe was flat due to increased manufacturing costs of \$4.9 million and unfavorable foreign currency translation of \$2.6 million offset by increased resin pricing that was passed through to customers of approximately \$7.6 million.

## Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expense includes compensation and related expenses for employees in the selling and administrative functions as well as other operating expenses not directly related to manufacturing or research, development and engineering activities.

Selling and administrative expenses decreased 14.3% to \$4.2 million in the third quarter of 2010 from \$4.9 million in the same period in 2009 driven primarily by lower bad debt expense of \$0.3 million, travel expenses of \$0.2 million, professional fees of \$0.1 million and salaries of \$0.1 million.

#### Goodwill and Intangible Asset Impairments

In the third quarter of 2010, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$12.9 million and \$1.3 million related to its goodwill and trade name intangible asset, respectively. See Note 9 - Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the notes to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

#### Research and Technology Expenses

Research and technology expenses, which include engineering and development costs related to developing new products and designing significant improvements to existing products, are expensed as incurred. Research and technology expenses were \$1.5 million in the third quarter of 2010 and \$1.9 million in the third quarter of 2009. This decrease was primarily driven primarily by lower payroll expenses.

#### **Provision for Restructuring**

Restructuring charges were \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$0.8 million in the third quarter of 2009. The restructuring charges recorded in 2010 primarily relate to the restructuring actions taken due to the impact of the Pepsi supply agreement, including the closure of three U.S. manufacturing facilities and a reduction of operations in three other manufacturing facilities, and the 2008 shutdown of the Company s Houston, Texas facility as a result of previously disclosed customer losses and a strategic decision to exit the Company s limited extrusion blow-molding business. These restructuring actions were completed in the third quarter of 2010. See Note 11

Restructuring in the notes to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

On October 6, 2010, the Company s Board of Directors approved consolidating the Company s plant operations by closing its Orlando, Florida and Kansas City, Kansas facilities, as well as taking salaried headcount reductions in its corporate ranks. See Note 24 Subsequent Events for additional information.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$0.4 million to \$9.0 million in the third quarter of 2010 from \$8.6 million in the third quarter of 2009 primarily due to an \$0.7 million increase of non-cash accretion of the fair market value of the Company s Secured Notes to their face value at maturity and an increase in amortization of deferred financing fees of \$0.2 million, offset in part by changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap that represent hedge ineffectiveness of \$0.5 million.

## Reorganization Items, net

During the third quarter of 2009, the Company incurred certain professional fees and other expenses directly associated with the bankruptcy proceedings. See Note 3 Reorganization Items in the notes to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

## Other Income (Expense), net

Other income (expense), net primarily includes gains and losses on foreign currency transactions, royalty income and expense, and interest income.

Other expense, net was \$1.4 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to other expense, net of \$1.8 million in the third quarter of 2009. The decrease in other expense primarily resulted from a \$2.2 million favorable foreign currency impact offset in part by higher royalty expense of \$1.3 million and other expenses of \$0.5 million. The increase in royalty expense was primarily due to a patent dispute that resulted in a settlement of \$1.4 million during the third quarter of 2010.

## **Provision for Income Taxes**

Income tax (expense) benefit was \$0.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and \$3.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. The loss from continuing operations before taxes was \$24.7 million in the third quarter of 2010 as compared to a loss from continuing operations before taxes of \$13.7 million in the third quarter of 2009. The Company s effective tax rate for the full year 2010 is expected to be approximately 16%.

The Company is in discussions with the Italian tax authorities regarding the tax returns filed by the Company s Italian subsidiary for fiscal years 2002-2004. The Company estimates its maximum exposure, including interest and penalties, at approximately \$3.2 million. The Company intends to defend against this matter vigorously. The Company has commenced proceedings to wind up its Italian subsidiary.

Total unrecognized income tax benefits as of September 30, 2010, and December 31, 2009 were \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and are included in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. In addition, the Company had accrued approximately \$0.2 million for estimated penalties and interest on uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. Substantially all of the unrecognized income tax benefits and related estimated penalties and interest relate to the Company s discontinued operation in Italy. The Company believes that it has adequately provided for any reasonably foreseeable resolution of any tax disputes, but will adjust its reserves as events require. The Company believes it is reasonably possible that the tax matters related to its discontinued operation will be settled in the next twelve months. The settlement amount may differ materially from the Company s current estimate. To the extent that the ultimate results differ from the original or adjusted estimates of the Company, the effect will be recorded in the provision for income taxes.

# Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 *Net Sales*

	Nine months ender September 30,					d Increase		
(Dollars in millions)		2010	2009		(Decrease)		(Decrease)	
United States	\$	327.7	\$	397.2	\$	(69.5)	(17.5)%	
Europe		111.3		100.4		10.9	10.9%	
Total	\$	439.0	\$	497.6	\$	(58.6)	(11.8)%	

The decrease in U.S. net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was driven primarily by lower volumes and an unfavorable change in product mix of \$75.9 million and lower pricing of \$6.5 million, offset in part by the pass through of higher resin costs to customers of \$12.9 million. Total U.S. PET unit volume decreased 16.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. This decrease reflects a conventional unit volume decline of 13.5% and a custom unit volume decline of 24%. The decline in conventional volume is primarily due to self-manufacturing and customer losses. The decline in custom unit volume is primarily due to the loss of a customer contract for custom preforms. Excluding this loss, custom unit volume was flat as compared to the same period last year.

The increase in European net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was primarily due to the pass through of higher resin costs to customers of \$7.5 million, higher volumes and a favorable change in product mix of \$7.0 million, offset in part by a weakening of the British Pound and Euro against the U.S. Dollar of \$3.6 million. European PET volume increased 7.0% and closure volume decreased 6.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009.

#### Gross Profit

	Nine months ended September 30, Increase					
(Dollars in millions)	2010		2009		(Decrease)	
United States Europe	\$	11.1 4.8	\$	27.3 5.2	\$	(16.2) (0.4)
Total	\$	15.9	\$	32.5	\$	(16.6)
Percent of net sales		3.6%		6.5%		

The decline in U.S. gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 is primarily due to lower sales volume of \$11.0 million, reduced pricing of \$6.5 million, higher manufacturing costs of \$7.3 million and a one-time benefit of \$1.4 million recorded in 2009 to reverse an accrual for the estimated cost of a price reduction in a sales contract that did not occur, offset in part by cost reductions from the Company s restructuring programs of \$6.0 million, lower depreciation of \$1.5 million and a settlement with a former customer of \$0.9 million. In addition, gross profit in 2009 was negatively impacted by a \$1.6 million adjustment to inventory as a result of the adoption of fresh-start accounting. Approximately 14% of the increase in manufacturing costs was due to a customer audit that occurred during the first nine months of 2010. The audit has been resolved at the affected locations. The related expenses the Company incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 may not be indicative of future expenditures. The remainder of the manufacturing cost increase was primarily due to the impact of lower volumes on overhead absorption. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 the Company accelerated depreciation on idled equipment resulting in charges of \$1.7 million and \$2.0 million, respectively. The gross profit decrease in Europe was driven primarily by higher manufacturing costs of approximately \$13.0 million and unfavorable foreign currency translation of \$3.1 million, offset in part by increased resin pricing that was passed through to customers of approximately \$15.7 million.

# Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative expenses increased 8.7% to \$16.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from \$15.0 million for the same period in 2009 driven primarily by accrued severance payments of \$2.4 million and increased professional fees of \$0.2 million, offset in part by reduced payroll expenses of \$1.3 million. Accrued severance payments primarily relate to payments due under an employment agreement with the Company s former chief executive officer.

## Goodwill and Intangible Asset Impairments

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded impairment charges of \$45.4 million and \$6.4 million related to its goodwill and trade name intangible asset, respectively. See Note 9 Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the notes to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information. *Research and Technology Expenses* 

Research and technology expenses, which include engineering and development costs related to developing new products and designing significant improvements to existing products, are expensed as incurred. Research and technology expenses were \$4.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$5.8 million for the same period in 2009. This decrease was primarily driven primarily by lower payroll expenses.

#### **Provision for Restructuring**

Restructuring charges were \$0.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to \$1.7 million for the same period in 2009. The restructuring charges recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily relate to the restructuring actions taken due to the impact of the Pepsi supply agreement and the shutdown of the Company s Houston, Texas facility as a result of previously disclosed customer losses and a strategic decision to exit the Company s limited extrusion blow-molding business. These restructuring actions were completed in the third quarter of 2010. See Note 11 Restructuring in the notes to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

On October 6, 2010, the Company s Board of Directors approved consolidating the Company s plant operations by closing its Orlando, Florida and Kansas City, Kansas facilities, as well as taking salaried headcount reductions in its corporate ranks. See Note 24 Subsequent Events for additional information.

## Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$7.0 million to \$26.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 from \$19.9 million for the same period in 2009 primarily due to an \$8.4 million increase of non-cash accretion of the fair market value of the Company s Secured Notes to their face value at maturity and an increase in amortization of deferred financing costs of \$0.2 million, offset in part by lower interest rates which reduced interest expense by \$0.7 million, changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap that represent hedge ineffectiveness of \$0.9 million and reclassification adjustments related to the Company s previous interest rate swap of \$0.4 million.

#### Reorganization Items, net

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, the Company incurred certain professional fees and other expenses directly associated with the bankruptcy proceedings. In addition, the Company recorded the gain on the conversion of the Senior Subordinated Notes to common stock and the net impact of fresh-start accounting. See Note 3 Reorganization Items in the notes to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for additional

information.

#### Other Expense (Income), net

Other expense, net was \$3.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to other income, net of \$3.1 million for the same period in 2009. The expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 primarily resulted from a \$1.6 million unfavorable foreign currency impact and royalty expense of \$1.6 million. The increase in royalty expense was primarily due to a patent dispute that resulted in a settlement of \$1.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

## **Provision for Income Taxes**

Income tax (expense) benefit was \$13.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$(33.4) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 (\$(37.8) million for the four months ended April 30, 2009 and \$4.4 million for the five months ended September 30, 2009). Loss from continuing operations before taxes was \$87.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to income of \$136.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009.

Total unrecognized income tax benefits as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and are included in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. In addition, the Company had accrued approximately \$0.2 million for estimated penalties and interest on uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. Substantially all of the unrecognized income tax benefits and related estimated penalties and interest relate to the Company s discontinued operation in Italy. The Company has commenced proceedings to wind up its Italian subsidiary. The Company believes that it has adequately provided for any reasonably foreseeable resolution of any tax disputes, but will adjust its reserves as events require. The Company believes it is reasonably possible that the tax matters related to its discontinued operation will be settled in the next twelve months. The settlement amount may differ materially from the Company s current estimate. To the extent that the ultimate results differ from the original or adjusted estimates of the Company, the effect will be recorded in the provision for income taxes.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Nine months ended September 30, Incr					
(Dollars in millions)	2010		2009		(Decrease)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	(5.6)	\$	13.3	\$	(18.9)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$	2.3	\$	(18.2)	\$	20.5
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$	3.3	\$	(7.6)	\$	10.9

The primary factors that impact cash generated from operations are the seasonality of the Company s sales, profit margins, and changes in working capital. Working capital is impacted by the normal timing of purchases to meet customer demand and the timing of payments to vendors in accordance with negotiated terms that may vary from year to year and during the year. The Company primarily uses cash generated from operations and borrowings under its credit facilities to meet its short-term liquidity needs.

Net cash provided by operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 decreased compared to the same period in 2009 principally due to a higher net loss and net changes in working capital of \$6.4 million. The change in working capital was primarily due a decrease in accounts payable primarily due to certain vendors requiring the Company to pay for purchases in advance or upon delivery.

The increase in net cash provided by investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 was driven by the return of cash collateral for the interest rate swap to the Company of \$7.6 million as compared to a payment of cash collateral of \$7.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease in capital expenditures of \$4.4 million and an increase in proceeds from the sale of property, plant, and equipment of \$1.0 million. The increase in net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, as driven by net short-term borrowings of \$5.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, as compared to net short-term debt repayments of \$7.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. In addition, the Company paid \$1.9 million in 2010 for costs related to obtaining its new GE Credit Agreement.

Liquidity, defined as cash and borrowing availability under the Company s credit facilities, will vary on a daily, monthly and quarterly basis based upon the seasonality of the Company s sales as well as the impact of changes in the price of resin, the Company s cash generated from operating activities, the change in the value of the U.S. dollar as compared to the British pound, reserves and revaluations imposed by the administrative agent and other factors. The Company s cash requirements are typically greater during the first six to nine months of the year because of the build-up of inventory levels in anticipation of the seasonal sales increase during the warmer months and the collection cycle from customers following the higher seasonal sales. Based upon the terms and conditions of the Company s debt obligations and the Company s most recent projections, the Company believes that cash generated from operations and amounts available under its credit facilities will be sufficient to finance its operations over the next 12 months. A shortfall in actual trailing twelve month EBITDA of approximately 5% as compared to the Company s projections would cause the Company to not meet its debt covenants during this period. A lack of sufficient liquidity may make it difficult to renew contracts or obtain new business. In addition, the Company s financial condition has resulted in certain vendors requiring the Company to pay for purchases in advance or upon delivery or requiring letters of credit. Largely driven by declining sales volumes, a lower borrowing base due to the seasonal nature of the Company s working capital levels, and certain vendors requiring the Company to pay for purchases in advance or upon delivery or requiring letters of credit, the Company expects that liquidity will remain constrained at least through the first half of 2011 when the Company expects the amount of accounts receivable and inventory levels to increase as the Company begins to enter its traditionally higher seasonal sales period. The Company s projected available credit may be impacted by, among other things, unit volume changes (including the expected increase in self-manufacturing by the Company s largest customer as discussed above), resin price changes, changes in

foreign currency exchange rates, working capital changes, vendor demands for letters of credit, changes in product mix, factors impacting the value of the borrowing base, and other factors such as those disclosed in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview . Customers and suppliers who are not under contract may seek to change the terms of their respective economic relationships with the Company. If such a change is material, it could reduce or eliminate the Company s projected liquidity. Should such a material change occur, the Company would have to seek other forms of financing and there can be no assurance that such financing would be available on satisfactory terms or at all. Without financing the Company would have to seek protection under the federal bankruptcy laws.

On February 11, 2010, the Company entered into a revolving credit facility with General Electric Capital Corporation (Agent) and terminated its previous credit agreement. On August 12, 2010 the Company entered into an amended credit agreement with the Agent (as amended, the GE Credit Agreement) as summarized in the table below, that included changes to certain terms, covenants, applicable interest rate, margins and the sublimit for letters of credit. The following discussion is not a complete description of the GE Credit Agreement or its recent amendment. The amendment is filed as an exhibit to the Company s 2010 second quarter Form 10-Q filed on August 16, 2010 and the original agreement was filed with a Form 8-K on February 17, 2010.

<b>Term</b> Minimum available credit less outstanding loans and letters of credit	\$15.0 million five consecuti	Credit Agreement for any period of ive business days fiscal quarter	\$12.5 million for any period of five				
Minimum consolidated EBITDA for trailing twelve months	available credi loans and letter	on, if minimum it less outstandin rs of credit are no ntained					
Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for trailing twelve months	I	N/A	credi	1.0:1.0, if minimum available credit less outstanding loans and letters of credit are not maintained			
Letters of Credit sublimit	\$15.0 million			\$20.0 million			
EBITDA annual cash expense add-backs		annually for cash ring expense	\$3.0 million annually for cash restructuring expense for fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011, \$1.5 million for fiscal year ended December 31, 2012				
Availability Block	\$2.5 million			\$5.0 million			
Interest rate either LIBOR or a Base Rate plus a spread	Usage a <\$30M	LIBOR Spread 3.75%	Base Spread 2.75%	Fixed Charge Coverage >1.2:1.0	LIBOR Spread 3.75%	Base Spread 2.75%	
	\$30 \$50M >\$50M	4.00% 4.25%	3.00% 3.25%	1.0 1.2:1.0 <1.0:1.0	4.00% 4.25%	3.00% 3.25%	

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The GE Credit Agreement provides for up to \$75.0 million of available credit. Available credit under the GE Credit Agreement is limited to a borrowing base calculated as a sum of eligible accounts receivable plus eligible inventory value less certain reserves and adjustments.

The minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is defined as consolidated EBITDA (which is an adjusted measure of earnings defined in the GE Credit Agreement) divided by the sum of interest expense (excluding non-cash accretion of interest on the Secured Notes), cash capital expenditures net of cash proceeds from the disposition of capital assets, scheduled payments of principal, income taxes paid in cash, and cash dividends and other equity distributions calculated on a trailing twelve month basis as of the last day of the then immediately preceding fiscal month.

The ability to borrow under our GE Credit Agreement fluctuates from time to time and is primarily driven by borrowing base limitations. The GE Credit Agreement borrowing base is impacted by changes in resin prices and the foreign currency exchange rate of the British pound. An increase in resin prices results in higher book values of our inventory that also result in an increase to the borrowing base limit. A weakening U.S. dollar versus the British pound causes an increase in the value of our U.K. inventory when its value is translated into U.S. dollars. Consequently, a weakening U.S. dollar tends to increase our borrowing base while a strengthening U.S. dollar has the opposite effect. Because the GE Credit Agreement s borrowing base increases and decreases based upon varying levels of accounts receivable and inventory, the ability to borrow under the GE Credit Agreement tends to increase when the Company s cash needs are the highest such as when we are building inventories. Also, available credit under the GE Credit Agreement will fluctuate because it depends on inventory and accounts receivable values that fluctuate and is subject to discretionary reserves and revaluation adjustments that may be imposed by the Agent from time to time and other limitations.

As of September 30, 2010 the Company s borrowing base under the GE Credit Agreement was \$45.2 million and its excess availability was \$21.9 million. For the period from October 1, 2010 to November 12, 2010 excess availability ranged between \$11.0 million and \$23.3 million but at no time did it fall below \$12.5 million for five consecutive days.

The GE Credit Agreement s scheduled expiration date is February 11, 2013. However, the GE Credit Agreement may terminate earlier if the Company s Secured Notes are not refinanced at least 90 days prior to their scheduled maturity date of February 15, 2012, or in the case of an event of default.

The Company will pay monthly a commitment fee equal to 0.75% per year on the undrawn portion of the GE Credit Agreement. Loans will bear interest at the rates presented in the above table. The interest rate at September 30, 2010 was 6.5%. Letters of credit carry an issuance fee of 0.25% per annum of the outstanding amount and a monthly fee accruing at a rate per year of 4% of the average daily amount outstanding.

The Company, its U.S. subsidiaries and its UK subsidiary jointly and severally guarantee the obligations under the GE Credit Agreement. Collateral securing the obligations under the GE Credit Agreement consists of all of the stock of the Company s domestic and United Kingdom subsidiaries, 65% of the stock of the Company s other foreign subsidiaries, and all of the inventory, accounts receivable, investment property, instruments, chattel paper, documents, deposit accounts and certain intangibles of the Company and its domestic and United Kingdom subsidiaries. The GE Credit Agreement contains certain financial covenants that include limitations on yearly capital expenditures, available credit and a minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. The Credit Agreement contains other customary covenants and events of default. If an event of default should occur and be continuing, the Agent may, among other things, accelerate the maturity of the GE Credit Agreement. The GE Credit Agreement also contains cross-default provisions if there is an event of default under the Secured Notes that has occurred or is continuing. The Company was in compliance with the covenants of the GE Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2010.

Based upon its most recent earnings and financial projections, the Company expects to be in compliance with its debt covenants during 2010. The Company s projected available credit will likely fall below \$12.5 million for five consecutive business day periods in the fourth quarter of 2010, however, the minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is expected to remain narrowly above 1:0 to 1:0 during this period. In response, the Company has begun to delay certain capital expenditures, reduce inventories, and institute cost reduction initiatives (see Note 24 Subsequent Events for additional details). If the Company does not meet its projections and the actions described above are not sufficient to maintain the Company s compliance with its debt covenants, the Company would seek a waiver of the covenants or alternative financing. There can be no assurance that such actions would be successful. If the Company is not successful in any or all of these actions, the Company would have to seek protection under the federal bankruptcy laws.

On April 29, 2010, Constar International Holland (Plastics) B.V. (Constar Holland), which is an indirect subsidiary of the Company organized under the laws of the Netherlands, entered into a receivables financing agreement and an inventory financing agreement (the ING Credit Agreements) with ING Commercial Finance B.V., a company organized under the laws of the Netherlands (Lender).

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The receivables financing agreement provides for advances of up to 85% (subject to certain exclusions and limitations) of the face amount of Constar Holland s approved receivables. The inventory financing agreement provides for advances of up to 50% (subject to certain exclusions and limitations) of the acquisition cost of Constar Holland s raw materials in inventory, including a margin for overhead.

The actual amount of financing available under the ING Credit Agreements will fluctuate from time to time because it depends on inventory and accounts receivable values that can fluctuate and is subject to limitations and exclusions that the Lender may impose in its discretion and other limitations. At September 30, 2010 the Company had borrowed \$4.0 million, the maximum amount then available under the ING Credit Agreements. Although the amount of financing available under the ING Credit Agreements will fluctuate as described above, the Company does not anticipate borrowing in excess of \$5 million because this would require ING to accede to a subordination agreement in favor of the Agent of the GE Credit Agreement.

Advances under each ING Credit Agreement bear interest at EURIBOR plus 2% per year and a credit commission of 1/24% per month. A turnover commission of 0.20% is also applicable to the receivables financing agreement. The initial duration of each ING Credit Agreement is for two years. At the end of this period, the ING Credit Agreements automatically renew for successive one-year periods unless at least 90 days notice of earlier termination is given by either party. In addition, the ING Credit Agreements may terminate earlier in the case of an event of default. If Constar Holland terminates the ING Credit Agreements early (other than as a result of certain changes to the terms made by the Lender), or there is a termination due to an event of default, Constar Holland must pay the total amount of interest and commissions that the Lender would have received if the ING Credit Agreements had continued for the remaining agreed upon term.

Constar Holland s obligations under the financing agreements are secured by its receivables and inventory and related rights.

The ING Credit Agreements and related agreements with the Lender contain covenants, representations and warranties and events of default. Events of default include, but are not limited to:

a dividend or other distribution from Constar Holland causing its equity capital to amount to less than 35% of total assets;

a breach of a covenant, representation, warranty or certification made in connection with an ING Credit Agreement, including a default in the payment of any amount due under the ING Credit Agreements;

a default or acceleration with respect to financing or guarantee agreements of Constar Holland of more than 50,000 or the occurrence of certain insolvency events; and

Constar Holland becoming subject to certain judgments.

If an event of default shall occur and be continuing under an ING Credit Agreement, the Lender may, among other things, accelerate the maturity of the ING Credit Agreements.

The Company's outstanding long-term debt at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, consists of \$220.0 million face value of Secured Notes due February 15, 2012. The Secured Notes bear interest at the rate of three-month LIBOR plus 3.375% per annum. Interest on the Secured Notes is reset and payable quarterly on each February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15. In 2005 the Company entered into an interest rate swap for a notional amount of \$100 million under which the Company exchanged its floating interest rate for a fixed rate of 7.9%. On February 11, 2010, the counterparty to the interest rate swap novated its rights under the swap agreement to a third party. The fixed payment of the swap agreement terminates on February 15, 2012. The Company may redeem some or all of the Secured Notes at any time under the circumstances and at the prices described in the indenture governing the Secured Notes in connection with a change in control, asset sales and events of loss. The Secured Notes are guaranteed by all of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries and its U.K. subsidiary. Substantially all of the Company's property, plant, and equipment are pledged as collateral for the Secured Notes.

Upon the adoption of fresh-start accounting, the Company adjusted the carrying value of its Secured Notes to fair value of \$154.3 million based upon their quoted market price at April 30, 2009; however, the total amount due at maturity remains \$220.0 million. The Company currently expects to record accretion expense of approximately \$6.0 million for the remainder of 2010, \$25.8 million in 2011, and \$3.5 million in 2012. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded accretion expense of \$5.8 million and \$16.8 million, respectively. For the three and five months ended September 30, 2009 the Company recorded accretion expense of \$5.1 million and \$8.4 million, respectively. Accretion expense is included in interest expense in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

There are no financial covenants related to the Secured Notes. The Secured Notes contain certain non-financial covenants that, among other things, restrict the Company s ability to incur indebtedness, create liens, sell assets, and enter into transactions with affiliates. The Company was in compliance with these covenants at September 30, 2010. If an event of default shall occur and be continuing under the indenture, including without limitation as a result of the acceleration of indebtedness under the GE Credit Agreement upon an event of default, either the trustee or holders of a specified percentage of the applicable notes may accelerate the maturity of such notes.

As previously disclosed, the Company does not anticipate generating sufficient funds to repay the Secured Notes and the GE Credit Agreement may terminate if the Senior Secured Notes are not refinanced by November 15, 2011. The Company has retained a financial advisor to assist in exploring strategic alternatives, which may include, among other things, exchanging the Secured Notes for equity and/or new debt, a negotiated or bankruptcy court supervised restructuring, or a sale of the Company or specific assets. Any such transaction could cause substantial dilution to, or cancellation or delisting of, the Company s common stock. The Company is currently engaged in discussions with holders of the Company s Secured Notes regarding these alternatives. While the current focus of such discussions is a debt for equity exchange, there can be no assurance that any particular alternative will be available or, if available, the timing or ultimate terms. The Company s interim financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts nor the amounts and reclassifications of liabilities that may result from such actions.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures decreased to \$6.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to capital expenditures of \$10.8 million for the same period in 2009. The decrease was driven by lower production volumes in 2010 and non-recurring expenditures made in 2009 related to the Company s restructuring plans. Based on information currently available, the Company estimates 2010 capital spending will be lower than 2009 capital expenditures.

## **Pension Funding**

Under current funding rules, we estimate that the funding requirements under our pension plans for 2010 will be approximately \$4.0 million. If the return on plan assets is less than expected or if discount rates decline from current levels, plan contribution requirements could increase significantly in the future. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, the Company made pension plan contributions of \$2.9 million.

Accounting for pension plans requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding numerous factors, including discount rates, rates of return on plan assets, compensation increases, mortality rates, and employee turnover. Actual results may differ from the Company s actuarial assumptions, which may have an impact on the amount of reported expense or liability for pensions.

#### **Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

Information regarding the Company s contingent liabilities appears in Note 12 Commitments and Contingencies in the notes to the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

# **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States which require that management make numerous estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from these estimates and assumptions, impacting the reported results of operations and financial condition of the Company. For a discussion of the Company s critical accounting policies, see

Item 7 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company s Form 10-K filed on March 24, 2010.

## Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets to be held and used when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Such circumstances would include items such as a significant decrease in the market price of the long-lived asset, a significant adverse change in the manner in which the asset is being used or in its physical condition or a history of operating cash flow losses associated with use of the asset. The carrying amount of an asset or asset group is not recoverable if it exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. The Company monitors its assets for potential impairment on a quarterly basis.

For purposes of recognition and measurement of an impairment loss, long-lived assets such as property, plant and equipment, are grouped with other assets at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets. Based upon these criteria, the Company has identified three asset groups with one each in the U.S., U.K., and Holland. In the case where the carrying amount of an asset or asset group is not recoverable, an impairment loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair market value of the long-lived asset. The key variables that the Company must estimate include assumptions regarding future sales volume, prices, and other economic factors. Significant management judgment is involved in estimating these variables, and they include inherent uncertainties since it is a forecast of future events. If such assets are considered impaired, they are written down to fair value as appropriate.

During the third quarter of 2010, as a result of sequential declines in sales and unit volumes the Company revised its estimates of future cash flow and earnings projections downward. In addition, as previously disclosed in the second quarter of 2010, based on communications from the Company s largest U.S. customer, the Company expects this customer to increase its self-manufacturing of conventional containers. The Company does not expect this increase to materially impact the Company s financial results in 2010. The Company expects that in 2011 this action will reduce its U.S. bottle volumes by approximately 20%-25% as compared to estimated 2010 bottle volumes. The Company anticipates an increase in preform volumes to this customer to partially offset the loss of conventional bottle volume. The change in sales mix will negatively impact the Company s results of operations and cash flows as preforms generally carry lower variable per unit profitability than bottles. Consequently, during the second and third quarters of 2010, the Company performed interim impairment tests of its U.S. long-lived asset group, including its finite lived intangible assets. The results of the tests indicated that no impairment of long-lived assets existed at September 30, 2010 and June 30 2010, since the sum of the undiscounted cash flows of the asset group exceeded its carrying amount. Therefore, the Company did not measure the asset groups fair value to determine whether an impairment loss should be recognized. At September 30, 2010, if projected cash flows were decreased by 15% the carrying value of the U.S. long-lived asset group would exceed the sum of the undiscounted cash flows. In the event a fair value analysis would be required, the Company would rely on appraisals and discounted cash flow analyses in order to estimate the fair value of assets. Significant assumptions for discounted cash flow purposes are the life of the assets, the discount rate and cash flow projections.

#### Goodwill Impairment

The Company performed an interim goodwill impairment assessment during the second and third quarters of 2010, since the aggregate trading value of its common stock was significantly less than the carrying value of its stockholders equity.

Since the Company adopted fresh-start accounting on May 1, 2009 through the first quarter of 2010 the Company used discounted cash flow analysis and a market multiple method to estimate the fair value of its single reporting unit. For the impairment tests performed subsequent to the first quarter of 2010, the Company added an additional component to the enterprise fair value estimate by including the fair value of the Company based upon quoted market prices. The Company updated its method of valuation since the Company s common stock was listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market on April 9, 2010 and the Company believed that sufficient time had elapsed and trading had occurred for the market in Constar s stock to have more fully developed. Therefore the Company believed that guoted market prices had become an appropriate component in the estimated fair value of the Company. In the second quarter of 2010 the Company assigned a lower weight to the fair value based upon quoted market prices since trading volumes were low and inconsistent, with the remainder divided equally between the discounted cash flow analysis and a market multiple method. In the third quarter of 2010 the Company increased the weighting of the fair value based upon quoted market prices due to an increase in trading volumes with corresponding decreased weightings of the discounted cash flow analysis and a market multiple method. For a discussion of the discounted cash flow and market multiple valuation methods and the underlying assumptions of these methods see Note 9 Goodwill and Intangible Assets in the notes to the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Based upon the analyses performed during the second and third quarters of 2010, the Company failed Step 1 of the goodwill impairment tests. The change in the fair value of the Company s single reporting unit that caused the Company to fail Step 1 was predominately attributable to lower actual and projected cash flows. Consequently, the Company performed hypothetical purchase price allocations to determine the amount of goodwill impairment. The primary adjustments from book values to fair values used in the hypothetical purchase price allocation were to property, plant and equipment, amortizable intangible assets, long-term debt, and pension and postretirement liabilities. The adjustments to measure the assets and liabilities at fair value were for the purpose of measuring the implied fair value of goodwill. The adjustments are not reflected in the condensed consolidated balance sheet. The assumptions and methodologies for valuing our assets and liabilities have been applied consistently during the reporting periods included in this report.

The second step of the goodwill impairment test resulted in an implied fair value of \$73.3 million and \$86.2 million as of September 30, 2010 and June 30, 2010, respectively. The Company recognized a pre-tax impairment charge of \$12.9 million and \$45.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. If the Company s fair value continues to decline in the future, the Company may experience additional material impairment charges to the carrying amount of its goodwill. Recognition of impairment of a significant portion of goodwill would negatively affect the Company s reported results of operations and total capitalization, the effect of which could be material. Further, if additional impairment charges are recorded in the future that result in a decline in stockholder s equity below \$2.5 million the Company s common stock would be delisted from the NASDAQ Capital Market, which could negatively impact the market value and liquidity of the Company s common stock and the Company s ability to access the capital markets.

# Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

During the third quarter of 2010, as a result of sequential declines in sales and unit volumes the Company revised its estimates of future cash flow and earnings projections downward. In addition (as discussed above), the Company s expects its largest U.S. customer to increase its self-manufacturing of conventional containers Consequently, during the second and third quarters of 2010 the Company performed interim impairment tests of its indefinite-lived intangible asset, consisting exclusively of its trade name. An impairment of the carrying value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is recognized whenever its carrying value exceeds its fair value. The amount of impairment recognized is the difference between the carrying value of the asset and its fair value.

The Company estimated the fair value of its trade name by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the relief-from-royalty method. This approach treats the trade name as if it were licensed by the Company rather than owned, and calculates its value based on the discounted cash flows of the projected license payments. The relief-from-royalty method is the same method the Company employed in prior periods and the method employed to initially value the trade name upon the adoption of fresh-start accounting on May 1, 2009. Fair value estimates are based on assumptions concerning the amount and timing of estimated future cash flows and assumed discount and growth rates, reflecting varying degrees of perceived risk. Significant estimates and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the Company s trade name were internal sales projections, a long-term growth rate of 2.75%, and a discount rate of 13.9%. Based on this evaluation the Company recorded impairment charges related to its trade name intangible asset of \$1.3 million and \$6.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, respectively. These impairment charges are included within operating expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. The primary factor contributing to the impairment charge were reductions in sales expectations from the Company s provious projections.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*. ASU 2010-06 requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements including transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2 and a higher level of disaggregation for the different types of financial instruments. For the reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements, information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements are presented separately. This standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009 with the exception of revised Level 3 disclosure requirements which are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2010. Comparative disclosures are not required in the year of adoption. The Company adopted the provisions of the standard on January 1, 2010. The adoption of these new requirements did not have a material impact on the Company s results of operations or financial condition.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements included herein that are not historical facts (including, but not limited to, any statements concerning plans and objectives of management for future operations or economic performance, or assumptions related thereto), are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. In addition, the Company and its representatives may from time to time make other oral or written statements which are also forward-looking

statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on the Company s current expectations and projections about future events. Statements that include the words expect, believe, anticipate, intend, plan, project, will, may, potential, pro forma. continues. estimates. predicts, goal, objective and similar statements of a future natur forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements and forecasts are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The Company cautions that forward-looking statements are not guarantees and that actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. The Company does not intend to review or revise any particular forward-looking statement or forecast in light of future events.

A discussion of important factors that could cause the actual results of operations or financial condition of the Company to differ from expectations has been set forth in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 under the captions Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements and

Item 1.A Risk Factors and is incorporated herein by reference. Some of the factors are also discussed elsewhere in this Form 10-Q and have been or may be discussed from time to time in the Company s other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures for financial reporting that are designed to give reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the Company s reports submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. These controls and procedures also give reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in such reports is accumulated and communicated to management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As of September 30, 2010, the Company s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), together with management, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

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

There was no change in the Company s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company s internal control over financial reporting.

#### **PART II Other Information**

#### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

Information regarding legal proceedings involving the Company appears in Part I within Item 1 of this quarterly report under Note 12 Commitments and Contingencies to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

#### 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, 2009, which could materially affect the Company s business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing the Company. Additional risk and uncertainties not currently known to the Company or that it currently deems to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect the Company s business, financial condition or operating results.

The following risk factor from the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K is deleted:

Our stock is not listed on a national securities exchange. It will likely be more difficult for stockholders and investors to sell our common stock or to obtain accurate quotations of the share price of our common stock. See the risk factors below for a discussion of new risks regarding our common stock.

The following risk factors have been updated or added:

# As a result of liquidity constraints and the upcoming maturity of our Secured Notes, we are pursuing strategic alternatives, particularly a restructuring of the Secured Notes. A restructuring of our Secured Notes may result in substantial dilution to, or cancellation or delisting of, our currently outstanding common stock.

We expect our largest U.S. customer to increase self-manufacturing of conventional containers, resulting in a reduction of 2011 U.S. bottle volumes of approximately 20%-25% as compared to estimated 2010 bottle volumes. In addition, sales volumes have continued to decline generally and we have not been able to offset decreases to conventional business by increasing our custom business. As a result of these and other factors, our liquidity is constrained, which has caused certain vendors to require that we pay for purchases in advance or upon delivery or to require letters of credit, further constraining our liquidity. Liquidity constraints, in turn, make it difficult to renew contracts or obtain new business, further constraining our liquidity. Our lack of liquidity may also limit our ability to make capital expenditures required by our supply contracts. In addition, the liquidity provided by our GE Credit Agreement may not be available to us if we fail to meet the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio required by the GE Credit Agreement.

As previously disclosed, we do not anticipate generating sufficient funds to repay the Secured Notes and the GE Credit Agreement may terminate if the Secured Notes are not refinanced by November 15, 2011.

As a result of these liquidity and indebtedness issues, we have retained a financial advisor to assist in exploring strategic alternatives, which may include, among other things, exchanging the Secured Notes for equity and/or new debt, a negotiated or bankruptcy court supervised restructuring, or a sale of the Company or specific assets. Any such transaction could cause substantial dilution to, or cancellation or delisting of, our common stock. We are currently engaged in discussions with holders of our Secured Notes regarding these alternatives. While the current focus of such discussions is a debt for equity exchange, there can be no assurance that any particular alternative will be available or, if available, the timing or ultimate terms.

# We have incurred, and may in the future incur, significant impairment charges, which result in lower reported net income (or higher net losses) and a reduction to stockholders equity.

Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, we are required to evaluate our long-lived assets and goodwill for impairment whenever a triggering event occurs that indicates the carrying value may not be recoverable. Goodwill is also required to be tested at least annually and we have selected October 1 as our annual testing date.

During the nine months ended September 31, 2010 we wrote off \$45.4 million of goodwill and \$6.4 million related to our trade name intangible asset. Following the write off we had \$151.3 million of long-lived assets and \$73.3 million of goodwill. We may in the future record additional significant impairment charges to earnings in the period in which any impairment of our long-lived assets or goodwill is determined. Such charges have resulted, and could in the future result, in significantly lower reported net income (or higher net losses) and a reduction to stockholders equity. *We must comply with financial and other covenants in our GE Credit Agreement and other debt agreements*.

The GE Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.0:1.0 if our available credit under that facility falls below \$12.5 million for any period of five consecutive business days during any fiscal month or \$7.5 million at any time. This ratio is defined as consolidated EBITDA (which is an adjusted measure of earnings defined in the GE Credit Agreement) divided by the sum of interest expense (excluding non-cash accretion of interest on the Secured Notes), cash capital expenditures net of cash proceeds from the disposition of capital assets, scheduled payments of principal, income taxes paid in cash, and cash dividends and other equity distributions and is calculated on a trailing twelve month basis as of the last day of the then immediately preceding fiscal month. The Company s projected available credit, consolidated EBITDA and compliance with the fixed charge coverage ratio may be impacted by, among other things, unit volume changes, resin price changes, movements in foreign currency, working capital changes, vendor demands for letters of credit, changes in product mix, factors impacting the value of the borrowing base, and other factors including those in Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Overview .

The Company s projected available credit will likely fall below \$12.5 million for five consecutive business day periods in the fourth quarter of 2010, however, the minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is expected to remain narrowly above 1:0 to 1:0 during this period. In response, the Company has begun to delay certain capital expenditures, reduce inventories, and institute cost reduction initiatives (see Note 24 Subsequent Events for additional details). If the Company does not meet its projections and the actions described above are not sufficient to maintain the Company s compliance with its debt covenants, the Company would seek a waiver of the covenants or alternative financing. There can be no assurance that such actions would be successful or that such actions would not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or liquidity. If the Company is not successful in any or all of these actions, the Company would have to seek protection under the federal bankruptcy laws.

In addition, our credit facility limits our capital expenditures to \$25.0 million per year, net of cash proceeds from the disposition of capital assets, with a carryover permitted into the immediately following year of 75% of any unused portion. Our credit facility and the indenture governing our Secured Notes also contain covenants customary for such financings that, among other things, restrict our ability to sell assets, incur debt, incur liens and engage in certain transactions. These restrictions may limit our operating flexibility or our ability to take advantage of potential business opportunities as they arise. These covenants may have a material adverse impact on our operations.

Our failure to comply with any of these covenants may constitute an event of default. Our credit facility and indenture also contain other events of default customary for such financings. If an event of default was to occur and we are unable to obtain an amendment or waiver, the lenders could declare outstanding borrowings immediately due and payable, discontinue further lending to us, apply any of our cash to repay outstanding loans, or foreclose on assets. We cannot provide assurance that we would have sufficient liquidity to repay or refinance borrowings upon an event of default. In addition, the credit facility and indenture contain provisions under which a default or acceleration of one of such documents may result in a cross acceleration of the other.

# We expect our largest U.S. customer to increase its self-manufacturing of conventional containers, which we expect will result in significant volume loss.

We expect that increased self-manufacturing by our largest U.S. customer will reduce its U.S. bottle purchases from us by approximately 20%-25% as compared to estimated 2010 bottle volumes. The Company anticipates an increase in preform volumes to this customer to partially offset the loss of conventional bottle volume. The change in sales mix will negatively impact the Company s results of operations and cash flows as preforms generally carry lower variable per unit profitability than bottles. Increased self-manufacturing may have several effects on the Company, including but not limited to a reduced borrowing base under the GE Credit Agreement. In response we have announced the closure of a manufacturing facility and we are evaluating additional actions that we may take in response to this expected volume loss, including potential cost reductions, additional plant closures and obtaining replacement preform volume. There can be no assurance that any such actions would be successful or that such actions would avert a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial position, cash flows or liquidity. Customers self-manufacturing plans are not within our control and such plans may change from time to time.

# Our declining stockholder s equity may cause our common stock to be delisted from the NASDAQ Capital Market, which could negatively impact the market value and liquidity of our common stock and our ability to access the capital markets.

Stockholders equity at September 30, 2010 was approximately \$4.3 million. In order to maintain our listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market, we must maintain minimum stockholders equity of \$2.5 million which could be reduced by write-offs (such as those we took during the second and third quarters of 2010) and other factors. If we cannot meet this standard or any of the alternative listing standards, then NASDAQ may commence proceedings to delist our common stock. If a delisting of our common stock were to occur, we would expect any trading of our common stock to take place only in the over-the-counter market. Accordingly, we would expect the market value and liquidity of our common stock and our ability to access the capital markets to be adversely impacted. There may be other negative implications, including the potential loss of confidence by actual or potential customers, suppliers and employees and the loss of institutional investor interest.

If our auditors issue a going concern opinion in early 2011 we would be in default under our Credit Agreement.

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If our auditors opinion delivered in connection with our 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K includes any explanatory paragraph expressing substantial doubt as to our going concern status (other than as a result of the failure to refinance or extend the final maturity date of the Secured Notes and the Secured Notes and the debt evidenced thereby consequently being characterized as current liabilities), then we will be in default under our Credit Agreement.

#### Our ability to attract and retain employees may decline.

The Company s continued losses may impact our ability to attract and retain employees. A lack of skilled and experienced employees may have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

# Legislative changes could reduce demand for our products.

Our business model is dependent on the demand for our customers products in multiple channels and locations. Taxes on the sale of our customers products could result in decreased demand for our products, which could negatively impact our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. In 2009, members of the U.S. Congress raised the possibility of a federal tax on the sale of certain sugar beverages, including non-diet soft drinks, fruit drinks, teas and flavored water, to help pay the cost of healthcare reform. Some state and local governments are considering similar taxes. If enacted, such taxes could result in decreased demand for our products and negatively impact our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, certain state and local governments have considered laws that would restrict our customers ability to distribute their sweetened beverage products in schools and other venues. If enacted, these restrictions could result in decreased demand for our products and negatively impact our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Recent federal health care legislation could increase our expenses.

We are self-insured with respect to our healthcare coverage and do not purchase third party insurance for the health insurance benefits provided to employees. We are currently assessing the potential impact of federal health care legislation which could adversely affect our financial condition through increased costs. In March 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Act ) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (the

Reconciliation Act ) were signed into law. The Act, as modified by the Reconciliation Act, includes a large number of healthcare provisions to take effect over the next four years, including expanded dependent coverage, incentives for businesses to provide health care benefits, a prohibition on the denial of coverage and denial of claims on pre-existing conditions, a prohibition on limits on essential benefits, and other expansions of health care benefits and coverage. The costs of these provisions are expected to be funded by a variety of taxes and fees. Some of these taxes and fees, as well as certain health care changes required by these acts, are expected to result, directly or indirectly, in increased health care costs for us. For example, the requirement to provide coverage for children up to the age of twenty-six and the prohibition on limits on essential benefits (whereas we currently cap health-related benefits) could result in increased costs to us. At this time, we cannot quantify the impact, if any, that the legislation may have on us. There is no assurance that we will be able to absorb and/or pass through the costs of such legislation in a manner that will not adversely impact our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

- 10.1 Executive Employment Agreement, by and between the Company and Grant H. Beard, dated as of September 13, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on September 14, 2010).
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

#### **Constar International Inc.**

Dated: November 15, 2010

By: /s/ J. Mark Borseth J. Mark Borseth Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (duly authorized officer and principal financial officer)