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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 the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-07151

THE CLOROX COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

31-0595760
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1221 Broadway
Oakland, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

94612-1888
(Zip code)

(510) 271-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

As of September 30, 2003 there were 211,027,657 shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock (par value - \$1.00), the

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

The Clorox Company

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings

(In millions, except share and per-share amounts)

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>9/30/2002</u>
Net sales	\$1,048	\$1,047
Cost of products sold	591	544
Gross profit	457	503
Selling and administrative expenses	122	116
Advertising costs	106	111
Research and development costs	19	15
Restructuring and asset impairment costs	-	3
Interest expense	6	8
Other expense	3	6
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	201	244
Income taxes	71	86
Earnings from continuing operations	130	158
Losses from discontinued operations, net of tax benefits of \$1 and \$6 for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively	(1)	(13)

Net earnings	\$129	\$145
Net earnings (losses) per common share		
Basic		
Continuing operations	\$0.61	\$0.71
Discontinued operations	(0.00)	(0.06)
Basic net earnings per common share	\$0.61	\$0.65
Diluted		
Continuing operations	\$0.60	\$0.71
Discontinued operations	(0.00)	(0.06)
Diluted net earnings per common share	\$0.60	\$0.65
Weighted average shares outstanding (in thousands)		
Basic	212,654	221,883
Diluted	214,807	224,051
Dividends per common share	\$0.27	\$0.22

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In millions, except share amounts)

	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$187	\$172
Receivables, net	379	463
Inventories	273	264
Other current assets	44	46
Assets held for sale	8	6
Total current assets	891	951
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,066	1,072
Goodwill, net	732	730
Trademarks and other intangible assets, net	640	651
Other assets, net	229	248
Total assets	\$3,558	\$3,652

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity

Current Liabilities

Notes and loans payable	\$653	\$361
Current maturities of long-term debt	16	213
Accounts payable	282	312
Accrued liabilities	490	537
Income taxes payable	2	28

Total current liabilities	1,443	1,451
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Long-term debt	479	495
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Other liabilities	361	376
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Deferred income taxes	118	115
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Stockholders' equity

Common stock	250	250
Additional paid-in capital	263	255
Retained earnings	2,633	2,565
Treasury shares, at cost, 38,799,277 and 36,150,266 shares		
At at September 30, 2003 and June 30, 2003, respectively	(1,634)	(1,507)
Accumulated other comprehensive net losses	(344)	(339)
Unearned compensation	(11)	(9)

Stockholders' equity	1,157	1,215
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,558	\$3,652
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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In millions)

	Three Months Ended	
	9/30/2003	9/30/2002
Operations:		
Earnings from continuing operations	\$ 130	\$ 158
Adjustments to reconcile earnings from continuing operations		
to net cash provided by continuing operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	47	43
Deferred income taxes	2	3
Other	9	12
Cash effects of changes in:		
Receivables, net	86	104
Inventories	(9)	-
Other current assets	2	2
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(100)	(133)
Income taxes payable	14	27
Pension contribution	(37)	-

	Net cash provided by continuing operations	144	216
	Net cash used for discontinued operations	(4)	(12)
	Net cash provided by operations	140	204
Investing Activities:			
	Capital expenditures	(39)	(40)
	Low income housing contributions	(10)	(12)
	Other	1	(3)
	Net cash used for investing by continuing operations	(48)	(55)
	Net cash provided by investing by discontinued operations	-	1
	Net cash used for investing activities	(48)	(54)
Financing Activities:			
	Notes and loans payable, net	292	(8)
	Long-term debt borrowings	7	4
	Long-term debt repayments	(200)	(1)
	Cash dividends paid	(58)	(49)
	Treasury stock purchased and related premiums	(147)	(138)
	Issuance of common stock for employee stock plans, and other	13	7
	Proceeds from settlement of interest rate swaps	23	-
	Net cash used for financing by continuing operations	(70)	(185)
	Net cash (used for) provided by financing by discontinued operations	(7)	3
	Net cash used for financing activities	(77)	(182)
	Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	-	(2)
	Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	15	(34)
Cash and cash equivalents:			
	Beginning of period	172	177
	End of period	\$ 187	\$ 143

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Interim Financial Statements

Basis of Presentation

The interim condensed unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated results of operations, financial position and cash flows of The Clorox Company and its subsidiaries (the "Company") for the periods presented. Certain reclassifications were made in the prior periods' condensed consolidated financial statements to conform to the current periods' presentation. The results for the interim period ended September 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 or for any future period.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting

principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") have been omitted or condensed pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The information in this report should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, which includes a complete set of financial notes, including the Company's significant accounting policies.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures. Actual results could differ from estimates and assumptions made.

New Accounting Standards and Developments

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation ("FIN") No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities." FIN No. 46 sets forth criteria to be used in determining whether an investment in a variable interest entity ("VIE") should be consolidated and is based on the general premise that companies that control another entity through interests other than voting interests should consolidate the controlled entity. In October 2003, the FASB announced the deferral of the effective date for applying the provisions of FIN No. 46 to interests held by public entities in VIEs created before February 1, 2003. The deferral extends the effective date of FIN No. 46 to the Company's second fiscal quarter. The FASB agreed to provide this deferral to allow time for certain implementation issues to be addressed through the issuance of a modification to the current guidance in FIN No. 46. The FASB indicated that it expects to issue this modification in final form prior to the end of calendar year 2003. The Company has evaluated whether the current consolidation guidance in FIN No. 46 is applicable to its investment in low income housing partnerships and the investment fund, which continue to be accounted for by the equity method as of September 30, 2003 (see Note 5), and has concluded that only the investment fund would need to be consolidated under the most current guidance. The Company does not expect that this consolidation will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements if the current guidance were not to be modified, and will assess whether the issuance of any modifications to FIN No. 46 will impact its conclusion on the accounting for these interests.

In April 2003, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies accounting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities under SFAS No. 133. The application of SFAS No. 149 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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Discontinued Operations and Assets Held for Sale

In the first quarter of fiscal year 2003, the Company announced its intent to sell its business in Brazil, a reporting unit included in the Household Products – Latin America/Other segment. This decision was due to the deteriorating economic and market conditions and the Company's lack of scale in the region. The Company continues to actively market the remaining net assets of the Brazil business, which has been classified as a discontinued operation.

The following table presents the losses from discontinued operations, which are classified separately in the condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

	Three Months Ended	
	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>9/30/2002</u>
Net sales	<u>\$2</u>	<u>\$7</u>

Losses from discontinued operations before income taxes	(2)	(19)
Income tax benefits	1	6
	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(13)</u>
Losses from discontinued operations, net of tax	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(13)</u>

Assets held for sale, including those related to the discontinued Brazil operations, are as follows:

	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
Brazil	\$5	\$5
Other, including former manufacturing facilities held for sale	3	1
	<u>\$8</u>	<u>\$6</u>
Assets held for sale	<u>\$8</u>	<u>\$6</u>

Financial Instruments

The Company utilizes derivative instruments, principally swap, forward and option contracts, to enhance its ability to manage the risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates, foreign currencies and commodity prices, which exist as part of its ongoing business operations. These contracts hedge transactions and balances for periods consistent with the related exposures and do not constitute investments independent of these exposures. As of September 30, 2003, the Company's outstanding interest rate swap agreements had either matured or been settled during the period.

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Financial Instruments (Continued)

At September 30, 2003 and June 30, 2003, the Company's derivative financial instruments are recorded at fair value in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as assets (liabilities) as follows:

	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
Current Assets		
Commodity contracts	\$1	\$ -
Foreign exchange contracts	-	1
Other Assets		
Commodity contracts	1	2
Interest rate swaps	-	39
Current Liabilities		
Interest rate swaps	-	2

The estimated notional and fair value amounts of the Company's derivative instruments are summarized below:

<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
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	<u>Notional</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Notional</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Commodity contracts	\$113	\$2	\$125	\$2
Foreign exchange contracts	41	-	259	-
Debt-related contracts	-	-	400	41

Exposure to counterparty credit risk is considered low because these agreements have been entered into with major institutions with strong credit ratings who are expected to fully perform under the terms of the agreements.

Inventories

Inventories at September 30, 2003 and June 30, 2003 consisted of:

	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
Finished goods	\$189	\$179
Work in process	14	9
Raw materials and packaging	83	87
LIFO allowances	(9)	(8)
Allowance for obsolescence	(4)	(3)
Total	<u>\$273</u>	<u>\$264</u>

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Other Assets

Other assets at September 30, 2003 and June 30, 2003 consisted of:

	<u>9/30/2003</u>	<u>6/30/2003</u>
Equity investments in:		
Henkel Iberica, S.A. of Spain	\$56	\$56
Other entities	42	39
Investment in low income housing partnerships	56	46
Derivative contracts	-	41
Investment fund	13	14
Retirement plan assets	35	22
Other	27	30
Total	<u>\$229</u>	<u>\$248</u>

Net Earnings per Common Share ("EPS")

Basic EPS is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net earnings by the diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur from common shares issuable through stock

options, restricted stock, performance units and other securities. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding (denominator) used to calculate basic EPS is reconciled to those shares used in calculating diluted EPS as follows (in thousands):

Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding

	Three Months Ended	
	9/30/2003	9/30/2002
Basic	212,654	221,883
Stock options and other	2,153	2,168
	214,807	224,051

Stock options to purchase 1,566,754 and 1,545,000 shares of common stock for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively, were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of the stock options was greater than the average market price of the common shares and therefore the effect would be antidilutive.

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Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income for the Company includes net earnings, foreign currency translation adjustments and net changes in the valuation of cash flow hedges that are excluded from net earnings but included as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Comprehensive income for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	9/30/2003	9/30/2002
Net earnings	\$129	\$145
Other comprehensive losses		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(3)	(27)
Net derivative loss	(1)	(3)
	\$125	\$115

Goodwill, Trademarks and Other Intangible Assets

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," the Company's policy is to separately identify, value, and determine the useful lives for all intangible assets acquired. Those assets with a definite life are amortized over such periods, and those with indefinite lives are not amortized, but tested for impairment. The annual impairment tests are performed in the third quarter of each fiscal year unless events suggest an impairment may have occurred in the interim. No impairment charges were recorded for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the three-month period ended September 30, 2003, by operating segment, are as follows:

Net Balance Translation Net Balance

	6/30/2003	Adjustments	9/30/2003
Household Products - North America	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ 125
Specialty Products	381	-	381
Household Products - Latin America/Other	155	2	157
Corporate, Interest and Other	69	-	69
Total Company	\$ 730	\$ 2	\$ 732

Changes in trademarks and other intangible assets at September 30, 2003 are summarized below. Trademarks and other intangible assets subject to amortization are net of accumulated amortization of \$142 and \$137 at September 30, 2003 and June 30, 2003, respectively. Estimated amortization expense is \$11 for each of the fiscal years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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Goodwill, Trademarks and Other Intangible Assets (Continued)

	Net balance 6/30/2003	Translation Adjustments	Amortization	Net balance 9/30/2003
Trademarks and other intangible assets subject to amortization				
Patents	\$3	\$ -	(\$1)	\$2
Technology	105	-	(3)	102
Other	28	(1)	(1)	26
Sub-total	136	(1)	(5)	130
Trademarks not subject to amortization	515	(5)	-	510
Total	\$651	(\$6)	(\$5)	\$640

Stock Option Plans

The Company's stock option plans provide for the granting of stock options to officers, key employees and directors. The Company accounts for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value methods prescribed in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 whereby the options are granted at market price, and therefore no compensation costs are recognized.

If compensation expense for the Company's various stock option plans had been determined based upon fair values at the grant dates for awards under those plans in accordance with SFAS No. 123, the Company's pro-forma net earnings, and basic and diluted EPS would have been as follows:

Three Months Ended	
9/30/2003	9/30/2002

Net earnings:		
As reported	\$129	\$145
Fair value-based expense, net of tax	(6)	(5)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pro forma	\$123	\$140
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Net earnings per common share		
Basic		
As reported	\$0.61	\$0.65
Pro forma	\$0.58	\$0.63
Diluted		
As reported	\$0.60	\$0.65
Pro forma	\$0.57	\$0.63

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Guarantees

In conjunction with divestitures and other transactions, the Company may provide routine indemnifications relating to the enforceability of trademarks, retention of pre-existing legal, tax, environmental and employee liabilities, as well as provisions for product returns and other items. The Company has several indemnification agreements in effect through fiscal year 2006 that specify a maximum possible indemnification exposure. The Company's aggregate exposure from these agreements is capped at \$42. However, based on historical experience and evaluation of the specific agreements, the Company does not believe that any significant payments will result.

Segment Results

Information regarding the Company's operating segments is shown below. Each segment is individually managed with separate operating results that are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision makers. The operating segments include:

Household Products – North America: Includes cleaning, bleach, water filtration products, and the food storage and disposal categories marketed in the United States and all products marketed in Canada.

Specialty Products: Includes charcoal, the United States and European automotive care businesses, cat litter, insecticides, food products and professional products.

Household Products – Latin America/Other: Includes operations outside the United States and Canada, excluding the European automotive care businesses.

The table below represents operating segment information.

Net Sales		Earnings (Losses) from Continuing Operations	
		Before Income Taxes	
Three Months Ended		Three Months Ended	
9/30/2003	9/30/2002	9/30/2003	9/30/2002
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Household Products - North America	\$ 603	\$ 628	\$ 156	\$ 206
Specialty Products	318	306	108	114
Household Products - Latin America/Other	127	113	31	16
Corporate, Interest and Other	-	-	(94)	(92)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Company	\$ 1,048	\$ 1,047	\$ 201	\$ 244
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Net sales to the Company's largest customer, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and its affiliates, were 25% of consolidated net sales for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of

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Results of Operations

Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003

With the Three Months Ended September 30, 2002

Diluted net earnings per common share decreased 8% to 60 cents for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 as compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2002. The decrease was driven primarily by higher cost of products sold, partially offset by the effect of the Company's share repurchases.

Net sales increased by \$1 million to \$1,048 million due to a volume increase of 2% which was driven by record shipments of *Glad* products, record first-quarter shipments of charcoal, food and cat litter products, and a double-digit increase in Latin America shipments. The volume increase was partially offset by higher trade and coupon spending and an unfavorable product mix.

The *Household Products – North America* segment reported a net sales decrease of 4% and a volume increase of 1%. Volume growth in the segment was driven by all-time record shipments of *Glad* products, due to record first-quarter shipments of *Glad* trash bags and *GladWare* containers, and the introduction of *Glad Press 'n Seal* wrap. Also contributing to volume growth were new laundry and home care products and increased shipments of *Clorox* bleach. Nearly offsetting these positive trends were declines in wipes and convenience mopping due to competitive activity, and a high base-period comparison due to last year's launch of *Brita* pitchers with electronic filter change indicators. The variance between volume and net sales was primarily the result of increased trade-promotion spending and an unfavorable product mix, partially offset by favorable foreign-exchange rates.

The *Specialty Products* segment reported net sales and volume increases of 4%. The segment's strong volume growth was driven by increases in shipments of food products, cat litter and charcoal. Delivering record first-quarter shipments were bottled *Hidden Valley* salad dressing, *Fresh Step* scoopable cat litter, and *Kingsford* and *Match Light* charcoal. *Scoop Away* cat litters and *Fresh Step* regular cat litter achieved all-time record shipments.

The *Household Products – Latin America/Other* segment's net sales and volume increased by 13% and 4%, respectively. Volume improvements were primarily driven by increased shipments in Mexico and Argentina, partially offset by a decline in Korea insecticides shipments due to weather conditions. Net sales growth outpaced volume growth due to favorable foreign-exchange rates and price increases, partially offset by an unfavorable product mix.

Cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales increased to 56.4% for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 as compared to 52.0% for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. This increase was driven by higher manufacturing costs due to start-up costs for new products, increased resin and other raw materials costs, increased contract-manufacturing costs for *Match Light* charcoal, and an unfavorable product mix, partially offset by strong cost-saving initiatives.

Selling and administrative expenses increased by 5% to \$122 million driven primarily by higher expenses related to the Company's new system projects.

Advertising costs as a percentage of net sales was 10.1% for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 versus 10.6% for the year ago quarter. The decrease reflects a shift in spending from advertising to trade promotion to support new-product launches, including *Glad Press 'n Seal* wrap, *Clorox* bleach pen, and *Clorox* bathroom cleaners with *Teflon* surface protector.

The effective tax rate on continuing operations was 35.3% for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 as compared to 35.2% for the quarter ended September 30, 2002.

Losses from discontinued operations decreased to \$1 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 from \$13 for the quarter ended September 30, 2002. The losses from discontinued operations in the year-ago quarter were driven by pre-tax impairment charges of \$19 million related to Brazil.

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Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's financial position and liquidity remain strong as of September 30, 2003. Net cash provided by operations was \$140 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, down from \$204 million in the year-ago quarter. This decrease in operating cash flows was driven by lower earnings from continuing operations, a \$37 million pension contribution made during the quarter ended September 30, 2003 and other working capital changes.

Working Capital

The Company's balance of working capital declined from June 30, 2003 to September 30, 2003 principally due to seasonality and timing.

The \$84 million decrease in receivables was driven primarily by a \$78 million decrease attributable to the seasonal nature of the Charcoal, Insecticides, Food and Auto businesses, which typically have peak trade receivable balances in the fourth fiscal quarter. The \$95 million increase in short-term borrowings was due primarily to \$290 million of additional commercial paper borrowings, which were partially offset by a \$200 million payoff due to the maturity of preferred interest transferable securities.

The \$103 million decrease in payable and accrued liability balances was attributable to \$61 million of profit sharing and incentive compensation payments, a \$23 million decrease in the Specialty Products segment driven by lower advertising and coupon accruals and seasonality, a \$15 million decrease due to the timing of interest payments on long-term debt and other net decreases of \$4 million.

Stock Repurchases

During the three-month period ended September 30, 2003, the Company acquired 3.3 million shares of its common stock at a total cost of \$147 million. These repurchases relate to \$1.7 billion board-authorized repurchase program, bringing the total number of shares repurchased under the program to approximately 22 million at a total cost of \$920 million.

Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures were \$39 million and \$40 million for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively, and included \$14 million and \$23 million, respectively, for the Company's enterprise resource planning and customer relationship management data processing systems. The Company is implementing these information systems over a three-year period, with total implementation costs estimated to be approximately \$310 million. Total inception-to-date expenditures for these systems through September 30, 2003 were \$251 million, of which \$212 million has been capitalized as property, plant and equipment, and \$39 million has been recorded as selling and administrative expense. Expenditures for the three-month period ended September 30, 2003 totaled \$15 million, of which \$14 million has been capitalized and \$1 million expensed.

The Company expects to achieve approximately \$125 million in one-time working capital reductions and approximately \$80 million of annual ongoing savings from the information systems. Some of the working capital reductions and ongoing cost savings are already being realized, with further savings expected when the systems are fully-implemented.

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Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

Credit Arrangements

During the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, cash flow from continuing operations exceeded cash requirements to fund capital expenditures, dividends and scheduled debt service. A portion of the operating cash flows were used to repurchase shares of the Company's outstanding common stock. The Company believes that cash flow from operations, supplemented by financing expected to be available from external sources, will provide sufficient liquidity during the next twelve months.

At September 30, 2003, the Company had domestic credit agreements with available credit lines totaling \$750 million, which expire on various dates through March 2007. At September 30, 2003 and June 30, 2003, there were no borrowings under these agreements, which are available for general corporate purposes and to support additional commercial paper issuance. In addition, the Company had \$16 million of foreign working capital credit lines and overdraft facilities at September 30, 2003, of which \$8 million is available for borrowing. The Company is in compliance with all restrictive covenants and limitations as of September 30, 2003, and does not anticipate any problems in securing future credit agreements.

Management believes the Company has access to sufficient capital through internally generated cash flows, existing lines of credit and, should the need arise, other public and private sources.

Cautionary Statement

Except for historical information, matters discussed above and in the financial statements and footnotes, including statements about future volume, sales and earnings growth, profitability, costs, cost savings or expectations, are forward-looking statements based on management's estimates, assumptions and projections. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those discussed above and in the financial statements and footnotes. Important factors that could cause results to differ materially from management's expectations are described in the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements and Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2003, as updated from time to time in the Company's SEC filings. Those factors include, but are not limited to, general economic and marketplace conditions and events, competitors' actions, the Company's costs (including the impact of world events on raw material costs and/or supply disruption), the success of information systems design and implementation, the ability to manage and realize the benefits of joint ventures and other cooperative relationships, risks inherent in litigation and international operations, the success of new products, the integration of acquisitions, and environmental, regulatory and intellectual property matters.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The Clorox Company

There have not been any material changes during the three-month period ended September 30, 2003. However, the Household Products-Latin America/Other segment continues to be affected by weakening economic, social, and political conditions in certain countries in South America where it does business. For additional information, refer to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within

the specified time periods. The chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Company, with the participation of the Company's management, have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2003 and, based on that evaluation, which disclosed no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2004, there have not been any significant changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

The Clorox Company

Exhibits

(31-1) Certification by the Chief Executive Officer of The Clorox Company Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, attached hereto as Exhibit 31-1

(31-2) Certification by the Chief Financial Officer of The Clorox Company Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, attached hereto as Exhibit 31-2

(32) Certification by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of The Clorox Company Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, attached hereto as Exhibit 32

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

The Company filed a current report on Form 8-K containing information pursuant to Item 12 ("Results of Operations and Financial Condition") on August 12, 2003, relating to the issuance of an earnings release for the quarter ended June 30, 2003.

SIGNATURE

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

THE CLOROX COMPANY

(Registrant)

DATE: November 7, 2003

BY /s/ Thomas D. Johnson

Thomas D. Johnson

Vice-President – Controller

Exhibit 31-1

CERTIFICATION

I, Gerald E. Johnston, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of The Clorox Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:

a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

c) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 7, 2003

/s/ Gerald E. Johnston

Gerald E. Johnston

President and Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 31-2

CERTIFICATION

I, Daniel J. Heinrich, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of The Clorox Company;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining

disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:

a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

c) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 7, 2003

/s/ Daniel J. Heinrich

Daniel J. Heinrich

Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 32

CERTIFICATION

In connection with the periodic report of The Clorox Company (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2003 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), we, Gerald E. Johnston, Chief Executive Officer and Daniel J. Heinrich, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify as of the date hereof, solely for purposes of Title 18, Chapter 63, Section 1350 of the United States Code, that to the best of our knowledge:

the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and

the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company at the dates and for the periods indicated.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This Certification has not been, and shall not be deemed, "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2003.

/s/ Gerald E. Johnston

Gerald E. Johnston

President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Daniel J. Heinrich

Daniel J. Heinrich

Vice President – Chief Financial Officer

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