

VULCAN MATERIALS CO

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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, 2010

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 001-33841

VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

20-8579133
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1200 Urban Center Drive, Birmingham, Alabama
(Address of principal executive offices)

35242
(zip code)

(205) 298-3000

(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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(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 No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class	Shares outstanding at September 30, 2010
Common Stock, \$1 Par Value	128,390,617



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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1 Financial Statements

Vulcan Materials Company
and Subsidiary Companies

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

Unaudited, except for December 31

	Amounts in thousands, except per share data		
	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,496	\$ 22,265	\$ 46,547
Restricted cash	531	0	0
Medium-term investments	3,910	4,111	6,803
Accounts and notes receivable			
Accounts and notes receivable, gross	414,316	276,746	408,407
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(9,382)	(8,722)	(9,394)
Accounts and notes receivable, net	404,934	268,024	399,013
Inventories			
Finished products	251,457	261,752	265,422
Raw materials	22,924	21,807	24,565
Products in process	5,905	3,907	5,085
Operating supplies and other	35,958	37,567	36,623
Inventories	316,244	325,033	331,695
Deferred income taxes	66,718	57,967	67,967
Prepaid expenses	42,729	50,817	33,466
Assets held for sale	14,582	15,072	0
Total current assets	932,144	743,289	885,491
Investments and long-term receivables	33,808	33,283	31,424
Property, plant & equipment			
Property, plant & equipment, cost	6,656,252	6,653,261	6,678,317
Reserve for depr., depl. & amort.	(2,987,287)	(2,778,590)	(2,713,057)
Property, plant & equipment, net	3,668,965	3,874,671	3,965,260
Goodwill	3,093,979	3,093,979	3,093,979
Other intangible assets, net	693,779	682,643	681,087
Other assets	106,922	105,085	105,927
Total assets	\$ 8,529,597	\$ 8,532,950	\$ 8,763,168
Liabilities			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 325,249	\$ 385,381	\$ 60,421
Short-term borrowings	0	236,512	286,357
Trade payables and accruals	138,462	121,324	141,884
Other current liabilities	207,085	113,109	187,171
Liabilities of assets held for sale	460	369	0
Total current liabilities	671,256	856,695	675,833
Long-term debt	2,432,521	2,116,120	2,506,170
Deferred income taxes	849,925	887,268	896,598
Other noncurrent liabilities	537,041	620,845	599,039
Total liabilities	4,490,743	4,480,928	4,677,640
Other commitments and contingencies (Notes 13 & 19)			
Shareholders' equity			
Common stock, \$1 par value	128,391	125,912	125,401
Capital in excess of par value	2,487,538	2,368,228	2,342,765
Retained earnings	1,606,754	1,752,240	1,797,036
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(183,829)	(194,358)	(179,674)
Shareholders' equity	4,038,854	4,052,022	4,085,528
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 8,529,597	\$ 8,532,950	\$ 8,763,168

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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Vulcan Materials Company and Subsidiary Companies

Amounts and shares in thousands, except per share data

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings

Unaudited

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net sales	\$699,792	\$738,664	\$1,857,085	\$1,987,939
Delivery revenues	43,412	39,528	115,534	112,407
Total revenues	743,204	778,192	1,972,619	2,100,346
Cost of goods sold	573,045	584,184	1,607,109	1,610,018
Delivery costs	43,412	39,528	115,534	112,407
Cost of revenues	616,457	623,712	1,722,643	1,722,425
Gross profit	126,747	154,480	249,976	377,921
Selling, administrative and general expenses	77,560	79,558	247,431	238,629
Gain on sale of property, plant & equipment and businesses, net	476	7,496	50,210	10,653
Charge for legal settlement	0	0	40,000	0
Other operating income (expense), net	769	286	2,117	(2,885)
Operating earnings	50,432	82,704	14,872	147,060
Other income, net	1,637	2,756	1,780	4,578
Interest expense, net	47,526	43,519	134,541	130,029
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	4,543	41,941	(117,889)	21,609
Benefit from income taxes	(6,048)	(5,983)	(61,491)	(9,621)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	10,591	47,924	(56,398)	31,230
Earnings on discontinued operations, net of tax (Note 2)	2,655	6,308	6,905	12,433
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 13,246	\$ 54,232	\$ (49,493)	\$ 43,663
Basic earnings (loss) per share				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.27
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.10
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.39)	\$ 0.37
Diluted earnings (loss) per share				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.27
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.10
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.39)	\$ 0.37
Weighted-average common shares outstanding				
Basic	128,602	125,361	127,840	116,533
Assuming dilution	128,910	125,859	127,840	117,047
Cash dividends declared per share of common stock	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.23
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	\$ 97,697	\$ 99,243	\$ 289,174	\$ 298,158
Effective tax rate from continuing operations	-133.1%	-14.3%	52.2%	-44.5%

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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Vulcan Materials Company and Subsidiary Companies

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Unaudited

	Amounts in thousands	
	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30	
	2010	2009
Operating Activities		
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (49,493)	\$ 43,663
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	289,174	298,158
Net gain on sale of property, plant & equipment and businesses	(59,004)	(11,465)
Contributions to pension plans	(23,400)	(26,793)
Share-based compensation	15,198	21,870
Deferred tax provision	(51,060)	(26,477)
Changes in assets and liabilities before initial effects of business acquisitions and dispositions	(6,647)	51,845
Other, net	13,059	4,021
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>127,827</u>	<u>354,822</u>
Investing Activities		
Purchases of property, plant & equipment	(62,104)	(94,165)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	4,008	6,399
Proceeds from sale of businesses, net of transaction costs	50,954	16,075
Payment for businesses acquired, net of acquired cash	(35,404)	(36,980)
Redemption of medium-term investments	22	30,590
Other, net	341	676
Net cash used for investing activities	<u>(42,183)</u>	<u>(77,405)</u>
Financing Activities		
Net short-term payments	(236,512)	(798,118)
Payment of current maturities and long-term debt	(193,994)	(296,555)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of discounts	450,000	397,660
Debt issuance costs	(3,058)	(3,033)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	41,734	587,129
Dividends paid	(95,696)	(140,048)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	12,597	10,958
Other, net	(484)	943
Net cash used for financing activities	<u>(25,413)</u>	<u>(241,064)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	60,231	36,353
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	22,265	10,194
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 82,496</u>	<u>\$ 46,547</u>

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1 Basis of Presentation

Vulcan Materials Company (the “Company,” “Vulcan,” “we,” “our”), a New Jersey corporation, is the nation’s largest producer of construction aggregates, primarily crushed stone, sand and gravel; a major producer of asphalt mix and ready-mixed concrete and a leading producer of cement in Florida.

Our accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared in compliance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and thus do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements. In the opinion of our management, the statements reflect all adjustments, including those of a normal recurring nature, necessary to present fairly the results of the reported interim periods. Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2010. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We disaggregated our asphalt mix and concrete operating segments for reporting purposes as of January 1, 2010 (see Note 17).

Due to the 2005 sale of our Chemicals business as presented in Note 2, the operating results of the Chemicals business are presented as discontinued operations in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

Note 2 Discontinued Operations

In 2005, we sold substantially all the assets of our Chemicals business to Basic Chemicals, a subsidiary of Occidental Chemical Corporation. In addition to the initial cash proceeds, Basic Chemicals was required to make payments under two earn-out agreements subject to certain conditions. During 2007, we received the final payment under the ECU (electrochemical unit) earn-out, bringing cumulative cash receipts to its \$150,000,000 cap.

Proceeds under the second earn-out agreement are determined based on the performance of the hydrochlorocarbon product HCC-240fa (commonly referred to as 5CP) from the closing of the transaction through December 31, 2012 (5CP earn-out). Under this earn-out agreement, cash plant margin for 5CP, as defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement, in excess of an annual threshold amount is shared equally between Vulcan and Basic Chemicals. The primary determinant of the value for this earn-out is the level of growth in 5CP sales volume. At the June 7, 2005 closing date, the value assigned to the 5CP earn-out was limited to an amount that resulted in no gain on the sale of the business, as the gain was contingent in nature. A gain on disposal of the Chemicals business is recognized to the extent cumulative cash receipts under the 5CP earn-out exceed the initial value recorded.

In March 2010, we received a payment of \$8,794,000 (recorded as gain on disposal of discontinued operations) under the 5CP earn-out related to performance during the year ended December 31, 2009. Any future payments received pursuant to the 5CP earn-out will be recorded as additional gain on disposal of discontinued operations. During 2009, we received \$11,625,000 under the 5CP earn-out related to the year ended December 31, 2008. These 2009 receipts resulted in a gain on disposal of discontinued operations of \$812,000 for 2009. Through September 30, 2010, we have received a total of \$42,707,000 under the 5CP earn-out, a total of \$9,606,000 in excess of the receivable recorded on the date of disposition.

We are liable for a cash transaction bonus payable to certain former key Chemicals employees. This transaction bonus is payable if cash receipts realized from the two earn-out agreements described above exceed an established minimum threshold. The bonus is payable annually based on the prior year’s

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results. Payments for this transaction bonus were \$882,000 during the first nine months of 2010 and \$521,000 during the first nine months of 2009.

There were no net sales or revenues from discontinued operations during the nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 or 2009. Results from discontinued operations are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Discontinued operations				
Pretax earnings from results	\$ 4,425	\$ 10,397	\$ 3,565	\$ 20,117
Gain on disposal, net of transaction bonus	0	88	7,912	584
Income tax provision	(1,770)	(4,177)	(4,572)	(8,268)
Earnings on discontinued operations, net of tax	<u>\$ 2,655</u>	<u>\$ 6,308</u>	<u>\$ 6,905</u>	<u>\$ 12,433</u>

The 2010 pretax earnings from results of discontinued operations of \$4,425,000 for the third quarter and \$3,565,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are due primarily to a pretax gain recognized in the third quarter on a recovery from an insurer in a lawsuit involving perchloroethylene. This gain was offset in part by general and product liability costs, including legal defense costs, and environmental remediation costs associated with our former Chemicals business. The pretax earnings from results of discontinued operations in 2009 of \$10,397,000 for the third quarter and \$20,117,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 relate primarily to settlements during the second and third quarters with two of our insurers in a lawsuit involving perchloroethylene. These settlements resulted in pretax gains of \$10,500,000 for the third quarter of 2009 and \$23,500,000 for the first nine months of 2009. The insurance proceeds and associated gain represent a partial recovery of legal and settlement costs recognized in prior periods.

Note 3 Earnings Per Share (EPS)

We report two earnings per share numbers: basic and diluted. These are computed by dividing net earnings (loss) by the weighted-average common shares outstanding (basic EPS) or weighted-average common shares outstanding assuming dilution (diluted EPS) as set forth below (in thousands of shares):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	<u>128,602</u>	<u>125,361</u>	<u>127,840</u>	<u>116,533</u>
Dilutive effect of				
Stock options/SOSARs	58	288	0	234
Other stock compensation plans	250	210	0	280
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, assuming dilution	<u>128,910</u>	<u>125,859</u>	<u>127,840</u>	<u>117,047</u>

All dilutive common stock equivalents are reflected in our earnings per share calculations. Antidilutive common stock equivalents are not included in our earnings per share calculations. Because we operated at a loss for the nine month period ended September 30, 2010, 406,000 shares that otherwise would have been included in our diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding computation, were excluded.

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The number of antidilutive common stock equivalents for which the exercise price exceeds the weighted-average market price, are as follows (in thousands of shares):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Antidilutive common stock equivalents	6,225	3,747	4,905	3,753

Note 4 Income Taxes

Our tax provision and the corresponding effective tax rate are based on expected income, statutory tax rates and tax planning opportunities available in the various jurisdictions in which we operate. For interim financial reporting, except in circumstances as described in the following paragraph, we estimate the annual tax rate based on projected taxable income for the full year and record a quarterly tax provision in accordance with the anticipated annual rate. As the year progresses, we refine the estimates of the year's taxable income as new information becomes available, including year-to-date financial results. This continual estimation process often results in a change to our expected effective tax rate for the year. When this occurs, we adjust the income tax provision during the quarter in which the change in estimate occurs so that the year-to-date provision reflects the expected annual tax rate. Significant judgment is required in determining our effective interim tax rate and in evaluating our tax positions.

When application of the estimated annual effective tax rate distorts the financial results of an interim period, we calculate the income tax provision or benefit using an alternative methodology as prescribed by Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740-270-30-30 through 30-33. This alternative methodology results in an income tax provision or benefit based solely on the year-to-date pretax loss as adjusted for permanent differences on a pro rata basis.

We recognize a tax benefit associated with an uncertain tax position when, in our judgment, it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority. For a tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, we initially and subsequently measure the tax benefit as the largest amount that we judge to have a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with a taxing authority. Our liability associated with unrecognized tax benefits is adjusted periodically due to changing circumstances, such as the progress of tax audits, case law developments and new or emerging legislation. Such adjustments are recognized entirely in the period in which they are identified. Our effective tax rate includes the net impact of changes in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits and subsequent adjustments as we consider appropriate.

In the first and second quarters of 2010, we applied the alternative methodology discussed above in the determination of the income tax provision from continuing operations. However, as of September 30, 2010, the conditions requiring the alternative method no longer existed. As a result, in the third quarter of 2010, we estimated the annual tax rate based on our projected taxable income for the full year and recorded a quarterly tax provision in accordance with the anticipated annual rate.

We recorded a tax benefit from continuing operations of \$6,048,000 in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$5,983,000 in the third quarter of 2009. An adjustment to the current quarter's income tax provision was required so that the year-to-date provision reflects the expected annual tax rate. During the first nine months of 2010, we recognized a tax benefit from continuing operations of \$61,491,000 as compared to \$9,621,000 during the same period of 2009. The increase in our income tax benefit, after recording the effect of the pretax loss at the statutory rate, resulted largely from an increase in the expected state income tax benefit.

Note 5 Medium-term Investments

We held investments in money market and other money funds at The Reserve, an investment management company specializing in such funds, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$5,531,000,

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December 31, 2009 — \$5,554,000 and September 30, 2009 — \$8,247,000. The substantial majority of our investment was held in the Reserve International Liquidity Fund, Ltd. On September 15, 2008, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection. In the following days, The Reserve announced that it was closing all of its money funds, some of which owned Lehman Brothers securities, and was suspending redemptions from and purchases of its funds, including the Reserve International Liquidity Fund. As a result of the temporary suspension of redemptions and the uncertainty as to the timing of such redemptions, we changed the classification of our investments in The Reserve funds from cash and cash equivalents to medium-term investments and reduced the carrying value of our investment to its estimated fair value, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$3,910,000, December 31, 2009 — \$4,111,000 and September 30, 2009 — \$6,803,000. See Note 7 for further discussion of the fair value determination.

The Reserve redeemed \$22,000 of our investment during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and \$30,590,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2009. Based on public statements issued by The Reserve and the maturity dates of the underlying investments, we believe that proceeds from the liquidation of the money funds in which we have investments will be received within twelve months of September 30, 2010, and therefore, such investments are classified as current.

Note 6 Derivative Instruments

During the normal course of operations, we are exposed to market risks including fluctuations in interest rates, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and changes in commodity pricing. From time to time, and consistent with our risk management policies, we use derivative instruments to hedge against these market risks. We do not utilize derivative instruments for trading or other speculative purposes. The interest rate swap agreements described below were designated as cash flow hedges of future interest payments.

In December 2007, we issued \$325,000,000 of 3-year floating (variable) rate notes that bear interest at 3-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.25% per annum. Concurrently, we entered into a 3-year interest rate swap agreement in the stated (notional) amount of \$325,000,000. Under this agreement, we pay a fixed interest rate of 5.25% and receive 3-month LIBOR plus 1.25% per annum. Concurrent with each quarterly interest payment, the portion of this swap related to that interest payment is settled and the associated realized gain or loss is recognized. The pretax loss of \$3,044,000 accumulated in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) related to this interest rate swap will be reclassified to earnings by the end of the current year in conjunction with the retirement of the related debt.

Additionally, during 2007, we entered into fifteen forward starting interest rate swap agreements for a total notional amount of \$1,500,000,000. Upon the issuance of the related fixed-rate debt, we terminated and settled these forward starting swaps for cash payments of \$89,777,000. Amounts accumulated in other comprehensive loss are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the related debt. For the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011, we estimate that \$8,053,000 of the pretax loss accumulated in OCI will be reclassified to earnings.

Derivative instruments are recognized at fair value in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Fair values of derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value ¹		
		September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Liability derivatives				
Interest rate derivatives	Other current liabilities	\$ 3,044	\$ 11,193	\$ 0
Interest rate derivatives	Other noncurrent liabilities	0	0	13,444
Total derivatives liability		<u>\$ 3,044</u>	<u>\$ 11,193</u>	<u>\$ 13,444</u>

¹ See Note 7 for further discussion of the fair value determination.

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The effects of the cash flow hedge derivative instruments on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30 are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	Location on Statement	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
		2010	2009	2010	2009
Interest rate derivatives					
Loss recognized in OCI (effective portion)	Note 8	\$ (307)	\$(2,174)	\$ (881)	\$ (3,844)
Loss reclassified from Accumulated OCI (effective portion)	Interest expense	(4,799)	(4,588)	(14,695)	(11,915)

Note 7 Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels as described below:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data;
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

Our assets and liabilities that are subject to fair value measurements on a recurring basis are summarized below (in thousands of dollars):

	Level 1		
	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Fair value recurring			
Rabbi Trust			
Mutual funds	\$ 13,146	\$ 10,490	\$ 10,084
Equities	7,456	8,472	8,830
Net asset	<u>\$ 20,602</u>	<u>\$ 18,962</u>	<u>\$ 18,914</u>
Fair value recurring			
Rabbi Trust			
Common/collective trust funds	2,361	4,084	3,783
Net asset (liability)	<u>\$ 3,227</u>	<u>\$ (2,998)</u>	<u>\$ (2,858)</u>
Fair value recurring			
Medium-term investments	\$ 3,910	\$ 4,111	\$ 6,803
Interest rate derivative	(3,044)	(11,193)	(13,444)

The fair values of the Rabbi Trust investments are estimated using a market approach. The Level 1 investments include mutual funds and equity securities for which quoted prices in active markets are available. Investments in common/collective trust funds are stated at estimated fair value based on the underlying investments in those funds. The underlying investments are comprised of short-term, highly liquid assets in commercial paper, short-term bonds and treasury bills.

The medium-term investments are comprised of money market and other money funds, as more fully described in Note 5. Using a market approach, we estimated the fair value of these funds by applying our

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historical distribution ratio to the liquidated value of investments in The Reserve funds. Additionally, we estimated a discount against our investment balances to allow for the risk that legal and accounting costs and pending or threatened claims and litigation against The Reserve and its management may reduce the principal available for distribution.

The interest rate derivative consists of an interest rate swap agreement applied to our \$325,000,000 3-year notes issued December 2007 and is more fully described in Note 6. This interest rate swap is measured at fair value using a market approach based on the prevailing market interest rate as of the measurement date.

The carrying values of our cash equivalents, restricted cash, accounts and notes receivable, current maturities of long-term debt, trade payables, accrued expenses and short-term borrowings approximate their fair values because of the short-term nature of these instruments. Additional disclosures for derivative instruments and interest-bearing debt are presented in Notes 6 and 11, respectively.

Note 8 Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) includes charges and credits to equity from nonowner sources and comprises two subsets: net earnings (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss). Total comprehensive income (loss) comprises the following (in thousands of dollars):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net earnings (loss)	<u>\$ 13,246</u>	<u>\$ 54,232</u>	<u>\$(49,493)</u>	<u>\$ 43,663</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Fair value adjustments to cash flow hedges, net of tax	(183)	(1,286)	(503)	(2,281)
Reclassification adjustment for cash flow hedges included in net earnings (loss), net of tax	2,849	2,702	8,347	7,036
Amortization of pension and postretirement plan actuarial loss and prior service cost, net of tax	963	283	2,685	852
Total comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 16,875</u>	<u>\$ 55,931</u>	<u>\$(38,964)</u>	<u>\$ 49,270</u>

Amounts accumulated in other comprehensive loss, net of tax, are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Cash flow hedges	<u>\$ (41,521)</u>	<u>\$ (49,365)</u>	<u>\$ (51,764)</u>
Pension and postretirement plans	<u>(142,308)</u>	<u>(144,993)</u>	<u>(127,910)</u>
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (183,829)</u>	<u>\$ (194,358)</u>	<u>\$ (179,674)</u>

Note 9 Shareholders' Equity

In March 2010, we issued 1,190,000 shares of common stock to our qualified pension plan (par value of \$1 per share) as described in Note 10. The transaction increased shareholders' equity by \$53,864,000 (common stock \$1,190,000 and capital in excess of par \$52,674,000).

In June 2009, we completed a public offering of common stock (par value of \$1 per share) resulting in the issuance of 13,225,000 common shares at a price of \$41.00 per share. The total number of shares issued through the offering included 1,725,000 shares issued upon full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. We received net proceeds of \$519,993,000 (net of commissions and transaction costs of \$22,232,000) from the sale of the shares. The net proceeds from the offering were

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used for debt reduction and general corporate purposes. The transaction increased shareholders' equity by \$519,993,000 (common stock \$13,225,000 and capital in excess of par \$506,768,000).

We periodically issue shares of common stock to the trustee of our 401(k) savings and retirement plan to satisfy the plan participants' elections to invest in our common stock. The resulting cash proceeds provide a means of improving cash flow, increasing shareholders' equity and reducing leverage. Under this arrangement, the stock issuances and resulting cash proceeds were as follows: nine months ended September 30, 2010 — issued 882,131 shares for cash proceeds of \$41,734,000; nine months ended September 30, 2009 — issued 778,162 shares for cash proceeds of \$34,899,000.

During the second quarter of 2009, we issued 789,495 shares of common stock in connection with business acquisitions. We received net cash proceeds of \$33,862,000 from the share issuance and acquired the business for a cash payment of \$36,980,000, net of acquired cash.

No shares were held in treasury as of September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009. As of September 30, 2010, 3,411,416 shares may be repurchased under the current authorization of our Board of Directors.

Note 10 Benefit Plans

The following tables set forth the components of net periodic benefit cost (in thousands of dollars):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
PENSION BENEFITS				
Components of net periodic benefit cost				
Service cost	\$ 4,805	\$ 4,660	\$ 14,413	\$ 13,979
Interest cost	10,405	10,485	31,216	31,455
Expected return on plan assets	(12,530)	(11,626)	(37,591)	(34,878)
Amortization of prior service cost	115	115	345	345
Amortization of actuarial loss	1,438	412	4,314	1,238
Net periodic pension benefit cost	<u>\$ 4,233</u>	<u>\$ 4,046</u>	<u>\$ 12,697</u>	<u>\$ 12,139</u>
Pretax reclassification from OCI included in net periodic pension benefit cost	\$ 1,553	\$ 527	\$ 4,659	\$ 1,583
OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS				
Components of net periodic benefit cost				
Service cost	\$ 1,066	\$ 978	\$ 3,199	\$ 2,934
Interest cost	1,663	1,762	4,988	5,284
Amortization of prior service credit	(183)	(205)	(547)	(617)
Amortization of actuarial loss	222	149	666	448
Net periodic postretirement benefit cost	<u>\$ 2,768</u>	<u>\$ 2,684</u>	<u>\$ 8,306</u>	<u>\$ 8,049</u>
Pretax reclassification from OCI included in net periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$ 39	\$ (56)	\$ 119	\$ (169)

The reclassifications from other comprehensive income (OCI) noted in the tables above are related to amortization of prior service costs or credits and actuarial losses.

We contributed \$72,500,000 (\$18,636,000 in cash and \$53,864,000 in stock — 1,190,000 shares valued at \$45.26 per share) in March 2010 and an additional \$1,300,000 in July 2010 to our qualified pension plans for the 2009 plan year. These contributions, along with the existing funding credits, should be sufficient to cover expected required contributions to the qualified plans through 2012.

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During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, contributions of \$77,264,000 and \$26,793,000, respectively, were made to our pension plans (qualified and nonqualified).

Note 11 Credit Facilities, Short-term Borrowings and Long-term Debt

Short-term borrowings are summarized as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Short-term borrowings			
Commercial paper	\$ 0	\$ 236,512	\$ 286,357
Total short-term borrowings	\$ 0	\$ 236,512	\$ 286,357
Commercial paper			
Maturity	n/a	42 days	1 to 63 days
Weighted-average interest rate	n/a	0.39%	0.42%

We utilize our bank lines of credit as liquidity back-up for outstanding commercial paper or draw on the bank lines to access LIBOR-based short-term loans to fund our borrowing requirements. Periodically, we issue commercial paper for general corporate purposes, including working capital requirements.

Our policy is to maintain committed credit facilities at least equal to our outstanding commercial paper. Unsecured bank lines of credit totaling \$1,500,000,000 were maintained at September 30, 2010, all of which expire November 16, 2012. As of September 30, 2010, there were no borrowings under the lines of credit. Interest rates referable to borrowings under these lines of credit are determined at the time of borrowing based on current market conditions. Pricing of bank loans, if any lines were drawn, would be 30 basis points (0.30%) over LIBOR based on our long-term debt ratings at September 30, 2010.

All lines of credit extended to us in 2010 and 2009 were based solely on a commitment fee; no compensating balances were required. In the normal course of business, we maintain balances for which we are credited with earnings allowances. To the extent the earnings allowances are not sufficient to fully compensate banks for the services they provide, we pay the fee equivalent for the differences.

In July 2010, we established a \$450,000,000 5-year syndicated term loan with a floating rate based on a spread over LIBOR (1, 2, 3 or 6-month LIBOR options). The proceeds were used to repay outstanding borrowings, including the \$100,000,000 outstanding balance of our 3-year floating loan issued in 2008 and all outstanding commercial paper, and for general corporate purposes. As of September 30, 2010, the spread was 2.25 percentage points above the 1-month LIBOR of 0.26% for a total rate of 2.51% on the \$450,000,000 outstanding balance. The spread is subject to increase if our long-term credit ratings are downgraded. The loan requires quarterly principal payments of \$10,000,000 starting in June 2013 and a final principal payment of \$360,000,000 in July 2015.

In February 2009, we issued \$400,000,000 of long-term notes in two related series (tranches), as follows: \$150,000,000 of 10.125% coupon notes due December 2015 and \$250,000,000 of 10.375% coupon notes due December 2018. The proceeds were used primarily to repay outstanding borrowings. The notes are presented in the table below net of unamortized discounts from par. Discounts and debt issuance costs are being amortized using the effective interest method over the respective lives of the notes.

As of September 30, 2010, \$75,000 of our long-term debt, including current maturities, was secured. This secured debt was assumed with the November 2007 acquisition of Florida Rock. All other debt obligations, both short-term borrowings and long-term debt, are unsecured.

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Long-term debt is summarized as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	<u>September 30</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>September 30</u> <u>2009</u>
Long-term debt			
5-year floating loan issued 2010	\$ 450,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
10.125% 2015 notes issued 2009 ¹	149,582	149,538	149,524
10.375% 2018 notes issued 2009 ²	248,360	248,270	248,241
3-year floating loan issued 2008	0	175,000	240,000
6.30% 5-year notes issued 2008 ³	249,704	249,632	249,609
7.00% 10-year notes issued 2008 ⁴	399,649	399,625	399,617
3-year floating notes issued 2007	325,000	325,000	325,000
5.60% 5-year notes issued 2007 ⁵	299,746	299,666	299,640
6.40% 10-year notes issued 2007 ⁶	349,848	349,837	349,833
7.15% 30-year notes issued 2007 ⁷	249,322	249,317	249,316
Private placement notes	0	15,243	15,276
Medium-term notes	21,000	21,000	21,000
Industrial revenue bonds	14,000	17,550	17,550
Other notes	1,559	1,823	1,985
Total debt excluding short-term borrowings	<u>\$ 2,757,770</u>	<u>\$2,501,501</u>	<u>\$ 2,566,591</u>
Less current maturities of long-term debt	<u>325,249</u>	<u>385,381</u>	<u>60,421</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 2,432,521</u>	<u>\$2,116,120</u>	<u>\$ 2,506,170</u>
Estimated fair value of total long-term debt	<u>\$ 2,689,770</u>	<u>\$2,300,522</u>	<u>\$ 2,676,278</u>

¹ Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$418 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$462 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$476 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 2015 notes is 10.31%.

² Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$1,640 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$1,730 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$1,759 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 2018 notes is 10.58%.

³ Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$296 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$368 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$391 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 5-year notes is 7.47%.

⁴ Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$351 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$375 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$383 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 10-year notes is 7.86%.

⁵ Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$254 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$334 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$360 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 5-year notes is 6.58%.

⁶ Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$152 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$163 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$167 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 10-year notes is 7.39%.

⁷ Includes decreases for unamortized discounts, as follows: September 30, 2010 — \$678 thousand, December 31, 2009 — \$683 thousand and September 30, 2009 — \$684 thousand. The effective interest rate for these 30-year notes is 8.04%.

The estimated fair values of long-term debt presented in the table above were determined by discounting expected future cash flows based on credit-adjusted interest rates on U.S. Treasury bills, notes or bonds, as appropriate. The fair value estimates were based on information available to us as of the respective balance sheet dates. Although we are not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued since those dates.

Our debt agreements do not subject us to contractual restrictions with regard to working capital or the amount we may expend for cash dividends and purchases of our stock. Our bank credit facilities (term loan and unsecured bank lines of credit) contain a covenant that our percentage of consolidated debt to total capitalization (total debt as a percentage of total capital) may not exceed 65%. Our total debt as a percentage of total capital was 40.6% as of September 30, 2010; 40.3% as of December 31, 2009; and 41.1% as of September 30, 2009.

Note 12 Asset Retirement Obligations

Asset retirement obligations are legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets resulting from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the underlying assets.

Recognition of a liability for an asset retirement obligation is required in the period in which it is incurred at its estimated fair value. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the underlying asset and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset. The liability is accreted through charges to operating expenses. If the asset retirement obligation is settled for other than the carrying amount of the liability, we recognize a gain or loss on settlement.

We record all asset retirement obligations for which we have legal obligations for land reclamation at estimated fair value. Essentially all these asset retirement obligations relate to our underlying land parcels, including both owned properties and mineral leases. For the three and nine month periods ended September 30, we recognized asset retirement obligation (ARO) operating costs related to accretion of the liabilities and depreciation of the assets as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
ARO operating costs				
Accretion	\$ 2,081	\$ 1,994	\$ 6,525	\$ 6,599
Depreciation	3,050	3,445	9,390	10,336
Total	<u>\$ 5,131</u>	<u>\$ 5,439</u>	<u>\$ 15,915</u>	<u>\$ 16,935</u>

ARO operating costs for our continuing operations are reported in cost of goods sold. Asset retirement obligations are reported within other noncurrent liabilities in our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of our asset retirement obligations are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Asset retirement obligations				
Balance at beginning of period	\$162,168	\$168,475	\$167,757	\$173,435
Liabilities incurred	1,016	107	2,457	441
Liabilities settled	(4,762)	(2,838)	(8,879)	(8,763)
Accretion expense	2,081	1,994	6,525	6,599
Revisions up (down)	(288)	268	(7,645)	(3,706)
Balance at end of period	<u>\$160,215</u>	<u>\$168,006</u>	<u>\$160,215</u>	<u>\$168,006</u>

Downward revisions to our asset retirement obligations during 2010 relate primarily to changes in the estimated settlement dates at numerous sites.

Note 13 Standby Letters of Credit

We provide certain third parties with irrevocable standby letters of credit in the normal course of business. We use commercial banks to issue standby letters of credit to back our obligations to pay or perform when required to do so pursuant to the requirements of an underlying agreement. The standby letters of credit listed below are cancelable only at the option of the beneficiaries who are authorized to draw drafts on the issuing bank up to the face amount of the standby letter of credit in accordance with its terms. Since banks consider letters of credit as contingent extensions of credit, we are required to pay a fee until they expire or are canceled. Substantially all of our standby letters of credit have a one-year term and are renewable annually at the option of the beneficiary.

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Our standby letters of credit as of September 30, 2010 are summarized in the table below (in thousands of dollars):

	<u>September 30 2010</u>
Standby letters of credit	
Risk management requirement for insurance claims	\$ 40,411
Payment surety required by utilities	133
Contractual reclamation/restoration requirements	10,391
Financial requirement for industrial revenue bond	14,231
Total	<u>\$ 65,166</u>

Of the total \$65,166,000 outstanding letters of credit, \$62,134,000 is backed by our \$1,500,000,000 bank credit facility which expires November 16, 2012.

Note 14 Acquisitions and Divestitures

During the third quarter of 2010, we acquired twelve ready-mixed concrete facilities located in Georgia for approximately \$35,404,000 (total cash consideration).

During the first quarter of 2010, we sold three aggregates facilities located in rural Virginia for cash proceeds of approximately \$42,750,000.

Assets held for sale and liabilities of assets held for sale as presented in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, relate to an aggregates production facility and ready-mixed concrete operation located outside the United States. We expect the transaction to close within the 12-month period ending September 30, 2011. The major classes of assets and liabilities of assets classified as held for sale are as follows (in thousands of dollars):

	<u>September 30 2010</u>	<u>December 31 2009</u>
Current assets	\$ 3,729	\$ 3,799
Property, plant & equipment, net	10,709	11,117
Other assets	144	156
Total assets held for sale	<u>\$ 14,582</u>	<u>\$ 15,072</u>
Current liabilities	\$ 460	\$ 369
Total liabilities of assets held for sale	<u>\$ 460</u>	<u>\$ 369</u>

During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we acquired the following assets for approximately \$38,955,000 (total note and cash consideration), net of acquired cash:

- leasehold interest in a rail yard, and
- two aggregates production facilities.

Note 15 Goodwill

There were no changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment from December 31, 2009 to September 30, 2010 as summarized below (in thousands of dollars):

Goodwill

	<u>Aggregates</u>	<u>Concrete</u>	<u>Asphalt mix</u>	<u>Cement</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gross carrying amount					
Total as of December 31, 2009	\$3,002,346	\$ 0	\$ 91,633	\$ 252,664	\$3,346,643
Goodwill of acquired businesses	0	0	0	0	0
Total as of September 30, 2010	<u>\$3,002,346</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 91,633</u>	<u>\$ 252,664</u>	<u>\$3,346,643</u>
Accumulated impairment losses					
Total as of December 31, 2009	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$(252,664)	\$ (252,664)
Goodwill impairment loss	0	0	0	0	0
Total as of September 30, 2010	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$(252,664)</u>	<u>\$ (252,664)</u>
Goodwill, net of accumulated impairment losses					
Total as of December 31, 2009	\$3,002,346	\$ 0	\$ 91,633	\$ 0	\$3,093,979
Total as of September 30, 2010	<u>\$3,002,346</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 91,633</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$3,093,979</u>

Note 16 New Accounting Standards

Recently Adopted

Enhanced disclosures for fair value measurements — As of and for the interim period ended March 31, 2010, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-6, “Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements” (ASU 2010-6) as it relates to disclosures about transfers into and out of Level 1 and 2. Our adoption of this standard had no impact on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity. We will adopt ASU 2010-6 as it relates to separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements relating to Level 3 measurements as of and for the interim period ended March 31, 2011.

Note 17 Segment Reporting – Continuing Operations

We have four operating segments organized around our principal product lines: aggregates, concrete, asphalt mix and cement. Historically, we combined our Asphalt mix and Concrete operating segments into one reporting segment as the products are similar in nature and the businesses exhibited similar economic characteristics, production processes, types and classes of customer, methods of distribution and regulatory environments. We routinely received inquiries from our investors specific to these individual operating segments. In an effort to provide more meaningful information to the public, these two segments are now reported separately. We have recast our 2009 data to reflect this change in reportable segments to conform to the current period’s presentation.

The majority of our activities are domestic. We sell a relatively small amount of aggregates outside the United States. Transactions between our reportable segments are recorded at prices approximating market levels. Management reviews earnings from the product line reporting units principally at the gross profit level.

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Segment Financial Disclosure	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
Amounts in millions	2010	2009	2010	2009
TOTAL REVENUES				
Aggregates				
Segment revenues	\$ 514.3	\$ 533.0	\$1,369.5	\$1,432.3
Intersegment sales	(44.8)	(48.1)	(119.2)	(128.0)
Net sales	<u>469.5</u>	<u>484.9</u>	<u>1,250.3</u>	<u>1,304.3</u>
Concrete				
Segment revenues	105.1	119.3	293.0	348.7
Intersegment sales	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.1)
Net sales	<u>105.1</u>	<u>119.3</u>	<u>293.0</u>	<u>348.6</u>
Asphalt mix				
Segment revenues	115.8	123.9	282.3	306.0
Intersegment sales	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net sales	<u>115.8</u>	<u>123.9</u>	<u>282.3</u>	<u>306.0</u>
Cement				
Segment revenues	20.3	19.8	61.2	56.4
Intersegment sales	(10.9)	(9.2)	(29.7)	(27.4)
Net sales	<u>9.4</u>	<u>10.6</u>	<u>31.5</u>	<u>29.0</u>
Total				
Net sales	699.8	738.7	1,857.1	1,987.9
Delivery revenues	43.4	39.5	115.5	112.4
Total revenues	<u>\$ 743.2</u>	<u>\$ 778.2</u>	<u>\$1,972.6</u>	<u>\$2,100.3</u>
GROSS PROFIT				
Aggregates	\$ 125.2	\$ 133.3	\$ 262.5	\$ 323.7
Concrete	(10.1)	(0.6)	(31.7)	(3.7)
Asphalt mix	13.4	21.3	21.8	59.2
Cement	(1.8)	0.5	(2.6)	(1.3)
Total gross profit	<u>\$ 126.7</u>	<u>\$ 154.5</u>	<u>\$ 250.0</u>	<u>\$ 377.9</u>
Depreciation, Depletion, Accretion and Amortization				
Aggregates	\$ 74.5	\$ 78.1	\$ 222.6	\$ 235.1
Concrete	13.6	12.8	40.1	39.0
Asphalt mix	2.2	2.2	6.7	6.4
Cement	5.8	4.9	15.3	14.3
Corporate and other unallocated	1.6	1.2	4.5	3.4
Total depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	<u>\$ 97.7</u>	<u>\$ 99.2</u>	<u>\$ 289.2</u>	<u>\$ 298.2</u>

Note 18 Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Supplemental information referable to our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows is summarized below (in thousands of dollars):

	Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009
Cash payments (refunds)		
Interest (exclusive of amount capitalized)	\$101,917	\$109,586
Income taxes	3,897	(9,706)
Noncash investing and financing activities		
Accrued liabilities for purchases of property, plant & equipment	4,674	13,436
Note received from sale of business	0	1,450
Debt issued for purchases of property, plant & equipment	0	1,984
Stock issued for pension contribution (Note 9)	53,864	0
Proceeds receivable from issuance of common stock	0	1,712
Liabilities assumed in business acquisitions	150	0

Note 19 Other Commitments and Contingencies

We are a defendant in various lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. It is not possible to determine with precision the outcome, or the amount of liability, if any, under these lawsuits, especially where the cases involve possible jury trials with as yet undetermined jury panels.

In addition to these lawsuits in which we are involved in the ordinary course of business, certain other legal proceedings are more specifically described below.

Florida Antitrust Litigation — Our subsidiary, Florida Rock Industries, Inc., has been named as a defendant in a number of class action lawsuits filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. The lawsuits were filed by several ready-mixed concrete producers and construction companies against a number of concrete and cement producers and importers in Florida. There are now two consolidated amended complaints: (1) on behalf of direct independent ready-mixed concrete producers, and (2) on behalf of indirect users of ready-mixed concrete. The other defendants include Cemex Corp., Prestige and Tarmac. The complaints allege various violations under the federal antitrust laws, including price fixing and market allocations. We have no reason to believe that Florida Rock is liable for any of the matters alleged in the complaint, and we intend to defend the case vigorously.

IDOT/Joliet Road — In September 2001, we were named a defendant in a suit brought by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, Illinois, alleging damage to a 0.9-mile section of Joliet Road that bisects our McCook quarry in McCook, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. On May 18, 2010, we settled this lawsuit for \$40 million and recognized the full settlement as a charge to operations in the second quarter of 2010. Under the terms of the settlement, we paid IDOT \$20 million in May 2010 and are obligated to pay the final \$20 million no later than 9 months from the date of settlement. We are taking appropriate actions, including participating in several arbitrations, to recover the settlement amount in excess of the self-insured retention of \$2 million, as well as a portion of our defense costs from our insurers. While we believe this settlement is covered by insurance policies, the ultimate amount and timing of such recoveries, which will be recorded as income when realized, cannot be predicted with certainty.

Lower Passaic River Clean-Up — We have been sued as a third-party defendant in New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, et al. v. Occidental Chemical Corporation, et al., a case brought by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in the New Jersey Superior Court. The third-party complaint was filed on February 4, 2009. This suit by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection seeks recovery of past and future clean-up costs as well as unspecified economic damages,

punitive damages, penalties and a variety of other forms of relief arising from alleged discharges into the Passaic River of dioxin and other unspecified hazardous substances. Our former Chemicals Division operated a plant adjacent to the Passaic River and has been sued as a third-party defendant, along with approximately 300 other parties. Additionally, Vulcan and approximately 70 other companies are parties to a May 2007 Administrative Order of Consent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study of the contamination in the lower 17 miles of the Passaic River. This study is ongoing. At this time, we cannot determine the likelihood or reasonably estimate a range of loss pertaining to this matter.

Perchloroethylene cases

We are a defendant in cases involving perchloroethylene (perc), which was a product manufactured by our former Chemicals business. Perc is a cleaning solvent used in dry cleaning and other industrial applications. These cases involve various allegations of groundwater contamination or exposure to perc allegedly resulting in personal injury. Vulcan is vigorously defending all of these cases. At this time, we cannot determine the likelihood or reasonably estimate a range of loss pertaining to any of these matters, which are listed below:

- **California Water Service Company** — On June 6, 2008, we were served in an action styled California Water Service Company v. Dow, et al., now pending in the San Mateo County Superior Court, California. According to the complaint, California Water Service Company “owns and/or operates public drinking water systems, and supplies drinking water to hundreds of thousands of residents and businesses throughout California.” The complaint alleges that water systems in a number of communities have been contaminated with perc. The plaintiff is seeking compensatory damages and punitive damages. Discovery is ongoing.
- **City of Sunnyvale California** — On January 6, 2009, we were served in an action styled City of Sunnyvale v. Legacy Vulcan Corporation, f/k/a Vulcan Materials Company, filed in the San Mateo County Superior Court, California. The plaintiffs are seeking cost recovery and other damages for alleged environmental contamination from perc and its breakdown products at the Sunnyvale Town Center Redevelopment Project. Discovery is ongoing. A trial date of January 9, 2012 has been set.
- **Suffolk County Water Authority** — On May 4, 2010, we were served in an action styled Suffolk County Water Authority v. The Dow Chemical Company, et al., in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. This case was subsequently dismissed and refiled in the Supreme Court for Suffolk County, State of New York. The complaint alleges that the plaintiff “owns and/or operates drinking water systems and supplies drinking water to thousands of residents and businesses, in Suffolk County, New York.” The complaint alleges that perc and its degradation products “have been and are contaminating and damaging Plaintiff’s drinking water supply wells.” The plaintiff is seeking compensatory and punitive damages.

United States Virgin Islands — There are currently two cases:

- Government of the United States; Department of Planning and Natural Resources; and Commissioner Robert Mathes, in his capacity as Trustee for the Natural Resources of the Territory of The United States Virgin Islands v. Vulcan Materials Company, et al. Plaintiff brought this action based on parens patriae doctrine for injury to quasi-sovereign interest on the island of St. Thomas (injuries to groundwater resources held in public trust). It is alleged that the island’s sole source of drinking water (the Tutu aquifer) is contaminated with perc. The primary source of perc contamination allegedly emanated from the former Laga facility (a textile manufacturing site). The perc defendants are alleged to have failed to adequately warn perc users of the dangers posed by the use and disposal of perc. It is also alleged that perc from O’Henry Dry Cleaners has contributed to the perc contamination in the Tutu aquifer. This case has been dismissed, but we anticipate it will be refiled in territorial court.

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- L’Henry, Inc., d/b/a O’Henry Cleaners and Cyril V. Francois, LLC v. Vulcan and Dow . Plaintiffs are the owners of a dry cleaning business on St. Thomas. It is alleged that perc from the dry cleaner contributed to the contamination of the Tutu Wells aquifer, and that Vulcan as a perc manufacturer failed to properly warn the dry cleaner of the proper disposal method for perc, resulting in unspecified damages to the dry cleaner. A trial date of April 4, 2011, has been set for this matter.
- **Addair** — This is a purported class action case for medical monitoring and personal injury damages styled Addair et al. v. Processing Company, LLC, et al., pending in the Circuit Court of Wyoming County, West Virginia. The plaintiffs allege various personal injuries from exposure to perc used in coal sink labs. Discovery in this case is complete. However, pending the ruling of the Court on the class certification in this matter, the plaintiffs recently filed over 100 individual actions in various state courts in West Virginia. Since the individual cases were only recently filed, there has been no discovery conducted.
- **Santarsiero** — This is a case styled Robert Santarsiero v. R.V. Davies, et al., pending in Supreme Court, New York County, New York. The plaintiff alleges personal injury (kidney cancer) from exposure to perc. We were brought in as a third-party defendant by original defendant R.V. Davies. Discovery is ongoing.
- **R.R. Street Indemnity** — Street, a former distributor of perc manufactured by us, alleges that we owe Street, and its insurer (National Union), a defense and indemnity in several of these litigation matters, as well as some prior litigation which we have now settled. National Union alleges that we are obligated to contribute to National Union’s share of defense fees, costs and any indemnity payments made on Street’s behalf. We are having ongoing discussions with Street about the nature and extent of indemnity obligations, if any, and to date there has been no resolution of these issues.

It is not possible to predict with certainty the ultimate outcome of these and other legal proceedings in which we are involved and a number of factors, including developments in ongoing discovery or adverse rulings, could cause actual losses to differ materially from accrued costs. We believe the amounts accrued in our financial statements as of September 30, 2010 are sufficient to address claims and litigation for which a loss was determined to be probable and reasonably estimable. No liability was recorded for claims and litigation for which a loss was determined to be only reasonably possible or for which a loss could not be reasonably estimated. In addition, losses on certain claims and litigation described above may be subject to limitations on a per occurrence basis by excess insurance, as described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

Overview

Vulcan provides the basic materials for the infrastructure needed to drive the U.S. economy. We are the nation's largest producer of construction aggregates, primarily crushed stone, sand and gravel. We are also a major producer of asphalt mix and ready-mixed concrete and a leading producer of cement in Florida.

Demand for our products is dependent on construction activity. The primary end uses include public construction, such as highways, bridges, airports, schools and prisons, as well as private nonresidential (e.g., manufacturing, retail, offices, industrial and institutional) and private residential construction (e.g., single-family houses, duplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums). Customers for our products include heavy construction and paving contractors; commercial building contractors; concrete products manufacturers; residential building contractors; state, county and municipal governments; railroads and electric utilities.

We operate primarily in the United States and our principal product — aggregates — is used in all types of public and private construction projects and in the production of asphalt mix and ready-mixed concrete. Aggregates have a high weight-to-value ratio and, in most cases, must be produced near where they are used or transportation can cost more than the materials. Exceptions to this typical market structure include areas along the U.S. Gulf Coast and the eastern seaboard where there are limited supplies of locally available aggregates. We serve these markets from inland quarries — shipping by barge and rail — and from our quarry on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. We transport aggregates from Mexico to the U.S. principally on our Panamax-class, self-unloading ships.

There are practically no substitutes for quality aggregates. Because of barriers to entry created by zoning and permitting regulation and because of high transportation costs relative to the value of the product, the location of reserves is a critical factor to long-term success.

While aggregates is our primary business, we believe vertical integration between aggregates and downstream products, such as asphalt mix and concrete, can be managed effectively in certain markets to generate acceptable financial returns. We produce and sell asphalt mix and ready-mixed concrete primarily in our mid-Atlantic, Florida, southwestern and western markets. Aggregates comprise approximately 95% of asphalt mix by weight and 78% of ready-mixed concrete by weight. In all of these downstream businesses, we supply virtually all of the required aggregates from our own operations.

Seasonality and Cyclical Nature of Our Business

Almost all our products are produced and consumed outdoors. Our financial results for any quarter do not necessarily indicate the results expected for the year because seasonal changes and other weather-related conditions can affect the production and sales volumes of our products. Normally, the highest sales and earnings are in the third quarter and the lowest are in the first quarter. Our sales and earnings are sensitive to national, regional and local economic conditions and particularly to cyclical swings in construction spending, particularly in the private sector. The levels of construction spending are affected by changing interest rates, and demographic and population fluctuations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Financial Highlights for Third Quarter 2010

- Net earnings were \$0.10 per diluted share and earnings from continuing operations were \$10.6 million, or \$0.08 per diluted share.
- EBITDA was \$149.8 million.
- Aggregates shipments declined 2.6%, decreasing pretax earnings \$7.0 million.
- The average price for aggregates was in line with the prior year, with wide variations across markets.
- Excluding energy costs, unit cost of sales for aggregates decreased 2%.
- Unit cost for diesel fuel increased 17%, reducing pretax earnings \$4.3 million.
- Unit cost for liquid asphalt increased 14%, reducing pretax earnings \$6.0 million.
- Selling, administrative and general expenses were reduced by \$2.0 million.

Despite the modest decline in third quarter aggregates shipments, we are encouraged by underlying shipping trends. Trailing twelve-month aggregates shipments have been increasing since February in spite of significantly lower volumes in the third quarter in Illinois due to a labor strike affecting our customers. In asphalt, trailing twelve-month shipments have been relatively stable for the last 4 months.

We continue to focus on controlling costs and managing production levels to meet current demand. During the last two years, we have reduced inventory levels of aggregates across our footprint. This action, while negatively affecting reported earnings, has improved cash flows and better positions us operationally for a recovery in demand. In the third quarter, aggregates production equaled sales volumes and, as a result, our unit cost of sales was in line with the prior year, notwithstanding the increase in energy costs. Going forward, we believe the cumulative effect of aggressively managing our inventory levels during the past two years has better positioned us to benefit from higher production levels.

Contract awards for highway construction in Vulcan-served states continue to out-pace other states. During the twelve months ending September 2010, total contract awards for highway construction in Vulcan-served states, including awards for federal, state and local projects, increased 7% from the prior year compared to 3% for other states. Through September 2010, the Federal Highway Administration reported that only 42% of the total stimulus funds obligated for highways in Vulcan's 10 largest revenue states had been spent – which bodes well for increased construction activity from federal stimulus spending for the remainder of 2010 and 2011.

RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Free cash flow and EBITDA are not defined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP); thus, they should not be considered as alternatives to net cash provided by operating activities or any other liquidity or earnings measure defined by GAAP. These metrics are presented for the convenience of investment professionals that use such metrics in their analysis and to provide our shareholders with an understanding of the metrics we use to assess performance and to monitor our cash and liquidity positions. These metrics are often used by the investment community as indicators of a company's ability to incur and service debt. We use free cash flow, EBITDA and other such measures to assess the operating performance of our various business units and the consolidated company. We do not use these metrics as a measure to allocate resources. Reconciliations of these metrics to their nearest GAAP measures are presented below:

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Free cash flow deducts purchases of property, plant & equipment from net cash provided by operating activities.

in millions	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 109.1	\$ 185.4	\$ 127.8	\$ 354.8
Purchases of property, plant & equipment	(19.9)	(34.1)	(62.1)	(94.2)
Free cash flow	<u>\$ 89.2</u>	<u>\$ 151.3</u>	<u>\$ 65.7</u>	<u>\$ 260.6</u>

EBITDA is an acronym for Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization.

in millions	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 109.1	\$ 185.4	\$ 127.8	\$ 354.8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities before initial effects of business acquisitions and dispositions	9.2	(87.7)	6.6	(51.8)
Other net operating items (providing) using cash	(7.3)	55.8	105.3	38.8
Earnings on discontinued operations, net of tax	(2.7)	(6.3)	(6.9)	(12.4)
Benefit from income taxes	(6.0)	(6.0)	(61.5)	(9.6)
Interest expense, net	47.5	43.5	134.5	130.0
EBITDA	<u>\$ 149.8</u>	<u>\$ 184.7</u>	<u>\$ 305.8</u>	<u>\$ 449.8</u>

in millions	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 13.2	\$ 54.2	\$ (49.5)	\$ 43.7
Benefit from income taxes	(6.0)	(6.0)	(61.5)	(9.6)
Interest expense, net	47.5	43.5	134.5	130.0
Earnings on discontinued operations, net of tax	(2.7)	(6.3)	(6.9)	(12.4)
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	97.8	99.3	289.2	298.1
EBITDA	<u>\$ 149.8</u>	<u>\$ 184.7</u>	<u>\$ 305.8</u>	<u>\$ 449.8</u>

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We include intersegment sales in our comparative analysis of segment revenue at the product line level. Net sales and cost of goods sold exclude intersegment sales and delivery revenues and costs. This presentation is consistent with the basis on which we review results of operations. We discuss separately our discontinued operations, which consist of our former Chemicals business.

CONSOLIDATED OPERATING RESULTS

Amounts and shares in millions, except per share data	Three Months Ended September 30		Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Net sales	\$ 699.8	\$ 738.7	\$1,857.1	\$1,987.9
Cost of goods sold	573.1	584.2	1,607.1	1,610.0
Gross profit	\$ 126.7	\$ 154.5	\$ 250.0	\$ 377.9
Operating earnings	\$ 50.4	\$ 82.7	\$ 14.9	\$ 147.1
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 4.5	\$ 41.9	\$ (117.9)	\$ 21.6
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 10.6	\$ 47.9	\$ (56.4)	\$ 31.2
Earnings on discontinued operations, net of income taxes	2.6	6.3	6.9	12.5
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 13.2	\$ 54.2	\$ (49.5)	\$ 43.7
Basic earnings (loss) per share				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.27
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.10
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.39)	\$ 0.37
Diluted earnings (loss) per share				
Continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.38	\$ (0.44)	\$ 0.27
Discontinued operations	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.10
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.39)	\$ 0.37
EBITDA	\$ 149.8	\$ 184.7	\$ 305.8	\$ 449.8

Third Quarter 2010 Compared to Third Quarter 2009

Third quarter net sales were \$699.8 million, a 5% decline compared to the third quarter of 2009. Shipments were down in all major product lines with the exception of cement.

Net earnings were \$13.2 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$54.2 million, or \$0.43 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2009. Current-year third quarter net earnings per diluted share include \$0.02 referable to discontinued operations compared to \$0.05 in the third quarter of 2009. Items adversely affecting the current quarter's results include a 17% increase in the unit cost of diesel fuel (reduced earnings \$4.3 million) and a 14% increase in the unit cost for liquid asphalt (reduced earnings \$6.0 million). Our effective tax rate from continuing operations was a benefit of 133.1% in the third quarter of 2010 compared to a 14.3% benefit in the third quarter of 2009.

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Continuing Operations — Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes for the third quarter of 2010 versus the third quarter of 2009 is bridged below (in millions of dollars):

Third quarter 2009	\$41.9
Lower aggregates earnings due to	
Lower volumes	(7.0)
Lower selling prices	(0.9)
Higher costs	(0.2)
Lower concrete earnings	(9.5)
Lower asphalt mix earnings	(7.9)
Lower cement earnings	(2.3)
Lower selling, administrative and general expenses	2.0
Lower gain on sale of property, plant & equipment and businesses	(7.0)
All other	(4.6)
Third quarter 2010	\$ 4.5

Gross profit for the Aggregates segment was \$125.2 million in the third quarter of 2010 compared to \$133.2 million in the third quarter of 2009. Aggregates shipments declined 2.6% from the prior year's third quarter, accounting for most of the year-over-year decline in segment profit. An industry-wide strike during most of July by construction workers in Illinois affected our customers and accounted for the year-over-year decline in shipments. Otherwise, many Vulcan-served markets realized solid increases in shipments versus the prior year's third quarter due primarily to stronger demand from public infrastructure projects and some improvement in single-family housing starts while other markets realized declines in shipments.

The average unit price for aggregates in the third quarter was in line with the prior year but pricing continues to reflect wide variations across Vulcan-served markets. Aggregates unit costs of sales were in line with the prior year's third quarter despite higher energy costs.

Concrete segment gross profit declined \$9.5 million from the prior year's third quarter due principally to lower selling prices. The profit effect from lower cost of sales offset a 4% decrease in shipments of ready-mixed concrete.

Gross profit for the Asphalt mix segment was \$7.9 million lower than the prior year due primarily to a 14% increase in the unit cost for liquid asphalt and lower selling prices. Selling prices for asphalt mix generally lag increasing liquid asphalt costs and were further held in check due to competitive pressures. Asphalt volumes decreased 3% from the prior year's third quarter. Sequentially, unit material margins in the third quarter increased 10% from the second quarter due to lower unit costs.

Cement segment gross profit was a loss of \$1.8 million in the third quarter due primarily to lower selling prices.

Selling, Administrative and General (SAG) expense in the third quarter was \$77.6 million versus \$79.6 million in the prior year's third quarter. The year-over-year decline resulted mostly from lower employee-related expenses.

In the third quarter of 2010, we recorded a tax benefit from continuing operations of \$6.0 million compared to \$6.0 million in the third quarter of 2009. An adjustment to the current quarter's income tax provision was required so that the year-to-date provision reflects the expected annual tax rate.

Earnings from continuing operations were \$0.08 per diluted share compared to \$0.38 per diluted share in the third quarter of 2009.

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Discontinued Operations— Third quarter pretax earnings on discontinued operations were \$4.4 million in 2010 and \$10.5 million in 2009. These earnings primarily reflect settlements with and recoveries from insurers in a lawsuit involving perchloroethylene. The 2010 settlements/recoveries were offset in part by charges related to general and product liability costs, including legal defense costs, and environmental remediation costs associated with our former Chemicals business.

Year-to-Date September 30, 2010 Compared to Year-to-Date September 30, 2009

Net sales for the first nine months of 2010 were \$1,857.1 million, a decrease of 7% compared to \$1,987.9 million in the first nine months of 2009. Aggregates shipments declined 3%, reducing earnings \$21.3 million and higher aggregates cost further reduced earnings \$29.6 million.

Results for the first nine months of 2010 were a net loss of (\$49.5) million or (\$0.39) per diluted share compared to earnings of \$43.7 million, or \$0.37 per diluted share, for the first nine months of 2009. Current year results include a pretax charge of \$41.5 million, or (\$0.21) per diluted share, referable to the settlement and associated legal fees of a lawsuit in Illinois (IDOT/Joliet Road as noted in Note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements), charges of \$2.8 million associated with the second quarter flooding in the Nashville Tennessee area, a pretax gain of \$39.5 million, or \$0.16 per diluted share, referable to the first quarter sale of three non-strategic aggregates facilities located in rural Virginia and net losses of (\$21.2) million and (\$20.2) million referable to higher costs for liquid asphalt and diesel fuel, respectively.

Continuing Operations— Loss from continuing operations before income taxes for year-to-date September 30, 2010 versus year-to-date September 30, 2009 is bridged below (in millions of dollars):

Year-to-date September 30, 2009	\$ 21.6
Lower aggregates earnings due to	
Lower volumes	(21.3)
Lower selling prices	(10.3)
Higher costs	(29.6)
Lower concrete earnings	(28.1)
Lower asphalt mix earnings	(37.5)
Lower cement earnings	(1.2)
Higher selling, administrative and general expenses ¹	(7.3)
Higher gain on sale of property, plant & equipment and businesses	39.6
IDOT settlement, including related legal fees	(41.5)
All other	(2.3)
Year-to-date September 30, 2010	\$(117.9)

¹ Excludes \$1.5 million of legal expenses charged to selling, administrative and general expenses noted within the IDOT settlement line.

Gross profit for the Aggregates segment was \$262.5 million year-to-date September 30, 2010 compared to \$323.7 million year-to-date September 30, 2009. As shown in the bridge above, this \$61.2 million decline was due to higher costs (a 34% increase in the unit cost for diesel fuel and charges of \$2.8 million associated with the aforementioned flooding in the Nashville, Tennessee area), lower volumes (shipments down 3%) and lower selling prices (average sales price down 1%).

Concrete segment gross profit was a loss of (\$31.7) million for the first nine months of 2010 compared to a loss of (\$3.7) million for the comparable 2009 period. Shipments of ready-mixed concrete declined 7% and overall pricing declined 11%.

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Asphalt mix segment gross profit of \$21.8 million for the first nine months of 2010 was \$37.5 million or 63% below the comparable 2009 level. This shortfall resulted from higher liquid asphalt costs of \$21.2 million, a 3% decline in volume and a 6% decline in pricing.

Cement segment gross profit was a loss of (\$2.6) million compared to a loss of (\$1.3) million for the first nine months of 2009.

SAG expense increased \$8.8 million, or 4%, from the prior year's first nine months. The year-over-year increase was due to a \$9.2 million noncash charge for the fair market value of donated real estate and \$1.5 million of legal expenses related to the IDOT lawsuit in Illinois.

Gain on sale of property, plant & equipment and businesses was \$50.2 million in the first nine months of 2010, an increase of \$39.6 million from the prior year. The difference between the fair value of the above mentioned donated real estate and the carrying value, which was \$8.4 million, was recorded as a gain on sale of property, plant & equipment. Additionally, during the first quarter we sold three non-strategic aggregates facilities in rural Virginia for a pretax gain of \$39.5 million, or \$0.15 per diluted share.

During the first nine months of 2010, we recognized a tax benefit from continuing operations of \$61.5 million as compared to \$9.6 million during the same period of 2009. The increase in our tax benefit, after recording the effect of that pretax loss at the statutory rate, resulted largely from an increase in the expected state income tax benefit.

Results from continuing operations were a loss of \$0.44 per diluted share compared to earnings of \$0.27 per diluted share in the first nine months of 2009.

Discontinued Operations— Year-to-date September pretax earnings on discontinued operations were \$11.5 million in 2010 and \$20.7 million in 2009. The 2010 pretax earnings include pretax gains totaling \$13.9 million related to the 5CP earn-out and a recovery from an insurer in a lawsuit involving perchloroethylene compared to pretax gains totaling \$24.1 million in 2009. Excluding these gains, the 2010 and 2009 year-to-date September pretax earnings primarily reflect charges related to general and product liability costs, including legal defense costs, and environmental remediation costs associated with our former Chemicals business.

CASH AND LIQUIDITY

Our primary source of liquidity is cash provided by our operating activities. Our additional financial resources include unused bank lines of credit and access to the capital markets. We believe these financial resources are sufficient to fund our future business requirements, including debt service obligations, cash contractual obligations, capital expenditures, dividend payments and potential future acquisitions.

We operate a centralized cash management system using zero-balance disbursement accounts; therefore, our operating cash balance requirements are minimal. When cash on hand is not sufficient to fund daily working capital requirements, we issue commercial paper or draw down on our bank lines of credit. Following Moody's downgrade of our short-term credit rating in August 2010 (as described below), our access to the commercial paper market continued with minimal change in our borrowing rate. The weighted-average interest rate, including commissions paid to commercial paper broker dealers, was 0.61% during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

Current maturities and short-term borrowings

As of September 30, 2010, current maturities of long-term debt are \$325.2 million, of which \$325.0 million are due as follows (in millions of dollars):

	September 30 2010
Current maturities due	
Fourth quarter 2010	\$325.0
First quarter 2011	0.0
Second quarter 2011	0.0
Third quarter 2011	0.0

There are various maturity dates for the remaining \$0.2 million of current maturities. We expect to retire this debt using proceeds from the \$450.0 million term loan established in July 2010 and by issuing commercial paper or drawing on our lines of credit.

Short-term borrowings consisted of the following (in millions of dollars):

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Short-term borrowings			
Commercial paper	\$ 0.0	\$ 236.5	\$ 286.4
Total short-term borrowings	<u>\$ 0.0</u>	<u>\$ 236.5</u>	<u>\$ 286.4</u>
Commercial paper			
Maturity	n/a	42 days	1 to 63 days
Weighted-average interest rate	n/a	0.39%	0.42%

Our outstanding bank credit facility, which provides \$1.5 billion of liquidity, expires November 16, 2012. Borrowings under this credit facility, which are classified as short-term, bear an interest rate based on London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus a credit spread. This credit spread was 30 basis points (0.30%) based on our long-term debt ratings at September 30, 2010. As of September 30, 2010 there were no borrowings under the \$1.5 billion line of credit; however, \$62.1 million was used to back outstanding letters of credit, resulting in available lines of credit of \$1,437.9 million. This amount provides a sizable level of borrowing capacity that strengthens our financial flexibility. Not only does it enable us to fund working capital needs, it provides liquidity to fund large expenditures, such as long-term debt maturities, on a temporary basis without being forced to issue long-term debt at times that are disadvantageous. Interest rates referable to borrowings under these credit lines are determined at the

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time of borrowing based on current conditions in the LIBOR market. Our policy is to maintain committed credit facilities at least equal to our outstanding commercial paper.

Short-term debt rating/outlook

- Standard & Poor's — A-3/stable (rating dated August 5, 2010; confirmed rating and changed outlook from negative to stable)
- Moody's — P-3/negative (rating dated August 12, 2010; lowered rating from P-2, outlook remained negative)

The interest rates we pay on commercial paper are based on market supply and demand for short-term debt securities.

Working capital

Working capital, current assets less current liabilities, is a common measure of liquidity used to assess a company's ability to meet short-term obligations. Our working capital is calculated as follows (in millions of dollars):

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Working capital			
Current assets	\$ 932.1	\$ 743.3	\$ 885.5
Current liabilities	(671.3)	(856.7)	(675.8)
Working capital	<u>\$ 260.8</u>	<u>\$ (113.4)</u>	<u>\$ 209.7</u>

The increase in our working capital of \$374.2 million over the nine month period ended September 30, 2010 was due to a decrease in current maturities of long-term debt and short-term borrowings of \$296.6 million and an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$60.2 million. The decrease in current maturities of long-term debt and short-term borrowings is a result of the \$450.0 million term loan which closed in July 2010. Proceeds from the term loan were used to pay outstanding commercial paper and current maturities of long-term debt. Increases in accounts and notes receivable of \$136.9 million were partially offset by increases in trade payables, accruals and other liabilities of \$111.1 million. The increases in accounts and notes receivable, trade payables, accruals and other liabilities reflect our seasonal increases in production and sales as evidenced by the 26% increase in net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the three months ended December 31, 2009.

The \$51.1 million increase in our working capital over the twelve month period ended September 30, 2010 resulted primarily from an increase in cash and cash equivalents of \$35.9 million.

Cash flows

Operating activities — Net cash provided by operating activities is derived primarily from net earnings before deducting noncash charges for depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization.

in millions	Nine Months Ended September 30	
	2010	2009
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (49.5)	\$ 43.7
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	289.2	298.2
Net gain on sale property, plant & equipment and businesses	(59.0)	(11.5)
Other operating cash flows, net	(52.9)	24.4
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 127.8</u>	<u>\$ 354.8</u>

Net earnings before noncash deductions for depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization were \$239.7 million during the first nine months of 2010 as compared to \$341.9 million during the same period

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in 2009. Cash received associated with gains on the sale of plant, property & equipment and businesses is presented as a component of investing activities and accounts for \$47.5 million of the year-over-year decrease in operating cash flows. Other operating cash flows were negatively impacted by a \$94.9 million comparative increase in accounts and notes receivable in the first nine months of 2010. While there was a significant year-over-year increase, accounts and notes receivable as a percentage of net sales was 22% for the first nine months of 2010 compared to 20% for the first nine months of 2009 and days sales outstanding has remained consistent year-over-year.

Investing activities — Net cash used for investing activities was \$42.2 million in the first nine months of 2010, a reduction of \$35.2 million as compared to the first nine months of 2009. This variance was generated in large part by a \$34.9 million increase in proceeds from the sale of businesses. The sale of three non-strategic aggregates facilities located in rural Virginia during the first quarter of 2010 resulted in net proceeds of approximately \$42.3 million and a \$39.5 million pretax gain. Additionally, a critical evaluation of the strategic nature and timing of all capital projects led to a \$32.1 million year-over-year reduction in purchases of property, plant & equipment. The favorable variances were partially offset by a decrease in the redemption of medium-term investments of \$30.6 million.

Financing activities — Net cash used for financing activities totaled \$25.4 million during the first nine months of 2010, compared to \$241.1 million during the same period in 2009. We reduced our dividend per share beginning in the third quarter of 2009 from \$0.49 per quarter to \$0.25 per quarter, resulting in cash savings of \$91.9 million in the current year. During the first nine months of 2010, total debt increased by \$19.5 million compared to a decrease in total debt of \$697.0 million during the same period in 2009. The 2009 debt reduction was funded in large part by proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$587.1 million.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND RESOURCES

In order to maximize shareholder wealth, as well as to attract equity and fixed income investors, we actively manage our capital structure and resources consistent with the policies, guidelines and objectives listed below.

- Maintain credit ratings that allow access to the credit markets on favorable terms
- Maintain debt to total capital ratio within what we believe to be a prudent and generally acceptable range of 35% to 40%
- Pay out a reasonable share of net cash provided by operating activities as dividends

We pursue attractive investment opportunities and fund acquisitions using internally generated cash or by issuing debt or equity securities.

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Long-term debt

The calculations of our total debt as a percentage of total capital and the weighted-average stated interest rates on our long-term debt are summarized below (amounts in millions, except percentages):

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Debt			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 325.2	\$ 385.4	\$ 60.4
Short-term borrowings	0.0	236.5	286.4
Long-term debt	2,432.5	2,116.1	2,506.2
Total debt	<u>\$ 2,757.7</u>	<u>\$ 2,738.0</u>	<u>\$ 2,853.0</u>
Capital			
Total debt	\$ 2,757.7	\$ 2,738.0	\$ 2,853.0
Shareholders' equity	4,038.9	4,052.0	4,085.5
Total capital	<u>\$ 6,796.6</u>	<u>\$ 6,790.0</u>	<u>\$ 6,938.5</u>
Total debt as a percentage of total capital	<u>40.6%</u>	<u>40.3%</u>	<u>41.1%</u>
Long-term debt — weighted-average interest rate	<u>7.02%</u>	<u>7.69%</u>	<u>7.24%</u>

Our debt agreements do not subject us to contractual restrictions with regard to working capital or the amount we may expend for cash dividends and purchases of our stock. Our bank credit facilities (term loan and unsecured bank lines of credit) contain a covenant that our percentage of consolidated debt to total capitalization (total debt as a percentage of total capital) may not exceed 65%. In the future, our total debt as a percentage of total capital will depend upon specific investment opportunities and financing decisions. We have made acquisitions from time to time and will continue to pursue attractive investment opportunities. Such acquisitions could be funded by using internally generated cash or issuing debt or equity securities.

Long-term debt ratings/outlook

- Standard & Poor's — BBB-/stable (rating dated August 5, 2010; lowered rating from BBB and changed outlook to stable from negative)
- Moody's — Baa3/negative (rating dated August 12, 2010; lowered rating from Baa2, outlook remained negative)

Equity

Common stock activity is summarized below (in thousands of shares):

	September 30 2010	December 31 2009	September 30 2009
Common stock shares at beginning of year issued and outstanding	<u>125,912</u>	<u>110,270</u>	<u>110,270</u>
Common stock issuances			
Public offering	0	13,225	13,225
Acquisitions	0	789	789
Pension plan contribution	1,190	0	0
401(k) savings and retirement plan	882	1,135	778
Share-based compensation plans	407	493	339
Common stock shares at end of period issued and outstanding	<u>128,391</u>	<u>125,912</u>	<u>125,401</u>

In March 2010, we issued 1.2 million shares of common stock (par value of \$1 per share) to our qualified pension plan as explained in Notes 9 and 10 to the condensed consolidated financial statements. This transaction increased shareholders' equity by \$53.9 million (common stock \$1.2 million and capital in excess of par \$52.7 million.)

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During the second quarter of 2009, we completed a public offering of common stock (par value of \$1 per share) resulting in the issuance of 13.2 million shares for net proceeds of \$520.0 million.

Additionally, during the second quarter of 2009, we issued 0.8 million shares of common stock in connection with business acquisitions resulting in net cash proceeds of \$33.9 million.

We periodically issue shares of common stock to the trustee of our 401(k) savings and retirement plan to satisfy the plan participants' elections to invest in our common stock. The cash proceeds from the issuances noted in the table above were as follows: nine months ended September 30, 2010 — \$41.7 million, full year 2009 — \$52.7 million and nine months ended September 30, 2009 — \$34.9 million. This arrangement provides a means of improving cash flow, increasing shareholders' equity and reducing leverage.

There were no shares held in treasury as of September 30, 2010, December 31, 2009 and September 30, 2009. The number of shares remaining under the current purchase authorization of the Board of Directors was 3,411,416 as of September 30, 2010.

Cash Contractual Obligations

Our obligation to make future payments under contracts is presented in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Cash requirements for income taxes for the year 2010 are currently estimated to be a net refund of \$30.1 million.

Standby Letters of Credit

For a discussion of our standby letters of credit see Note 13 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For a discussion of the recent accounting pronouncements see Note 16 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Risks and Uncertainties

Our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K discusses the risks and uncertainties of our business. We continue to evaluate our exposure to all operating risks on an ongoing basis.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

We follow certain significant accounting policies when preparing our consolidated financial statements. A summary of these policies is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (Form 10-K). The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect our reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. We evaluate these estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis and base our estimates on historical experience, current conditions and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The results of these estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities as well as identifying and assessing the accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. Our actual results may differ from these estimates.

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We believe that the estimates, assumptions and judgments involved in the accounting policies described in the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” section of our Form 10-K have the greatest potential impact on our financial statements, so we consider these to be our critical accounting policies. There have been no changes to our critical accounting policies during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain matters discussed in this report, including expectations regarding future performance, contain forward-looking statements that are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These assumptions, risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- general economic and business conditions;
- changes in interest rates;
- the timing and amount of federal, state and local funding for infrastructure;
- changes in the level of spending for private residential and nonresidential construction;
- the highly competitive nature of the construction materials industry;
- the impact of future regulatory or legislative actions;
- the outcome of pending legal proceedings;
- pricing of our products;
- weather and other natural phenomena;
- energy costs;
- costs of hydrocarbon-based raw materials;
- healthcare costs;
- the amount of long-term debt and interest expense we incur;
- volatility in pension plan asset values which may require cash contributions to the pension plans;
- the timing and amount of any future payments to be received under the 5CP earn-out contained in the agreement for the divestiture of our Chemicals business;
- the impact of environmental clean-up costs and other liabilities relating to previously divested businesses;
- our ability to secure and permit aggregates reserves in strategically located areas;
- our ability to manage and successfully integrate acquisitions;
- the impact of the global economic recession on our business and financial condition and access to capital markets;
- the potential impact of future legislation or regulations relating to climate change or greenhouse gas emissions;
- and other assumptions, risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our periodic reports.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission or in any of our press releases.

INVESTOR ACCESS TO COMPANY FILINGS

We make available on our website, vulcanmaterials.com, copies of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as all Forms 3, 4 and 5 filed by our executive officers and directors, as soon as the filings are made publicly available by the Securities and Exchange Commission on its EDGAR database, at sec.gov. In addition to accessing copies of our reports online, you may request a free copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, by writing to:

Jerry F. Perkins Jr.
Secretary
Vulcan Materials Company
1200 Urban Center Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Item 3 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to certain financial market risks arising from transactions that are entered into in the normal course of business. In order to manage or reduce these market risks, we may utilize derivative financial instruments. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes.

We are exposed to interest rate risk due to our various credit facilities and long-term debt instruments. At times, we use interest rate swap agreements to manage this risk.

In December 2007, we issued \$325.0 million of 3-year floating (variable) rate notes that bear interest at 3-month LIBOR plus 1.25% per annum. Concurrently, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement in the stated (notional) amount of \$325.0 million. At September 30, 2010, we have accumulated losses in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) of \$3.0 million (included in other current liabilities) equal to the fair value of this swap. A decline in interest rates of 0.75 percentage point would increase the fair market value of our liability by less than \$0.1 million.

At September 30, 2010, the estimated fair market value of our long-term debt instruments including current maturities was \$3,015.0 million compared to a book value of \$2,757.8 million. The estimated fair value was determined by discounting expected future cash flows based on credit-adjusted interest rates on U.S. Treasury bills, notes or bonds, as appropriate. The fair value estimate is based on information available as of the measurement date. Although we are not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amount, it has not been comprehensively revalued since the measurement date. The effect of a decline in interest rates of 1 percentage point would increase the fair market value of our liability by approximately \$150.5 million.

At September 30, 2010, we have \$450.0 million outstanding under our 5-year syndicated term loan established in July 2010. These borrowings bear interest at variable rates, principally LIBOR plus a spread based on our long-term credit rating. An increase in LIBOR or a downgrade in our long-term credit rating would increase our borrowing costs for amounts outstanding under these arrangements.

We are exposed to certain economic risks related to the costs of our pension and other postretirement benefit plans. These economic risks include changes in the discount rate for high-quality bonds, the expected return on plan assets, the rate of compensation increase for salaried employees and the rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered healthcare benefits. The impact of a change in these assumptions on our annual pension and other postretirement benefits costs is discussed in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 4 Controls and Procedures

We maintain a system of controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC's rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d — 15 (e)), include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, with the participation of other management officials, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2010. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

We are in the process of replacing our legacy information technology systems. We completed the fourth phase of this multi-year project during the third quarter of 2010. The new information technology systems were a source for some information presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We are continuing to work toward the full implementation of the new information technology systems and expect to complete that process in 2011.

No other changes were made to our internal controls over financial reporting or other factors that could materially affect these controls during the third quarter of 2010.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1 Legal Proceedings

Certain legal proceedings in which we are involved are discussed in Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements and Part I, Item 3 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and in Part II, Item 1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010. See Note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for a discussion of certain recent developments concerning our legal proceedings.

Item 1A Risk Factors

There were no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A of Part 1 in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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Item 5 Other Information

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) was enacted. Section 1503 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires companies that are “operators” (as such term is defined in the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Mine Act)) to disclose certain mine safety information in each periodic report to the Commission. This information is related to the enforcement of the Mine Act by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). The following disclosures are made pursuant to Section 1503.

The table below (dollars in thousands) sets forth, by mine, the total number of citations and/or orders issued during the period covered by this report to us by MSHA under the indicated provisions of the Mine Act, together with the total dollar value of proposed assessments, if any, from MSHA, received during the three months ended September 30, 2010. Of our 236 active MSHA-regulated facilities, we received 108 federal mine safety inspections at 99 operations during the reporting period. Sixty-nine of our inspected operations did not receive any reportable citations or orders.

Name of Operation	Number of Inspections	Total Number of S&S Citations	Mine Act § 104(b) Orders	Mine Act § 104(d) Citations and Orders	Mine Act § 110(b)(2) Violations	Mine Act § 107(a) Orders	Total Dollar Value of Proposed MSHA Assessments (dollars in thousands)	Total Number of Mining Related Fatalities	Received Written Notice under Mine Act § 104(e) (yes/no)
1604 Stone, TX	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Bartlett, IL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Benton County, TN	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	no
Black Rock, AR	1	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Blairsville, GA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Central, KY	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Chattanooga, TN	1	3	0	0	0	0	5.8	0	no
Cherokee, AL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Clarksville, TN	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Danley, TN	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	no
Dixie Lee, TN	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Ellijay, GA	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Franklin, TN	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.6	0	no
Griffin, GA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Hanover, PA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Harrison County, IN	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Helena, AL	1	3	0	1	0	0	0.9	0	no
Hermitage, TN	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Jack, VA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.7	0	no
Marana S&G, AZ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	no
Miami, FL	1	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Racine, WI	1	3	0	0	0	0	1.5	0	no
Sanders, VA	2	1	0	3	0	0	0.7	0	no
Santo Domingo S&G, NM	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.9	0	no
Simonton S&G, TX	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	no
South Russellville, AL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.6	0	no
Stockbridge, GA	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.3	0	no
Tampa Cement, FL	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
Tehuacana, TX	1	2	0	0	0	0	0.2	0	no
TSB Cement, FL	2	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
69 other operations	72	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	no
Total	108	45	0	4	0	0	16.5	0	

The total dollar value of proposed assessments received during the three months ended September 30, 2010 for all other citations, as well as proposed assessments received during the reporting period for citations previously issued, is \$10,500.

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We currently have 174 legal actions pending before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Committee during the three months ended September 30, 2010. We initiated each of these actions in order to contest the appropriateness of citations issued.

Item 6 Exhibits

Exhibit 31(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 31(b) Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 32(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 32(b) Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Exhibit 101.INS XBRL Instance Document

Exhibit 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document

Exhibit 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

Exhibit 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

Exhibit 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

Exhibit 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

SIGNATURES

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

VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY

/s/ Ejaz A. Khan

Ejaz A. Khan

Vice President, Controller and Chief Information Officer

Date November 3, 2010

/s/ Daniel F. Sansone

Daniel F. Sansone

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Date November 3, 2010

Certification of Chief Executive Officer

I, **Donald M. James** , certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Vulcan Materials 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(s) 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)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) 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
 - d) 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(s) 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 3, 2010

/s/ Donald M. James

Donald M. James

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Certification of Chief Financial Officer

I, **Daniel F. Sansone** , certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Vulcan Materials 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(s) 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)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) 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
 - d) 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(s) 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 3, 2010

/s/ Daniel F. Sansone

Daniel F. Sansone

Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Certificate of Chief Executive Officer
of
Vulcan Materials Company

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Donald M. James, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vulcan Materials Company, certify that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof:

- (i) Fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Vulcan Materials Company.

/s/ Donald M. James

Donald M. James
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
November 3, 2010

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Vulcan Materials Company and will be retained by Vulcan Materials Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Certificate of Chief Financial Officer
of
Vulcan Materials Company

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Daniel F. Sansone, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Vulcan Materials Company, certify that the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "Report") for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof:

- (i) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and
- (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Vulcan Materials Company.

/s/ Daniel F. Sansone

Daniel F. Sansone
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
November 3, 2010

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Vulcan Materials Company and will be retained by Vulcan Materials Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.